

Save the Verde - Calendar of Events

February 20, 2009

FEB 21 – Saturday

Upper Verde River Stewardship Hike: Stillman Lake-Verde Springs. Join Sierra Club staff for a special by-permission-only guided field trip to beautiful Stillman Lake and Verde Springs. This relatively easy, four-mile roundtrip hike starts and ends with a rocky trek (200' elevation change in .5 mile). Other hike dates: February 21 and March 29. If you want to join us, email Gary at gbverde@cableone.net with your full name, address, phone number, and your preferred date, and we'll send you more details. Each hike is limited to 15 participants.

FEB 22 – Sunday

Sharlot Hall Museum Water Lecture Series: Tim Crews Discusses Agriculture in the Southwest. This event takes place at the Museum Exhibit Center 415 W. Gurley Street, Prescott, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Donations appreciated, reservations recommended. For information, contact [Kristen Densmore](mailto:Kristen.Densmore@sharlot-hall.org) (928) 445-3122.

FEB 25 – Wednesday

The regular Board meeting of the Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition will be held at the Yavapai County Building, Gladys Gardner Conference Room, 1015 Fair St., Prescott. Look for the agenda at www.uvrwpc.org. The Center for Biological Diversity and other groups in support of comprehensive protection measures for the Verde River will present a position statement and a petition with more than 19,000 signatures during the “call to the public.”

Prescott National Forest hosts the first of two public meetings preparing for Forest Plan Revision at Cliff Castle Casino, 555 Middle Verde Rd., Camp Verde from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Additional Information can be found at www.fs.fed.us/r3/prescott/plan-revision/index.shtml or contact Sally Hess-Samuelsen at (928) 443-8216 or shesssamuelson@fs.fed.us.

FEB 26 – Thursday

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Entire Month of March

The Center for Biological Diversity sponsors a Prescott Public Library Viewerie Exhibit telling the story of our beautiful Verde River, the threats that beleaguer it, and what citizens can do to help. Library location: 215 E. Goodwin St. Library hours: Monday, Friday, and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please contact Edie Dillon at (928) 277- 9155 or edillon@biologicaldiversity.org.

MAR 8 – Sunday

Sharlot Hall Museum Water Lecture Series: Jacob Devaney Discusses Art and Nature and the role of nature and water in his art. He will share some of his documentary videos and talk about his projects in the northern Arizona. For more information please visit www.culturecollective.org. This event takes place at the Museum Exhibit Center 415 W. Gurley Street, Prescott, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Donations appreciated, reservations recommended. For information, contact [Kristen Densmore](mailto:Kristen.Densmore@sharlot-hall-museum.org) at (928) 445-3122.

MAR 15 – Sunday

Sharlot Hall Museum Water Lecture Series: John Wesley Powell - The Man, the Myth, the Mystery presented by Richard Quartaroli. Powell has most often been described as a soldier, explorer, adventurer, and scientist. But he was also a consummate government bureaucrat and a visionary for his recognition of the West as the "Arid Lands." Join Northern Arizona University Special Collections librarian Richard Quartaroli to hear about the latest research into the wild and mild worlds of John Wesley Powell. Co-sponsored by the Grand Canyon Association (GCA) and Sharlot Hall Museum. This event takes place at the Museum Exhibit Center 415 W. Gurley Street, Prescott, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Donations appreciated, reservations recommended. For information, contact [Gretchen Guice](mailto:Gretchen.Guice@sharlot-hall-museum.org) (928) 445-3122.

MAR 17 – Tuesday

Water Resources Research Center 2009 Annual Conference in collaboration with the Morris K. Udall Foundation and Arizona Water Institute presents "Best Practices for Stakeholder Engagement in Water Resources Planning." Planners, stakeholders, and engagement professionals will share their knowledge and experiences in the field and new technologies and innovations. The conference includes a poster session and an opportunity to choose one of three interactive workshops. There no charge for students (registration is still required), fee waivers are available, and parking is free. Location: the University of Arizona Student Union Memorial Center Ballroom. Register and find more information at www.cals.arizona.edu/azwater/programs/conf2009.

MAR 29 – Sunday

Upper Verde River Stewardship Hike: Stillman Lake-Verde Springs. See February 21 calendar item for details. To register, please contact Joanne Oellers, leader for this hike, at joellers@biologicaldiversity.org or (928) 772-8204.

APR 13 to 15 – Monday through Wednesday

The hearing on the City of Prescott's Assured Water Supply continues April 13, 14 and 15, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day, at Yavapai College, 1100 East Sheldon Building 19 - Rm.147, Community Room, Prescott, Arizona 86301. This is a great way to learn more about the Big Chino pipeline impacts. Read *The Daily Courier* February 11 article about the hearing at www.dcourier.com/main.asp?Search=1&ArticleID=64696&SectionID=1&SubSectionID=1&S=1.

You can also follow the hearing proceedings on the Office of Administrative Hearings Web site at www.azoah.com/portal.html by searching by client under the Department of Water Resources or by the docket #08A-AWS001-DWR. Or access all of the documents filed in the case at <https://portal.azoah.com/oedf/documents/08A-AWS001-DWR/>.

APR 17 to 25 – Friday through Saturday

April River Days: A Week Of Celebration And Action For the Verde - our own flood of fun and festivities - is just around the corner. Contact Edie at (928) 277-9155 or edillon@biologicaldiversity.org for more information or to say you'll help make this celebration a big success.

