

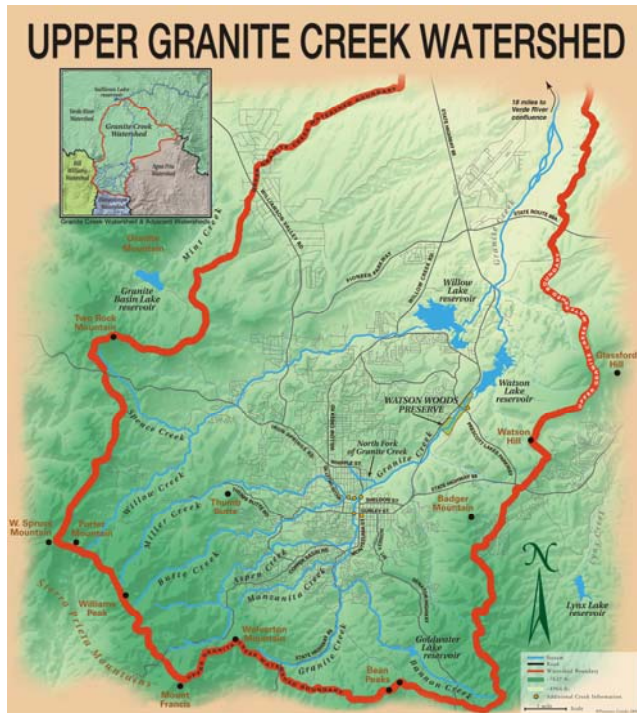


# The Creekside E-News

January 2010

Protect • Restore • Celebrate

## Get to Know Your Watershed



- A watershed is the area of land where all of the water that is under it, or drains off of it, goes into the same place. (Source: US EPA)
- The Granite Creek Watershed is a headwater to the Verde River.
- Includes nine named creeks—Aspen, Banning, Butte, Granite, Manzanita, Miller, North Fork of Granite, Spence, and Willow.
- And four lakes—Watson Lake, Willow Lake, Upper and Lower Goldwater Lakes.
- Granite Creek and Watson Lake are listed as “impaired” by the EPA for not meeting their water quality standards.

More information be found at  
[www.PrescottCreeks.org](http://www.PrescottCreeks.org)

## Your Membership makes a difference

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## Understanding Water Quality

Winter storms have the creeks flowing again. After months of planning Prescott Creeks has started monitoring the water quality through the Upper Granite Creek Watershed. The creeks will be monitored for basic parameters like temperature and flow, as well as nutrients and bacteria, including DNA typing of the bacteria. Volunteers will collect data and water samples approximately once a month.



Amylee Thornhill studies macroinvertebrates.  
Photo by Ann-Marie Benz

Monitoring is important to understanding the watershed and the potential pollutant sources that have caused the EPA to list Watson Lake and Granite Creek as impaired. Information can be found at the [Granite Creek Watershed Improvement Council's](#) website.

## Listen for Prescott Creeks on 90.1 FM

January 5th, Prescott Creeks will be the day sponsor for 90.1 FM. KAWC has donated this air time as part of their commitment to serving the community. Listen tomorrow at **90.1 FM**



## Watson Woods Restoration



Volunteer Don Grise trims a harvested willow.  
Photo by Michael Byrd

Harvesting of cottonwoods and willows has begun at Watson Woods and will continue throughout December and January. Planting of approximately 1200 trees will start in February. This will bring the total of trees planted during the restoration to over 14,000.

Come learn about the restoration, how to harvest cottonwoods and willows for planting, and the importance of riparian habitat. For more information or to volunteer, call (928) 445-5669.



# The Creekside E-News

February 2010

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## Storm flows are good for the creeks



Granite Creek on January 21, 2010. Photo by Michael Byrd

2010 is starting off with a splash. The creeks are flowing and the lake level is up. These past few weeks have been a demonstration of how important it is to care for our creeks and riparian areas.

