



# Prescott Creekside E-News

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Hello Friend,

Granite Creek Cleanup is two weeks away! Sticking with tradition, Prescott Creeks is hosting the Granite Creek Cleanup on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, from 9 AM - Noon. Annually since the 1980s, Prescott community members gather at Granite Creek Park, combining their effort to remove trash from our creeks. Eleven years of Prescott Creeks leadership for this event have resulted in 46 tons of trash being removed by over 5000 volunteers. *Good job!*

Please join us at the Cleanup this year. If you know you are coming, please pre-register at [www.PrescottCreeks.org/Cleanup](http://www.PrescottCreeks.org/Cleanup). Registering in advance allows you to select your desired location and tasks, and it helps us plan a successful day out for everyone. When you submit the pre-registration form, you should receive a confirmation email. If you registered online and did not receive a confirmation email, please contact us by emailing [Cleanup@PrescottCreeks.org](mailto:Cleanup@PrescottCreeks.org). Note the Cleanup activities at Watson Woods Riparian Preserve this year. Targeted trash collection and trail work have been added as important stewardship opportunities.

Check out the 2018 Cleanup Sponsor group listed in the column to the right.



## New Riparian Habitat in the Preserve



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### Upcoming Events

#### [Granite Creek Cleanup](#)

Saturday, April 21st 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

#### [Jay's Bird Barn - Bird Walks](#)

Thursday, April 12th 7:00 - 11:00 AM

Wednesday, April 18th 7:00 - 11:00 AM

Friday, May 4th 7:00 - 11:00 AM

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

Thursday, April 12th 6:30 PM

#### [CWAG Water Harvesting Workshop](#)

Saturday, April 14th 10:00 AM - 12 Noon

#### [Rainwater Harvesting Presentation](#)

Saturday, April 14th 3:00 - 4:30 PM

#### [Native Plant Society Volunteer Opportunity](#)

Sunday, April 15th 8:00 AM

#### [WaterSmart: Drop by Drop](#)

Wednesday, April 18th 12:00 - 1:00 PM

#### [C.R.E.W. Volunteer Event](#)

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

#### [PAS - "Window on Nature" Presentation](#)

Thursday, April 19th 7:30 - 8:30 PM

#### [Verde Valley Birding & Nature Festival](#)

Thursday, April 26th - Sunday, April 29th

#### [Native Plant Society Volunteer Opportunity](#)

Wednesday, May 2nd 7:30 AM

#### [C.R.E.W. Volunteer Event](#)

Thursday, May 3rd 8:00 - 11:00 AM

### Cleanup Sponsorship Group

We'd like to welcome our new and returning sponsors for the 2018 Cleanup. Please take every

During this past winter, Prescott Creeks took the opportunity provided by the dormancy of Cottonwood trees and Willow shrubs to harvest pole cuttings for revegetation in the Preserve. Cottonwoods and Willows are members of the Willow Family, (Salicaceae) of which all members have an amazing ability to reproduce asexually. In the wild they grow along waterways, where are subjected to periodic floods. The force of flooding can break off branches, which can get washed downstream and buried in the sand. With continued access to water, these branches will sprout roots and grow into full-size trees and shrubs. We humans can take advantage of this natural ability to clone Willow Family plants with relatively little effort and no high-tech equipment. All that is needed to clone Cottonwoods and Willows are cuttings of healthy branches, which can be soaked in the creek and then planted. From late December to early February, Prescott Creeks harvested over 500 cuttings. This could not have been achieved without the many hours of assistance provided by Yavapai County Adult Probation Restitution Work Crews and several community volunteers. In late March, every single one of these pole cuttings was planted.



Cottonwoods and Willows are known as *phreatophytes*, which means they must be planted deep enough that they are in contact with groundwater. As it turns out, Prescott Creeks has several groundwater monitoring wells within Watson Woods that told us we needed to go at least 9 feet deep to hit water. Achieving this depth required the use of a backhoe and an experienced operator to dig deep pits without causing unnecessary disturbance. Sincere thanks go to Mike Young and Bill Sullivan from Fann Environmental, and to our outstanding volunteers Dave Frechette, Jim Gomon, and Richard Balland for helping us plant this riparian vegetation. Planting pits ranged in depth from 6 feet deep in low-lying areas to over 12 feet deep at the higher elevation locations.

For more information, read the full article [here](#).



opportunity to thank them for making this event possible. It wouldn't happen without their support.

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