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healthy watersheds and clean waters

CWAG Spring Water Conservation Class

Beginning the last week of January, CWAG will offer an EPA-grant-supported class titled “Water Conservation and Environmental Problem Solving.” The class goal is to increase leadership capacity for environmental problem solving related specifically to water conservation.
Enrollment in this free water class is limited to 30 people. The class will meet in the County Extension Service classroom at the rodeo grounds from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on January 28, February 4, 11 and 25; March 4 and 14. Following five lectures on water conservation and related environmental issues presented by highly qualified instructors, students will participate in the hands-on installation of a rainwater harvesting system on Saturday, March 14.
To enroll, contact Project Director Donna Putschoegl at twoputschoegl@aol.com



Thank you

to everyone who supported Prescott Creeks this past year. Whether it was through membership, volunteering, donating, or a variety of other way, we appreciate your support. We literally couldn't do it without you.

Development & Communications Position



Prescott Creeks seeks a full-time, salaried Development & Communications Manager to assist its Executive Director, and staff, to raise funds from diverse sources in the community to support the mission of the organization. The Development & Communications Manager reports directly to the Executive Director and will work closely with staff, the Board of Directors, and volunteers to develop and implement development and marketing plans and strategies, as well as take the lead to engage the community through various hands-on and fundraising events. Full position announcement and description can be found at www.PrescottCreeks.org/jobs.

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February 2015

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Hi Michael,

It's Prescott Creeks' 25th Anniversary! We are planning some special events throughout the year in recognition of this historic achievement. Updates will be forthcoming on our website and through this E-News. We look forward to seeing you at one of our many events scheduled this year!

Let It Rain



The month of January proved to be a good month for precipitation, according to the U.S. Geological Survey gauges along Granite Creek. On Average, the Prescott area receives around 1.5 inches the first month of the year and initial data shows we met or exceeded those averages depending on the area. This graph shows the amount received in Prescott.

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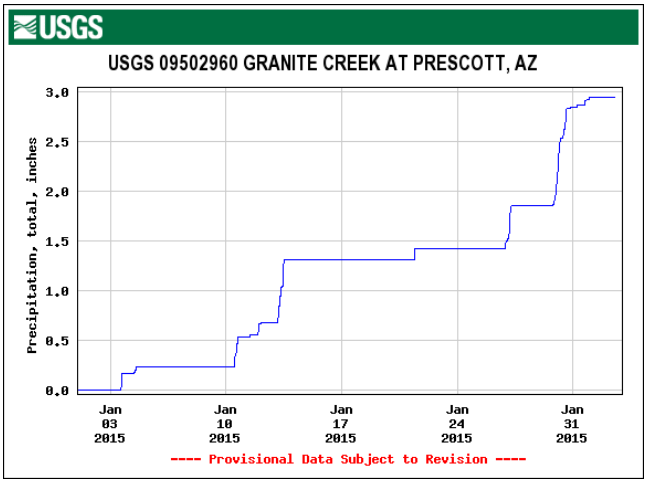
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Community Nature Study Class

Prescott Creeks Executive Director Michael Byrd will present at the Highlands Center for Natural History, Thursday, February 26. Learn more about The Riches of our Local Riparian Areas...

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This is good news for the creeks and all those that rely on these resources to survive and thrive. Compared to last year's data that showed almost no measurable precipitation for January, one can't help but feel optimistic. Protecting this invaluable resource is what is at the core of the Prescott Creeks mission, as well as improving our water quality so that everyone in the community will benefit.

E. coli in Granite Creek Watershed

ADEQ reveals in its draft TMDL report



The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) released it's draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report in December which confirms the presence of E. coli in the Upper Granite Creek Watershed. The full draft report is available on the ADEQ website, and can be downloaded here. Comments to the draft TMDL report submitted by Prescott Creeks can be found on our website, here.

Prescott Creeks continues to work on these important issues that effect our community in coordination with ADEQ, the City of Prescott, and other partners. All of this work is part of the Watershed Improvement Plan which you can read in more detail and is available for



Phenology Workshop

Learn how to contribute valuable natural history observations for research and the science of plant and animal life cycles and how they relate to the changing environment...

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Membership Event–March 6
- AZ Gives Day–April 7
- Granite Creek Cleanup–April 18
- One Man's Treasure–May 22

Sponsor Spotlight

El Gato Azul



We are grateful to Barry Barbe for his commitment to the creeks and for helping us have a successful event this past month. Thanks, Barry!

