



NEWS PRESS RELEASES

WILDFLOWER HIKES WITH 1% FOR OPEN SPACE



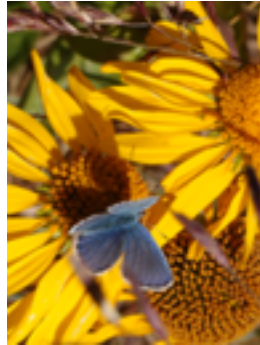
Do more than just identify the wildflowers! Learn, discover, explore and create in 1% for Open Space's wildflower hike offerings during the Crested Butte Wildflower Festival.

Conversations in Wildflowers: A Creative Investigation & Walk on Saturday, July 8 indulges in the act of pausing to be fully present in nature. Engage in a conversation with the earth through all of your senses. Connect. Collaborate. Harmonize. Local artist and Certified Nature Connected Coach, Ivy Walker, is joined by writer and executive director of 1% for Open Space Molly Murfee, in a series of visual, written and sensory exercises to really sink in and deepen your unique relationship with the land. Tap into your nature-inspired creativity through reflecting, journaling, and making art with the land, rather than always moving swiftly through it. Use the natural history of wildflowers, site-specific sculpture artists (such as Andy Goldsworthy), environmental writers (such as Terry Tempest Williams), and the inherent metaphor of nature as your muses. This experience takes place from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and tuition is \$60.

The Wildflowers & Science Extravaganza on Saturday, July 15 discovers what scientists at the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory are studying on Snodgrass Mountain! RMBL scientists use wildflowers to understand a range of topics, including pollination dynamics, genetics, climate change, and impacts of invasive species. Join RMBL scientists and 1% for Open Space Executive Director Molly Murfee roaming through various research sites learning about: current research being conducted live on these lands; open space preservation as a key to understanding our physical world; and how these two organizations work together on land conservation for scientific research. The Snodgrass Extravaganza explores several research sites through the topics of pollination dynamics, watersheds, climatic data gathering and entomology. It's an all day excursion from 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$120, which includes a gourmet lunch.

Both hikes help to benefit the work of 1% for Open Space in raising funds to help preserve our gorgeous land including its sweeping viewsheds, bountiful recreational access, valuable working ranches, and important ecosystems, wildlife habitats and watersheds. For more information visit www.1percentforopenspace.org.

NATURE AS HEALER: FINDING THE REGENERATIVE CREATIVE RESOURCE



Immerse yourself in an all day backcountry excursion into the wilderness complimented with exercises and explorations into art and writing. Identify your personal “Nature as source” through investigating concepts of beauty, solace and appreciation. How does Nature support you? What does it have to teach you? Celebrate these sources through art and words that recognize and honor place. Nature as Healer: Finding the Regenerative Creative Resource is the second part of the series Regenerations: Cultivating Connections to Earth, Art & Activism and takes place Sunday, July 16 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

In the full Regenerations series you’ll experiment with writing and visual art, finding new ways to express your passion, purpose and persuasion. You’ll make art with the landscape, using both introduced and natural materials to create conversation and statement in nature. You’ll learn to free flow write without editing, discover cutting verbs, seamlessly incorporate facts. You’ll wander among details, senses and metaphor. You’ll write love letters to nature and motivating notes to politicians. You’ll learn about nature writers and artist activists. It’s a full-day hiking immersion to slow down, tap in, and allow the modern world to fall away. The course is collaboratively taught by visual artist and certified Nature Connected Coach and environmental writer Molly Murfee. Registration is \$120 plus \$5 materials fee. For more information visit www.earthartactivism.com. Register at www.western.edu/extendedstudies.com.

MOUNTAIN MANNERS FOR MOUNTAIN BIKES THIS WEEKEND

Mountain Manners Courses are based in the Leave No Trace™ tenets and give you the low-down on low-environmental impact travel through wild, fragile places. Mountain Manners for Mountain Bikes is this Sunday, June 25 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with instructor Molly Murfee for \$40. This specially-focused and succinct course held during Crested Butte Bike Week allows you to get your traveling ethics down with enough time to squeeze in another ride later in the day. Bring your own bike ready to ride.

Next up on the roster is Mountain Manners Wildflower & Natural History Hike Saturday, July 9 from 9:00 am. – 3:00 p.m. during the Crested Butte Wildflower Festival with instructor Molly Murfee for \$75. This three-quarters day hike allows plenty of time to learn local wildflowers and natural history, and see the gorgeous terrain of the area through a guided hike, while additionally acquiring Mountain Manners and Leave No Trace™ skills. Hikers, bikers, backpackers and car campers and all other outdoor recreationalists are welcome.

