Prescott Creekside E-News

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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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As Prescott Creeks enters its next 25 years of working to restore and preserve our waterways and surrounding natural areas, we'd like to ask you to consider becoming a supporting partner in our work. Visit our website to find information on becoming a member, making a donation, or volunteering on any number of projects.



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 <u>upcoming volunteer projects</u>, <u>walks and tours</u>, and how you can <u>become a member</u> and <u>contributing supporter</u> 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.

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

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.

Prescott Creeks is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to achieve healthy watersheds and clean waters in central Arizona for the benefit of people and wildlife through protection, restoration, education and advocacy.

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