APR 18 – Saturday

Wet/dry river mapping training at Arcosanti is offered to community members so they can help map the upper Agua Fria River on June 20. The protocol that will be used was developed by the Nature Conservancy and the Bureau of Land Management to map the wet and dry reaches on the San Pedro River. Learn use of a GPS unit and more techniques in one of two available sessions, April 18 at Arcosanti from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. or April 30 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Albins Civic Center in Black Canyon City (see calendar listing for April 30). To find out more, email info@aguafriafriends.org or call Peggy at (602) 249-4460.

APR 23 to 26 – Thursday through Sunday

The Verde Valley Birding & Nature Festival in Cottonwood provides a unique recreational experience to anyone interested in the natural world and fosters awareness of the importance of habitat for the enrichment of all life in the Verde Valley. Come bird, hike, and learn about the Verde. This year's theme: The River is the Reason. Visit www.birdyverde.org for details and to register.

APR 30 – Thursday

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MAY 2 – Saturday

Hike The Verde: Part 1 - Perkinsville Bridge to Bear Siding. Bushwhack up the Verde River six miles (1000 ft. elevation change) through a very pretty and wild part of the river. There is no trail, so be prepared to push through the brush, wade the river, and climb around cliffs. This will be a long day providing outstanding scenery and photography. Learn about the conservation issues threatening this wonderful river. To make your reservation, contact Gary Beverly at (928) 636-2638 or gbverde@cableone.net.

“Best of the Basin”, Agua Fria Open Space Alliance 2009 Annual Open Space Conference takes place at Arcosanti from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Learn about rare plants, animals, and habitats of the Agua Fria River Basin. For more information, contact Garry Rogers at grogers@aguafriaopenspace.org or Jo Ann Johnson at jjohnson@aguafriaopenspace.org, and visit <http://aguafriaopenspace.org> to learn more about the Agua Fria River Basin.

MAY 9 – Saturday

Hike The Verde: Part 2 - Hell Point to Bull Basin. After shuttling vehicles, bushwhack up the Verde River seven miles (600 feet elevation change) through the most isolated and beautiful section of the river. There is no trail, so be prepared to push through the brush, wade the river, and climb around cliffs. This will be a long day with outstanding scenery and photography, including a cliff dwelling, a ruin, and wildlife. Learn about the conservation issues threatening this wonderful river. To make your reservation, contact Gary Beverly at (928) 636-2638 or gbverde@cablone.net.

MAY 13 – Wednesday

Central Arizona Geology Club General Meeting hosts Bill Meyers presenting "Water in the Upper Verde River Basin: Knowns and Unknowns." This meeting begins with club business at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. and takes place at the Prescott Public Library, Founders Suite A & B, 215 E. Goodwin, Prescott.

JUN 6 – Saturday

Hike The Verde: Part 3 - Bull Basin to Gas Pipeline. Bushwhack up the Verde River eight miles (600 feet elevation change) through a wild part of the river. There is no trail, so be prepared to push through the brush, wade the river, and view outstanding scenery. Bring your camera. Learn about the conservation issues threatening this wonderful river. To make your reservation, contact Gary Beverly at (928) 636-2638 or gbverde@cablone.net.

JUN 20 – Saturday

Wet/dry mapping of the upper Agua Fria River. See calendar items for April 18 and April 30 for details on advance training for this event.

Make a difference! Attend City and Town Council meetings, or watch/listen from home

Upper Verde River Protection Coalition meetings usually held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. at 201 S. Cortez St. in Prescott. Information and agenda on the Prescott Valley Web site at www.uvrwpc.org/id1.html.

Upper Verde River Protection Coalition Technical Advisory Committee meetings are held at 1 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the County Administration Building 1015 Fair St., Gladys Gardner Conference Room, first floor. Information and agenda on the Prescott Valley Web site at www.uvrwpc.org/id2.html.

Prescott City Council holds study sessions on the first and third Tuesday of each month and regular voting meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 201 S. Cortez St. in Prescott. See its Web site for agendas: www.cityofprescott.net/leadership/meetings.

The link below offers audio programs including Prescott City government business and Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition meetings:
<http://access13.org/audio.php#Access>.

Prescott Valley Town Council regular meetings start at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 7501 E. Civic Circle (1st floor), Prescott Valley. Council meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday of each month. See its Web site for agendas: www.pvaz.net/Government/council/index.htm.

Prescott Valley Town news and events programming on Channel 15 including web-streaming Town Council meetings live are available at: www.pvaz.net/NewsEvents/Channel15/index.htm.

Chino Valley Town Council meetings begin at 6 p.m. in the Chino Valley Council Chambers located at 1020 W. Palomino Rd., Chino Valley. Council meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday of each month. See its Web site for agendas: www.chinoaz.net/clerk/townagenda1.html.

A schedule of the Town of Chino Valley's Community Access Channel 13 programming including Chino Valley Town meetings and Prescott City Council meetings can be found at: www.chinoaz.net/govtv/index.html.

Dewey-Humboldt Town Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 2735 S. Hwy. 69, Suite 10, Humboldt Station, Dewey-Humboldt. See its Web site for agendas: www.dewey-humboldt.net/agendas.asp.