In all Mountain Manners courses you’ll learn about bringing the right gear; trail etiquette; choosing the best lunch and camp sites; making a low impact fire; preserving flora and fauna; “toilet” practices; dealing with trash; preserving water quality and more. Reference materials and fun SWAG provided!

Register for all Mountain Manners courses through the program’s sponsor, the Crested Butte Wildflower Festival, online at www.crestedbuttewildflowerfestival.com. Go to the “Events” tab, then “Mountain Manners Stewardship Classes” on the drop-down menu. You may also register by phone at 970-349-2571. Meet at the 4-way stop / Visitor Center in Crested Butte on the NE Corner of Elk Avenue and Sixth Street (Hwy 135).

Check out our full season of offerings!

- Mountain Manners for Mountain Bikes: Sunday, June 25. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. \$40. During Bike Week!
- Mountain Manners Wildflower & Natural History Hike: Sunday, July 9; or Friday, August 11. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. \$75 / class. Comes with learning the wildflowers!
- Mountain Manners Half Day Hike: Wednesday, July 19 & July 26. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. \$40. Affordable with time to squeeze in another activity.
- Mountain Manners Car Camping & Campfire: Wednesday, August 2. 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. \$50. Targeted specifically for traveling through the “side country.”
- Mountain Manners is a program of the Crested Butte Wildflower Festival.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT GVO THIS WEEKEND

Friday

Exploration in Space - There was more to the space-race than a show of might between two superpowers, or even the goal of landing on the moon. From their earliest days NASA has carried on our tradition of exploration, and they are continuing to push the boundaries of what we believe is possible. On Friday night hear special guest speaker Erik Jensen, Astronomy Ranger at Black Canyon National Park talk about the history of space-flight, what NASA has planned for the future, and how that defines those of us still on the ground. This event is part of the Black Canyon Astronomy Festival. For more information on the Black Canyon National Park and the Astronomy Festival visit www.nps.gov/blca.

Saturday

SKYGLOW - After a grueling three-year journey of over 150,000 miles traveled and 3,000,000 pictures taken, renowned timelapse filmmakers Harun Mehmedinovic and Gavin Heffernan are proud to introduce SKYGLOW. SKYGLOW explores the history and mythology of celestial observation, the proliferation of electrical outdoor lighting that spurred the rise of the phenomena known as “skyglow,” and the Dark Sky Movement that’s fighting to reclaim the night skies. Join special guest Harun Mehmedinovic at the Gunnison Valley Observatory on Saturday, June 24th to learn more about this exciting project.

The Gunnison Valley Observatory is located at 2804 County Road 38 across from Hartman Rocks Recreation Area. The facility opens at sunset. Programs start at approximately 8:45 p.m. and are followed by viewing – weather permitting - of the amazing night sky through a variety of telescopes. Admission is by donation and reservations are not required. Go to www.gunnisonvalleyobservatory.org for more information. Carpe Noctem – Seize the Night!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE GUNNISON ARTS CENTER

MONTHLY FILM: 20TH CENTURY WOMEN

Summer 1979. At a complete loss as to how to raise her teenage son, Benning enlists the help of her three boarding-house tenants; a quirky punk photographer, a mellow handy-man, and her son’s shrewd best friend to serve as role models in a changing world. Rated R. Drama/comedy. Full bar/popcorn available. Friday, June 23 starts at 7:00 p.m. Admission \$10. More info at 102 S. Main St, GunnisonArtsCenter.org or 970-641-4029.

RIVER FESTIVAL BLOCK PARTY

Head downtown to the River Fest Block Party on South Main Street right in front of the Gunnison Arts Center to culminate the 14th annual Gunnison River Festival. Celebrate culture, run-off, recreation, ecology and clean waters. Live music, food vendors, river games, face painting, galleries and more! 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. opening band All About Me. 6:30 p.m. River Festival Awards. 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. headliner Policulture – Original Mountain Reggae from Boulder Colorado. FREE EVENT! Brought to you by the Gunnison Arts Center, Hashish Hut, Powerstop, Acli-mate, SGM, and Rocky Mountain Cannabis. More info at 102 S. Main St, GunnisonArtsCenter.org or 970-641-4029.

