



GARNA Gab May 2018

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Letter from Finance & Program Director Alison Ramsey:

Dear GARNA Supporters,

It is with a mixture of a heavy heart and excitement for the future to share that I have decided to leave my role at GARNA. I have served as the Executive Director since May of 2008 and am so fortunate to have been able to contribute to the community in this way.

GARNA is in excellent hands and is moving forward in exciting ways! At the beginning of 2018, Dominique Naccarato became the Executive Director. Dominique has taken the ball and run with it; establishing new relationships and initiatives and further cultivating existing partnerships. Emily Henderson is now our Youth Program Coordinator and her enthusiasm and energy continue to shine. GARNA's robust Board of Directors, who are active with and dedicated to GARNA's mission and new projects, have recently completed a community survey process as part of strategic planning. Stay tuned for news about where GARNA is headed in the next two to three years.

Please join me in continuing to support GARNA by:

- Sharing the job description with your network for our new [Community Outreach Associate](#).
- Attending one of our [upcoming public programs](#).
- [Volunteering](#) for our chapters, program committee, youth programs or for [Clean Up Green Up](#) on May 19.
- Signing your kids up for GARNA [youth programs](#).
- Making a tax-deductible [donation](#) to support GARNA's work to teach visitors and residents how to care for our natural resources and public lands.

I have cherished being a part of this well-respected organization. I have made countless meaningful connections in the community and have had the opportunity to collaborate with so many good people. Thank you for your trust, support and friendship as we

[Envision hosts wildfire-prevention panel May 8](#)

[27th Annual Clean Up Green Up](#)

Saturday, May 19

It's time again to clean up the Arkansas River and surrounding areas before the summer river season begins. 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. If you need a suggestion of a locale that needs some TLC, they can provide that info.

[Jumpin' Good Goat Dairy Tour](#)

Tuesday, June 5



Early summer is a great time to visit [Jumpin' Good Goat Dairy](#) because there are dozens of new baby goats (kids) to meet. On the tour you'll have chance to learn and ask questions about the dairy goat business and see

worked together to foster a love and respect of the natural beauty and historic significance of this incredible place we call home.

Sincerely,



Alison Ramsey

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.

the barns, the milking area, peek into the cheese making facility, enjoy the aromatic environment of the cheese cave, and have a chance to purchase some of their tasty products. [More info and registration.](#)

[GARNA is hiring a Community Outreach Associate](#)

Please see the full job description [HERE](#). Application deadline is the end of business Wednesday, May 9. Please share!

Help reduce single-use plastic bags

A community member is heading up an initiative to supply all of the short-term rentals in Chaffee County with cloth/reusable bags for visitors to use when they shop – and then leave the bag for others to use when they depart. If you have any gently used “tote” bags and would like to donate them to this terrific cause, please drop them off at Kaleidoscope Toys in Salida.

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