



Prescott Creekside E-News

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Hello Friend,

Community support is a cornerstone of every Prescott Creeks accomplishment. Your contributions sustain important work at Watson Woods Riparian Preserve. After 25 years it is time to renew the lease agreement with the City of Prescott for future conservation of this valued community asset.

Major accomplishments to date at the Preserve include:

- Fenced the Preserve to control access
- Installed and Monitored Groundwater Wells
- Drafted & Implemented a Management Plan
- · Inventoried Flora and Fauna
- Monitored Site & Project Performance
- Implemented Ecological Restoration projects
- Managed Habitat Project & Invasive Species
- Coordinated & Mitigated Public Infrastructure Projects:
 - Prescott Lakes Parkway Construction & Hwy 89 Widening
 - Unisource Natural Gas Pipeline
 - Rosser & Sundog Sewer Mains

The year 2020 is of critical importance for nature protection, controlling pollution, and riparian wildlife. New changes to the Clean Water Act threaten overall protection for Waters of the United States - especially waters in Arizona. The City of Prescott and Prescott Creeks are working together to establish long-term protection for the Preserve. A conservation easement will accompany the imminent renewal of the management lease, thereby ensuring the protection of the Preserve's conservation values for all time.



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Volunteers currently meet Thursday afternoon to work on invasive species control and removal at Watson Woods Riparian Preserve. Work will be from 1pm until the group has had enough (usually about two hours). If you'd like to volunteer, contact Prescott Creeks to get on the mailing list with details (and possible date or time changes).

WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL

Friends of the Verde River, in partnership with Prescott Creeks, present the Wild and Scenic Film Festival. You are invited to experience the unique stories and adventures through amazing films that illustrate the Earth's beauty, the challenges facing our planet and the communities working to protect it. Proceeds benefit Prescott Creeks and Friends of the Verde River.



Locations & Showtimes:

Camp Verde: Sat. January 11th. Prescott: Sat January 18th.



Future conservationist ready for work!

Additional goals for the coming year include Phase II Restoration efforts in the Preserve, Prescott Creeks' 14th presentation of the Granite Creek Cleanup, and ongoing water quality improvement projects with public and private stakeholders. The Miller Creek Public Restroom completed earlier this year is an example of creative partnerships coordinated by Prescott Creeks to ensure clean creeks.

The accomplishments and plans above represent effective planning, collaboration, and achievement of strategic goals. Donor contributions of \$23,500 will augment unfunded portions of these projects. Make a difference now for future generations with your contribution of any amount!

If you haven't already, won't you please include Prescott Creeks in your year-end tax-deductible contributions? Submit your gift securely online at the Prescott Creeks website:

www.PrescottCreeks.org/Donate

Showtimes at 3:30 and 6:30

Reserve tickets and checkout films for each showtime at:

Verde.org/Wild-Scenic

Volunteer opportunities at the Film Festival. <u>Contact Prescott Creeks</u> for details.

Support Creeks in many ways:



Membership



Volunteer



<u>Donate</u>

You can make a difference by contributing in one of the ways above. Please visit www.PrescottCreeks.org for more info.





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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