

Prescott Creekside E-News

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Hello Friend,

Restored sections of Granite Creek and surrounding riparian floodplain in Watson Woods Riparian Preserve are doing just what they are meant to do in this late, and in some places record, monsoon season.



Restored natural streambanks and floodplains disperse and distribute high flows, thus distributing their impact over a wider area and reducing damage found in more concentrated artificial stream beds. Restored vegetation features help stabilize and hold the soil. Wetlands filled by these intermittent wild flows enhance groundwater restoration and filtration of sediment and pollutants.

It all makes for some amazing viewing, too.



American Conservation Experience

[American Conservation Experience \(ACE\)](#) recently



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Upcoming Events

[Jay's Bird Barn Bird Walk-Willow Lake](#); Guided bird walk around Willow Lake and surrounding fields and riparian forest; Friday, September 9, 7:00-11:00AM

[CWAG Presents "Viva la Verde"](#) Film and discussion; Saturday, September 10, 10:00AM-12:00PM

[Prescott Creeks CREW Volunteer Event](#); Thursday, September 15, 8:00-11:00AM

[Prescott 10th Annual Social Pow-Wow](#); September 23-25.



Call for Photos

Prescott Creeks will once again be offering our popular Seasonal Cards, featuring winter scenes showcasing our landscape and community. We are currently soliciting photos from area artists for our Seasonal Card Photo Contest. We are asking photographers of all ages and experience levels to send us your winter season images. We will select one entry, maybe more, to be featured on these cards that will be sent with pride to friends and relatives across the country and around the world.

Send your photos to News@PrescottCreeks.org, Attention Seasonal Card Photos.

spent a week working with Prescott Creeks to eradicate Salt Cedar (tamarisk) in Watson Woods. ACE offers young people ages 18-25 interested in a conservation or land management career to explore their interests, learn practical field skills, and develop confidence as emerging leaders in the field of conservation. ACE crews have annually contributed in Prescott Creeks invasive vegetation management efforts.



This year, we focused our efforts with the ACE crew on removing Salt Cedar, or tamarisk, that has recently propagated in the Watson Woods Preserve. Once widely thought to not be a threat in the higher elevations of the Prescott area, this invasive from North Africa and the Middle East has taken hold, and is starting to take over, parts of our local watershed.

The hot and dry 2016 spring and early summer offered ideal conditions for Salt Cedar to spread. Extending their root structure to outcompete native vegetation, Salt Cedar has become a primary shoreline and riparian plant species throughout much of the Colorado River Basin. Through the work of the ACE crew and volunteers from the community, we hope to keep it in check in our region, allowing native plants and trees to establish themselves in restored areas.

Prescott Creeks, as leaseholders and managers for the Watson Woods Riparian Preserve with the City of Prescott, will continue building awareness and support in our long-term commitment in this community resource. Look for more in the weeks and months ahead as we look at the future, and how this community treasure will continue to be a part of our changing landscape.



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!

Business Supporter Highlight



Prescott Creeks would like to thank [Fann Environmental](#) for their generous support for our restoration and outreach work in preserving our local and regional watersheds. A long-time business sponsor of our annual Granite Creek Cleanup, Fann Environmental has also been a critical partner in our Watson Woods Riparian Preserve restoration and planting efforts. Throughout our restoration work, Fann Environmental has provided equipment and labor for the extensive projects that have led to Watson Woods and Granite Creek being restored to a functional and aesthetic waterway and riparian retreat.

Fann Environmental, LLC offers planning, regulatory permitting, operation, maintenance, and design services, and construction of wastewater treatment plants and water distribution facilities. Fann Environmental is an active community partner in addressing the watershed health and water quality issues of our community.

[Our business and community supporters](#) recognize how our local 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 restores and preserves our waterways and surrounding natural areas and builds awareness for the value they bring to our community, please take a moment to become 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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