



Prescott Creekside E-News

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Hello Friend,

The storms we've experienced this winter have brought remarkable flows in Granite Creek. The sight of water overflowing its banks and braiding itself into the Watson Woods floodplain can seem intimidating. This flooding in places where it has historically occurred, like Watson Woods, however, is a critical part of restoring habitat and ecosystem functions to the watershed, and to our community.



Healthy floodplains, like that of the restored Watson Woods Riparian Preserve, are essential during periods of high flow. A creek or river dispersed over natural floodplain runs slower and with less force than when it is constricted into an unstable narrow channel, as we see in most developed areas. Slowing the creek allows for nutrients and sediment to settle before it reaches our lakes and reservoirs, where they only add to the pollutant levels in some of our impaired waterways.

Prescott Creeks continues to work to restore and protect our streams and wild places. [Your donations and membership contributions are critical](#) to ensure natural places like Watson Woods remain a vital part of our community.



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Upcoming Events



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

March 23-April 27; This Yavapai College 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.

Business Supporter Spotlight



Prescott Creeks would like to thank [The Hike Shack of Prescott](#) for their support for the restoration, preservation, and outreach work we do; and for all they do in our community. Whether you are a serious expedition hiker or just discovering what our local trails and crags offer, The Hike Shack of Prescott has the outdoor gear and assistance you need. Come in and



Granite Creek Cleanup Coming April 22!

This year's [Granite Creek Cleanup is scheduled for April 22, 2017](#). This annual community rite-of-spring event brings out over 500 of our friends and neighbors to clean up and celebrate our creeks and wild places !

With increased participation the last few years, this year's 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. [Watch our web page](#) for early online registration coming soon.



Recent storms have made for some remarkable scenes along all our creeks and washes. [It's up to us to make sure our waterways and wild places remain a part of our community for generations to come.](#)

browse, and catch up on what the Prescott outdoors offers people of all ages and experience. Visit their website at azhikeshack.com for more information.

Please make sure to stop in and support [our local business members](#) and Granite Creek Cleanup sponsors, and thank them for being involved in making our community a better place to live, work, and play!

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 and outreach work 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 ongoing restoration work in the Watson Woods Riparian Preserve. [Watch our calendar](#), ["Like" us on Facebook](#), and [follow us on Twitter](#) for upcoming events and activities.

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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