Some statistics for storms in the Prescott area:

- Granite Creek peaked at about 6,000 cfs during this last storm
- That's nearly 12 feet high
- January 21 had 3.7 inches of precipitation. (USGS)
- The record for precipitation during any calendar day at Prescott was 4.28 inches which was set on November 27, 1919.
- So far this year Prescott has received 6.32 inches, or nearly a third the average annual precipitation of 19.19 inches.

## Members sustain the creeks

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## Volunteer Opportunities

- A **Social Survey** is being conducted by the [Watershed Improvement Council](#). We've had a terrific response and could use help organizing and entering the replies.
- **Greenways trail rebuilding** event in coordination with the City of Prescott, on Saturday February 27th, 9am. Meet at the Mile High Middle School parking lot. Bring your own shovels and wheelbarrows if you have them.
- **Field survey** of the creeks. To [gain a better understanding of our creeks](#) and their current conditions, volunteers will hike the creeks with GPS units and detailed field survey forms. Extensive hiking on uneven terrain is required. Training will be provided.
- **Watson Woods planting** of cottonwoods, willows, wetland plants and native grass seed will take place this spring. The timeline is being reworked after some tweaking by Mother Nature, but we will be having volunteer crews in the woods prepping for these activities.
- Mark your calendars for the annual **Granite Creek Cleanup**. Join us April 24th from 8 to 10 am at Granite Creek Park.



Photo by West Howland. Granite Creek Cleanup 2009.







# The Creekside E-News

March 2010

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## Explore the Creeks



As part of our Watershed Improvement Planning, Prescott Creeks is looking for volunteers to participate in a survey of many of the creeks in the Upper Granite Creek Watershed.

Dan Jannone at Watson Woods.

The project will involve a morning training on the survey methods and forms followed by an afternoon hiking the creeks to gather information. Lunch will be provided.

This will be a physically demanding volunteer day. Creek beds are uneven and can be challenging hiking. Volunteer may cover multiple miles of creek during the afternoon survey period. If you are interested in participating please email [AMBenz@PrescottCreeks.org](mailto:AMBenz@PrescottCreeks.org).

## Watson Woods—An Important Bird Area

The Important Bird Areas Program (IBA) is a global effort by Audubon to identify and conserve areas that are vital to birds and other biodiversity.



Watson Woods, along with Watson and Willow Lakes have been designated as an IBA. These areas are particularly important for migratory birds. In wet years waterfowl can exceed 5000 birds at one time.



Birds often seen include wood ducks, great blue herons, and red-tailed hawks.

Look for more information in the upcoming Creekside Almanac.

## Prescott Creeks in the News

- 24 February 2010—Amanda Richardson on KYCA radio with [Elisabeth Ruffner](#) discussing watershed improvement planning.
- 15 February 2010—Yavapai College Rough Writer on [Riparian Areas Help Local Wildlife](#)
- 13 February 2010—in the Daily Courier [Friends of Acker group seeks photo entries for holiday card](#)
- 19 January 2010—Yavapai County VISTA's Martin Luther King, Jr. event—MLK Day 2010 [Great Turn-out and Success Despite the Rain](#)
- 24 December 2009—Daily Courier [Prescott Creeks seeking more volunteers to further Watson Woods' restoration](#)

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## Volunteer Opportunities

- Mark your calendars for the annual **Granite Creek Cleanup**. Join us April 24th from 8 to 10 am at Granite Creek Park. Click [here](#) to pre-register.
- Committee members needed to help organize this year's **Run for the Creeks**. If you like to run or to organize; volunteers are needed to help determine race courses and lengths, t-shirt design, medal design, sponsorship, advertising, and gifts and prizes for participants.
- March 27th help Prescott Creeks to learn more about this watershed by participating in the **Field Survey** described under Explore the Creeks above.

Mia Stone cleaning up trash at Watson Woods.





