



# Prescott Creekside E-News



Celebrating January 2014

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- New Office
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- Green Infrastructure
- A few reasons for our work:



## We've Moved - To Watson Woods

The Prescott Creeks office is now located at 1801 N. Hwy 89.

[To get there from downtown Prescott,](#)

head North on Hwy 89, take a right at Rosser Street, and follow the small road to the left.

We look forward to inviting everyone in for a visit once we get settled.



This year we have some exciting projects. These are different from our work at Watson Woods Riparian Preserve, but are intended to improve water quality and create riparian habitat in our urban areas.



Invasive vegetation can adversely affect riparian habitat, and therefore water quality in our creeks and lakes. The Urban Habitat Improvement through [Invasive Species Removal](#) project will improve riparian habitat conditions along urban creek reaches in the upper Granite Creek Watershed through the control and



removal of target invasive vegetation species.

The EPA defines Green Infrastructure as, "Green infrastructure is an approach that communities can choose to maintain healthy waters, provide multiple environmental benefits and support sustainable communities." In a project funded by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, and coordinated with the City of Prescott, this year we will work on two [Green Infrastructure](#) projects to improve water quality in our creeks and lakes.



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### Upcoming Events:

- [AZ Gives Day](#)

April 9, 2014



- [Granite Creek Cleanup](#)

April 19, 2014



- [One Man's Treasure](#)

- May 3, 2014

- Click here for [Tickets](#)



### For healthy watersheds and clean waters

We're nearly settled in the new office space, and looking forward to seeing everyone at the Upcoming Events. Eventually we are envisioning a welcoming center where people can connect to Watson Woods Riparian Preserve from this space. In the meantime, we are looking for volunteers and the new place, and a few things for the office to move closer to that vision.



### Are You Handy?

With moving to a new (bigger!) office, we could use a hand with some handi-work. Most of it is relatively basic skills, but it's generally things we aren't getting to during



the business day. We'd love to [hear from you](#), if you're up for helping with things like [these tasks](#).

### Wish List for the New Office:

As we've moved in to a new space, giving us direct access to Watson Woods Riparian Preserve, we've realized that there are a few things that would make the space more functional. If you have [any of these things](#) available, they would be much appreciated.

### Come see us in the Viewerie

One Man's Treasure and Prescott Creeks will be in the Prescott Library Viewerie along with Prescott College for the month of February. Preview art that will be available for auction at [One Man's Treasure](#) on May 3rd.

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*Healthy watersheds and clean waters*

## Please join us for an Open House Celebration

Prescott Creeks' board and staff invite you to celebrate our [new office](#). We are thrilled to be in this historic building right on the edge of [Watson Woods Riparian Preserve](#).



Saturday, March 8th, 2014

2 - 5 pm

Short program at 3:30pm

Naturalist walk in Watson Woods at 4 pm

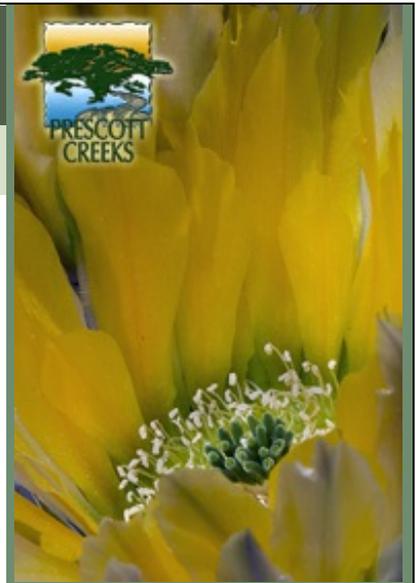


## Weeds: what are they and what are we doing about them?

In our current project, Prescott Creeks has [seven priority weeds](#). This April, Prescott Creeks is [launching a project](#) to control invasive weeds in the Granite Creek

Watershed and we need your help!

## A Celebration of our Creeks on Arizona Gives Day



## Art About Town

Art for the upcoming [One Man's Treasure](#) is viewable around town for the month of March. You will find pieces at the [locations listed on our website](#).



During Arizona Gives Day on Wednesday, April 9th, Prescott Creeks would like to give to our community, as well as asking you to support your local non-profits. We will be hosting a [day full of activities](#). Come enjoy the new office, the staff, and Watson Woods Riparian Preserve.



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## One Man's Treasure

One Man's Treasure is the event of the season! One man's trash, truly is another man's treasure. Please join Prescott Creeks for an enlightening evening of learning how we can take action to cleanup our watershed and celebrate the creative genius of upcycling.



**May 3, 2014**

4-7 pm

Prescott College

Crossroads Center

215 Garden St, Prescott  
86301



## Raingarden Workshop



Prescott Creeks, in partnership with [Watershed Management Group](#), will host a free public workshop on Saturday, **May 17** at the Prescott Community Center. Participants will receive hands-on education and experience in the design and implementation of passive water harvesting systems, green infrastructure and low-

impact development. [More information on our website.](#)

## Brown Bag Lunch Professional Series

Friday, **May 16th**, noon at the Prescott Adult Center on Rosser.

