



The Creekside E-News

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Our biggest Granite Creek Cleanup yet!

Thank you to the over **500 people** came out to help clean our area creeks and lakes!

Final number: **10 tons** (yep, that's right) of trash



Of that, approximately

3 tons was upcycled into art. And the [City](#) recycled everything they could.



Making out area a nicer place one piece of trash removed at a time. Thank you to all the participants and sponsors.

Join us next year on Saturday, April 21st for the 2010 Granite Creek Cleanup.

Rick Hartner of [Sitting Duck Studios](#) reviews things pulled out of the creek at [Acker Park](#) by [Unity Church](#) for possible

Trash into Art

For those of you interested in participating in the recycled art show and auction, pieces need to be submitted to the Prescott Creeks office by July 1, 2011. They will then be reviewed by a selection committee.



Photo by [Royce Carlson](#)

After seeing the variety of art created during the Cleanup, we are very excited to see the final pieces.

The show details are still coming together. However, the auction will be held September 18th from 4—7 pm at the Granite Dells Resort.

Donate to Your Local Creeks

Your support is important to the work of restoring the habitat, improving water quality, and providing a more beautiful piece of our community. To support this work, [donate here](#).



The Clean Water Act

Recently the U.S. EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers released the [Draft Guidance on Identifying Waters Protected by the Clean Water Act](#). The draft guidance attempts to answer a very critical question -- which streams, wetlands and other waters are protected under the Clean Water Act? The guidance attempts to clear up confusion and protection problems following two Supreme Court decisions which muddied the waters on the question of "jurisdiction" or which waters receive Clean Water Act protections from pollution, dredge and fill, and other activities.

LEARN MORE

Want to bone up on the issue? River Network's [blog](#) on the release of the draft guidance includes links to a great blog post from NRDC on the draft guidance and to our past blog posts on the topic.

Herpetology for You

Dr. Cecil Schwalbe, a renowned herpetologist, ecologist with US Geological Survey, National Geographic expert, faculty member at U of A, mentor to more than 30 graduate students, co-author of *The*



Venomous Reptiles of Arizona, and much, much more, is returning to the Highlands Center. See our [Calendar Item](#) for more information.

Watson Woods is part way through a herpetological study. To volunteer with our herpetologist fill out our [online application](#).

