



Prescott Creekside E-News



January 2012

Conserve * Restore * Celebrate



Join the Highlands Center for **Green**

What Do You Think?



The **Watershed Improvement Plan** is ready for review and we would like your opinion. [Click here](#) to review the plan for the Upper Granite Creek Watershed and give your feedback. Comment deadline has been extended to January 31, 2012.

Watson Woods Needs Your Voice



Arizona Water Protection Fund is in jeopardy and your help is needed. During this past legislative session, the Arizona

Fire! Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 1:30pm for the first full-length, high-definition documentary ever made about legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold.

1375 S. Walker Rd
\$3 members;
\$5 nonmembers
Seating is first come, first served. Space is limited. 928-776-9550



After more than six months of work and many more months of thought and planning, **Creek Care: Your Stewardship Guide to the Granite Creek Watershed** is complete! to learn more about the guide see Amanda's blog [here.](#)

session, the Arizona Legislature voted to permanently eliminate general fund appropriations to the program. This is of critical importance to Prescott Creeks and Watson Woods Riparian Preserve. **We need you to [write a letter](#) to help Watson Woods before it's too late.** For more information see Michael Byrd's blog [here.](#)

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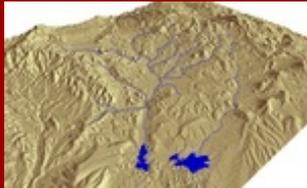


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Creek Care Guides Coming Soon



The "impaired" status of Prescott's Watson Lake comes not from a major polluter, say the experts, but rather from the little things - the fluids leaking from a car, the pet waste left in a wash, the fertilizer used in a garden.

Because of the extensive watershed that feeds Watson Lake, many of the byproducts of urban life ultimately end up in the lake.

The resulting high levels of pollutants have rendered Watson Lake unsuitable for swimming, and have contributed to the unsightly blanket of algae that appears on the lake each summer. To help remind

Granite Creek Cleanup

Saturday, April 21, 2012

9 - 11 am Starting at Granite Creek Park



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For more information or to pre-register:

PrescottCreeks.org or (928)445-5669

Watson Woods has been especially woody



We have had lots of activity going on at Watson Woods this past month! One thing that is especially exciting is that we are making significant progress in getting much of the large, downed, woody debris that has been scattered throughout Watson Woods since our forest fires in 1997 and 2005. January 12th-18th, Arizona Public Service Company (APS) was extremely kind enough to donate an Asplundh Tree Expert Company Crew to "mop up" and cut a majority of the downed trees and limbs into firewood size pieces. The plan is gather the wood and donate it to various community service organizations and families in need of firewood. More information [here](#).



residents about the impacts of their actions, and to offer tips for how to reduce the pollution, the Prescott Creeks organization has produced "[Creek Care](#)," a 21-page pamphlet that is full of practical suggestions and information.

For more information see the article [here](#).



Come [celebrate](#) Karen O'Neil, Prescott Creeks board member and birder-extraordinaire tomorrow night at Yavapai College 6:30 - 8 pm in the Susan W. Webb Community Room, Building 19, Room 147.

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[Granite Creek Cleanup](#) [Pre-Registration is](#) [Open](#)

This year's Granite Creek Cleanup will be starting 9 am at Granite Creek Park on Saturday, April 21st. Join the hundreds of Prescott volunteers working to make Prescott a better place for everyone. During this year's Granite Creek Cleanup, volunteers will spend two hours picking up trash along the nine creeks and two main lakes of the upper Granite Creek Watershed. This trash adds up to multiple tons every year – everything from abandoned stoves to broken bottles or old tires. This year's participants are being asked to separate out the real trash from objects that can be made into art. Two different color bags will be provided to Cleanup participants to separate trash into black bags and potential treasures into white bags. Participants can either then return to the park with their treasures to participate in an art project and celebration, or leave them in a pile near the trash to be retrieved by other volunteers. These treasures will then be available for people to choose from. This year's Cleanup is supported by area organizations and businesses. Dan Frank of Arizona Blue Cross Blue Shield is the Primary Sponsor of the event, supporting his belief in a need for us all to recycle. Returning sponsors include Fann Contracting, Fann Environmental, APS, Prescott Audubon, Yavapai Group of the Sierra Club, Manzanita Outdoors, and the Starbucks on Montezuma, with the Prescott College Student Union Board coming on as a new supporter.