Green Infrastructure (GI) and Low Impact Development (LID) is a strategy that a growing number of communities are using to manage nonpoint source pollution more sustainably. Additionally, the water irrigates vegetation that provides myriad benefits such as capturing, cleaning and infiltrating storm water; creating wildlife habitat; shading and cooling streets and buildings; and calming traffic.

For more information or to RSVP, call Ann-Marie at 928-445-5669.



**Steve  
Pawlowski**



Steve Pawlowski, Arizona Water Sentinels coordinator for the Sierra Club's Grand Canyon Chapter, died yesterday while waiting to testify at the state Capitol in Phoenix. He collapsed while standing in line to speak at a hearing organized by U.S. Representatives Paul Gosar and David Schweikert. Pawlowski was 61.

"Steve was there to speak up for having Clean Water Act protections for our many streams that don't flow

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protection, restoration, education and advocacy

## Rain Gardens

The new green infrastructure rain garden continues to take shape at the Rowle P. Simmons Community Center. Throughout the month of June we will continue planting native, and fruiting trees in front of the Adult Center facility. More information can found on the [Prescott Creeks blog](#).

## River Rally - Training for Watershed Work

The watershed world changes regularly - regulations, best practices, understanding of sciences - so this last week 3 of our 4 staff members attended River Rally for additional training and connection with [River Network](#), [Waterkeeper Alliance](#) & 700 of our favorite river people. [This article and video](#) give a view into the training. We were also able to catch up with [Julie & Johnny](#) from the [Going With the Flow Tour](#).



year-round," says  
friend, colleague, and  
Grand Canyon Chapter  
director Sandy Bahr.



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### Board Update

This month we welcome a new board chair, new board member, and say goodbye to two outgoing board members, both of whom have served as the board chair. Their volunteers service supports the important of [Prescott Creeks' mission](#).



[Doug Bunch](#) steps up to chair the board of directors. After two years on the board, we welcome Doug as the newest chair.



[Karen O'Neil steps off of the board](#), and down from the chair, after a decade of service. Karen's joy in the riparian environment and her knowledge of birding in the area have anchored up through her service. Thank you!

### Green Infrastructure



Community Center Rain Garden Nearing Completion!

Thanks to hundreds of volunteer hours , construction of the new rain garden at the Rowle P. Simmons Community Center is nearing completion.

[Franklin Dekker's blog](#) gives more insight into the details.

Once we have monsoons and see how it functions, we will celebrate the completion of construction of both

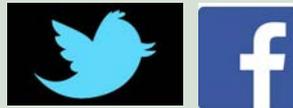


[Joel Hiller is also leaving the board](#) after a decade and a previous stint as the chair. As one of our longest service board members, Joel has been instrumental in Prescott Creeks' growth and in supporting the idea of [One Man's Treasure](#).



[Suzanne Morse](#) joins our board bring a passion for the environment and a wealth of experience.

Find us at:



current Green  
Infrastructure projects.

## Flicker Release in Watson Woods



On June 25th, Prescott Creeks was glad to welcome five young northern flickers to Watson Woods. [Details on their release](#) are on Prescott Creeks' website.

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### Improve the Watershed - Volunteer Opportunity



Join Prescott Creeks on an invasive species removal spree. We'll teach you about the invasives, why they're the bad-nasties we want out of the watershed, what they're doing to the habitat and water quality, and what you can do about and to them. Then, we'll take up all of their space by seeding native grasses. [Join us on these dates.](#)

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**August 2014**

#### **Now Hiring - Office Manager**

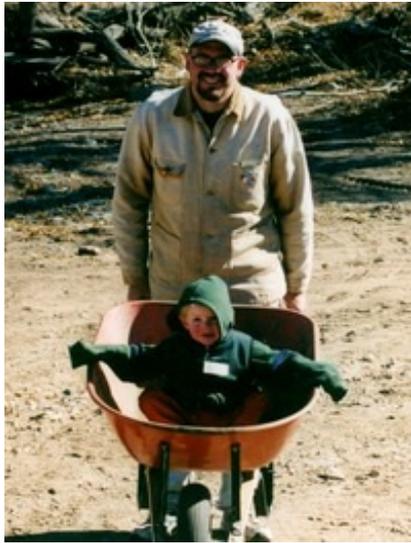
Essential to achievement of the Prescott Creeks mission, the Office Manager is the Prescott Creeks staff member responsible for overseeing the office and business functions of the organization. [Job description](#) on our website.

#### **In The Press**

[Green Infrastructure](#)

[Volunteer Opportunity-Weeds](#)

Black Hawks in Watson Woods



[Join Prescott Creeks](#) and support work in your local watershed. Becoming a member sustains the work of caring for Watson Woods, monitoring, restoration, and everything else at the Creeks.



[Learn more](#) about why Prescott Creeks has placed two temporary closure signs on the west side of the North Loop Trail within Watson Woods Riparian Preserve.

Keep updated on Prescott Creeks at:



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## WATSON WOODS LOOP TRAILS REOPEN

The Watson Woods Riparian Preserve Loop Trails are now 100% open. The northern loop had been closed since April due to nesting



Common Black Hawks who like to defend their nest territory. But good news, their chicks have graduated from the nest and the happy family has moved on so we can reopen the trail.

