

Prescott Creekside E-News

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Hello Friend,

Spotty, early monsoon rains just teased much of the landscape in the Prescott area. The remarkably dry conditions stress wildlife and vegetation, and increase water demands for those trying to get their gardens through to a more consistent rain season. The shelter offered by our threatened wooded riparian areas becomes critical for many of our local animal species. As we watch our creeks and intermittent pools dry up, waiting for those rains, let it be a reminder for us not to take these resources for granted. Through restoration, preservation, and building awareness for our water and riparian resources will we ensure they remain a vital part of our landscape, and our community.



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Upcoming Events

[U of AZ Extension Monsoon Madness Plant and Yard Sale](#); July 9, 7:30AM-12:30PM.

[Cuckoos on the Upper Verde River](#); July 13.

[Volunteer Activity-Watson Woods Restoration](#); July 21, 8:00-11:00AM.

[Prescott Chamber of Commerce Mixer](#) at Highlands Center for Natural History; July 21, 5:00-6:30.

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!

Tilted Earth Silent Auction a Success

Thanks to all the businesses, artists, volunteers, and others who helped make the [Titled Earth Festival Silent Auction](#) a success. Prescott Creeks teamed with [Yavapai Big Brothers and Sisters](#) to put on the silent auction at this year's celebration of music, wine, art, of community, and of place. With the generous contributions from area businesses, such as Prescott's [Gray Dog Guitars](#) (donating a guitar signed by blues legend and festival headliner Taj Mahal, pictured here), among so many others, the Silent Auction has raised over \$13,000 to date to support the work of Prescott Creeks and Yavapai Big Brothers and Sisters.

Volunteer Recognition

Prescott Creeks recently recognized the work of some of our dedicated volunteers at our Annual Meeting Social and Volunteer Recognition event. We rely on the efforts of so many in the work we do. This year, we took a moment to thank a few volunteers that stand out, each in their own way:

- Jim Gomon
- Anne-Marie Read
- Decision Point Center (staff pictured below)



Auction Bidding Still Open

With the outstanding support we've received from our auction contributors, Prescott Creeks is giving everyone an opportunity to browse and bid on auction items online. Take a moment to [browse what are some pretty good bargains on the fine items](#), including works by local and regional artists, dining and hotel/resort accomodations right here at home and around the state, classes and instruction opportunities, vacation packages, and more...and [make a bid online](#).

Volunteer Activities-Watson Woods

Prescott Creeks is [holding volunteer activities](#) in creeks and riparian restoration Thursday mornings, July 21 and August 4. Summer is a critical time to stay on top of invasive vegetation species management in restored areas such as the Riparian Preserve here at Watson Woods and others throughout our watershed. Through the work of our volunteers cutting and pulling aggressive invasive vegetation, native plants, both those that have come on their own and those planted in our ongoing restoration efforts (including the new growth on our willow plantings pictured above), have a good chance to take hold and establish themselves in these restored local ecosystems. [Visit our website](#) for more information and sign up for these events.



Business Supporter Highlight



Long-time Prescott Creeks supporter [Page Springs Cellars](#) is a family owned vineyard and winery crafting fine Arizona Wines tucked into the rolling landscape overlooking pristine Oak Creek. Page Springs Cellars Arizona winery offers finely crafted wines, gourmet food selections, and breathtaking views. [Visit their tasting room](#), located 15 minutes south of Sedona, for a sample of their fine wines, distinct food selections, and a unique retreat among the vineyards, Oak Creek, and surrounding hills.

Page Springs Cellars serves as a model for stewardship, generously giving to a number of community-based organizations and hosting festivals and events.

[Our business and community supporters](#) recognize how our local and regional businesses, community organizations, and our waterways and natural areas are part of dynamic, thriving communities and healthy local economies. 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.

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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