In The News:
[Kids in Creeks](#)

[Creek Care Guides at City Council](#)

[Guide Available to All](#)

[MLK Day Service](#)

Circle Trail Program



March 19, 7-9 PM, the Sierra Club is sponsoring a free public program featuring the Prescott Circle Trail. The trail, soon to be completed after over 20 years of work, includes the Peavine Trail along Watson Lake and Prescott National Forest trails in a 50-mile loop around the City. Rob Hehlen will present a PowerPoint description of the history,

Sponsorships for this event are still available.

Creek Care Guides Available



Creek Care: Your Stewardship Guide to the Granite Creek Watershed has arrived in the mailboxes of 15,000 watershed residents! If you weren't one of those residents, the *Guide* is now available to download [here](#). Copies are also available at the Prescott creeks [office](#) and other local businesses, schools, and organizations.

progress to date, and what is left to finish the trail. Come to learn more about the huge amount of work by local volunteers and staff that has gone into creating this treasure. There will be photos of different sections of this trail which enhances Prescott's quality of life by providing unique recreational opportunities for its citizens and visitors.

Location: Yavapai Title Company Conference Room, 1235 E. Gurley Street, Prescott

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Granite Creek Cleanup



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Important Information:

- Where: Granite Creek Park: 554 N. 6th Street, Prescott
- When: Saturday April 21st Cleanup 9am - 11am
- Prescott has 9 named creeks and 4 lakes
- Last year volunteers removed 10 tons of trash
- 3 tons of that was upcycled into potential art materials
- Join us in making upcycled art and choosing art materials from 11 am - 1 pm.

Sponsor information:

- **Primary sponsor: Dan Frank - Blue Cross Clue Shield**
- **Coffee by Starbucks**
- **Other sponsors include: Fann Contracting, Fann Environmental, APS, Prescott Audubon, Yavapai Group Sierra Club, Prescott College, Manzanita Outdoor, True Value, New Frontiers, Madshirtz, and the City of Prescott**

More information available at: www.PrescottCreeks.org

Looking forward to seeing you there,
Prescott Creeks Board and Staff

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Granite Creek Cleanup: Talking Trash

Thank you for registering for tomorrow's Granite Creek Cleanup starting at 9 am at [Granite Creek Park](#). Your t-shirts (if you registered sizes), bags, and location map will be available at pre-registration. Once you pick it up, you can exchange shirts if you need different sizes, and either get more bags or put some back.

You are being asked to separate out the real trash from objects that can be made into art. Two different color bags will be provided to Cleanup participants to separate trash into black bags and potential treasures into white bags. You can either then return to the park with your treasures to participate in an art project (including Recyclasusu) and celebration, or leave them in a pile near the trash to be retrieved by other volunteers.

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Coming Soon...

One Man's Treasure

an upscale art show & auction

Firewood from Watson Woods



We now have donated over 30 cords of wood to the community, with the help of volunteers. Some downed wood is habitat, too much is a fire hazard - or firewood.

To read more about this and what is happening at Watson Woods, see [Gregg's latest update](#)

about all of the exciting things happening in the field.

Dan Frank – Insuring the Future of Our Creeks

This year the Granite Creek Cleanup has a new champion in the form of our primary sponsor, Dan Frank. Dan is an authorized

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One Man's Treasure will be held Sunday, September 23rd. Come to the annual Granite Creek Cleanup and not only cleanup, but pick up potential art materials and learn more about upcycling.

Other Granite Creek Cleanup sponsors include: Prescott Audubon, Yavapai Group of the Sierra Club, Fann

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona broker. Although not new to being a Prescott Creeks supporter, this is Dan's first year stepping up as the main supporter of the Cleanup. Thank you Dan!

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Watson Woods



The transition into Spring has been kind to [Watson Woods](#). The Preserve is looking great: Green is everywhere and Granite Creek is still flowing, thanks to some snow and rain this past

month! With Spring in full-swing, we are starting up our annual monitoring of reptiles, amphibians, birds, small mammals, and macroinvertebrates. Now that we are almost 3 years into our major restoration efforts, it will be exciting to see what species turn up this year...I will keep everyone informed!