If you haven't been, El Gato Azul offers diners a unique creekside experience with fine food and some great live entertainment throughout the year.

You can see more from the Prescott Area Young Professionals mixer on our blog, along with other post about the goings on here at Prescott Creeks!

download on our website. You can also read more about Green Infrastructure, details about our various projects and more on our blog.

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Hi Friend of Prescott Creeks,

Spring is just around the corner which means more outdoor time and opportunities to become active with Prescott Creeks. We'll have regular updates through these e-newsletters and on our our website so make sure you keep us update with your most current contact info so we can keep you informed!

Invasive Weeds



Hey, they're just weeds, right? Well, invasive weeds, as the name suggests, is a problem. A problem in that these non-native plants can be agressive and compete with our native plants for the precious resources in our community. In extreme instances, they can dominate native plants to a point that it alters the balance found in an ecosystem. More details about the problems caused by invasives can be read about on our blog, here.

Prescott Creeks is committed to the removal of invasives from our watershed. Watch for weed pulling events this spring, summer, and fall!

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One Man's Treasure Reception

Artwork from this year's One Man's Treasure Upcycled Art Auction is on display at the Prescott Public Library for the month of March. Come to the open reception on March 26!

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Peregrine Bookstore talk

Join Prescott Creeks Executive Director



Volunteerism Makes Us

It's probably no surprise to anyone involved in the non-profit world that volunteers are the heart and soul of an organization and its their hard work and effort that enable us to accomplish our mission.



Josh and the gang at Yavapai Exceptional Industries (YEI!) have been a long time fixture at Prescott Creeks and have provided us with countless hours of work throughout the Watson Wood Riparian Preserve. Their work is truly *Exceptional* and we know we can count on a job well done when they roll onto the scene. Thanks, YEI!

Volunteer opportunities are always turning up when we least expect it. It's just the nature of what we do.



If you have some time to give, either in the field, in the office, or for an upcoming event, consider becoming a Prescott Creeks Volunteer by filling out this application.

Michael Byrd at Peregrine Bookstore, Saturday, March 21. Learn more about The Riches of Granite Creeks and its Riparian Areas..

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- AZ Gives Day–April 7
- Granite Creek Cleanup–April 18
- One Man's Treasure–May 22

Sponsor Spotlight

Thumb Butte Distillery



Thumb Butte Distillery has been an essential partner for making our Martini Party events a great success. Thanks Dana, Cathy and the rest of the TBD crew!

Although relatively new to the scene, Thumb Butte Distillery is carving out its own niche in Prescott. Let them know you're a creeks supporter next time you visit their distillery!

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Hi Friend of Prescott Creeks,

April tends to be one of our busiest months at Prescott Creeks. As the woods are springing to life and the trees are budding out along our creeks, we're gearing up for the Granite Creek Cleanup and honing our tools in preparation for our various projects that are beginning to unfold. We look forward to seeing you out there at one of our upcoming events!

Spring Migration



Spring is springing in the Watson Woods Riparian Preserve and with that comes the birds and birding opportunities for all levels of birdwatchers. In 2004, Watson Woods was designated as an Important Bird Area (IBA) by National Audubon with a goal to protect and save critical habitat for birds and other wildlife.

Soon, we hope to see the familiar signs of nesting by a multitude bird species. In particular, we look for the return of the Common Blackhawks that have successfully brooded the last few years. Watson Woods provides our community with a unique opportunity to see wildlife as they are meant to be seen.

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Granite Creek Cleanup

Pre-registration for the Granite Creek Cleanup is NOW OPEN and encouraged. The Granite Creek Cleanup is a family-fun event and is a great way for you to give back to our community.

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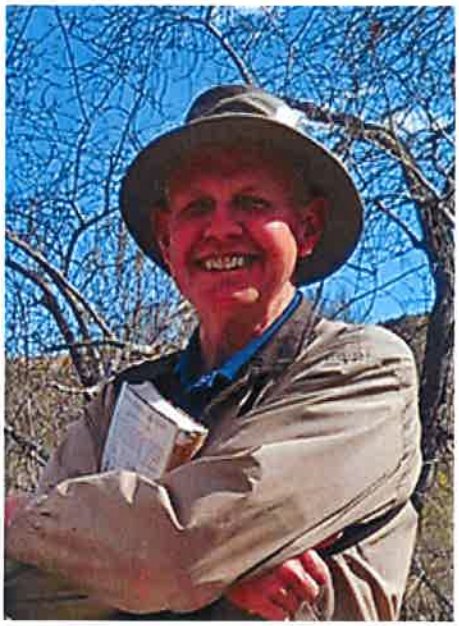
One Man's Treasure Art Auction

One Man's Treasure is a unique art auction featuring upcycled art donated by local artisans as a benefit to support

The work being done in Watson Woods by Prescott Creeks may sometimes go unnoticed by the commuters zipping along highway 89. But, in the Riparian Preserve, its the wildlife that is truly benefiting, like this Belted Kingfisher that is now making its way along Granite Creek.

