



GARNA Gab February 2018

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## [Wildness Series – Wildlife: Winter Range Habitat](#)

Saturday, February 17 from 10 am to 12 pm



Why are we seeing declines in elk, deer and other wildlife populations on our public lands? Join Salida Ranger District, USFS wildlife biologist, Stephanie Shively, on a hike/snowshoe above Deadhorse Gulch, as she sheds light on Winter Range Habitat and human impacts on wildlife. This field trip builds on Stephanie's Sunday Science program for the Central Colorado Humanists on Sunday, February 4, but is open to anyone including kids and families. [More information and registration.](#)

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## [Nature Series – Winter Waterfowl](#)

Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 9:30 to 11:30 am

## **GARNA's Annual Environmental Presentation**

Thank you to everyone who attended GARNA's Annual Environmental Presentation last Thursday. We want to extend our huge appreciation to speaker Dr. John Hausdoerffer for his thought-provoking talk, *Wildness: How to Renew Everything that Matters*. We look forward to sharing the video of Dr. John's talk soon. In the meantime, you can see the videos he mentioned here:

<https://www.humansandnature.org/wildness>.

Thank you to The Book Haven for donating proceeds from Dr. John's book *Wildness: Relations of People and Place*. Thank you as well to Andre Wilkins for providing music, and Brady's West for lending us the plant decorations. Our Call to Action generated 6 new GARNA volunteers, 10 new GARNA members, and a plethora of program ideas. If you didn't have a chance to sign up to volunteer, donate, or become a member at the Annual Event, it's not too late. [Email us](#) to participate!

Congrats to our drawing winners from the Annual Event! Karen Robinson, Dan Smith and Matt Malloy.

## [Envision Chaffee County News](#)

**Special Event: Keeping the Country COUNTRY!**

Thursday, February 15  
6:30 to 8:00 pm  
Poncha Springs Town Hall

Can the agricultural economy survive in Chaffee County? How can the community help ensure our ranching heritage and rural character remain as the county grows? Envision Chaffee County will host a panel discussion on working lands with local ranchers Bruce Cogan, Brady Everett and Ken McMurry about the challenges of keeping lands in agriculture.

No RSVP necessary.

[Go rafting with John Fielder and](#)



Next time you take a walk around Sands Lake, wouldn't it be nice to be able to tell your kids and grand kids what types of birds are making Salida their year-round home? Because Salida-area lakes do not usually freeze during the winter, this makes for great habitat for winter waterfowl. Join GARNA and Sally Waterhouse for an introduction to identifying duck and geese species at Sands Lake State Wildlife Area. This program is open to all ages and will be a great activity for kids and families. More information and registration. [More information and registration.](#)

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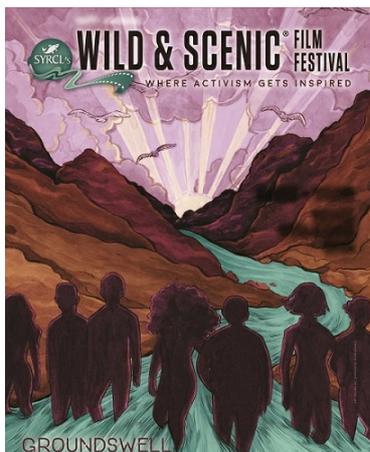
## **Wild & Scenic Film Festival 2018**

**Friday, March 9 in Buena Vista at the BV Community Center**, doors 6:15 pm, films at 7:00 pm

**Saturday, March 10 in Salida at the Steam Plant Theater**

**Special Screening & Expert Panel:** doors 5:15 pm, film at 5:30 pm

**Film Festival:** doors 6:15 pm, films at 7:00 pm



**Film line ups and much more information:**  
[Buena Vista film festival](#), [Salida special screening](#), [Salida film festival](#)

The Greater Arkansas River Nature Association and Central Colorado Conservancy have led the way in bringing environmental films to the Upper

## **support GARNA**

**May 18-21, 2018**



Don't miss this opportunity to go rafting with renowned photographer John Fielder on a [Photography Workshop in the Gunnison Gorge](#). John is cooperating with Dvorak's Expeditions to donate \$150 for each registration that comes through GARNA. Just mention GARNA at checkout. [Register here.](#)

Arkansas Valley. The two organizations are again partnering to bring the [Wild & Scenic Film Fest 2018](#), a world-renowned tour of the latest, cutting-edge environmental films. The two events will benefit GARNA and the Conservancy and include environmental and adventure films with **different films shown each night**. The Wild & Scenic Film Festival sits apart from the hundreds of festivals around the world by leaving you feeling INSPIRED and MOTIVATED to go out and make a difference in your community and the world.

**[TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!](#)**

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## **[2016: A Birding Big Year](#)**



Join GARNA and our [Birding Club](#) to learn how Buena Vista resident Christian Hagenlocher took a unique approach to birding's most well-known competition – the ABA Big Year. In 2016, Christian traveled on a budget from Alaska to Florida to fill in the gaps in his life list of birds, seeing over 750 species in total, becoming the youngest birder to pass the 700 mark. He interviewed birders he met along the way, gathering stories and blogging about his adventures at [thebirdingproject.com](#). Later, Christian traveled the country, teaching people about birds with a focus on engaging young people with birds and photography. Come hear Christian's stories, see his bird and landscape images, and learn about what birds have to teach us – whether you are a beginner or expert birdwatcher. [More information and registration.](#)

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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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