

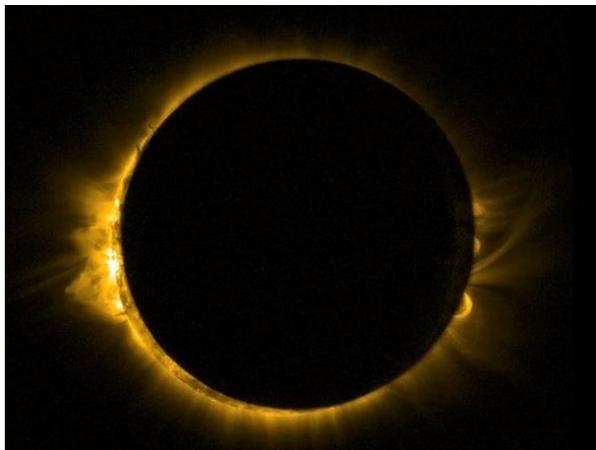
GARNA Gab June 2017

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Please scroll through, we have added new programs to our [calendar](#)...

"Guiding Light to Dark Shadows": the 2017 Solar Eclipse

Wednesday, June 7; First Presbyterian Church of Salida; 7:00 pm



A relatively rare total eclipse of the sun will cross North America on August 21, 2017. It will be the first time in 99 years that the moon's umbral shadow will cross the Lower 48 United States from coast to coast. Presenter Scott Adams will discuss the causes and frequency of solar eclipses, historical occurrences of solar eclipses and related folklore, best areas for viewing the total eclipse of 2017, what to expect in Chaffee County, eye safety and other interesting facts about solar eclipses. [Registration now open](#). Tickets will be available at the door.

19th Annual Headwaters Institute

Friday, June 9

Celebrate our Heritage at the Collegiate Peaks Stampede Rodeo

Sunday, June 11



The Buena Vista Rodeo Grounds and 11 other Chaffee County properties were recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Celebrate this achievement by joining us for a plaque presentation at the Rodeo at approximately 2:30 pm.

GARNA is Community Sponsor for Ark Valley High Rollers Bout

Saturday, June 24

Come out and support our local flat-track derby team (including GARNA's very own Dominique Naccarato) and GARNA. Tickets available at Cafe Dawn and Moonlight Pizza in Salida.

Save the Date

Awareness on the Ark: An Interpretive Float Down the Arkansas River



Arkansas River Outfitters Association, AHRA and GARNA are presenting the 19th Annual Headwaters Institute, an all-day workshop for first year river guides and the public. Lectures and break-out sessions will be presented by numerous local and regional experts. Topics include the history of the Arkansas Valley, water quality, the effects of global climate change on the Arkansas, wildlife found along the river, local history and local issues. The Institute runs from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm at Salida Steamplant. The cost is \$20 and includes a picnic lunch and pizza and beer after party sponsored by Soulcraft Brewing. [Registration open through June 7.](#)

[Fieldtrip to Hayden Pass Fire burn area](#)

Friday, June 23



GARNA and officials from the USDA Forest Service Salida Ranger District will lead a visit to last summer's Hayden Pass Fire burn area. Witness firsthand some of the effects of the fire on the San Isabel National Forest such as flooding, erosion, and effects on wildlife and fisheries. A team from the Forest Service will cover how the fire spread and its impacts to vegetation, to the soils and the hydrology of the area. The program will also focus on the burn area fisheries including Hayden Creek and how the fire impacted habitat of the sensitive native cutthroat trout. [Registration now open.](#)

[The Alpine Tunnel Historic District: from Atlantic to Pacific and return](#)

Saturday, July 15

Wednesday, August 9

Enjoy a fully guided float between Big Bend and Salida on the Arkansas River. Learn about our watershed and environmental issues facing the Arkansas Valley. This afternoon float will be guided by Independent Whitewater and will offer several stops for observation, reflection, and discussion. Please [email](#) the office to be placed on the "interested" list for this sure-to-sell-out program!

Partner program: In-Depth Bear Class

Saturday, July 15

Rosemary Schiano of Wildlife, Wilderness & Education LLC is offering an all-day class on the natural history and ecology of black bears, grizzlies and other predators. This is also a certification course for the use of bear spray and other non-lethal means of predator control. The cost is \$50 and it will be held at the Buena Vista Community Center. Space is limited and registration closes on July 2. Contact Rosemary at 719-221-9673 or rosmaryschiano@gmail.com to register.



The Alpine tunnel under the Continental Divide completed the Denver, South Park, and Pacific Railroad's route from Denver to Gunnison in 1882. GARNA has organized hikes on the trail from Hancock to the East Portal many times, now we complete the journey over Altman Pass (the Continental Divide) to the West Portal where volunteer groups have helped the USFS restore some of the 1880's railroad buildings. The hike leader is John McCarthy, GARNA Board member, one of the GARNA Hiking Club founders and organizers, a Salida Museum volunteer and railroad history buff. We must limit the trip to 15 experienced hikers, [Register soon](#).

[Alpine Wildflower ID Hike](#)

Saturday, July 22



Photo: Keith Krebs

Alpine wildflowers endure heavy snowfall, bitter wind, intense UV rays, and extreme cold. Learn how these jewels of the plant world survive and even thrive in one of the harshest environments on earth. Participants can expect to a short distance to identify different species of alpine wildflowers to and around Lost Lake (near Cottonwood Pass). The hike will be led by longtime GARNA volunteer Marilyn Moore. Marilyn was a Master Gardener in Denver County for 17 years and a horticulture volunteer at Denver Botanic Gardens for 20 years. We offer this program every summer and it always fills up; we encourage you to [register soon](#) to reserve your spot.

Not a GARNA member?

GARNA is the Arkansas River Valley's only local, broadly focused conservation and education organization. GARNA is supported by membership fees. We have over 500 members and growing...[will you join us?](#)

Our Mission: To foster stewardship of the resources of the greater Arkansas River region through education, volunteerism and experience. We accomplish our mission through formal partnerships with natural resource agencies, and work with local, like-minded organizations.

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