# *The Creekside E-News*

April 2010

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## Clean Creeks for Everyone



Volunteers photo by W. Howland

Prescott Creeks is proud to announce the 16th annual **Granite Creek Cleanup** and our fourth year organizing this important Prescott tradition!

Please join us **Saturday April 24, 2010** as we

gather as a community to clean the Granite Creek Watershed of garbage and solid waste. The cleanup begins at 8am at the Granite Creek Park Ramada.

At check in volunteers will receive assigned stretch of creek, maps, garbage bags, gloves, a free 2010 Granite Creek Cleanup T-shirt, coffee and snacks. Pre-register [here](#) to make your check-in go quicker.

## Arizona Native Plant Society Presents...



Michael Byrd who will be speaking on the importance of native plants in the watershed

## Understanding Our Watershed

Thanks to those of you who the **Watershed Field Survey**. 40 volunteers covered over 10 miles of creek to help us better understand the condition and uses of our watershed.

A special thanks to Rich Gregory and the folks at [Prescott Coffee Roasters](#) for providing the caffeine in the morning and to Nick and the Cabbage Heads at [Nick's Feed Your Face](#) for helping us feed everyone lunch before sending them to the field to do good work.



Photo by R. Gregory of Prescott Coffee Roasters

The Creek Crew has been out monitoring the creeks in January, February, and March so far and will head back out the in April. If you are interested in being involved or would like more details about the monitoring email [Prescott Creeks](#).

## Volunteer Opportunities



on May 8th from 9 am—10 am followed by a field trip at Watson Woods from 10 am—noon.

Meet at the City of Prescott Waste Water Treatment Plant at 1505 Sundog Ranch Road. For more information contact Sue Smith at (928) 778-5602 or [suejs01@yahoo.com](mailto:suejs01@yahoo.com).

## You Might Have Heard . . .

- 20 March—Prescott Daily Courier—[Creek group seeks field survey volunteers](#)
- 5 March—Prescott Daily Courier—[Water-quality testing on local creeks](#)
- 3 March—Prescott Daily Courier—[Seeking volunteers to survey creeks](#)
- March 2010 – Pumper Magazine—[Education on caring for septic systems in our local un-sewered areas](#)



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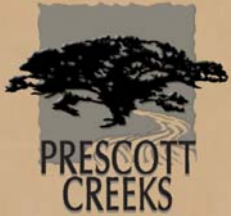
- Own a chainsaw? Enjoy removing large downed wood? We may need help this Spring and Summer in Watson Woods. If this would fit you, please let us know by emailing [us](#) and we will contact you with details as they become available.

Cleaning up our creeks and rivers:

- Join Prescott Creeks for the annual Granite Creek Cleanup on April 24th. See above for more information.
- AZ Game & Fish is hosting a Verde River Wildlife Area cleanup April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 8:00am. Meet at the Kiosk approximately 1.7 miles West of Hwy. 89 on the Verde Ranch Rd east of Paulden (signs will be posted). Bring lunch, water and gloves. Wire cutters are helpful.
- Sierra Club Water Sentinels and the Friends of the Verde River Greenway (VRG) are co-sponsoring a clean-up of the Verde River Greenway on May 8th from 8:00am to 12:00 pm. For more information contact Steve Pawlowski at [steve.pawlowski@sierraclub.org](mailto:steve.pawlowski@sierraclub.org) or Chip Norton at [condors@commspeed.net](mailto:condors@commspeed.net)







# *The Creekside E-News*

May 2010

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## Win a kayak and help the Creeks



Prescott Creeks and Manzanita Outdoors are teaming up for a paddlers' win-win. Enter a raffle for a new Old Town Otter XT kayak, and help your local creeks at the same time.

Manzanita Outdoors is donating an Old Town Otter XT Kayak for raffle with proceeds benefitting Prescott Creeks.