GET CREATIVE IN AN ART CLASS!

The GAC offers weekly classes for adults and kids this summer. Choose from The Art of Relaxation, Creative Accordion Books, Functional Pottery – Buttons & Beads, and Sketch Journaling for adults. Drop-in to Friday classes for kids too! Friday Art Fusion projects Ages 7 – 11, 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Art N Dance for the 2 – 6 year olds run Friday mornings. More info at 102 S. Main St, GunnisonArtsCenter.org or 970-641-4029.

LOCAL VOCALS CONCERT

Sit back in the Arts Center's intimate Black Box Theatre and enjoy an exciting evening of diverse musical artistry. Hosted by singer-songwriter Chris Coady and featuring performers Alan Wartes & Issa Forrest, Jenny Hill & Sam Pankratz, Steve Kurtz, Shannon Renee, and Brady Snow. Friday, June 30. Doors 7, concert at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15/adults, \$12/kids 12-, snrs 60+. More info at 102 S. Main St, GunnisonArtsCenter.org or 970-641-4029.

DEER, ELK MANAGEMENT MEETINGS PLANNED FOR GUNNISON, PAONIA, CEDAREEDGE

Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff is starting work to update big-game management plans in the Gunnison Basin and in the Paonia/North Fork areas. The public is invited to meetings where the planning efforts will be discussed.

At 6:30 p.m., June 27 at the Gunnison County Fairgrounds, 275 S. Spruce St., CPW staff will present information regarding elk management in the West Elk Mountains for Game Management Units 53, 54 and 63.

In Paonia on July 6 at the public library, 80 Samuel Wade Road, there will be a two-part meeting. At 6:00 p.m. there will be a presentation and discussion about deer management in GMUs 53 and 63. After a break, the meeting will continue at 7:30 p.m. with a presentation on elk management in GMUs 53, 54 and 63.

A third meeting is scheduled for Cedaredge at 6:30 p.m., August 9, at the Cedaredge Community Center Centennial Room, 140 NW 2nd St. At that meeting deer management in GMUs 411, 52, and 521 will be presented and discussed.

At the meetings, wildlife managers will present information regarding history of management in these areas, harvest and survival trends, and habitat. The planning process is in its early stages and will take about a year to complete. CPW will also be gathering input from the public through on-line surveys.

"Big-game management planning is complex," said J Wenum, area wildlife manager in Gunnison. "We need to take into consideration a variety of factors that include scientific analysis and public perception. As the planning process starts it's important for wildlife managers to hear the opinions and concerns of the public."

CENTER FOR THE ARTS CRESTED BUTTE

CENTER STAGE

Live Music & Shows

- Alpenglow - Joey Leone's Chop Shop: Monday, June 26. 5:30 p.m. Free

Master guitar player Joey Leone leads the Chop Shop as one of the most prolific and popular blues groups currently rocking New England. Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York and now living in Woodstock, Vermont, Joey has shared the stage with musical rock greats such as John Popper (Blues Traveller), Joe Perry (Aerosmith), Ronnie Wood (Rolling Stones) as well as blues legends Otis Rush, Junior Wells, Etta James and Lonnie Brooks. Having performed in 22 countries and 39 states, Joey has additionally brought his expertise to over a hundred musical columns and several guitar designs. Food: Marchitelli's Gourmet Noodle.

- Phoebe Hunt & The Gatherers: Friday, June 30. 8:00 p.m. Early Bird through 6/23: \$15. Regular: \$20

Austin singer-songwriter and accomplished fiddle player Phoebe Hunt intertwines elements of Texas swing, jazz and Americana into dazzling compositions. In an impressive creative leap, she further interlaces exotic rhythmic concepts from her recent studies in India with seventh-generation master violinist Kala Ramnath. Phoebe's soulful, plaintive voice organically breathes these seemingly disparate elements into raw and vulnerable songs of an entangled ego, the nature of forgiveness, and the quiet exhalation of ritualizing the everyday. Her own non-profit, Fuel Our Fire, spurs collaborative projects focusing on the healing nature of music such as recent album Songs for Standing Rock and projects such as Soldier Songs & Voices. Along with her stop in Crested Butte, Phoebe's summer appearances include the Strawberry Music Festival, Pagosa Folk & Bluegrass Festival and RockyGrass. Phoebe's songs are brought to life by The Gatherers: Roy Williams (guitar), Dominick Leslie (mandolin), Sam Reider (piano / accordion), Nick Falk (drums) and Jared Engel / Dave Speranza (upright bass). Phoebe was just named by Rolling Stone one of "10 New Country Artists You Need to Know."

