



GARNA Gab July 2017

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Please scroll through, we have added new programs to our [calendar](#)...

### [The Alpine Tunnel Historic District: from Atlantic to Pacific and return](#)

Saturday, July 15



The Alpine tunnel under the Continental Divide completed the Denver, South Park, and Pacific Railroad's route from Denver to Gunnison in 1882. GARNA has organized hikes on the trail from Hancock to the East Portal many times, now we complete the journey over Altman Pass (the Continental Divide) to the West Portal where volunteer groups have helped the USFS restore some of the 1880's railroad buildings. The hike leader is John McCarthy, GARNA Board member, one of the GARNA Hiking Club founders and organizers, a Salida Museum volunteer and railroad history buff. We must limit the trip to 15 experienced hikers, [Register now](#).

[Trip to the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory](#)

### Spread the GARNA Word!



We will have a booth at the Salida Farmer's Market on **Saturday, July 29** and **Saturday, August 26**. If you like to talk with your neighbors and you love GARNA, please help us man the booth. Help an hour or more from 8 am to 1 pm. [Email](#) the office for more info.

### June 2017: GARNA submits letter regarding recent review of national monument designations made under the Antiquities Act

[See the letter](#) sent to President Trump, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Senator Michael Bennet, Senator Cory Gardner, Representative Doug Lamborn and Representative James Wilson

**Thursday, July 20**



GARNA has organized a visit to the [Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory](#) (RMBL), an internationally renowned center for scientific research and education located near Crested Butte. GARNA last visited RMBL in September 2015 and although we had a terrific time exploring and hearing from RMBL director Ian Billick, many of the researchers were gone by that time. This year we timed the visit to take place in the middle of summer when projects are in full swing. The day's activities will include touring the facility and hearing about the current studies taking place there. We'll also have the opportunity to explore the historic buildings around the town of Gothic. In addition, the group will get involved by helping with a service project pulling weeds along the road to Gothic. Lunch will be provided. [Register now.](#)

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### [Alpine Wildflower ID Hike to Lost Lake](#)

**Saturday, July 22**



*Photo: Keith Krebs*

Sorry! This program is full. GARNA members hear about programs first, please [join](#) if you are not already a member.

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### [The Hills are Alive Leadville Wildflower Hike](#)

**Thursday, July 27**



*Photo: Gwen Maythaler*

Led by Leadville local Glenda Dunn, GARNA is hosting a short hike (3 to 4 miles) in an area locally known as Alpine Meadow or "Hills are Alive" in the Leadville Mining District east of Leadville. The area covers sub-alpine, alpine and a bit of tundra. The group will be hiking on an old mining/jeep road mostly uphill and then downhill on the return. This area is known for its abundance of wildflowers and we hope to see Blue Flax, Columbine, Jacob's Ladder, Purple Fringe, Alpine Sunflowers, Monkshood, Wild Delphiniums, and Old Man of the Mountain! [Register now.](#)

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### **[Awareness on the Ark: An Interpretive Float Down the Arkansas River](#)**

**Wednesday, August 9**



Enjoy a fully guided float between Big Bend and downtown Salida on the Arkansas River. Learn about our watershed and environmental issues facing the Arkansas Valley. This morning float will be guided by [Independent Whitewater](#) and will offer several stops for observation, reflection, and discussion. Boats will be set up with a stern rig, participants may choose to paddle assist. There will be a total of two boats and an interpreter will ride in each boat. [Register now, space is very limited.](#)

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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.

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