



GARNA Gab March 2018

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[Wild & Scenic Film Festival 2018 is next weekend!](#)

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

Saturday, March 10 in Salida at the Salida SteamPlant Theater

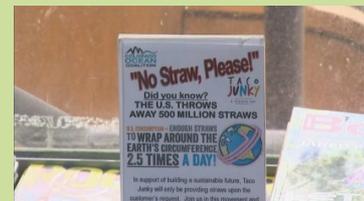
Special Screening & Expert Panel: open to the public; doors 5:15 pm, film at 5:30 pm

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

[TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW](#)

GARNA Informed Advocacy

Inaugural topic: [Suck the Straws out of the Upper Ark Valley](#)



Have you heard about the Great Pacific Garbage Patch resting off the coast of California? What does the buildup of plastics in our oceans mean for those of us living here in Chaffee County? Is it possible for the Upper Arkansas Valley to help mitigate this problem?

Our goal with our new Informed Advocacy pilot is to begin meaningful discussion on environmental topics that impact our community.

GARNA Chapter Award

Congrats to **Upper Arkansas Wilderness Volunteers** for significant contribution of services as a volunteer organization on public lands in the Upper Arkansas Valley, Colorado. Presented by the USFS and BLM.





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 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.

[Nature Series – Winter Waterfowl](#)

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

[Go rafting with John Fielder and 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](#).



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.](#)

Nature Series – 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.](#)

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.

GARNA Board of Directors: Kate Garwood, Chair; John McCarthy, Vice Chair; Layne Kottmeier, Treasurer; Deb Bass; Samantha Lane Bahn; Jody Bol; Logan Myers; Terry Porter; Heidi Slaymaker; Emily Osborn; Quinn Myers, student seat

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