Birds of a Feather

Like minded people tend to come together to work together and such is the case with Eric Moore. Eric is a regular contributor to many Prescott Creeks events, always willing to lead a birdwalk or two to share his enjoyment of birds.



Eric and his crew at Jay's Bird Barn are regular visitors to the Watson Woods Riparian Preserve, especially this time of year. Jay's Bird Barn and offers regular field trips to the area, including Watson Woods. Visit their website for more info.

Thanks Eric!

Prescott Creeks. This is a one night only event, in conjuction with Prescott College, and is something you won't want to miss!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Granite Creek Cleanup–April 18
- One Man's Treasure–May 22
- Tilted Earth Wine & Music Festival–June 19-20 (to benefit Prescott Creeks)

Sponsor Spotlight

Prescott Audubon



The members of the Prescott Audubon Society have been supporters of Prescott Creeks for many years and are regular contributors to our events, such as One Man's Treasure. Thanks Prescott Audubon Society!

Prescott Audubon provides a plethora of resources on their website about the birds in our area.

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May 2015

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Hi Friend of Prescott Creeks,

May is a busy time here at Prescott Creeks. We just wrapped up a successful Granite Creek Cleanup, and our annual One Man's Treasure art auction is coming up May 22. With sun, rain, and even a bit of sleet and snow recently in the higher elevations, Watson Woods and surrounding areas continue to green up and are filled with the songs of yellow warblers and the chatter of Anna's hummingbirds and violet-green swallows, to name a few. Make sure you take a moment to get out and enjoy Prescott's wild places during the season!





One Man's Treasure

This year's One Man's Treasure promises to be an evening filled with good food, good wine, good company, and an array of unique and beautiful creations from local artists. In partnership with Prescott College, this year's event features a variety of original pieces from our contributing artists; from the stunningly beautiful, to the uniquely unpredictable, with many pieces made from once-discarded items recovered from our creeks and woods.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- One Man's Treasure–May 22
- Tilted Earth Wine & Music Festival–June 19-20 (to benefit Prescott Creeks)



One Man's Treasure Art Auction

You can find these and more original pieces of art at our one-of-a-kind One Man's Treasure event coming up May 22. Make your reservations by May 14 by calling 928-445-5669, or by visiting our website.





Be sure to reserve your tickets for One Man's Treasure, our May 22, 2015 fundraiser, auction, and social event, benefiting Prescott Creeks at the Prescott College Crossroads Center, Prescott, AZ from 4-7 PM. To purchase tickets for One Man's Treasure, please call: (928) 445-5669 or visit the One Man's Treasure feature on our website. The deadline for reservations is May 14, 2015!

Granite Creek Cleanup



The weather pitched in and offered a beautiful spring Saturday morning for this year's Granite Creek Cleanup. With 480 volunteers stretched out across miles of our local waterways, this year's tally included just under 2.4 tons of debris and trash removed from our creeks and surrounding woods and natural places; down from past years, so perhaps our efforts are paying off!
Fueled by the sunshine, the company of friends and family, and the generous donations of snacks from our sponsors, this year's Cleanup proved to be a big success, living up to its tradition in our community.

Thanks to all the volunteers who showed up and helped clean up our creeks! We hope to see all of you, and more, back next year.



SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT

Daniel T. Frank
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of AZ



Thanks to Dan Frank, local BC/BS Insurance agent, for his generous sponsorship for this year's Granite Creek Cleanup. Dan's support for our efforts reflects a deep apppreciation for our waterways and natural areas, and the value they bring to our community.

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June 2015

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Hi Friend of Prescott Creeks,

June promises to be filled with celebration...of our continuing work in restoring and preserving healthy watersheds in our community, of our recent successful One Man's Treasure art auction event, of our partnerships with other organizations and events dedicated to improving our quality of place, and quality of life, in our community, and our relationships with the volunteers, members, and supporters who make our work possible. Take a look below at how our Whipple Basin green infrastruture project, right in the heart of Prescott, has taken hold with lush new growth of native wetland plants:





Or visit this site just south of the hospital at the SW corner of the intersection of Whipple, Miller Valley, Iron Springs, and Willow Creek Rds. (aka Four Points).

