



Prescott Creekside E-News

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Hello Friends,

Happy New Year from Prescott Creeks! We wish all of you the very best for the year ahead, and beyond.



The closing days of 2016 brought heavy snow to Central and Northern Arizona. Rain and moderate temperatures have our creeks running at steady flows with the sustained snow pack in the higher elevations from where our creeks are fed.

The National Weather Service announced that 2016 was the ninth wettest year on record for the Prescott area. Most of that precipitation, though, fell in the form of rain. While rain, often coming in sudden monsoon bursts, quickly runs off and moves downstream, groundwater



recharge and more consistent local stream flow is dependent on this kind of sustained snow pack providing meltwater through the spring.

The Prescott area historically has seen more regular and consistent snowfall, and snow pack, in the high country. Warmer, shorter winters and drought patterns over

much of the last 15 years have resulted in challenges in water resource management across the West. For those of us who enjoy watching a rippling Granite Creek while sitting in a downtown coffee shop, or taking a Thumb Butte walk accompanied by a gurgling Miller Creek, let's just enjoy winter, and wish for more snow!



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 2016 year-end appeal a success! With

support from all of you who value our waterways and wild places, we're looking ahead to a productive 2017 restoring more of our creeks and riparian areas and building awareness and appreciation for the Prescott community's natural resources.



Upcoming Events

[Citizens Water Advocacy Group Annual Meeting/Planning Retreat](#): Saturday, January 14, 10:00AM-2:30PM

[CREW Volunteer Event](#): Thursday, January 19, 8:00-11:00AM

[Urban Creek Walk](#): Saturday, January 28, 10:00-12:00; Join us for a guided tour along the downtown Greenways Trail, exploring Prescott's historical and contemporary connections to our waterways and green corridors.

[Upcoming CREW volunteer events](#) will take advantage of winter's dormant vegetation and (often) solid footing to get a jump on invasive weeds management. Keeping invasives in check allow native vegetation to take hold in our restored riparian areas.

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!

Urban Creek Walk Scheduled

The Prescott Creeks staff will be leading a guided Urban Creek Walk Saturday, January 28, beginning at 10:00AM. *Creeks Connect*

Community, and Prescott's history is no exception. Our community was built along our waterways. Our urban creeks and green corridors are a part of our quality of life and quality of place that we realize today. As we look to the future, economic and community development

incorporating our natural landscapes and the opportunities they offer will help ensure a thriving, dynamic community of tomorrow.

Join us as we explore Prescott's rich social and natural history, and possibilities for the future, along our urban waters. [Visit our website for more information and to sign up](#) for this popular event.



Do take the opportunities winter offers here in Central Arizona. Bundle up, slip your boots on, and enjoy the diversity of seasons...and take a friend along!

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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Annual Seasonal Cards Still Available

Prescott Creeks has a handful of what turned out to be our very popular 2016 Seasonal Greeting cards still available. The cards, featuring a winter Prescott area high country landscape, are blank inside, offering the opportunity to use them throughout the year. Packets of ten, at \$10, are available at our Prescott Creeks log cabin office. Call us at 928-445-5669 to arrange pick-up.



Community Supporter Spotlight

We thank **Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation (GPUU)** for their support of Prescott Creeks' outreach activities in our



community. GPUU invites you to share in their welcoming, inclusive tradition that actively promotes diversity and compassion

within their congregation, and within the community we share. Sunday services at 10:00 offer opportunities to explore the possibilities of faith. For more on GPUU, please visit their website at www.prescottuu.org.

Please visit our website for [more information on our Business and Community Supporters](#) and to find out more on [how your business or organization can be a part of](#) the work and outreach we do.

Get Involved

Memberships and donations throughout the year are essential for our restoration, preservation, and outreach efforts. Visit our website where you can [renew your membership](#), [become a new member](#), or [make a donation](#) today.

There are opportunities for [volunteers](#) to help on a number of projects, including our regularly scheduled [CREW \(Conservation, Restoration, Education for our Watersheds\)](#) Volunteer Activities.

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