

# Prescott Creekside E-News

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Hello Friend,

Even though it has seemed dry for some time now, the past weekend represented the end of the 2017 North American Monsoon Season. In spite of the recent lack of precipitation, Prescott was reported to have had the [3rd wettest in the past 10 years](#) and the 7th wettest in the past 30 years. Cool nights, with smoke in the air are a sign that it is October. All of the creeks are changing into their fall costumes an offering a wonderful show for close observers.



## Preserve Infrastructure

You might have noticed the construction at Hwy 89 and Prescott Lakes Parkway over the last several months. This project is the first phase of a much needed overhaul of Prescott's aging sewer system. During this project, the City has worked with Prescott Creeks to minimize disturbance within the Preserve. The originally planned open-trench across Granite Creek and its floodplain changed a Horizontal Directional Drill approach to bore under the creek which would avoid bulldozing mature cottonwood trees that were home to a family of nesting Black Hawks. It also prevented direct impact to the Granite Creek channel. As the project comes to a close in the Preserve, disturbed areas have been seeded and Prescott Creeks will plant slopes and other areas with volunteers to restore the area to pre-project conditions. [Read the full story of the project and/or sign up to volunteer here.](#)



## Upcoming Events

### [Bird Watching with Jay's Bird Barn:](#)

Friday, October 6th 8:00-12 Noon  
 Friday, October 13th 8:00-12 Noon  
 Thursday, October 19th 8:00-12 Noon  
 Thursday, October 26th 8:00-12 Noon

### [WCCR Adaptive Mgmt & Water Webinar:](#)

Monday, October 9th 12 Noon-1:15 PM

### [PNF Fire & Forest Mgmt Presentation:](#)

Wednesday, October 11th 6:00-8:00 PM

### [AZ Native Plant Society Meeting:](#)

Thursday, October 12th 6:30-8:30 PM

### [CWAG Deep Well Ranch Water Impact Mtg:](#)

Saturday, October 14th 8:00 AM-12 Noon

### [Prescott Creeks Volunteer CREW:](#)

Thursday, October 19th 8:00-11:00 AM

### [Natural History Institute Book Club:](#)

Friday, October 20th 9:00-11:00 AM

### [AZ Native Plant Society Field Trip:](#)

Saturday, October 21st 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

### [Prescott Audubon Society Mtg:](#)

Thursday, October 26th 7:00-9:00 PM

### [Prescott Creeks Autumn Preserve Tour:](#)

Saturday, October 28th 9:00-11:00 AM

## Businesses Supporter Spotlight



## **Art in Nature**

In early August this year Denise Incao, local artist and Mater of Arts student, offered a multi-day program at Watson Woods Riparian Preserve to help people explore through art and experience their personal relationships to nature. Field trips with Prescott Creeks and Hopi artist Filmer Kewanyama were coupled with service work to help participants gain a first-hand understanding of the Preserve, its history and the connection people have with the place. Incao said ‘the Preserve is a wild and wonderful treasure in our community. Once degraded by humans and now is healing with the help of humans. [Read the full story of Art in Nature here.](#)



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