One Man's Treasure

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TILTED EARTH WINE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Prescott Creeks has been chosen to benefit from proceeds from the silent auction at the 2015 Tilted Earth Wine and Music Festival being held in Cottonwood, AZ June 19-20. This years Festival offers fare and wares from regional wine and food producers, kids activities, community arts, and (excuse the superlatives) a don't-miss lineup of live music including Rusted Root, Robert Earl Keen, Chamomile and Whiskey, Black Carl, and more.





Photo Credit: Bonnie Dann

Thanks to all the artists, volunteers, and those of you who came to enjoy the fine food and wine, music, company, and unique art for making this year's One Man's Treasure a success! This year's auction event featured a wonderful array of delicious treats catered by Prescott College's Crossroads Cafe, fine wine provided by Page Springs Cellars, great music featuring local musicians Drew Hall and Steve Annibale, and of course the work of many fine local artists.

By all accounts, the event was a success and proceeds will direcctly support the Granite Creek Cleanup, Watershed Improvements and Watson Woods Riparian Preserve. Everyone at Prescott Creeks expresses their sincerest thanks to all who were a part of this event!



Photo Credit: Bonnie Dann

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

Prescott College

Prescott College
For the Liberal Arts and the Environment

Congratulations to our partner in the community and beyond, Prescott College, in being listed by *The Princeton Review* as one of the top green colleges in the nation. Prescott Creeks is proud of our deep association with this remarkable institution.

Make sure you check the Prescott Creeks calendar for updates on our upcoming events, follow us on Twitter, and 'like' our Facebook page to get our posts about the goings on here at Prescott Creeks!

Thanks for reading. Let us know if you have questions - we love hearing from you.

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Hi Friend of Prescott Creeks,

Early summer heat gave way to the first monsoon season rains this past week. The rains gave us the opportunity to see our nearly-completed green infrastructure projects at work, performing beautifully in capturing rainfall and slowing runoff. Nesting birds in Watson Woods Riparian Preserve, from our office resident Say's phoebe to the black hawks (pictured below; one of the remarkable success stories in our Watson Woods restoration and preservation efforts) in the gallery old-growth cottonwoods, are busy rearing their nestlings. With the season, Prescott Creeks is looking ahead with renewed focus in our restoration and outreach work.



Green Infrastructure Projects

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WELCOME NEW STAFF



Prescott Creeks is delighted to have **Guy Whol** now working with us in the role of **Conservation Projects Manager.** Guy comes to us with extensive experience in watershed and riparian awareness and restoration in his native Israel and, more recently, in a leadership role with Prescott College's Butte Creek Restoration Council. We are pleased to have Guy's energy and experience continuing to be put to good use here in our community. For more on Guy and the rest of us here at Prescott Creeks, please visit our website.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Prescott Creeks is wrapping up work on our Green Infrastructure projects at Whipple Basin and the Adult Center of Prescott. With interpretive signs and benches up, people can take the time to enjoy these natural sanctuaries and learn how this type of landscaping not only can offer a bit of beauty to our homes and community, but also improves the quality of our watersheds. With the remarkable new growth this year, the project areas are functioning wonderfully: slowing runoff, filtering sediment and pollutants, and allowing water to percolate into the soil and groundwater. The project areas are also proving to be a boon to wildlife, offering critical habitat for a variety of pollinator insects, including those pictured here encountered after the early monsoon rains.



Clockwise from top left: New interpretive signs at the Adult Center project; common (gray) hairstreak (*Strymon melinux*); northern cloudywing (*Thorybes pylades*); Sonoran bumblebee (*Bombus sonorus*). More pictures of the pollinating insects and other assorted fauna finding home at our restored project sites can be found on our recent Facebook galleries.

Rambling River at Tilted Earth Festival

Prescott Creeks rolled out Rambling River, our stream dynamics educational unit, at Tilted Earth Wine and Music Festival in Cottonwood June 19-20. The demonstration tool offered lessons in river formation and human impact

SAVE THE DATE: Prescott Creeks 25th Anniversary Event will be held Saturday, September 19. Stay tuned for more information on what promises to be a day filled with activities celebrating our 25 years of work in watershed health and water quality!

Yavapai County Master Gardeners' Annual Monsoon Madness Plant and Yard Sale; Saturday, July 11, 7:30AM to 1:00PM (or until items run out); Prescott Rodeo Grounds. For more information, please see our calendar.