Tickets can be purchased at Manzanita Outdoors from April 24<sup>th</sup> through May 29<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$1 per ticket, 6 for \$5.00, or 12 for \$10.00.

**Stop by Manzanita Outdoors to support the creeks by purchasing a chance at the kayak, and see their new boat room.**

## Read All About it

- Courier Editorial: [One day not enough to clean up creeks](#)

## Coming Soon to a Computer Near You

A major renovation is under way. Prescott Creeks' new and very improved website will be up and running in the coming weeks.

There will be more information, more pictures, more interactivity and just a whole lot more in general.

The website design and construction are thanks to our AmeriCorps VISTA Web Master,



## Granite Creek Cleanup

Thank you to everyone who came out for the annual **Granite Creek Cleanup**.

This year there were:

- 360+ participants
- **3.73 tons of trash removed from our creeks**
- Including 33 tires

We look forward to see-





- Courier [Granite Creek Cleanup announcements](#) and [outcome](#)
- E-News [Granite Creek Cleanup Successful](#)
- Courier Video: Prescott's Miller Creek '[highly impacted](#),' study shows
- Video: Potential [Water-Quality](#) Issues?
- Talk of the Town Column: [Community](#) must help with creeks



## Volunteer Opportunities

- The new plantings **Watson Woods** are now in need of some temporary irrigation. It's an important detail in getting the trees ready for their first summer. If you are interested in helping install drip irrigation to the new trees and updating the system for last year's trees, we could use your help.
- **Run for the Creeks** is looking for volunteers to help plan this fun event for the end of August. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for this popular run.
- The **Creek Crew** is looking for someone to help with research for future projects.

For more information on assisting with these or our other projects, contact Ann-Marie Benz at (928) 445-5669 or [AMBenz@PrescottCreeks.org](mailto:AMBenz@PrescottCreeks.org).



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# The Creekside E-News

June 2010

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## Manzanita Outdoor supports the Creeks



Manzanita Outdoors raised over \$600 to support Prescott Creeks' through the raffle of an Old Town Kayak.

You can find Manzanita Outdoor

and see their new boat room at 1841 E. State Route 69 #120, Prescott. They also have the only local kayak and canoe rental locations at Watson and Goldwater Lakes. More information on how Manzanita Outdoors can outfit your sense of adventure is available at their [website](#).

We appreciate Manzanita Outdoor's support of Prescott Creeks and their enthusiasm for getting everyone outdoors!

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outdoor

## Read All About it

[26 May 2010](#)—Thank you letter to Granite Creek Cleanup participants and sponsors

[15 May 2010](#)—[Manzanita Outdoor](#) supports Prescott Creeks through kayak raffle

[06 May 2010](#)—Prescott Creeks' Field Projects Coordinator, Jay Crocker discussed how lakes function with the City of Prescott Water Issues Committee

[1 May 2010](#)—Volunteers remove 3.73 tons of waste during annual Cleanup

[30 April 2010](#)—Miller Valley and Prescott College students team up for the creeks



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## Volunteer Opportunities

- This year's **Granite Creek Cleanup** was a great success and we look forward to making next year's just as good. To help plan the 2011 Cleanup email [Ann-Marie](#) or call (928)445-5669
- As Watson Woods is growing, Prescott Creeks needs help **dismantling the old irrigation** system that supported some of the vegetation. This will be an ongoing project on Wednesday mornings. Contact Ann-Marie.
- Would you like to help rid Watson Woods of **invasive vegetation**? It's a terrific way to get outside and support one a valuable riparian habitats. Training provided. Contact Ann-Marie.
- Help complete the watershed **field survey**. The creek segments include areas on Manzanita Creek and Miller Creek. Prescott Creeks will provide maps, instructions, datasheets, a GPS unit and you can complete this on your own time, preferably with a buddy. Email [Amanda](#) or call (928)445-5669.







