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The GARNA Gab - March 2015

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Upcoming Programs & Events

* WILD AND SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL *

Friday, March 13 * Buena Vista Community Center * Tickets at wildandscenicbv.brownpapertickets.com

Doors 5:30 pm * 6:00 until 8:00 pm
Tickets: \$10 membership incentive, \$12 advance, \$15 at door, \$5 kids

The Business of Nature Series: Jumpin' Good Goat Dairy Tour

Saturday, March 14 * 6:00 until 8:00 pm * Jumpin' Good Goat Dairy in BV * \$6 members, \$7.50 non members

While most of us are familiar with the many recreational activities nature provides, we may not know much about the nature-related businesses that have shaped this area over the last century and a half and those newer industries that continue to strengthen the region's nature-based economy. This year GARNA is conducting a series of visits to some of these businesses to learn how they operate and work to maintain the open space and rural lifestyle that residents and visitors find so attractive about this special area. First in the series is a guided tour of [Jumpin' Good Goat Dairy](#). The group will learn about the dairy goat business and tour the barns, cheese making facility and cheese cave. Supervised children (and adults!) may pet the baby goats. Jumpin' Good Goat Dairy is dedicated to sustainable agriculture, the education of local food systems, respectfully raised livestock and delicious cheese making. [Please pre-register.](#)

A Passive Solar House Talk and Tour

Thursday, March 19 7:00-8:30 pm * First Presbyterian Church Salida and Saturday, March 21 11:00 am - 1:00 pm * Private home in Salida * \$4.50 members, \$6.50 non members

Join GARNA for a two part program on the characteristics and features of building and living in a passive solar house. Salidan Mark Zander will present a talk covering the features of a passive solar house, the considerations given when planning a passive solar house, what it is like living in the house, and lessons he has learned. On the tour, participants will visit Mark & Leslie's home and see the passive solar and green features first hand. [Please](#)

If you missed the presentation by Dr. Reading of the Denver Zoological Foundation last month, it is available in full [HERE](#).



We are thankful for our Wild & Scenic Film Festival sponsors:

- [Salida Mountain Sports](#)
- [Moonlight Pizza & Brewpub](#)
- [River Runners](#)
- [The Trailhead](#)

[pre-register.](#)

[Voices for the Earth - citizen activism preserving national treasures](#)

Thursday, March 26 * 6:30 - 8:00 pm * Presbyterian Church Salida * \$5 members, \$7 non members

Imagine a graded road slicing across southern Utah's wild and beautiful Capitol Reef National Park to service nearby oil and gas wells...imagine 1,200 magnificent acres on the west side of the Gore Mountain Range being stripped by loggers. [Voices for the Earth](#) author and former Sierra Club attorney Tony Ruckel will share an inside account of how citizen activists and responsive courts preserved national treasures across the American West. His 2014 book vividly recounts the efforts of ordinary citizens and the lawyer representing them to preserve some of America's most spectacular natural wonders. Learn more about [Voices for the Earth](#). [Please pre-register.](#)

[Climate Pub Series: Our local forests](#)

Tentative date: Tuesday, March 31* 5:30 - 6:30 pm * Benson's Tavern Salida * Free

Local experts will lead informal discussions in a casual setting about climate change and sustainability issues and local efforts. The first pub talk will focus on climate issues affecting local forests. **Keep an eye out on our website and Facebook for confirmation of the first date in this new series.**

[Geology Hike to the "Crater"](#)

Saturday, April 11 * 8:00 am - 4:00 pm * Arkansas Hills near Salida * \$5.50 members, \$8.50 non members

Bob Hickey will lead this hike to the Salida "crater" in the Arkansas Hills. It is a moderate, 8.5 mile round trip hike through pinon/juniper/ponderosa forest to a geologically interesting point in the Salida volcanic field. Beautiful views of Salida and the Sawatch Range will reward at the top. The pace will be leisurely, but expect up and down terrain, and 1,000 ft gain on the way in and 600 ft decrease on the way back. Bob is an Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area volunteer naturalist; engineer by vocation, local geologist by avocation. [Please pre-register.](#)

Other News

[Salida Community Garden Plots Available](#)

There are currently a few garden plots available for this summer at GARNA's community garden on 2nd and I Streets. 10' x 20' plots are available for individuals or groups for a fee of \$50.00 per season. Water is included in the fee and gardeners are expected to comply with City water regulations. The last remaining plots will go fast, please contact the office via [email](#) right away to be added to the list.

[Bluebird Nesting Box Monitoring Workshop](#)

Saturday, March 21 * 10:00 am * Sangre de Cristo Electric

- [Eddyline Brewing](#)
- [Collegiate Peaks Anglers Chapter of Trout Unlimited](#)
- [Colorado Kayak Supply](#)
- [Buena Vista Parks & Recreation](#)
- [Boneshaker Cycles](#)
- [Absolute Bikes](#)

GARN^A Green Tip

Help hands and our river. Use environmentally-friendly Borax instead of corrosive chemicals to clean toilet stains.

Building Buena Vista

During spring and summer volunteers monitor nesting boxes each week on Parks and Wildlife lands to observe and record the bird species nesting, number of eggs laid and how many birds fledge. In the fall data is recorded on the Cornell University NestWatch website. We have many volunteers monitoring boxes in the county and always welcome new people who are interested in participating. Only one workshop will be held this year for both Salida and Buena Vista area volunteers on Saturday, March 21 at 10:00 am in the Sangre de Cristo building on Highway 24 north of the stoplight in Buena Vista. Questions? Call Denny Arter, 539-0787.

Earth Friendly Book Club

Open to all GARNA members. April book: *The Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert. "Over the last half-billion years, there have been Five mass extinctions, when the diversity of life on earth suddenly and dramatically contracted. Scientists around the world are currently monitoring the sixth extinction, predicted to be the most devastating extinction event since the asteroid impact that wiped out the dinosaurs. This time around, the cataclysm is us. In prose that is at once frank, entertaining, and deeply informed, *New Yorker* writer Elizabeth Kolbert tells us why and how human beings have altered life on the planet in a way no species has before." – Amazon. Please contact [Marilyn Moore](#) to join the club.

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.

Sincerely,

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