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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

[Watson Woods Restoration Tour](#): December 19, 10:00AM-12:00PM

[Watch for more](#) volunteer events, walks, and tours in the coming weeks!

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.

As Prescott Creeks enters its next 25 years of restoring and preserving 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](#).

Make sure you check the [Prescott Creeks Calendar](#) for updates on upcoming events, follow us on [Twitter](#), and 'Like' our [Facebook](#) page to keep up on the goings on here at Prescott Creeks!

Happy Holidays!

Thank You From Everyone at Prescott Creeks!

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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