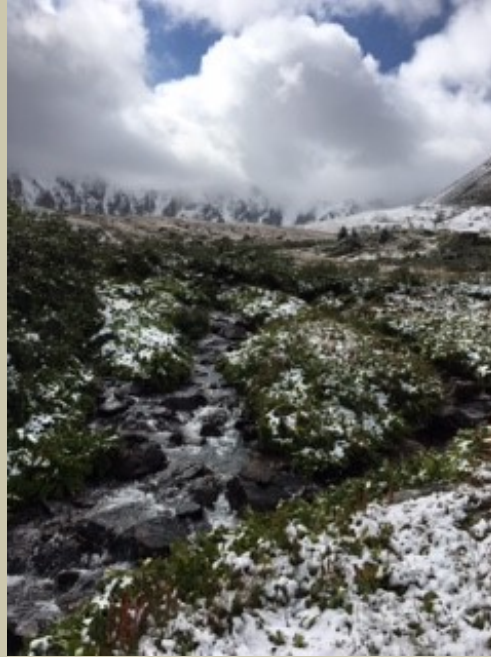




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Arkansas River Headwaters Photo: Pat Clark

The GARNA Gab - September 2016

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Upcoming Programs/Events

[3rd Annual Photo Contest Fundraiser!](#)

Now through September 26 - Seeking your best PHOTOS from the Upper Arkansas Valley region

Submissions will be judged by an expert panel of professional photographers who will select a winner in each of the 5 categories. A People's Choice winner will also be selected from the top 3 photos in each category. PHOTO CATEGORIES for 2016:

- Single Element Image
- Mountain imagery
- BUENA VISTA Area Nature & Heritage
- SALIDA Area Nature & Heritage
- Holiday imagery

Please visit our [website](#) for much more info and online submission.

Announcements

GARNA and Heritage Board commented on proposed amendments to Chaffee County Land Use Code

[GARNA Letter](#)

[Chaffee County Heritage Area Advisory Board Letter](#)

Moonlight Monday for GARNA!

LABOR DAY Monday, September 5

Who wants to cook on Labor Day? Not us! Take out or dine in and Moonlight Pizza and Brewpub donations 10% of sales to GARNA. All day!

Fall Youth Ecological Literacy fieldtrips are gearing up!

Can you lead a hike? Can you teach about nature? Volunteering with kids is great for your health. Please [let us](#)

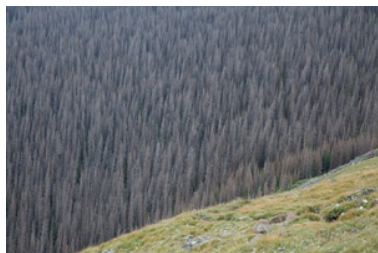


2015 Category winner, Jeanette Melton

[Spruce Beetle Walk on Old Monarch Pass](#)

Thursday, September 8 * 9:00 am to 12:00 pm * Old Monarch Pass

Join Alex Rudney as he leads a short hike up the Old Monarch Pass road to view the progression of the spruce beetle outbreak. Alex will discuss spruce beetle biology and life cycles and look to the future of the high elevation spruce forests in Chaffee County. Alex Rudney is a silviculturist with the US Forest Service, San Isabel National Forest stationed in Salida. Online registration is available [here](#).



[A Cook's Tour of Glacial Geology in Colorado](#)

Tuesday, September 20 * 7:00 to 8:30 pm * First Presbyterian Church of Salida

There was great interest and a big turnout when this program was presented in March 2016 in Buena Vista. We are pleased for Dr. Matthews to offer it again in Salida.

Because Colorado is the 'Top of the Rockies' with an average elevation of 6,800 feet above sea level, we experienced widespread effects from Quaternary glacial episodes. As a result, the state is rich in erosional and depositional testimonials to those periods of extensive glaciation. GARNA has arranged for Dr. Vince Matthews to present on the sculpting of Colorado's mountains by multiple glacial events over the last 150,000 years. This talk will illustrate the widespread impacts and excellent examples of these times of global cooling. Online registration is available [here](#).

[know](#) if you are interested in inspiring students to be land stewards.

Introducing GARNA's new Youth Program Assistant

Emily Henderson joins GARNA from the public school system in Tennessee where she served as both a Chemistry and Spanish Teacher. She has experience in supporting community programs through nonprofit work with the United Way. She loves working with youth and could not be more excited to join the GARNA team as the Youth Program Assistant.



BLM Seeks Comments

Share your thoughts on proposed new, non-motorized trails in the Arkansas Hills and Methodist Mt areas of Salida. The BLM is seeking comments through Sept 19. Maps available here. bit.ly/2aMrOY1

USFS Seeks Comments

USFS is looking for public comment until September 8 on which roads and trails will be open for public motorized use in the Pike and San Isabel Nat'l Forests. <http://www.psitraelmanagement.org/>

Save the Dates

Thursday, October 20

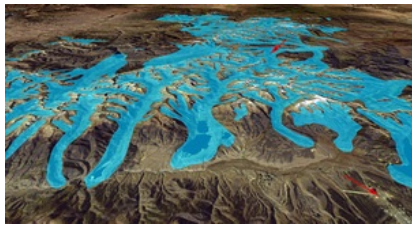
In celebration of 20 years of GARNA, there will be an art opening and reception at Pinon Real Estate in downtown Salida featuring work by Salida artist Laura Barton. Laura is generously donating 25% of sales to GARNA.

Saturday, October 22

Telluride Mountainfilm will be hosted by GARNA and LTUA. Promises to be a night of great films.

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Not a GARNA member?

GARNA is the Arkansas River Valley's only local broadly focused conservation and educational institution with non-profit status. GARNA is supported by membership fees. We have over 300 members and growing... [will you join us?](#) Benefits for GARNA members:

- 20% discount on all items at all times in GARNA book and map outlets
- Advanced notification and invitations to special events and activities
- Reduced registration fees for GARNA programs
- Access to GARNA's special interest clubs

Thank you for supporting GARNA and our mission of fostering stewardship of the resources of the greater Arkansas River region through education, volunteerism and experiences.



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