- Travis Meadows: Wednesday, July 5. 7:00 p.m. \$20

This outdoor concert in the wide open meadows of a local ranch features Nashville underground musician Travis Meadows. Travis is overwhelmingly recognized in songwriter circles as a true artist and unforgettable performer, raising chills

with his raspy-voiced storytelling and heartrending confessionals. The rawness of his words and vocals rise up from a deep well of honesty, chiseled through pain and loss, death and rebirth. A Mississippi childhood; learning to drink his coffee black in dives off the highway; his battles with cancer, alcohol, drugs, God and demons are all characters in his music. Originally from Jackson, Travis laid the foundation for his career making the rounds at local bars and clubs, performing with legendary blues players. His songs have been recorded by country music icons and rockers alike such as Lynyrd Skynyrd, Hank Williams Jr. and Wynonna Judd, among many others. Rolling Stone Country exclaims of Travis, “Nashville’s most badass songwriter ... has penned some of country’s most stinging songs.” A cash bar is available.

ART STUDIO

111 Elk Avenue in Crested Butte; 970-349-7044; melissa@crestedbuttearts.org. Reserve the Art Studio for private Paint Your Own Pottery, art lessons; art events and parties; or for a Shared Artist Space.

- Paint Your Own Pottery: Wednesday – Saturday. 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Through August 26. Prices vary

Painting your own pottery is an easy way to include some creativity in your summer and perfect for personalized gifts for yourself or others! We fire the kiln each week on Wednesday evening, with pottery ready for pick up on Fridays. If you paint Thursday – Sunday, pottery is ready for pick up the week after you paint on Friday. If you are leaving town before your pottery is ready, we have options to ship. Pay only for what you paint, prices range from \$5 - \$55. Can’t paint on our scheduled dates? Want to host a private painting party? Schedule a Painting Appointment for \$50 per group for a two-hour session, plus the cost of pieces you paint.

- Open Wheel Throwing: Fridays through August 25. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. \$75

Try your hand at throwing on the wheel or brush up your skills in altering, hand-building and sculpting. With weekly three-hour sessions on Fridays throughout the season, take one class or several! Space is limited to three students per session, so reserve in advance. Multiple levels can work simultaneously, so those with more experience can additionally opt to work on a variety of glazing techniques. If Fridays do not work for you, call The Art Studio to arrange a lesson on another day of the week. Ages 12 and up. Instructor: Laura Elm.

- Making Paint with Powdered Pigment: Saturday, June 24. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. \$65

Work with powdered pigment and binders to mix your own batches of a variety of paints, including watercolor / gouache, acrylic, water-soluble oil and egg tempera. Spend time experimenting with each different medium, learning its qualities, application possibilities, and how each behaves. Take home paint recipes and ingredient lists. Instructor: Harriet Huff.

- Cyanotype Photogram Production: Tuesday, June 27 & Wednesday, June 28. 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. \$85

Cyanotype is an iron-based process developed in the early 1800’s using non-toxic chemicals to create photographic paper. Cyanotype photograms are produced not by taking photos in the traditional sense, but rather by using a variety of items to block light on the surface of your paper as the chemicals develop in the sunshine. Choose to arrange a compelling composition from items provided by the instructor, such as broken flowers, or bring your own items, such as a lacy family heirloom or personal drawing. Over two days, learn to choose paper, coat your work surface with emulsion, various printing techniques, and how to process and finalize an image. Experiment with options to finish your work, such as bleaching, tea toning and hand tinting. Leave with both a variety of small prints and a finalized and matted 8” x 12” photogram. Instructor: Kimbre Woods.

- Canvases & Cocktails: Tuesdays, June 27 – August 22. 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. \$40 / session

Gather on the Center’s Outdoor Stage for an exciting step-by-step acrylic painting class – a perfect setting for a creative endeavor on a summer evening! Every Tuesday night from June 27 – August 29 features a different painting topic. You are guided through a painting from start to finish, with instruction on setting up to paint, mixing color, composition, and more. All painting supplies and your first drink are included with a cash bar also available. Absolutely no painting or drawing experience is necessary. Instructor: Becky Chappell.