Bird Walk: Aspen Creek Trail, with Jay's Bird Barn staff; Thursday, July 23, 8:00AM-12:00PM; Visit our calendar for more information and reservations (required) for this and other guided bird walks.

CWAG Prescott City Council Candidate Forum: Water Issues; Saturday, August 1, 10:00AM-12:00PM; Granite Peak UU, 882 Sunset,
Prescott. More information on this event can be found on our calendar.

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

Nick's Feed Your Face

What's in a name? As a local business (and to many, an institution) with close ties to the community, Nick and his crew have always been quick to pitch in with sandwiches and support for Prescott Creeks events. Next time you're indulging in some of Nick's good-old-fashioned sub sandwiches, tell them "thanks for their support."

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on watersheds for a wide audience. Prescott Creeks was privileged to benefit from the event's silent auction proceeds. Thanks to Tilted Earth for their support of community organizations like ours.



...and get out and enjoy our natural landscapes here in the Prescott area...and beyond!

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Hi Friend of Prescott Creeks,

Our Prescott summer continues to heat up and, at the same time, shows signs of winding down. Spotty monsoons brought new growth at our project sites, the cicadas are in full late-summer buzz, and birds are seen feeding their fledglings. As summer moves on, Prescott Creeks is making plans for our 25th Anniversary Celebration and looking ahead to our continuing restoration work In Watson Woods and waterways in the community.



Flame Skimmer-Libellula saturata, in new wetlands vegetation at our Whipple Basin site (Guy Whol). For more images, and a story on the sense of wonder these bugs offer, click on the image above.

Thanks Tilted Earth Festival!

Prescott Creeks was featured as one of the community partners at the Tilted Earth Wine and Music Festival in Cottonwood, AZ. With our involvement, Prescott Creeks was recently awarded a generous contribution from proceeds from Tilted Earth's silent auction fundraiser.

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25th

Prescott Creeks 25th Anniversary Celebration

Prescott Creeks is celebrating its 25th anniversary on Saturday, September 19. Join us for a day of family activities, tours in Watson Woods and our other project sites, good food, and commemorating 25 years of our work in Creeks-Connecting-Community. Stay tuned for more information.

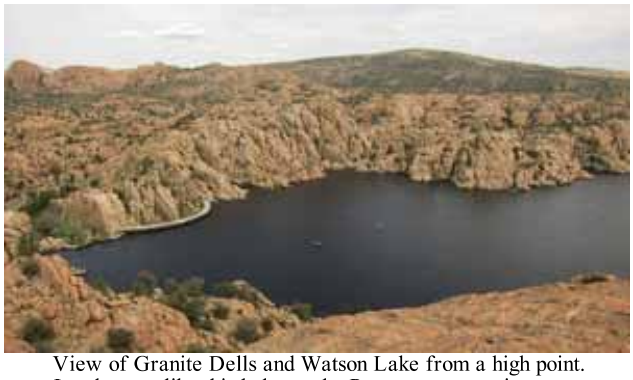


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Thanks to long-time supporters Eric and Gayle Glomski at Page Springs Cellars, the driving forces behind Tilted Earth, for their support for the community organizations working with them in bettering the places we call home.

Prescott City Elections Underway

City of Prescott Elections are underway, with ballots mailed the week of August 3-7. In addition to the Mayoral and Council races, there are a number of ballot initiatives that will help shape the Prescott of the future. Key ballot questions include voter approval for the 2015 General Plan (Question #1) and maintaining funding for open space, and natural places, in our community (Question #4).


View of Granite Dells and Watson Lake from a high point. Landscapes like this help set the Prescott community apart.

You can learn more about the 2015 ballot initiatives in the City's Voter Information Pamphlet. Information on the Mayoral and Council candidates can be found in the Prescott Chamber of Commerce Voter Guide. We encourage all of you to educate yourselves, spread the word to your friends and cohorts, and...vote!

Verde Stickers Available

Prescott Creeks has partnered with a number of other regional watershed organizations in a public awareness campaign to bring attention to the work of restoring and protecting the Verde River and its



Prescott's first Highlands Nature Festival is scheduled September 11-12. Prescott Creeks is looking forward to partnering in this event by offering, among many other Festival activities, a guided creek walk through the heart of downtown Prescott. For more information, visit the Festival website.


Granite Creek in downtown Prescott..

