

Prescott Creekside E-News

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Hello Friend,

Granite Creek Cleanup is behind us and we're wrapping up the numbers for what turned out to be a beautiful spring day event. Spring is slowly pulling away from winter, with a few last gasps of cold rain and sleet. Flowering plants are coming into bloom, with drifts of cottonwood seed tufts forming in the streets with the strong spring winds in our region.

Prescott Creeks is busy with our volunteers in our ongoing restoration work. We've also got a few events coming up worth noting. Read on for more about what's going on here at Prescott Creeks.



A Cleanup Find

Photo Credit: Peter Sherman

Granite Creek Cleanup a Big Success!

We must be doing something right. Saturday, April 23 came with a perfect bright, warm spring sunshine day, sandwiched between late winter-like storms. This year's Granite Creek Cleanup drew some 575 participants and over 30 volunteers. While participation was up, the amount of trash and discarded materials collected was down, totalling just over one ton of waste and recyclables collected and processed. Perhaps this is a sign of success. Our efforts just might be having an impact in both the conditions along our creeks and public awareness of how valuable our waterways and natural areas are.



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Upcoming Events



Page Springs Cellars and the City of Cottonwood have teamed up again for the 3rd Annual [Tilted Earth Festival taking place June 16-18](http://TiltedEarthFestival.com). A three-day celebration of culture, community and local economy, Tilted Earth highlights artisans in the fields of craft drink, food, music, and the fine arts. This year's stellar music lineup features [Taj Mahal](#), [Sister Sparrow and the Dirty Birds](#), [Muddy Magnolias](#), and much more. Prescott Creeks and Yavapai Big Brothers and Sisters are working together as this year's Tilted Earth Silent Auction organizers, and will be sharing the proceeds from this event. More at TiltedEarthFestival.com.

May 6: [Parker Smith Goes Vinyl](#) Fundraiser at Granite Mountain Brewing.

May 14: [CWAG Low Water Use Landscapes Tour](#)

May 21: [Watson Woods Tour](#)

May 26: Prescott Audubon Society Presents ['Beautiful Birds of Belize'](#) with Eric Moore

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We've got more Cleanup pictures [on our Facebook page](#). We hope to see everyone back for next year's Cleanup, with more activities and projects planned for the day.

Managing Invasive Species: A Critical Component of Restoration

Spring also brings the seasonal emergence of many of [our invasive vegetation species](#). While some of these non-native 'weeds' are not much of a threat, many are proving to be so prolific and aggressive that they take over and dramatically degrade local and regional ecosystems. Invasives can bring changes in soil chemistry, diminish biodiversity and species richness, and cause a loss of wildlife habitat.



Prescott Creeks works with a number of conservation organizations, land managers, and regional agencies to manage the spread of invasives as part of our watershed restoration efforts. Throughout the year, but particularly during the periods of rapid growth in spring and summer, our staff and volunteers are actively involved in cutting and pulling common teasel (pictured above), tamarisk (or salt cedar), Siberian elm, a number of invasive thistle species, and other problematic non-native vegetation. Limiting the growth and spread of invasives gives native planting and seeding efforts, as well as natural vegetation processes, a chance to take hold and create healthy, functional ecosystems.



We'd like to thank [MadShirts of Prescott](#) for their support of Prescott Creeks. Prescott Creeks has been relying on MadShirts for putting together and producing our popular Granite Creek Cleanup t-shirts since 2012. Jason and the MadShirts staff are dedicated to quality design and customer service in not only t-shirts, but offer full-service custom printing for stickers, cards, signs and banners, and more. Striving to keep their production local, MadShirts can help get your ideas turned into quality imaging for your club, organization, event, or business. [Visit their website](#) for more information on MadShirts services.

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Thanks Again to all our 2016 Cleanup Sponsors!



As Prescott Creeks works to restore and preserve our waterways and surrounding natural areas and build awareness for the value they bring to our community, 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.

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!

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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