



Prescott Creekside E-News

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Hello Friend,

Many of our friends and relatives outside of Arizona imagine we spend all our days basking in summer-like weather with towering saguaros providing a backdrop. Here in the high country of Central Arizona, some are surprised when they encounter snow, ice, and recent morning temp's in the low teens (above zero, that is).



Our snowpack has provided consistent moderate flows to our local streams. A walk along now-rippling Granite Creek downtown, Butte Creek on the Prescott College Campus, or Aspen Creek in the neighborhoods south of town can highlight just what these waterways add to our community. [With your support](#) to build awareness and appreciation and to sustain our work to restore and preserve these local resources, we can ensure they will be a part of our landscape for generations to come.

Granite Creek Cleanup: Save the Date!

This year's Granite Creek Cleanup is scheduled for **April 22, 2017**. Make sure to save the date for this annual community rite-of-spring celebration of our creeks and wild places!



Upcoming Events

[CREW Volunteer Event](#): Thursday, February 16, 8:00-11:00AM

[Jay's Bird Barn Bird Walk-Goldwater Lake](#): Saturday, February 25, 8:00AM-12:00PM

[CREW Volunteer Event](#): Thursday, March 2, 8:00-11:00AM

[Upcoming CREW volunteer events](#) offer opportunities to learn about and get involved in ongoing habitat restoration efforts in our community. With the onset of spring, activities will include invasive vegetation management, maintenance and restoration, and monitoring of restored sites.



Watson Woods Wetland in Autumn

[Art at the Preserve: Healing the Human Bond with Nature Through Creative Arts](#)

March 23-April 27; This Yavapai College



The 2017 Cleanup will feature an expanded offering of the traditional spring trash and debris pick-up along our creeks as well as restoration service projects and educational activities for all ages. [Visit our website for more information and event early registration](#) in the coming days.

Urban Creek Walk

Saturday, January 28, brought perfect Prescott winter weather for our Urban Creek Walk. Participants bundled up for the morning, and then shed a layer as the sun pushed temperatures into the 40's by the end of the tour.



Participants spent a leisurely morning looking for early spring growth on the native willows and invasive Siberian elm, and learning to tell the difference between them. Taking time beside an 1890's dam on Miller Creek, we found lessons in sedimentation and costs associated with water management still relevant today. Western bluebirds, hairy woodpeckers, and a host of other wintering birds kept us company while we stopped to notice ice and ripple formations on Granite Creek in the heart of downtown.

Urban Creek Walks offer opportunities to explore our rich social and natural history along our waterways. [Watch our website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for more of these and other tours and events in the days ahead.

Thanks to [Ashley Darling](#) for the artistic eye and photos from the day's walk.

Community Education program will utilize the setting of Watson Woods and offer participants a combination of environmental education, on-site service project participation, and healing exercises in the expressive arts. [Visit the Yavapai College website](#) for more information.

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 Spotlight



Prescott Creeks would like to thank [Cathy Trent State Farm Insurance](#) of Prescott for her support for the restoration, preservation, and outreach work we do. Located in Prescott since 2008, Cathy Trent brings thirty years of

State Farm experience to serve her customers with all their insurance needs. As a member of our community, Cathy Trent State Farm Insurance recognizes the value our waterways and natural places contribute to the quality of life, and quality of place, we enjoy in the Prescott area. For more information, please visit their website at [cathytrent.com](#).

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 preservation work and outreach we do.



Get Involved

Memberships and donations throughout the year are essential to 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.



Take the time to get out and enjoy the opportunities our Prescott area outdoors offers...in all seasons...and make sure to take a kid along. Be sure to let us know what you find by sharing it [on our Facebook page](#).

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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