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Wild & Scenic Film Festival

Friday, March 17 at the Community Center in Buena Vista
Saturday, March 18 at the SteamPlant Theater in Salida



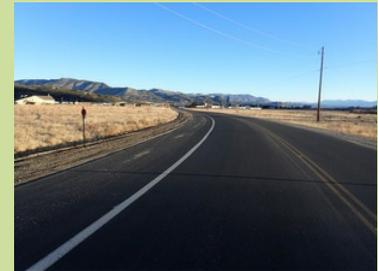
The Greater Arkansas River Nature Association and Central Colorado Conservancy have led the way in bringing environmental films to the Upper Arkansas Valley. The two organizations are again partnering to bring the Wild & Scenic Film Fest 2017, a world-renowned tour of the latest, cutting-edge environmental films to Chaffee County. A completely different line-up of films will be shown each night. **NEW THIS YEAR:** we will have a VIP showing of a unique film(s) prior to the Saturday night festival. [Tickets are on sale now.](#)

GARNA receives mini grant through Inspire Chaffee County

GARNA is one of three organizations selected for a mini grant through [Inspire Chaffee County](#) (a GOCO-funded initiative). GARNA will partner with local organizations to host a Spring Break Adventure Camp for youth whose parents work full-time, youth who must care for younger siblings and youth who lack financial resources, knowledge, equipment and/or transportation to participate in outdoor recreation. The GARNA camp will offer

Review our accomplishments in the [2016 GARNA Annual Report](#)

GARNA project spotlight: Northern Chaffee County Connections (NC3)



NC3 is a citizen-led group operating under GARNA with a mission to provide Chaffee County residents and visitors with safe pedestrian/bike pathways along county roads that connect to the Town of Buena Vista and its community trails system.

[Learn More](#)

Inspire Chaffee County welcomes participation in PLACES working group

PLACES are locales kids will return to day after day to play and experience the outdoors. PLACES can include local parks, natural areas, school playgrounds, nature centers, community gardens, urban farms, etc. These PLACES cultivate inspiration and curiosity and build confidence to venture off into more distant outdoor areas such as state parks, national parks and other public lands. Funding can also be used to build and enhance trails and other pathways that get kids safely from the local hub, neighborhood or school to the outdoor places in their community and beyond.

deserving students a positive outlet to connect with nature, an environment to build positive relationships with peers and adults, and a chance to learn new skills in the outdoors. Activities will include a day with local nonprofit Guidestone, a Monarch Mountain ski instruction day, rock climbing with RMOC and fishing with AHRA. Pilot funding from ICC will be matched with funding from the U.S. Forest Service's Every Kid in a Park program. Read more [HERE](#).

Ski with a Naturalist Tours - 11:00 am every Friday at Monarch Mountain



Free on-hill tour covering the history of recreation on Monarch Pass, ski area-USFS partnership, forest and wildlife ecology and more. This year's guide is Tommy Skaja, recreation permit administrator with the USFS Salida Ranger District. Meet at the sign near Ski Patrol headquarters.

Youth Ecological Literacy - Camp Friday Winter 2017: Wilderness & Survival Skills



As part of Salida Recreation's Friday Enrichment Series, GARNA offered a 2-week session focused on Wilderness and Survival Skills. The program was open to students ages 5 to 8 and met in Chisholm Park. Read more [HERE](#).

Inspire Chaffee County is forming a PLACES working group. The goal is to develop specific and detailed ideas for the GOCO Inspire implementation grant proposal around getting underserved youth outdoors in Chaffee County. There will be meeting in **Buena Vista on February 22 at 4:00 pm, at the BV Community Center**. Childcare will be provided. Please RSVP to [Dominique](#) if you are interested in being a part of the exciting opportunity.

Our annual environmental presentation with wildlife photographer Paul Bannick was a sold out show!



Thank you to so many of you who joined us for this terrific event.

Congrats to our "Call to Action" drawing winners: Paul Smith, Max Keller, Ana Maria Vasquez and Brenda & David Sebern.

We depend on membership and donations to provide these kinds of programs to the community. Please [consider supporting](#) GARNA today!

[Monte Vista Crane Festival](#)

March 10-12, 2017

Please [email](#) the office to let us know if you are interested in taking a trip down to the San Luis Valley to see the Sand Hill Cranes. With enough interest, we will consider organizing a carpool from the Salida area.



Photo: Mark Endres

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 450 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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