

GARNA's 9th Annual Photo Contest Launches to Capture the Magnificence of the Arkansas Valley

October 31, 2023 (Salida, Colo.) - The Greater Arkansas River Nature Association (GARNA) is holding its 9th annual photo contest for nature photos taken in the Upper Arkansas River Valley. This is an opportunity for local photographers to share their creative work and support GARNA. Photos must be from within the Upper Arkansas Valley watershed, Leadville to Canon City.

- **Wildlife** – Images of wild creatures and their habitat that GARNA has worked to conserve.
- **Winter** - Show us the snow! Dazzle us with ice! Images of your favorite winter scenes, snowcapped peaks, frozen trees, and frozen water.
- **Spring** - Let's see those plants start to pop! Think leafing trees, melting snow, creatures emerging, and mountain winds.
- **Summer** - Is there anything better than summer in the valley? Images of the river, wildflowers, and mountain scenes.
- **Fall** - Fall colors in all their glory - cottonwoods, aspens, and so much more!

Participants can begin submitting photos through November 19th, but photographers who submit early will have more opportunity to garner votes for the People's Choice Awards for each category. The public can enter their People's Choice vote through November 21 (for a \$1 donation per vote with a five-vote minimum). Contest participants can enter as many photos as they like with a \$10 donation per photo. GARNA will use winning images to produce and sell quality photographic folded note cards and calendars to publicize and raise funds for its education, public lands stewardship, and sustainability work. Contest participants will receive special pricing and opportunities on GARNA photo products. For info, to submit photos, or to vote on your favorites, visit: www.gogophotocontest.com/garna. For questions, please contact GARNA at 719-539-5106 or info@garna.org.

Through community collaboration, GARNA inspires a conservation ethic by providing educational opportunities and experiences so that those who live, work, and play in the Upper Arkansas Valley are motivated to take care of the natural resources and leave a legacy of responsible use of the natural environment. GARNA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit environmental organization based in Salida, Colorado. To support our work by becoming a member, visit: <https://garna.org>