



GARNA Gab April 2018

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## [Nature Series - State of the Snowpack](#)



**TOMORROW** Tuesday, April 3

**6:30 to 8:00 pm at Salida Mountain Sports**

What happened to winter? Spend an evening learning from local experts about the state of our snowpack, winter weather forecasting, spring snow travel considerations and more. [More info.](#)

## [Bloomin' Fundraiser going on now!](#)



GARNA's 5th annual spring bloomin' fundraiser is here to green your home, garden or provide gifts for friends or family – perfect for **Mother's Day on May 13!** Our sponsor again this year is [Salida Greenhouse](#). A big thanks to owner Genee Phillips! Various flower and plant options available. [Ordering now](#) through April 30.

## [Wildness Series – Wolf Conservation in Colorado: A Discussion on the Past, Present and Future](#)

Wednesday, April 11

7:00 to 8:30 pm at BV Community Center

## GARNA Informed Advocacy

Straws Campaign Update:



Did you know that Americans use nearly 500 million plastic straws every day? That's enough to encircle the earth with straws 2.5 times...every day.

In March, GARNA partnered with the Sellars Project Space Partnership for Community Action (PfCA) for two showings of the film *Straws* to adult and teen audiences. In April, GARNA will continue to mobilize the community for plastic straw reduction, speaking to Salida Montessori Charter School on April 5, Salida Rec Camp Friday families on April 6, and on Saturday, April 7, GARNA will host a Suck the Straws Out workshop at Box of Bubbles in Salida. Participants will create a plan for working with local restaurants to reduce plastic straw usage, posters to encourage plastic straw reduction, and a display for the Earth Day Festival at Riverside Park using straw waste from local restaurants. April 7's workshop is free, open to the public, and begins at 11 am.

[More information on GARNA's Straws campaign.](#)

## GARNA Youth-Oriented Programs

[Stream Explorers in Salida and Buena Vista beginning in April](#)



Join us for a presentation by Ryan Wilbur, Defenders of Wildlife Rockies and Plains Representative on gray wolf behavior, ecology, and options for re-establishing the species in Colorado. After the presentation, there will be a special screening of *Canis Lupus: Colorado*, a documentary about the complex relationships between people and wolves. [More info and registration.](#)

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### [Nature Series – Managing Water in the Upper Arkansas Basin](#)

Thursday, April 26  
10:00 am to 1:00 pm at UAWCD



What is the outlook in the Upper Arkansas River Basin for 2018 and what are water managers doing to prepare? Join GARNA, Central Colorado Conservancy and the [Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District](#) (UAWCD) for an overview of water administration and management in the Upper Arkansas Basin and learn about the importance of storage reservoirs in the upper watersheds with a fieldtrip to O'Haver Lake. [More information and registration.](#)

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### [Nature Series – Astronomy Program: Craters of the Moon](#)

Friday, April 27  
7:00 until 9:00 pm

[Nature Camp registration is now open](#)

[Celebrate Earth Day on April 21](#)

[GARNA participates in Mountain Mama Summit on April 28](#)

### Teaching Environmental Science Naturally

GARNA is supporting Colorado Parks and Wildlife in hosting a TEN (Teaching Environmental Science Naturally) 3 ½ day environmental education course, June 19 – 22. Participants will explore the Upper Arkansas Valley learning about fire, geology, wildlife and wildlife management. CDE credit available. [Info and Registration.](#)



Join GARNA and [Central Colorado Humanists](#) for Scott Adams' final astronomy program in Chaffee County, using GARNA's new Orion 10 EQ-G 10" Reflector Scope. According to Scott, who graciously assembled this donated scope, "the huge 10" optics and precise, heavy-duty computerized GoTo mount will show you what big-telescope performance is all about". He will present an introduction to astronomy from the back yard astronomer's point of view. Highlights of the talk include a review of various types of telescopes including that Scott put together for us. The talk will also include a review of various types of telescopes, a discussion of types of deep space objects "out there", and comparisons of what viewers actually see through amateur telescopes versus professional telescopes. [More info and registration.](#)

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#### **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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