# The Creekside E-News



July 2010

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## Run for the Creeks



Join Prescott Creeks on August 28th for this year's **Run for the Creeks**. This year's run will include 10 K, 5 K and 1K (Kid Creek Run, 10 years old and under) runs

which start and finish at the Willow Lake boat ramp in Prescott.

For more information email Race Organizer, Jeff Low, at [Run@PrescottCreeks.org](mailto:Run@PrescottCreeks.org). Pre-registration is available at [Active.com](http://Active.com).

## Thank You Manzanita Outdoor

As seen in [Prescott E-News](#) & the [Daily Courier](#), Prescott Creeks receives donation from Manzanita Outdoors

Prescott Creeks is honored to receive a donation for \$652 from [Manzanita Outdoor's](#) kayak raffle. Manzanita Outdoor has been a continuous supporter of Prescott Creeks' work on the water ways and habitat of our area. The lucky winner of the kayak is Barb Mure of Prescott. Barb can spend the summer floating our beautiful local lakes in her brand new Old Town Otter XT Kayak.



Kayak Winner Barb Mure

For those who did not win the kayak and would still like to spending the summer on the water, you can find Manzanita Outdoor at 1841 E. State Route 69 #120, Prescott, or rent boats from them at Watson and Goldwater Lakes.

## Happy 4th of July

From Prescott Creeks' Board of Directors and Staff.



## Volunteer Opportunities



Volunteers are needed to help support Run for the Creeks on August 28th. If you're not interested in running, but would like to spend the morning near the lake supporting the runners, we could use your help. Volunteers are needed for registration, water stations, and photography.

If you're interested please email [Ann-Marie](#) or call (928) 445-5669.

## Your Membership Makes a Difference

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Memberships support Prescott Creeks work to restore Watson Woods, monitor the creeks and better understand the water quality issues in our area.

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# The Creekside E-News



August 2010

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## Run for the Creeks



**August 28<sup>th</sup>** is the 2nd Annual **Run for the Creeks**. This year's run will include a 10k, a 5k, and a brand-new 1k Kids Run. The Run is appropriate for runners and walkers. All participants will

receive a Run t-shirt and snacks.

If you haven't signed up yet, pre-registration is available through [Active.com](http://Active.com) or by [mail](mailto:mail).

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fun, and knowing you are doing the right thing.

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## Read All About It

[05 July 2010](#)—as we head into summer and warm weather the lakes are the place to be. Jay Crocker discussed lake algae with the Courier

[11 July 2010](#)—the Courier announces the upcoming lakes presentation to the City Council including information on the Watershed Improvement Council

[13 July 2010](#)—Courier reviews the Council presentation and discussion on long-term water quality and lakes planning

[14 July 2010](#)—the Courier announces the arrival of Executive Director, Michael Byrd, and Granite Creeks Cleanup Coordinator, Amylee Thornhill's, daughter Aven.



Willow Lake algae. Photo by M. Byrd. September 2009.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Seeking volunteers interested in working with environmental education. Prescott Creeks' **interactive watershed education model** is nearly ready for public debut.

The model is a 10' x 15' interactive educational tool that will simulate stream function, flood plains, and flow.

Prescott Creek is looking for volunteers interested in working with us on developing a program for deploying the model out to various groups and schools interested in using this exciting new learning tool.







# The Creekside E-News



September 2010

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## Run for the Creeks

With over 225 participants, this year's Run for the Creeks on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Runners from 2 to 95 years old competed in 10k, 5k, and 1k runs, as well as a 2 mile invitational



for elite runners. Sixteen runners competed in the 2 mile over steep hills. Zach Thomas came in first at 10:17 and was followed by Hayden Palmer at 10:46 and Chris Bray at 11:02. Zach then went on to win the men's 10k in 35:21. The women's 10k was won by Emily Streeter at 47:46. Top finishers in the 5k were Dorshanna Collie for the women at 26:31 and Criston Matthew Hyett for the men at 19:47. The 1k kids run was a special event for children 10 years old and under. 23 children ran with Crozier McCrae coming in first for the big kids (7 – 10 years) at 4:23 and Sam Woods first for the littler kids (6 and under) at 5:04. All runners had the opportunity to enjoy Muscle Milk and stretching by Carr Chiropractic.