WIP Community Brainstorming Workshop:

Please join the WIC for an interactive [Community Brainstorming Workshop](#)

Venturing into the World of Ecosystem Services

Earlier this month, Jim Pittman, Director of Sustainability at [Prescott College](#), led the [Watershed Improvement Council](#) in a discussion about ecosystem services in the Upper Granite Creek Watershed. Ecosystem services is a term that may be unfamiliar, but describes something we all know: that properly functioning natural ecosystems

Granite Creek Cleanup 2012



Thank you to everyone who came out to help!

- Approximately 650 people
- Two tons of trash
- Plus, another one and a half tons of materials pulled out of the creeks and upcycled to become art materials
- The debut of [Fill the](#)

[Recyclasaurus](#)

One Man's Treasure

Save the Date: Sunday, September 23, 2012 4 - 7 pm at Granite Dells Resort. Art in a historic location by a beautiful section of Granite Creek with music, hors d'oeuvres, and drinks.

Preview evening Saturday, September 22, 2012 4 - 6 pm featuring Everybody's Place and a youth art show.

Three thousand pounds of materials went home from the Granite Creek Cleanup with [artists](#). Come enjoy their visions of turning trash into treasure and support clean creeks. Tickets on sale soon.

provide a host of amenities, both tangible and intangible. These services are so basic that we often overlook them, let alone account for them in decisions about development and land use that may impact ecosystems. Read more [here](#).



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WANT A KAYAK FOR A BUCK?



Manzanita Outdoors is raffling a Perception Impulse 10 (great all around recreational kayak), valued at \$399. Tickets available at Manzanita Outdoors 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5, with proceeds benefits Prescott Creeks.

Prescott Creeks.

Join Manzanita Outfitters for a Paddle Event and Demo at Watson Lake on June 9th & 10th from 9am - 3pm. Try before you buy. More information at [Manzanita Outdoors website](#).

Granite Dells and the Lakes—Central to Arizona

In June [Walt Anderson](#), celebrated local photographer, will exhibit photos at the Prescott Public Library's Viewerie that commemorate our natural heritage and urges all citizens, including decision-makers, to prioritize protection and wise stewardship of our great natural assets. An opening Reception will be held in the Elsie



Your Time, Treasure, and Talent are Needed:

Prescott Creeks is looking for prospective members for the Board of Directors. The growing organization is working to develop new projects, and to engage citizens in protecting and restoring central Arizona watersheds. Individuals who bring skills such as fund-raising, connections with the business community, financial management and accounting, and leadership skills and

Room at the Library from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Meet Walt Anderson and discuss not only the display, but the value of our watershed.

Coming Soon: One Man's Treasure



September 23rd from 4 - 7pm at the historic (and stunning) Granite Dells Resort. One Man's Treasure is an upcycled art show and auction meant to bring attention to the amounts and types of trash found in waterways, show alternatives to disposal of the materials, and raise funds for further supporting clean creeks.



board governance are especially needed. We are also interested in speaking with anyone who is committed to community-based organizations, supports our mission, and has enough time and energy to fully participate in Board meetings, serve on a committee, represent Prescott Creeks at major events, and will offer whatever other services he or she can provide. For more information about joining the Prescott Creeks Board of Directors, please contact our office at (928) 445-5669.

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We're hiring

Unfortunately Tina Blake is moving on, so we are searching for a new office manager. For more information on this position, see our [website](#).



One Man's Treasure Tickets On Sale



Join us September 23rd for the second annual One Man's Treasure: an upcycled art show and auction supporting clean creeks. An evening of h'orderves, wine, music and art will highlight a beautiful selection of art created from materials found in our creeks. More information and tickets available online [here](#).

Investing in Nature Makes Sense

We know that gray infrastructure is critical to economic development and prosperity, but don't necessary think that natural ecosystems ("green" infrastructure) are equally important to that end. For more information, see [Amanda's Blog](#).





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One Man's Treasure:
Tickets Available



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Watson Woods Update



The Monsoon Season has been kind to Watson Woods so far, providing much needed nourishment and moisture for our trees, wildlife, restoration areas, and the Creek! The changes have been dramatic: Granite Creek (which was dry as recently as July 3rd) is not

only flowing in its main channel but has overflowed into many "braided" channels that have delivered water throughout the Preserve, creating extremely valuable seasonal wetlands and pools.

