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# Greater Arkansas River Nature Association



*Arkansas Wave, Jody Bol*

The GARNA Gab - May 2016

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## Upcoming Programs/Events

### Prescribed Fire Program

**THIS Wednesday, May 11 \* 7:00 to 8:00 pm \***  
**Salida United Methodist Church**

Have you wondered exactly why, how and where the Forest Service does prescribed burns? Chris Naccarato, Fire Management Officer for the Mountain Zone Fire Program of the US Forest Service Salida and Leadville Ranger Districts, will discuss preparation, implementation and benefits of prescribed fire. The talk will be held at the Salida United Methodist Church in the upstairs sanctuary. Online registration is available [here](#) and tickets will be available at the door.

### Bike Tour of the Mineral Belt Trail

**Sunday, May 15 \* 12:00 to 3:00 pm \* Mineral Belt Trail in Leadville**

**There are only a few spots left on this tour!**

Join GARNA for a guided bike ride along the entire length of Leadville's Mineral Belt Trail. Leadville resident Loretta McElhiney will lead the ride. Loretta is the Fourteener Program Manager for the US Forest Service Pike/San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron/Comanche National Grasslands and she serves on the Mineral Belt Trail Board. Howard Tritz will also join the group for

### **Bioblitz on May 14 and 15**

Our friends at [Wild Connections](#) along with Rocky Mountain Wild and others are looking for citizen scientists to document the flora and fauna in the Cotopaxi area this coming weekend – no prior experience needed! Learn more and sign up at [www.wildconnections.org](http://www.wildconnections.org).

### **Public Meeting about Cascade Creek Trail (Agnes Valle)**

The Salida Ranger District is inviting the public to a community meeting on May 25, 2016, at the Community Center at 715 East Main Street, Buena Vista from 5:30-7:30 pm. In particular, they request support from those who are interested in being involved with the reconstruction and improvement work.

### **GARNA's Summer Nature Camp**

For the first time, we are offering a **day camp in Buena Vista!** BV Nature Camp is for explorers age 5 through 10 years old and will take place

the mining district section of trail from Fryer Hill to California Gulch (East side of the trail). Howard is a third generation Leadvillite and local historian. The tour will explore the history along the trail, educate about the mountains that can be seen from the trail, and identify trees and plants growing along the trail. Online registration is available [here](#).

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### [25th Anniversary of Arkansas River Clean Up Green Up](#)

**Saturday, May 21 \* 8:30 am to 3:00 pm with**  
[Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area \(AHRA\)](#)

In 1992 Colorado Governor Roy Romer declared May 9, 1992 as "**Arkansas River Cleanup Day**". This was quite an honor, and we all been staying true to the intent of this Declaration for the past 25 years. **Pre-register:** Groups and/or individuals can sign up prior to the date by emailing Katie at [katherine.lotzgesell@state.co.us](mailto:katherine.lotzgesell@state.co.us). If you have a favorite place that needs cleaning, let her know. If you need a suggestion of a locale that needs some TLC, Katie can provide that info. **Registration day of:** 8:30 until 9:30 am at AHRA on Sackett and G Streets in Salida or at the BV Community Center, East Main St. Picnic lunch begins at 12:00 pm at Riverside Park in Salida. We will award prizes to the weirdest, most usable, oldest and most valuable trash found! Come out and be a part of one of the valley's longest running community events.

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### [Bee Program and Tour of Local Hives](#)

**Wednesday, June 1 \* 9:30 am to 12:00 pm \***  
**Salida-area location for talk and tour**

*Please note, the final details of this program are still being worked out.* GARNA has arranged for a talk and tour of the local hives managed by [The Beekeeper's Honey Boutique](#) in Salida. During the 30 minute or so talk, Mike Andree will discuss bee anatomy and commercial use of bees as pollinators. He will also speak on the latest findings on hive collapse. The group will then travel to see the bee hives in person and Mike will discuss bee behavior and honey production. Mike currently lives the life of a beekeeper with his wife Jamie (owner of The Beekeeper's Honey Boutique) in Salida. Please [email](#) the office if you are interested in this event and we will send out final details when they are arranged.

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### [Frogs / Toads Day - Talk and Tour of the Alamosa Native Aquatic Species Restoration Facility](#)

**Tuesday, June 7 \* 8:15 am to 3:00 pm**  
*Please note: this program was rescheduled from April 29.*

on Wednesdays beginning June 1 through July 16.  
Registration is now open!

The sessions for 5 and 6 year olds at our **Salida day camp** are still accepting kiddos. Thursdays beginning June 16 through July 21.

### **GARNA Board of Directors**

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Join GARNA for field trip to tour the John W. Mumma Native Aquatic Species Restoration Facility (NASRF) followed by a picnic lunch and boreal toad presentation. Ted Smith of NASRF will lead a 2 hour morning tour of the facility and he says it is a great time to come – everything will be out of hibernation, they should have eggs and tadpoles, and people can help feed them! Lunch will be followed by a 45 minute boreal toad presentation and Q&A session with Stephanie Shively, Wildlife Biologist with the USFS Salida Ranger District. Online registration is available [here](#).

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### **18th Annual Headwaters Institute**

**Friday, June 10 \* 8:00 am to 5:00 pm \* Salida Riverside Park and Scout Hut**

Join us for an all-day workshop for first year river guides and the public presented by Arkansas River Outfitters Association (AROA), Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (AHRA) and GARNA. 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 and wildflowers found along the river, and local issues such as the Browns Canyon National Monument designation and “Over the River”. This year’s keynote speaker will be Luis Benitez, Colorado’s first director of the newly created Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office. Online registration is available [here](#).

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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

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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