Watch the [blogs for additional information](#).



## Improve the Watershed

Join Prescott Creeks on an [invasive species removal spree](#). We'll teach you about invasive weeds, why they're the bad, and what you can do about them. We'll spend a little while pulling some weeds then, we'll spread native grass seed to out compete the weeds and improve the riparian habitat.

And learn about native plans at

[Harmony in the Highlands:](#)  
[Gardening with Nature](#)

## One Man's Treasure

### Save the Date!

Prescott Creeks is very pleased to announce that One Man's Treasure will again take place in the Cross Roads Center on campus, on **Friday, May 22, 2015**.



The Arizona Highlands are a challenging place to garden, with low rainfall, a surprisingly short growing season, alkaline soil, and competition for resources from animals, insects and undesirable plants.

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Prescott Creeks is a community-based non-profit organization supported by a passionate membership and community volunteers. You can make a difference for future generations by [becoming a member](#).

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### New Office Manager



As the Office Manager Bryan assists the board and staff with day-to-day operations in support of our mission. He is an Arizona native but relocated to Prescott in 2011 after a twelve year hiatus in Colorado during which time he worked for ten and a half years for a non-profit bird-watching organization as their Director of Publications. He is an avid birder and amateur wildlife photographer and spends countless hours

**“Autumn...the year’s last, loveliest smile.”**  
**William Cullen Bryant**

### Green Infrastructure Update

Sometimes as a develop native vegetation projects that will eventually help to clean our waters and provide beautiful habitat, there's a sort of growing-out phase. Keep up to date on the projects through the [Prescott Creeks blogs](#).



### Welcome to Our Newest Board Members



Suzanne Morse brings to Prescott Creeks Board over 25 years’ experience as a senior business professional, consultant, water services manager, executive and life coach.



Brent Roberts is the newest addition to Prescott Creeks’

learning about the avifauna of the area.

Read more on our [Staff page](#).

## Join Prescott Creeks

You can make a difference for future generations with your [membership](#) dues.



In addition to Prescott Creeks board of directors. A former math instructor at Yavapai College, Roberts earned his Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Master of Arts in the Teaching of Mathematics from Northern Arizona University.

See more of our Board on our [Directors' page](#).



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to achieve healthy watersheds and clean waters



**Dirty Martinis for Clean Water;  
Become a member  
and support your creeks**



Join Prescott Creeks for a membership-raising party. It will take place on Friday, November 7th, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at 1801 N. Hwy 89 in Prescott. You can

enjoy a dirty martini and meet others interested in the Creeks. You'll hear about what's being done to improve your water quality. We hope you will sign up as a new Prescott Creeks member. Hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. Please RSVP by email to [AMBenz@PrescottCreeks.org](mailto:AMBenz@PrescottCreeks.org), or by phone at (928) 445-5669.

Members create a foundation of support for improving water quality and riparian habitat. Individual, family, business members and work together with Prescott Creeks. They are making a difference in our community.

**Invasive Weeds  
in Your  
Watershed**

An exotic species is any species, including its seeds, eggs, spores, or other biological material capable of propagating that species, that



is not native to that habitat. Other terms sometimes used for exotic species include "non-native," "non-indigenous," and "alien." A native species is a species that, other than as a result of an introduction, historically occurs/occurred in that particular habitat.

<http://www.prescottcreeks.org/blog> Learn more about invasive species in the Prescott Creeks blog.

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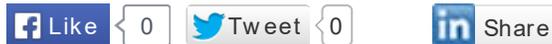
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## Prescott Creeks, County Wide.

Watch Michael Byrd on County Wide, Verde Valley TV discussing Prescott Creeks and our work on water quality that can effect everyone county-wide. The [video](#) runs approximately 25 minutes and covers many of the current and upcoming projects Prescott Creeks is involved in.

Read success stories by clicking on each photo:



## Acker Cards

Find this winter's holiday card supporting Prescott Creeks and Acker Park at: Jay's Bird Barn, Peregrine Books, Mortimer Nursery, Watter's Garden Center, the Hike Shack, Ian Russell Fine Art Gallery, Old Sage Bookstore, Manzanita Outfitters, Granite Mountain Outfitters, Adult Center of Prescott, Whole Foods, and Prescott Chamber of Commerce

## e. Coli in the creeks [presentation by ADEQ](#)

Bacteria results from Granite Creek and its tributaries are consistently higher than levels set to protect human health. Hear ADEQ discuss water quality standards, potential sources, and more.



## [Giving Tuesday!](#)

We have Thanksgiving Thursday, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday. Now, we have a global day dedicated to giving back, [GivingTuesday](#). On Tuesday, December 2, 2014, charities, families, businesses, community centers, and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give. It's a simple idea. It's a way for your family, your community, your company or your organization to come together to give something more. Then tell everyone you can about how you are giving. Join [Giving Tuesday](#) and be a part of a global celebration of a new tradition of generosity. As we celebrate giving, we hope you'll consider [supporting the ongoing work of Prescott Creeks](#) to achieve healthy watersheds and clean waters in central Arizona.



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