Sponsors included Carollo, PBS&J, Cardno WRG, JE Fuller, the Mountain Milers, Paul Eaton.com, SEC, Olson Associates, York Dodge Chrysler Jeep, Engineering America, Jay's Bird Bar, Her Fitness, Kendall's, the Palace, Springhill Marriott, Whiskey Row t-shirts, City of Prescott, Prescott Brewery, New Frontiers, Method Coffee, Foot Fetish, Hotel Vendome, Swift Feet, Papa's In the Pines, Costco, Prescott Fire Dept, Papa Murphy's, and Hibbits Sports.

## Read All About It

- 4 August—Courier highlights the [Run for Kids](#)
- 15 August—Courier discusses the 2-mile [Run Invitational](#)
- 20 August—AZ Republic talks about the fun to be had with [Prescott Creeks](#) and Watson Lake



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## Volunteer Opportunity

One of the most important things Prescott Creeks does each year is the annual Granite Creek Cleanup. It not only keeps our creeks and lakes clear, but helps to connect hundreds of people to our beautiful riparian areas. We are looking for volunteers to help plan to make next year's Cleanup to make it an even a better community event. Contact [Ann-Marie](#) for more information.

## DEA Heads First-Ever Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Prescription drugs don't belong in our water or waterways, so please don't flush them down the toilet. The DEA will be collecting potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction at sites nationwide on Saturday, **September 25th** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1111 Commerce Drive in Prescott. The service is free and anonymous.

## IS THE VERDE RIVER PROTECTED BY THE CLEAN WATER ACT?

Steve Pawlowski, of the Sierra Club, will present "Is the Verde River Protected by the Clean Water Act?" when he speaks to CWAG on Saturday, **September 11th** from 10 a.m. to noon at the Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 882 Sunset in Prescott. For more info, call 445-4218, e-mail [info@cwagaz.org](mailto:info@cwagaz.org) or visit [www.cwagaz.org](http://www.cwagaz.org).







# The Creekside E-News



October 2010

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## Watson Woods Update

It's time for the second year of restoration at **Watson Woods**.

This fall and winter will include working on sections of the creek that received damage in last year's storm, building an additional ephemeral wetland, harvesting and planting trees and native grasses, and continuing to monitor the work to better understand its impact on habitat and water quality. See Volunteer Opportunities to be involved in this year's harvesting. Follow the progress on Prescott Creeks' new website.



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## Upcoming Events

**Art Walk** -The **Krieger-Marcusen Gallery** will celebrate Prescott Creeks 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during Prescott's **October 22<sup>nd</sup>** 4th Friday Art Walk. During the celebration from 5-8 pm half the price paid for any painting in the gallery will be donated to Prescott Creeks. Location: Krieger-Marcusen Gallery in the Hotel St. Michaels Alley

Forum on Recharging Groundwater with Treated Wastewater November 13th. More information [here](#)

## Read All About It

September 2—ENews on the results of the 2nd annual [Run for the Creeks](#)

September 12—Courier [Run for the Creeks](#) big success

September 16—Prescott ENews announced Amanda Richardson talk on the [Water-shed Improvement Council](#)

September 18—Courier discussed the [Important Bird Area](#) that includes Watson Woods.



## Volunteer Opportunities

Join one of the most compelling local organizations working to make a difference in the community. The Prescott Creeks **Board of Directors** is looking to expand. To learn more contact [Ann-Marie](#).



**Harvesting willows** for planting in Watson Woods begin again in November. Volunteers are needed Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays throughout the month. To join a crew please contact [Ann-Marie](#).