To get an illustration on these "monsoon" conditions, take a look at [Gregg's blog](#).

Watershedding

Recently mother nature delivered some much needed precipitation to the Central Arizona Highlands. The parched earth got a much needed drink of water and we enjoyed cooler temperatures, dramatic skies, and rare humidity. [See how this effects our urbanizing area.](#)

Rain

With recent rains many of our creeks have been flowing. See the flow from



Tickets available
[HERE](#)

recent monsoon rains [here](#).



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A few of the pieces of art for auction at [One Man's Treasure](#):



Support Clean Creeks at One Man's Treasure

What do creeks and art have to do with each other? [One Man's Treasure](#) will bring the two together to highlight art made from materials upcycled from the Granite Creek Cleanup. As part of addressing the continuing problems with trash in our waterways Prescott Creeks is partnering with artists to bring attention to the types and amounts of trash found



in our creeks and to come up with other uses to keep it out of the waste stream. Art at [One Man's Treasure](#) will vary from sculptures to jewelry, large to small. Join us **Sunday, September 23rd from 4 - 7 pm at the historic Granite Dells Resort. Tickets are \$35 and available on line [here](#).** A free preview of the art will be held Saturday, September 22nd from 4 - 6 pm. In the month prior to the event, art will be located around town at businesses like [Jay's Bird Barn](#), [Van Gogh's Ear](#), the ['Tis Gallery](#), and [Granite Mountain Brewing](#).



Honor The 11th Anniversary of September 11th

Serve Yavapai, Prescott Creeks and CCJ invite you to help improve the Watson Woods habitat and gather free firewood for those in need!

Tuesday, September 11th at the Watson Woods Riparian Preserve (meet where Rosser ends at Highway 89) 12-5pm: Service Project Requires bending, lifting, carrying fire wood Registration is required. Register at: www.ycvp.org

For more info contact:

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In the News:

[Prescott Arts Beat](#)

[Granite Creek cleanup items transformed into artworks](#)

['One Man's Treasure' recycled art auction is Sunday at Granite Dells](#)

[Outdoor store donates to Prescott Creeks](#)

Images from One Man's Treasure:



Watson Woods

Watson Woods: The Oasis of Prescott at Prescott's Great Outdoors – Outdoor Recreation Festival and Expo

Prescott Creeks will be leading a hiking tour of Watson Woods Riparian Preserve on Sunday, October 7, as part of the Prescott Outdoor Recreation Festival and Expo. We will start at 9am, meeting at the Watson Lake South Boat Launch. For more information see [more here](#).



Construction Stuff

For those of you who have visited Watson Woods in the past few weeks, you may have noticed heavy equipment, piping, and construction crews at





the Rosser Street Parking Lot. From now until January 2013, the City will be constructing a new sewer lift station and forcemain pipe, which will be designed to service the Cliff Rose neighborhood and improve the capacity of the overall sewer system. More information can be found [here](#).

The Call of the Wild: Are We Listening?

By Walt Anderson.



October 5, 2012 - 7:00pm

Celebrating Central Arizona Wildlife, our natural heritage. Special kick-off event for Prescott's Great Outdoors – Outdoor Recreation Festival & Expo. Prescott Gateway Mall Community Room (Entrance on S side between JC Penney & Food Court)

WIP Recommendations

The Watershed Improvement Council reached another milestone in August with the completion of the revised [Watershed Improvement Plan](#) (WIP).

The revised WIP, known as WIP 2.0, contains recommendations for watershed improvements and projects that will help improve the quality of Prescott's waterways. Because local water quality issues are linked to urban and developed land uses in the Upper Granite Creek Watershed, the majority of solutions prescribed in the document focus on upgrading degraded stormwater and sewer infrastructure, as well



as retrofitting the landscape to allow for more green spaces and vegetation that mimic natural hydrology by filtering and absorbing stormwater, i.e. 'green infrastructure'(GI). To see more, view [Amanda's blog](#).

