



GARNA Gab July 2018

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## [Nature Series - Wildflower ID Hike to Alpine Tunnel](#)



**Saturday, July 14**  
**7:30 am - 3:00 pm**

This program typically takes place on Cottonwood Pass however the pass is currently closed for road construction. This year, participants will begin hiking in the ghost town of Hancock to the Alpine Tunnel following the old South Park & Pacific railroad grade identifying different species of wildflowers along the way. The hike is 6-miles roundtrip to the high end of the subalpine life zone where alpine and subalpine flowers overlap (ecotone). [More info and registration.](#)

## [Nature Series - The Hills Are Alive Wildflower Hike](#)



**Volunteer surveys found that local restaurants that freely give out straws can go through 14,000 straws per month!** One local restaurant that gives straws on demand has used less than 12,000 straws over the course of two years. [Check out one of our winning Straws youth posters here](#), and stay tuned for more information on this local campaign to reduce plastic straws in Chaffee County.

[More information on GARNA's Straws campaign.](#)

## Summer FILMS!

Join the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District for a [special screening of "The Arkansas River: From Leadville to Lamar"](#) at 6:30 p.m. July 18 at the Steam Plant in Salida, 220 West Sackett Ave. Admission is free and open to the public.

AND

[Salida Mountain Sports](#) will be hosting the film [Dirtbag: The Legend of Fred Beckey](#) as a fundraiser for GARNA. Hailed as one of the most prolific and influential climbers of all time, Fred Beckey has become a cult hero in the outdoor world.

Where: A Church, 419 D Street, Salida



**Wednesday, July 18**  
**7:30 am - 2:00 pm**

Join us for this popular hike to an area 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! [More info and registration.](#)

## **GARNA's Youth Ecological Literacy Program (YELP)**



Nature Camps are off to a great start this summer. Campers are studying everything from fish to geology to the Arkansas Watershed! We love our camp counselors, AmeriCorps Members

with Alpine Achievers Initiative, and high school intern, Claire Shepherd. A special thank you to sponsors – Collegiate Peaks Chapter of Trout Unlimited, National Environmental Education Foundation, New Belgium Brewing, Chaffee County Marijuana Excise Tax Advisory Board, the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service Salida Ranger District, as well as GARNA members and donors, for funding scholarships and materials to make these programs happen!

### **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.

Date: Saturday, July 28

Doors open at 7:00 pm. Show starts at 7:30 pm. Beer, refreshments and snacks provided. Tickets are available at Salida Mountain Sports at 110 F Street for \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

## **Save the Date for Aug. 9!**

**Wildness Series - Crisis in the World's Fisheries: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.**

Stay tuned for more details about this talk with Dr. Russ McGoodwin of the University of Colorado.

## **Upcoming Programs with GARNA's partner, Collegiate Peaks Chapter of Trout Unlimited**

[Learn about breaking the Whirling Disease life cycle at the Member Meeting](#)

**Wednesday, July 11, 2018** at the Salida Rotary Scout Hut. 6:00 pm social hour, 7:00 pm program. Cash bar & snacks.

Presenter: Barry Nehring, CPW Aquatic Researcher (retired)

Program: Breaking the Whirling Disease life cycle in Placer Creek in the San Luis Valley. Plus, an update on current efforts to break the Whirling Disease life cycle in Lower Squaretop Lake west of Guanella Pass.

[Learn about Climate Change and the Colorado Water Plan at the "Friendraiser" Meeting](#)

**Thursday, September 13, 2018** Salida SteamPlant Ballroom. 6:00 pm social hour, 7:00 pm program. Cash bar & snacks.

Presenter: Robert Randall, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Natural Resources

Program: Climate Change and the Colorado Water Plan. How is the State of Colorado planning for anticipated climate change impacts?

Samantha Lane Bahn; Jody Bol; Terry Porter; Heidi Slaymaker; Emily Osborn; Lisa Martin; JW Wilder; Quinn Myers,  
student seat

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