



GREATER ARKANSAS RIVER NATURE ASSOCIATION

GARNA Gab October 2017

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[GARNA's 2017 PHOTO CONTEST](#)



2016 First place winner single element; "Pondering Ponderosa" by Mike Fischer

GARNA is holding its 4th annual photo contest for nature photos taken in the Upper Arkansas River Valley. This is an opportunity for local photographers to share their creative work while supporting GARNA. GARNA will produce and sell quality photographic folded note cards, calendars and other products featuring winning photos to publicize and raise funds for its education and stewardship work. There are 6 categories this year including a "newbie" category for first time, amateur participants! **The deadline for submissions is Oct. 15.** Much more info can be found [here](#).

[MOUNTAINFILM ON TOUR 2017](#)

**Thursday, October 19 in Salida
Friday, October 20 in Buena Vista**

It's time to renew your membership at 2016 levels

We will be rolling out new membership levels on Nov 30 that include more choices, new ways to support GARNA, and new benefits. Please email the office to check on your membership status and renewal date. Renew [here](#).

[Read all about it!](#)

GARNA's Fall Ecological Literacy School Programming



GARNA Club News

Hiking Club

It's hard to believe only two scheduled hikes remain this season. The Hiking Club held 22 hikes with approximately 190 hikers this summer. A huge thank you to Ruth Runge Barnes, Mary Helen Dunn, Lea Frye and John McCarthy for being our primary leaders. We especially want to thank this year's new guest leaders, Kim Hoover, TR Evans, Pete Bond and Dennis Meek.

We are planning several snowshoe outings during the coming winter season. If you are not on the Hiking



The Greater Arkansas River Nature Association and Central Colorado Conservancy are teaming up once again to bring an evening of film from [Mountainfilm On Tour](#). Each evening will include 2 hours of films featuring 10 films. The Salida festival will be at the Salida High School, the BV event will be at the BV Community Center, doors at 6, films begin at 7 pm. **There is a different line-up of films each night!** [Purchase tickets now!](#) Tickets also available at the Salida and BV Chambers.

[FRIENDS OF FOURMILE FALL 2017 HIKE](#)

Saturday, October 21



The hike will begin at the dead end of Forest Road 188A in south Fourmile with a long loop north and west, passing a old cabin, a beautiful gentle valley, spectacular rocks, narrow defiles and eventual return to the same starting point. Hike leaders: Karen & Alan Robinson, TR Evans and Jeanne Younghaus & Lyn Berry; all longtime Friends of Fourmile members. Register [here](#).

[HIKE IN BROWNS CANYON NATIONAL MONUMENT](#)

Friday, October 27

Club list, [email](#) the GARNA office. There is no charge for our hikes, but you must be a GARNA member.



Hike to Lily Pond; Photo: Lea Frye

Earth Friendly Book Club

The Earth Friendly Book Club has chosen books for the remainder of the year. Check out the [extensive list](#) of what the Club has read the last few years when you are searching for that next read!

[Envision Chaffee County](#)



Have you taken this [SURVEY](#) yet? Chaffee County's population is projected to increase by 31% by 2030 and 52% by 2050. Share what you want to see in the future of Chaffee County.

Chipeta Rising Celebration

Join the [Chipeta Mountain Project](#) and Chipeta's family and tribal leaders for a variety of engaging cultural events to celebrate the name change of Chipeta Mountain.

Sunday, October 8
Events in Salida from 1:30 until 8:30 pm

Monday, October 9
Events in Salida, Poncha Springs and on the peak from 8 am to 6:30 pm



Photo: courtesy of BLM

Get out with GARNA to explore Browns Canyon National Monument. This guided hike will be on the 1435 south loop in the Bassam Park area of Browns Canyon. The trail meanders through grassy meadows and open Ponderosa pine forests with views of Bassam Park and the Arkansas Valley. Hike leaders: Logan Myers, GARNA and Friends of Browns Canyon Board member and John McCarthy, GARNA Board member and Hiking Club leader. Register [here](#).

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.

GARNA Board of Directors: Kate Garwood, Chair; John McCarthy, Vice Chair; JD Longwell, Treasurer; Deb Bass, Secretary; Samantha Lane Bahn; Jody Bol; Logan Myers; Terry Porter; Heidi Slaymaker, Emily Osborn

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