

GARNA Gab May 2017

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[Spring Bloomin' Fundraiser - ordering ends May 9](#)

There's still time to support GARNA and purchase from our 4th annual spring bloomin' fundraiser. **Our incredible partner again this year is Salida Greenhouse.** [Ordering](#) is open NOW through May 9. Products ready May 12, just in time for Mother's Day!



[From Scraps to Soil - An Introduction to Composting](#)

Tomorrow, Wednesday, May 3

[GARNA Hiking Club](#)

The GARNA member-only Hiking Club kicks off the 2017 season with a May 5 hike on the Barbara Whipple Trail in Buena Vista. This will be a good chance to stretch those winter bound muscles on a local trail. Hikes will continue each Friday into October.

If you are a member and not on the Hiking Club email list, contact the GARNA office and you will receive an email each Monday (or thereabouts) describing that week's hike. If you were on the list for 2016 you will continue on the list for 2017 unless you ask the GARNA office to remove your name. Please check to verify that your GARNA membership is current.

26th Annual Clean Up Green Up Saturday, May 20

It's time again to clean up the Arkansas River and surrounding areas before the summer river season begins. [Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area](#) (AHRA) and GARNA are teaming up for the 26th annual Arkansas River Clean Up Green Up. May 20 is also the 1st annual [Colorado Public Lands Day](#), just another reason to get out there! Groups and/or individuals can sign up prior to the date by calling AHRA at 719-539-7289. If you have a favorite place that needs cleaning, please let AHRA know. Or show up at AHRA headquarters (Sackett & G St in Salida) at 8:00 am and we'll send you to a locale that needs some TLC.

Salida Middle School 6th Graders Spring YELP Fieldtrip



Learn how [Elements Mountain Compost](#) is recycling organic waste and creating high quality soil products in Chaffee County. EMC will provide tips and tricks to start your own composting program at home – bin design, ingredients, maintenance and more. Participants will get a free sample bag of compost and a dollar off each bag of compost they purchase at the event. Presenter is Julie Mach, owner and operator of Elements Mountain Compost. [Registration now open.](#)

[In Defense of Spiders](#)

**This Thursday, May 4
First Presbyterian Church of Salida,
Discovery Room, 7:00 pm**



Nathrop resident Denny Radabaugh will present “In Defense of Spiders,” in which he will attempt to dispel some cultural fears about spiders. He will also talk about their benefits to humans, such as uses of spider silk, which is as strong as steel. The presentation will also cover information such as the number of spider species in the world, Colorado and Chaffee County, the evolutionary origins and defining characteristics of the spider, spider biology including their senses, and spiders as predators in ecosystems. [Registration now open.](#) **\$5 for members, \$7 for non members. Tickets will be available at the door, cash or check only please.**

[Spring Birding Hike](#)



Students learned about early Salida and the history of the railroad from local historian and musician, Jack Chivvis

You may have seen 100 or so students traveling en masse on the Monarch Spur trail and in downtown Salida last Thurs, April 27. Our annual spring service fieldtrip was a great success even with a crazy weather day! A big thank you to local historian Jack Chivvis, Becky Donlan of Native American Research & Preservation, Lucy Waldo of Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District, Ronni Vitullo of Guidestone, Buffy Lenth of Central Colorado Conservancy, Liz Hahnenberger, Bureau of Land Management, Royal Gorge Field Office and Rachel Conroy, Boys & Girls Club Chaffee County.

Saturday, May 13



Photo: Sandra Ewald

Local birder Jacque Fisher will share her knowledge and passion for the spring songsters in our area. Join her and GARNA for a leisurely hike to listen to birds at Mt Ouray State Wildlife Area outside of Salida. On the hike last May at Mt. Ouray State Wildlife area, 22 species were identified! [Registration now open.](#) There are a few spots left for this program.

[Shearing at Jefferson Farms](#)

Tuesday, May 16

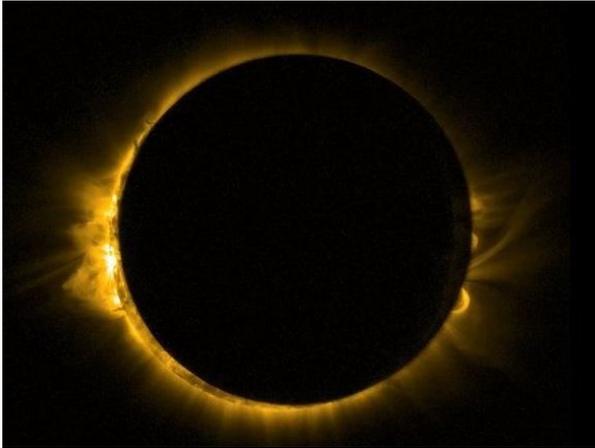


Photo: Jefferson Farms

May is shearing time at [Jefferson Farms Natural Fibers](#), a local Alpaca and Paco-Vicuna farm. You may have seen these adorable animals in the green fields just west of Salida off Hwy 291. GARNA has been invited to observe the process and take a tour. Jefferson Farms Natural Fibers was started in 1995 and operates in Salida and Denver. The site houses around 100 Alpacas and 300 Paco-Vicunas. [Registration now open.](#)

["Guiding Light to Dark Shadows": the 2017 Solar Eclipse](#)

Wednesday, June 7



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.](#)

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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