



GARNA Gab August 2017

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### [Trip to the Orient Mine Bat Cave](#)

Thursday, August 24



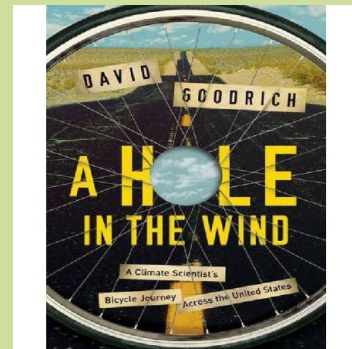
Join GARNA for a trip to see the Orient Mine bats in the San Luis Valley. We will drive to and then hike to the opening of the Orient Mine Cave via the Black Canyon trail head. The Orient Mine Cave is located on the Orient Land Trust (OLT) and Valley View Hot Springs property, approximately 11 miles southeast of Villa Grove. The closed Orient Mine has been the home to nearly 250,000 migratory bats for the last 40 years. Ecologist, educator, outdoor enthusiast and GARNA program committee member Max Keller will lead the group. [Register now.](#)

### [Habitat Manipulation for Land Health & Wildlife Management](#)

Wednesday, August 30

### Club News - for members!

#### [GARNA Earth Friendly Book Club](#)



We haven't highlighted this long-running GARNA club in awhile! September and October books have been selected. See a [full list](#) of books the club has read, will be reading and join us!

#### [Photography Club](#)

Attention photographers - it's time to be reviewing your Arkansas River Valley photos and thinking about that special shot for our fall photo contest. We had great responses to last year's offerings of photo cards, calendars and mugs. We are looking for your suggestions for the image categories: **seasons, wildlife and flowers, towns, water, historic sites, landscapes, mountains, close-ups?** What would your choice(s) be? Please respond with your suggestions to [info@garna.org](mailto:info@garna.org).

### GARNA and Get Outdoors Leadville!





Is there a way to lure the deer away from our city streets and yards? For over ten years Colorado Parks and Wildlife, other state and federal agencies, private landowners and wildlife conservation groups have been involved in a cooperative, multi-phase habitat enhancement endeavor, the Large-scale Habitat Enhancement Project. District Wildlife Manager Kim Woodruff will lead a GARNA outing to learn and see how the program is designed to improve and enhance the health of the land and local wildlife through the skillful manipulation and management of the area's vegetation. [Register now.](#)

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### **The Central Colorado Conservancy seeks Volunteers for our Lewis's Woodpecker Project**

The Conservancy is looking for volunteers to explore potential Lewis's woodpecker "non-residential" cottonwood habitat within our area. A short training session will take place in Buena Vista on August 5 from 9:30 – 11:30 am. If you would like more information, contact [Cindy Lawrence](#), project coordinator. Visit [here](#) for more info.

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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.

Read more about this exciting initiative and how GARNA has been involved [here](#).

We're looking for volunteers to join us in Cloud City (Leadville) to help with our youth programming made possible by the large GOCO Inspire grant.

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### **[GARNA Summer Nature Camp wraps up](#)**



It was a great 6 weeks, read all about it [here](#).

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### **More for your calendar**

**2nd Annual Salida Water Festival**  
**Saturday, August 26**  
Alpine Park (with the Farmer's Market)

Are you a formal or non formal educator? Would you like to use the NRCS Water Trailer? Come get trained on water trailer use at the Water Festival on August 26. Email [Dominique](#) for more info.

**[Salida Smelter Smokestack 100th Anniversary Celebration](#)**  
**Saturday, August 26**

At the smokestack / Elevation Beer Co.

**10:00 am to 12:30 pm:** The Salida Museum is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the smelter smokestack. The celebration will feature talks about the smokestack, a drone exhibition and a hands on display of minerals and mining artifacts. The Chaffee County Heritage Area (managed by GARNA) has arranged for Bob Autabee to present Standing for Salida: The Salida Smokestack's First Hundred Years.

**1:00 to 3:00 pm:** Following the Smokestack Centennial Celebration, will be a fundraiser at Elevation Beer Co. to sample a special brew in honor of the day and raise a pint for a good cause – the Museum!

**[Annual King Boletus Mushroom Festival](#)**  
**Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27**

A two-day mushroom seminar with classroom lectures and mountain forays benefitting Buena Vista Heritage.

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