

Prescott Creekside E-News

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Hello Friend,

Well, it got hot. As we sweat, we're thinking of some of the Preserve's residents and their new families. The Common Black Hawks are believed to have a successful nest for a 5th year in the Preserve. We're watching a few hummingbird nests and, as you'll read down to the right in the next column, Watson Woods has a Vermillion Flycatcher nest. Woot! All signs that our feathered friends seem to like the areas along Granite Creek at are being protected and restored.

Tilted Earth Festival

Hopefully you've heard and know about the [Tilted Earth Festival](#) by now. If not, you should know that it is coming up! It takes place **June 16-18**. That's in two weeks. We'd also like you to know that [Prescott Creeks](#) and [Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters](#) have teamed up to host a Silent Auction at the Festival. *100% of the proceeds from the silent auction will benefit kids and the environment in Yavapai County.*



Tilted Earth Festival was founded in 2014 by Eric Gmomski, Owner/Director at [Page Springs Cellars](#) and a past President of Prescott Creeks during the mid-1990s. In Eric's words, "the Festival was created to foster the growth of culture, community and the economy in the great Verde Valley of Arizona. Tilted strives to accomplish these goals by tilling the "soils" on and around the Summer Solstice each year by producing the Tilted Earth Festival. The "seeds" will be sown in this soil by the hands of attending artisans from the fields of craft drink, food, music and fine arts. After planting, the fields will be "watered" by the local



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Upcoming Events

June 5: [Verde River Clean-Up Day](#)

June 11: [Jay's Bird Barn Walk at Granite Basin](#)

June 16-18: [Tilted Earth Festival](#)

June 25: [Jay's Bird Barn Walk at Stricklin Park](#)
[Verde River Pollinator Habitat Restoration](#)

June 29: [Cuckoos on the Upper Verde River IBA](#)

June 30: [Jay's Bird Barn Walk at Apen Creek](#)

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!

Notes from the Field

Volunteers with the [Prescott Audubon Society](#) continues to monitor Watson Woods Riparian Preserve and the birdlife found there. Primary focus is on changes resulting from channel and floodplain restoration work that took place between 2009 and 2013. The most recent monitoring trip turned up a male and female Vermillion flycatcher's on a nest. Notable as the first occurrence since monitoring began in 2008!

Business Supporter Highlight

Dede Erceg, founder of Garden Brook Realty, first discovered the pleasures of living in Northern Arizona as a student attending Embry Riddle

community - Arizonans from far-and-wide, and eventually people from all over the country and world. The cultural and economic fruit grown and harvested from this effort will strengthen our people, our families, our community, and our economy."



Follow the links to find out more about the [music line up](#), [food and drink](#) and/or [tickets](#) at this [all-ages event](#). Watch for more info on the silent auction [here](#).

Families in Nature Research

Prescott Creeks has been coordinating with Fran Haynes, a graduate student at Prescott College to learn more about family time spent in nature. Her exploration of this topic needs your help! Fran is looking for interested families that have children 7 years and older that are interested in participating in the project. Families can be single parent families, blended families, foster families, etc! The project consists of several nature events at [Watson Woods Riparian Preserve](#) that will include a family led nature scavenger hunt, fun drawing and writing activities and a questionnaire. Snacks will be provided and participating families will receive a gift bag in appreciation for their valuable time! Each participating child will also receive a nature explorer patch!



The events days are: June 4th, June 18th, June 25th, or July 9th and run from 2-4pm at Watson Woods Riparian Preserve. The great news is that

Aeronautical University in Prescott. It didn't take long for Dede and her husband, John, to discover the extraordinary advantages of living in Northern Arizona. They fell in love with the clean air and small town atmosphere of Prescott and decided make Prescott their permanent home.



While attending Embry-Riddle, started an 18 year career with Safeway. During that time, she and her husband put every extra dollar they earned into real estate, investing in Prescott and the surrounding area while raising their two young daughters Angela and Heather.

In 2003, Dede decided to change careers and follow in the footsteps of her father, a successful real estate professional doing business for 30 years in the San Francisco Bay Area and Northern California. She promptly secured her Arizona Real Estate license and went on to obtain her Arizona Broker's license. She wanted to share her personal success in real estate with others.

Dede and Prescott Creeks connected through her role as a member of the [Alta Vista Garden Club](#). Dede quickly stepped up to support Prescott Creeks and the Granite Creek Cleanup as well as signing [Garden Brook Realty](#) on as a Business member.

Our business supporters recognize how Prescott's distinct local businesses and our waterways and natural areas help build a dynamic community and a healthy local economy. Please make sure to thank them for their support of healthy watersheds and clean waters.

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.

interested families only have to sign up for one event! If interested, you can sign up for an event on the [project website](#). It is going to be a blast! She hopes to see you there!

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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