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Greater Arkansas River Nature Association



Pass Creek area

The GARNA Gab - October 2016

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Upcoming Programs/Events

BARTON & GARNA Art Opening and Benefit

Thursday, October 20 * 5:00 to 8:00 pm * Pinon Real Estate in Salida

In celebration of 20 years of GARNA, join us for an art opening and reception at Pinon Real Estate in downtown Salida featuring work by Salida artist Laura Barton. Her pieces will feature landscape and animals of the Upper Arkansas River Valley. To view more of Laura's paintings, please visit her [website](#). Laura will donate 25% of sales to GARNA and there is art for *almost* every budget. We hope to see each and every one of you there for this final anniversary celebration!



Announcements

GARNA Photo Contest

Have your say on People's Choice awards for our [Photo Contest](#). 30 photographers participated this year and the photos are gorgeous! Voting to commence soon.

Upper Arkansas Wilderness Volunteers

It's been a busy summer for the group. One big project was assisting the Leadville Ranger District complete their Campsite Monitoring Project. **Read more news [here](#).**



Crestone Wilderness Stewards

CWS's next workday is **this Saturday**.

Mountainfilm Festival

Saturday, October 22 * 6:00 to 9:00 pm * Salida High School Auditorium

The Greater Arkansas River Nature Association and the Land Trust of the Upper Arkansas are teaming up once again to bring an evening of award-winning films to our community. Telluride Mountainfilm Festival features films, people, stories and ideas that celebrates indomitable spirit, educates and inspires audiences, and motivates individuals and communities to advance solutions for a livable world. The evening will feature 2 hours of film taking place in the American west, Norway, Russia, Alaska and other locales. **See the list of films and purchase tickets online [HERE](#).** Tickets also on sale at the GARNA/LTUA offices and Salida Mountain Sports.



"Operation Moffat"

Spruce Beetles and the Future of Our Forest

Thursday, November 10 * 7:00 to 9:00 pm * First Presbyterian Church of Salida

As part of our series on spruce beetle education, USFS Silviculturist Alex Rudney will present on the progress of the spruce beetle outbreak in the San Isabel National Forest, particularly on Monarch Pass. He'll discuss spruce beetle biology and life cycles, and look at the probable future of the high elevation spruce forests in and around Chaffee County. **Online registration is available [here](#).**



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:

...the next Monday to the Saturday, **October 8** and they'll be heading back up to South Crestone Lake to take care of a large area of jack-straw trees that have fallen over the trail. All GARNA members are invited to join the project and to come see and work in some of the most spectacular scenery in Colorado. If you are interested please contact Cathy Amenta at 719-480-1718 or email at cathyamenta@gmail.com.

Read news about the CWS's summer season [here](#).

A Report on the Hayden Pass Fire - program planned for late November-Early December

Personnel from the US Forest Service Salida Ranger District will share details on the fire, number of acres burned, number of people involved, equipment, and more. Other topics may include the resources marshalled for the effort, priority determination, and civilian and crew safety. Learn more about the wilderness areas affected, impact on rare trout habitat, and future restoration. Stay tuned for date and details.

Hiking Club

The last weekly hike of the year will take place on Friday, October 14. The hiking club is open to members only; **[please consider joining](#).**

Earth-Friendly Book Club

November's book is *The Eternal Frontier: An Ecological History of North America and its Peoples*, by Tim Flannery. "...the unforgettable story of the geological and biological evolution of the North American continent, from the time of the asteroid strike that ended the age of dinosaurs 65 million years ago, to the present day..." excerpted from Amazon. Book club meets once a month and is open to members only; **[please consider joining](#).**

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- 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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