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 8: League of Women Voters 2015 Ballot Initiative Panel
August 15: Mile High Comedy Theater-Elks Theater
August 28: 4th Friday Art Walk
Saturdays-Ongoing: Prescott Farmers Market
Ongoing: Raven Cafe Art Exhibit-"Forces of Nature"

SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT

Over The Hill Gang

Don't let the name fool you! The Over the Hill Gang is far from running out of energy. This local hiking group has done so much in trails contruction and maintenance, advocating for trails and natural places in our community, and getting people out to enjoy our wild places. Their land and community stewardship ethic has been at work in their long-time support of Prescott Creeks and our events.

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tributaries. Friends of the Verde River Greenway are heading this effort and are getting the word out with a new bumper sticker.



If you would like to proudly display one of the new stickers, drop a note to us via our "Contact" link on our website. We'll let you know when they're in and you can stop by our cabin offices and pick one up.

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Hi Friend of Prescott Creeks,

September. Hints of Arizona autumn. Nights are cool; "perfect sleeping weather" as some of our fathers and grandfathers would note as they opened the windows wide before bed. Birds and butterflies and other insects are in their latitudinal and elevational migrations. Prescott Creeks is stocking firewood to keep the log cabin office warm in the months ahead...and gearing up for our 25th Anniversary Event! 25 years of working to restore and protect our water quality, our waterways that in many ways define our community, and the surrounding natural areas so critical for those passing birds and butterflies. 25 years. Time does fly when you're having fun!



Look carefully at the heart of this Watson Woods wildflower

Prescott Creeks 25th Anniversary

Prescott Creeks is celebrating its 25th Anniversary of working to restore and protect our water quality, our waterways, and the surrounding natural areas in and around our Prescott community. Join us **Saturday, September 19, 12:00-4:30**. Activities for the day include guided walks on our Watson Woods seasonal flora and fauna, tours of our recently completed rain gardens and natural landscaping for water retention projects, food and refreshments, family activities, and Cake and Celebration. More information and pre-registration can be found on

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Volunteers in Acker Park

ACKER PARK 20th BIRTHDAY PARTY
National Public Lands Day
Sat., September 26, 2015
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Come celebrate Acker Park, established by citizen vote in 1995, leaving a legacy of our natural places and testimony for citizen engagement in our community.

our website.

Highlands Natural History Festival



Prescott's first **Highlands Nature Festival** is scheduled for **September 11-12**. Prescott Creeks, along with many other organizations and individuals, is looking forward to partnering in this event. Activities and guided tours and walks include a Prescott Creeks-led Urban Creek Walk highlighting the cultural and natural history of Granite Creek's scenic corridor through the heart of our city. For more information and registration, please visit the event website.



Granite Creek in downtown Prescott

Verde Stickers Are In

Bumper stickers are now in for our upstream partner Friends of the Verde River Greenway's Verde River awareness campaign. You can find them at downtown Prescott outdoor stores or stop by our offices at 1801 N Hwy 89 to pick one up. They're free!



Friends of Acker Park along with Unity of Prescott and the Open Space Alliance are sponsoring this day of guided nature walks, booths, live music featuring *In Folk-Us*, youth discovery trail walks, birding activities, birthday cake and refreshements, and more. For more information, visit the event's website.



SEPTEMBER 8 IS PROTECT YOUR GROUNDWATER DAY

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, September 17, 5:00-6:30: Prescott Chamber of Commerce Mixer
September 24, 7:00: Prescott Audbon Program-"Verde River"
Saturdays-Ongoing: Prescott Farmers Market
Ongoing: Raven Cafe Art Exhibit-"Forces of Nature"

SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT



Thanks to our Business Member Quality Plastics for their support of our work to restore and protect the creeks and natural areas that offer so much for our community. Quality Plastics brings their dedication to quality and environmental conservation into all they do. Serving clients with custom blow-molded plastics design and production, Quality Plastics is proud of their being an active and contributing part of our community.

For more information on how your business can get involved in the the work of Prescott Creeks, please visit our website.

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Photo: Friends of the Verde River

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October 2015

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Hi Friend of Prescott Creeks,

A change in seasons. Cold rain now comes not from monsoon bursts, but from slow moving cold fronts. Leaves are changing, and falling. Bird migrants are passing through, with winter residents, like dark-eyed juncos, settling in from higher elevations and latitudes. The Prescott Creeks log cabin office has its winter firewood supply in and stacked. The colder months are not idle time. After celebrating our 25th Anniversary, Prescott Creeks is looking ahead to continued restoration work towards our mission of restoring and preserving our waterways and our water quality.



