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The GARNA Gab - June 2015

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Upcoming Programs & Events *New programs scheduled for later THIS week!*

17th Annual Headwaters Institute

THIS Friday, June 5 * 8:30 am - 5:00 pm * Scout Hut/Riverside Park/SteamPlant * \$20

Join us for an all-day workshop for first year river guides and the public. Topics include the history of the Arkansas Valley, water quality, wildlife, geology and more. **PLUS - John Fielder, renowned nature photographer, publisher, teacher and environmentalist will be delivering the Keynote and presenting an afternoon slide show on Browns Canyon and the Yampa River.** Learn much more and [pre-register here](#).

John Fielder Slide Show: Browns Canyon Protected - Yampa River Unprotected

THIS Friday, June 5 * 1:00 - 3:00 pm * SteamPlant Theater * \$10 *Fielder slide show only*

As part of this year's Headwaters Institute, John Fielder, nationally renowned nature photographer, publisher, teacher and environmentalist will present a slide show of his photographs of Browns Canyon and all 250 miles of Colorado's Yampa River from its headwaters in the Flat Tops Wilderness to the confluence with the Green River. Music and commentary of CO water issues will accompany the presentation. John will be selling his photo books and be on hand to sign them. Learn much more and [buy tickets here](#).

NEW! The Business of Nature: Alpacas & Paco-Vacunas at Jefferson Farms

THIS Saturday, June 6 * 10:00 - 11:30 am * Jefferson Farms * \$8 members, \$10 non members

As part of GARNA's Business of Nature series, visit [Jefferson Farms Natural Fibers](#). They have locations in Salida and Denver with around 100 alpacas and 300

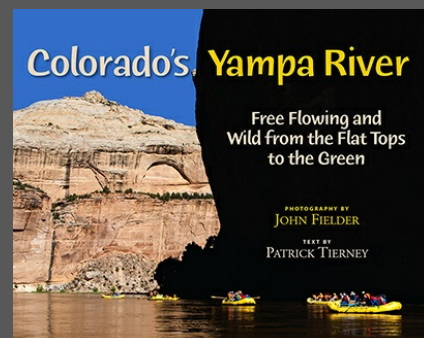
3rd Climate Series Pub Talk

Thursday, June 25

5:30 to 6:30 pm

Benson's Tavern in Salida

With John Sztukowski - Wild Connections



paco-vicunas. Soft, very fine natural fiber is their primary product. The tour will be led by Jean Levene, and will include a discussion of the breeding program, production of the fiber and a visit with the animals. [Pre-registration](#) is required.

NEW! [Edible and Useful Plants Foraging Hike](#)

THIS Sunday, June 7 * 9:00 am - 12:00 pm * Salida East * \$10 members, \$12 non members

Join Sam Liebl of [Earth Knack](#) in Crestone on a foraging hike to look for edible native plants. The group will identify many of the plants that Sam mentioned in his May GARNA talk, "Using Wild Plants in Your Life", as well as other plants of the region that can be used for food, tools and medicine. The hike will take place on BLM land across from the Salida East (Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area) recreation site on Hwy 50 east of Salida. [Pre-registration](#) is required.

[Stream Explorers](#)

Monday, June 8 - Thursday, June 11 * 9:00 am - 12:00 pm * BV Boys & Girls Club * Free

GARNA is partnering with Collegiate Peaks Anglers of Trout Unlimited to provide the Stream Explorers program in Buena Vista. Stream Explorers will be open to students grades 5-12, to use inquiry-based methods to learn about aquatic ecology. Youth will conduct experiments on aquatic behavior, learn to tie flies, gain experience with fly and spin casting and go out fishing using the flies they make. Registration is available thru Buena Vista Parks and Recreation, bvrec@buenavistaco.gov or call 719-395-1939. Participants who complete all 4 sessions will earn a free fly-rod and reel. More information about the Stream Explorers programs is available at streamexplorers.org.

NEW! [Captain Zipline Canyon Aerial Course Fundraiser](#)

Thursday, June 25 * 8:30 - 11:30 am * Captain Zipline, Wellsville * \$52 per person (\$17 discount)

[Captain Zipline](#) and GARNA have come together to offer a chance a to experience the thrill of our local aerial course at a great price while supporting GARNA! This self-guided adventure last about 2.5 hours and is appropriate for ages 8 and up. See [HERE](#) for much more information and a link to register.

NEW! [Wildflower Identification Hike to Kelly Creek](#)

Monday, July 13 * 9:00 am - 3:00 pm * Villa Grove area * \$12 members, \$15 non members

Local wildflower expert Ruth Runge-Barnes will share her knowledge and passion for wildflowers as she leads a wildflower identification hike along Kelly Creek Trail. The Kelly Creek trail is approximately 8 miles west of Villa Grove in Saguache County. Ruth describes the hike as "an easy ramble on uneven terrain". Ruth is co-author of Wildflower Day Hikes guide for Chaffee County. Ruth is



Courtesy of Jefferson Farms

an accomplished local wildflower guide leading field trips and classes each year for the Crested Butte Wildflower Festival. [Pre-registration](#) is required.

Club News

[Birding Club](#)

On the AZ trip last month, the group overall found 144 species of birds. Thanks for everyone's participation and adding so much to the trip.

[Earth Friendly Book Club](#)

July book: *Anthill* by E.O. Wilson.

If you would like to join this member-only club, please contact [Marilyn Moore](#).

Chapter/Project News

[Upper Arkansas Wilderness Volunteers](#)

Saturday, June 13 and Sunday, June 14 * Buena Vista Community Center * Free

Training on the Trails: the UAWV has scheduled a one and a half day training to be presented by seasoned US Forest Service personnel from the Leadville and Salida Ranger Districts. Topics will include: trail tool safety, use and maintenance; campsite monitoring; Leave No Trace concepts; public interface best practices; backcountry first aid and more. See the [ANNOUNCEMENT](#) for much more information. on.

Not a GARNA member?

GARNA is the Arkansas River Valley's only local broadly focused conservation and educational institution with non-profit status. GARNA is supported by membership fees. We have over 300 members and growing... [will you join us?](#) Benefits for GARNA members:

- 20% discount on all items at all times in GARNA book and map outlets
- Advanced notification and invitations to special events and activities
- Reduced registration fees for GARNA programs
- Access to GARNA's special interest clubs

Thank you for supporting GARNA and our mission of fostering stewardship of the resources of the greater Arkansas River region through education, volunteerism and experiences.

Sincerely,



Courtesy of Captain Zipline



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