For the last 4 years the Friends of JS Acker have partnered with Prescott Creeks in our annual **holiday card** fundraiser. Proceeds from the card sale benefit both Acker Memorial Park and Prescott Creeks' efforts. The Friends are seeking additional volunteers to help prepare the cards for sale and deliver them to the supporting local businesses in Prescott. Please contact [Charlene Craig](#) or phone 771-1428.





# The Creekside E-News



November 2010

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## Granite Creek Cleanup 2011 Logo Contest

Prescott Creeks is seeking entries for a logo to represent this year's Granite Creek Cleanup. Every year hundreds of area residents and visitors participate in making Prescott a better place for all of us by removing tons of trash from local creeks, floodplains, and lakes. Your logo could help to make this an even more memorable event for everyone.



Photo by W. Howland



The winning logo will be used on t-shirts for approximately 400 participants and the Cleanup banner. Winner will receive a Cleanup t-shirt with the new logo and recognition in publicity associated with the event. The design should include the ideas of removing trash, clean waterways, and community participation. All

submissions must be received by December 15, 2010 and will be judged by a community panel. Please submit entries by [email](#) or to P.O. Box 3004, Prescott, AZ 86302.

Volunteers are also need to help with planning and organizing the 2011 Granite Creek Cleanup. The committee is meeting monthly to make decisions on how to make this into an even better event for everyone in our area.



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## Opportunities & Events

### Help us help Acker Park

Join Prescott Creeks and [Friends of Acker Park](#) in organizing their beautiful cards for distribution to local retailers this holiday season.

We will be working on the cards at the Prescott Creeks office this Wednesday, November 3rd from 6—8 pm. The cards support maintaining and improving Acker Park.



Verde Watershed Association and [CWAG](#) will host a forum, **"Recharge of Treated Wastewater to Groundwater: What Are the Risks?"** Saturday, November 13, 2010 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Speakers will examine what science knows about the presence and persistence of emerging contaminants and their potential adverse effects on our drinking water source and on aquatic life. The forum will take place at Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 882 Sunset in Prescott (two blocks behind True Value). If you wish to attend, please register in advance by Wednesday, November 3. For more information, please call (928) 708-1660 or [email](#).





# The Creekside E-News



December 2010

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## Watson Woods Update

The final phase of the restoration and revegetation work has started out at [Watson Woods Riparian Preserve](#).

Cottonwoods and willows have been harvested and [ACE](#) volunteers are coming to help plant. This dedicated group of volunteers come from around the world to spending months working on conservation projects around the Southwest.



## Celebrating 20 Years!



Prescott Creeks is celebrating 20 years of working on our watershed. This is an exciting time for us as we look back over work accomplished. For more information see our [blog](#).

## Intern



Make a difference in your community and learn valuable skills. This

**Prescott College work-study position** will assist the Prescott Creeks staff with a variety

of popular events and projects including, but not limited to the Granite Creek Cleanup, and Watson Woods restoration. For more [information](#).

## Opportunities

The Nature Conservancy's **Upper Verde Tamarisk Cutting Event** Please join The Nature Conservancy in removing Tamarisk and other invasive



plants from the Upper Verde River! **Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 8:30 am-3:30 pm.** To sign up and for questions contact: Selena Pao at [spao@tnc.org](mailto:spao@tnc.org), (928) 717-2843.

## Watershed Improvement Planning



The [Granite Creek Watershed Improvement Council](#) has been crunching the data from the field survey of the watershed. Volunteers hiked stretches of the creeks and documented potential impacts to **water quality**. More information on what they were looking is available on our [blog](#).

Join one of the most dynamic organizations in the area. Prescott Creeks is accepting applications for our **Board of Directors**. Board members are a vital part of determining the direction of our organization. For more information contact our office.

Missed the CWAG Forum on **Recharge of Treated Wastewater to Ground Water**? Videos of the workshop are available through their [website](#).