Watson Woods Wetland in Autumn

25th Anniversary Celebration



Making "Seed Bombs"



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You can help Prescott Creeks in a number of ways. Consider becoming a member, making a donation or volunteering on any number of projects designed to improve our community.



Butte Creek in a Fall Rain-Suzanne Morse

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jay's Bird Barn Bird Walks:
  - October 15: Aspen Spring

Our 25th Anniversary Celebration proved to be a big hit for all ages. Good food, engaging presentations and activities, and good company made for a wonderful celebration of 25 years of Creeks Connecting Community. Prescott Creeks is looking forward to our next 25 years!

The Road Ahead



Watson Lake Reservoir Sunrise

Prescott Creeks is in the planning stages of the next phase of Watson Woods restoration. With remarkable success in our earlier channel reconstruction, planting, and habitat restoration, we have a solid base from which to build our next series of efforts.

As Watson Lake Reservoir continues to be threatened by a list of contaminants, the City of Prescott is proposing to undergo a period of study and monitoring in order to more effectively address the runoff and other sources of pollution. Prescott Creeks has proven to be a leader in developing practical strategies to mitigate the problem of runoff contaminants in the Granite Creek Watershed and beyond. Our work in the Watson Woods Preserve has gone, and will go, to help restore natural stream function to reduce contaminants from reaching Watson Lake Reservoir; all towards our mission to achieve healthy watersheds and clean waters in our region.

- October 23: Willow Lake

- October 16: Sierra Club Yavapai Group Public Forum: *Protect Oak Flat*
- October 22: Prescott Audubon Society: *Recent Status and Distribution Changes of AZ Birds*
- October 23: Fourth Friday Art Walk
- October 26: Terry Tempest Williams and Brooke Williams at Prescott College Crossroads Center

SUPPORTER HIGHLIGHT Robert Israel - Prescott's Green Realtor



Robert Israel with Prescott Green Real Estate takes pride in his ability to offer a unique home buying experience. His intimate familiarty and knowledge of the community he serves ensures that his clients receive complete and honest information on a home, a neighborhood, and a place. Robert is an EcoBroker certified agent with a focus on green buildings and sustainable community development. More about Robert at Prescott Green Real Estate.

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Hi Friend of Prescott Creeks,

Autumn in Central Arizona seems to be a season of contrasts. This year, above average temperatures mixed with slow moving weather systems bringing welcome rain resulted in one of the most enjoyable and picturesque fall seasons in the Prescott area in recent years. The first snowfall, heavy and wet, was followed the next day by sunshine, people out enjoying the fall colors, and late-season water insects striding across clear flows in Granite Creek. Great horned and western screech owls are staking out nesting territory, while leaves are still changing and falling. Check our web galleries and Facebook page for more of our changing seasons.



Watson Woods Restoration

Prescott Creeks is looking ahead towards our next phase of restoration work in the Watson Woods Riparian Preserve. Through our efforts to date, we've seen restored function and natural flow patterns in Granite Creek through Watson Woods, reestablished ponds and wetlands offering habitat for kingfishers, a variety of warbler species, wood ducks, and other riparian-dependent bird species, and beyond-our-expectations success in our willow and cottonwood planting efforts throughout the Preserve. We are currently working with regional engineers and natural history experts in developing plans for our next phase. As we move

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Steven Druker: *Altered Genes, Twisted Truth*-Reading, Q&A, Booksigning
Peregrine Books; November 12, 5:30
Prescott College; November 13, 4:30

Watson Woods Volunteer Project; Saturday, November 14, 12:00-5:00PM

Urban Creek Walk; November 22, 1:00-4:00PM

Watson Woods Restoration Tour; December 19, 10:00AM-12:00PM

Watch for more volunteer events, walks, and tours in the coming weeks!

ahead, there are opportunities for you to make a difference in restoring Watson Woods and ensuring it remains an integral part of our community's landscape. Check our website for more information on a variety of upcoming volunteer projects, walks and tours, and how you can become a member and contributing supporter of Prescott Creeks.



Thumb Butte Sunset-Nancy Maurer Photography

Seasonal Cards Available Nov. 19th

Prescott Creeks will once again be offering seasonal greeting cards highlighting our distinct local landscape. Started by Friends of J.S. Acker Park, Prescott Creeks carries on the tradition of saying 'hello' from Prescott while supporting efforts in preserving the waterways and wild areas in our community. This year's cards feature an iconic Thumb Butte sunset (above) from Nancy Maurer Photography. The cards will be available through Prescott Creeks and at a number of local partner retail stores and organizations. See our website for more information on purchasing these unique cards.