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Holiday Cards - Friends of Acker Park and Prescott Creeks



It's time for the Friends of Acker Park/ Prescott Creeks seasonal cards. Support your local creeks and [Acker Park](#) with the purchase of these beautiful cards. this year's stunning photo of a winter snow coverd Watson Lake is by Gary Beverly. Cards will be available starting this

coming weekend at the following locations:

Sharlot Hall Museum Store - corner of Gurley and McCormick Street

Ian Russell Gallery on Whiskey Row

Prescott Chamber of Commerce on Goodwin Street

Granite Mountain Outfitters-320 W Gurley St.

New Frontiers Natural Foods-1112 W Iron Springs Rd.

Watters Garden Center-1815 Iron Springs Rd.

Adult Center of Prescott -1280 W Rosser St.

Manzanita Outfitters - in the Depot Marketplace

Jay's Bird Barn -1046 Willow Creek Rd. (Safeway Shopping Center)

Mortimer Nursery-3166 Willow Creek Rd.



In-Lieu Fee Mitigation

Trails at Watson Woods



Program

Prescott Creeks is currently involved in a US Army Corps of

Engineers, "In-Lieu Fee (ILF) Mitigation Program," which represents another component of our on-going wetland and riparian conservation work.

The ILF Program compensates for impacts to wetlands, waters, and riparian areas as authorized by the Clean Water Act, Section 404 Permitting Program. As an ILF Sponsor, Prescott Creeks "mitigates," for unavoidable impacts by restoring, enhancing, and preserving wetland and riparian areas. For more information, see [Gregg's blog](#).

Follow us on:



As the cool autumn weather is in full swing, I am pleased to report that



our new interpretive trail system in Watson Woods is becoming a reality, after months and months (and months) of planning. Thanks to the help of Susie Bragg, Chris Hosking, and the "Over the Hill Gang," we now have 2 loops in place that are connected by an existing road/trail. For more information on our trails, see [this blog](#) with a downloadable map of the new system.

Support Your Creeks

Your donations support the crucial work of caring for our habitat and working on water quality issues.



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Share the Season With Beautiful, Local Cards

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- [Peregrine Book Store](#)
- [Ian Russell Gallery](#)
- [Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Granite Min Outfitters](#)
- [New Frontiers](#)
- [Walters Garden Center](#)
- [Adult Center of Prescott](#)
- [Manzanita Outfitters](#)
- [Jay's Bird Barn](#)



Peace, Joy, and Love to you from Prescott!

Support Watson Woods and Clean Creeks

Did you know that Prescott Creeks is making a big difference in our quality of life? With a mission to restore, protect, and celebrate our central Arizona watersheds, Prescott Creeks has continued its impressive track record of success this year. One major accomplishment was that we organized 650 volunteers, who removed 3.5 TONS of trash from the creeks in the Prescott area.



Your gift says that you are thankful for our work and the quality of life it helps protect. Your support NOW will translate into more water quality activities, more restoration and protection efforts in the Watson Woods Preserve, and more education programs. [Donate here.](#)

Art for Clean Creeks

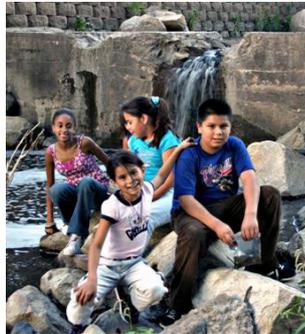
Are you interested in art? In environmental



Winter Creek Walk

Join Prescott Creeks for a Winter Creek Walk on Friday, January 25th, 5pm at Granite Creek Park near the La Guardia bridge. Hike the Greenways trail through West Granite Creek Park to see the historic Miller Creek bridge, then up the Granite Creek trail past the Community Garden. Learn the history of Prescott Creeks, it's connection to the trail, and plans for the future. It will be getting dark and might be chilly. Trails are relatively level, but dirt.

literacy? In clean creeks? Do you just like to throw a good party? We are looking for additional members of our One Man's Treasure committee to help us organize for next year's event. if you are interested, please [email us](#) and we will get you informaiton on the next meeting.



Vote for the Granite Creek Cleanup

The Granite Creek Cleanup is up for a grant to support clean creeks. And we need your help. If you are on Facebook, please take a moment to vote [HERE](#) for

your creeks.



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