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# Greater Arkansas River Nature Association

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**Special mid month GARNA Gab  
June 17, 2015**

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## Upcoming Programs & Events

### Discount GARNA Day at Captain Zipline Canyon Aerial Course

**Thursday, June 25 \* 8:30 - 11:30 am \* Captain Zipline,  
Wellsville \* \$52 per person (regularly \$69)**

Family visiting? Summer birthday? [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.

### 2nd Annual Interpretive Rafting Trip Fundraiser with Susan J. Tweit

**Sunday, July 26 \* 12:00 - 5:00 pm \* Big Horn Sheep  
Canyon \* \$74 member price, \$84 non member and  
\$30 goes to GARNA!**

Last year's trip sold out and the group had a great time floating on this guided interpretive tour with award-winning author, speaker, and teacher Susan J. Tweit. This year we'll float from Saltlick to Browns Landing and then have drinks and appetizers back at [Echo Canyon River Expeditions](#). A big thanks to Echo Canyon for their partnership with this fundraiser. Much more info and registration info [HERE](#). **If you are a GARNA member and do not have the special code, please email the office.**

### 3rd Climate Series Pub Talk

**Thursday, June 25 \* 5:30 to 6:30 pm \* Benson's  
Tavern in Salida \* Free**

GARNA has started a series of casual conversations about climate change issues in the Upper Arkansas Valley. The third in the series features John Sztukowski, Wildlands Conservation Coordinator with Wild



Courtesy of Captain Zipline



Last year's rafting trip

Connections. John has a background in climate change, sustainable agriculture and wilderness conservation. He will discuss the importance of large landscapes, connectivity, and biodiversity in the face of climate change. He'll talk about vulnerabilities and what can be done with regard to management, mitigation, and adaptation. John will tie this back to the work that Wild Connections does – protecting and restoring wild lands in central Colorado – and more specifically the work he is doing to try and preserve the Arkansas River connectivity corridor and other connectivity areas in the region.

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

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### **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

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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.

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