Phenology Trail

Prescott Creeks is proud to be working with National Phenology Network and its Central Arizona Phenology



BUSINESS SUPPORTER HIGHLIGHT

PassionFly

We'd like to take the opportunity to thank our business supporters, including PassionFly. PassionFly offers eco-friendly art, cards, and custom printing services with a dedication to inspiring people to appreciate and protect wild creatures and places. PassionFly sets an example in putting their passion into action by dedicating 10% of their profits to conservation efforts like Prescott Creeks. You can join them in making a difference when you purchase their unique, creative products. More information on PassionFly products, services, local retailer locations, and online shopping at GetPassionfly.com.

More information on all our proud business supporters can be found on our website.

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Trail efforts. Phenology, the study of seasonal events, offers opportunities for rewarding involvement and contributions by citizen observers across the country. If you are one who is inclined to notice things like returning hummingbirds, budding willows, cottonwoods going to seed, falling leaves, and other seasonal events in your local environments, you might consider putting your aptitude to good use by becoming involved with this national project. Visit our website for more information on local and national phenology projects.

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Hello Friend,

As 2015 comes to a close, we'd like to take a moment and look ahead in our vision for healthy watersheds and clean waters in and for our community. With support from individuals like you, Prescott Creeks can build on our work in watershed restoration and preservation, improving the water quality of our creeks and reservoirs, and building awareness for our extraordinary natural places in the Prescott area.



During this season of giving, please consider making a year end tax-deductible contribution to help restore and preserve the places that help make Prescott a great place to live, work, and play.

Watson Woods Comes to Life

Once the site of the town dump and a gravel mining operation, Prescott Creeks has worked to restore Watson Woods and Granite Creek to a functioning floodplain, waterway, and wetlands zone, offering unique opportunities to explore and escape under a lush hardwood forest canopy in the heart of our community. In the colder months, Watson Woods' restored wetlands provide wintering grounds for a variety of waterfowl. In the spring and summer, the mature cottonwood forest is home for songbirds, butterflies, and a number of species threatened by the loss of riparian habitat through the Southwest. Among the successes we've proudly watched in Watson

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Creeks do connect community. Did you know that one of the early sources of support for Prescott's Greenways Trail System came from the transportation sector, to develop alternative transportation in our community? Perhaps you've dined or sipped a cup at a downtown establishment along the scenic banks of Granite Creek, and then strolled along the creek through lush green woods in the midst of urban concrete. These corridors offer more than scenic diversion and a quiet walk. In many communities, including Prescott, these urban trails connect businesses with residential and recreational areas.



Woods are a run of productive nesting seasons for Black hawks (pictured here). The restoration and preservation of these places is critical for the survival of Black hawks and other species that depend on these riparian habitats.

Prescott Creeks is now looking ahead to the next phases of restoring and preserving Watson Woods and other natural treasures in our community. Your donation will ensure these places remain a part of our community for generations to come.



Thumb Butte Sunset-Nancy Maurer Photography

Seasonal Cards Available Now

Prescott Creeks Seasonal Greeting Cards are now available at select locations in Prescott and online at the Prescott Creeks website. Packs of twelve feature the Thumb Butte Sunset from local artist Nancy Maurer (seen above) and an assortment of other seasonal images. Your purchase goes to support the preservation of the waterways and landscapes that set our community apart.



El Gato Azul proprietor Barry Barbe recognizes the possibilities in being connected by these trails. He, with Prescott Creeks, has hopes that the community renews its attention on these scenic urban trail corridors, offering residents and visitors a chance to walk from place to place, stopping at places like his to enjoy a meal beside a clear, rippling stream.
Keep an eye on Prescott Creeks' calendar for upcoming Urban Creek Walks highlighting the history and possibilities in our urban creeks and trails.

Upcoming Events

Acker Music Night: Friday, December 11, 5:30-8:30PM; Prescott's annual celebration of music and holiday spirit

Have a Local Christmas: Saturday, December 12, 12:00-4:00PM; Peregrine Books' showcase of local artisans

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Keep It Local For the Holidays!

When you set out for your holiday shopping, make sure to support our community by shopping, dining, and sipping at our distinct locally owned shops, restaurants, and other establishments. Local businesses are the heart of our community, where a good part of your purchases stays in the community supporting services and our quality of place. Make sure to thank our business members for their support of healthy watersheds and clean waters.

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Happy Holidays!

Thank You From Everyone at Prescott Creeks!

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