- Middle School Art Workshops – Discover Image Transfer Techniques: Wednesday, June 21. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. \$45 + \$20 supply fee

Middle School Art Workshops meet weekly on Wednesdays for a full summer of art immersion designed specifically for this age range. June 28 features “Discover Image Transfer Techniques” with instructor Blair Garth. Learn several different techniques to create unique art pieces by transferring images (bring your own or use one of ours) to various surfaces such as wood, glass, fabric, stone and beyond. Other topics: Cyanotype Photograms (7/5), Jewelry Making (7/12), Beauty Product Line

Design (7/19), Assemblage Art (7/26), Cake Decorating (8/2), and Drawing (8/9). Choose one or all of these workshops instructed by a variety of local artists. Ages 12 – 14.

- Plein Air Pastel Flowers: Mondays, July 3, 10 & 17. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. \$45 / session or \$125 for all three

Targeting locations based on where the best and most vibrant flowers are blooming, enjoy capturing vignettes of our local wildflowers with learning the basics of pastels and drawing - all in the morning light, en plein air, and in each other's company. A collection of soft pastels and papers are provided, but feel free to bring any of your own supplies as well. Also bring a chair, a drawing board or surface to work on, and outdoor appropriate gear. Instructor: Ivy Walker.

CULINARY & VINTNER ARTS

- Home Winemaking: Wednesdays, June 28 – August 23. 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. \$225

Let's make a barrel of wine! Craft a batch of Cabernet Sauvignon from juice to finished bottle in this five-session workshop series each with a different learning focus. Learn and discuss the basics of wine tasting while sampling small-bite appetizers. Each participant takes home a few bottles of the finished wine. Classes meet on five Wednesdays June 28 (Inoculation & Primary Fermentation), July 5 (Secondary Fermentation), July 19 (Stabilizing & Clarification), August 2 (Racking & Clarification) and August 23 (Bottling). Instructor: Tim Egelhoff.

- Tour de Forks - Modern Transformation: Sunday, July 2. 6:00 p.m. \$225

Experience the transformation of this Skyland home situated on the first tee of the Robert Trent Jones Jr. championship golf course. While outdoors the rolling greens supply a seemingly unrestrained back yard, the interior exudes bold modern masculine with charcoal color scheme and artistically industrial sensibility. Visiting and highly decorated Denver Chef Tom Coohill of Coohill's Restaurant & Bar wows with his award-winning innovative French cuisine. Sommelier Aaron Tomcak joins the evening to precisely pair a selection of wines with each dish.

- Tour de Forks - Pastoral Heaven Dinner & Travis Meadows Concert: Wednesday, July 5. 5:30 p.m. \$200

Missy and Phil Chamberland's 70 acres of wildflowers dotted with wild roses and raspberries, interspersed throughout the hay meadows, are pure pastoral heaven. Take full advantage of the intimate proximity of Whetstone's alpenglow in this delightful all al fresco summer dining experience. Chef Michael Marsee flaunts dishes with layers of textures and flavors from his international experiences. After dinner, relish in the rare opportunity of a live concert held under the broad skies of this little mountain haven with Nashville underground musician Travis Meadows – a singer-songwriter of heartrending confessionals. Travis' songs have been recorded by Lynyrd Skynyrd, Hank Williams Jr. and Wynonna Judd among others.

GALLERY SHOWS

- Katey Nelson Artist Reception: Friday, June 23. 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Free

A fable is a genre of fictional literature that utilizes animals, legendary creatures, plants, and objects in such a way as to animate them with human characteristics, thereby infusing the tale with an anthropomorphic lesson. "Fable: A Stop-Motion Animation" explores this genre in a non-verbal medium, and with a perhaps less defined moral lesson. It plays with the concept of transmutation - to change or greatly alter, often with grotesque or humorous effect. It is set in a dark enchanted forest inhabited by a cast of fanciful and quirky creatures that symbolize elements of human psyche. A looped projection of the animation is accompanied by an installation of elements from the set. Show runs June 19 – 26. At the Piper Gallery.

- Laura Cooper Elm – "Lush and Verdant Redux": Through July 9. Free

Owing to the fertile and furtive minds of one of the valleys' most passionate and prolific artists; the ASCA presents a solo show that highlights ingeniously original and thoughtfully crafted artwork by Laura Cooper Elm. Laura's work is an amalgam of ceramics, paintings and digital mixed media. Her process reaches into epochs of historical reference, mining seemingly incongruent flecks of artistic ore and melding them into fluent lyrical visual metaphors. The artist uses carefully culled imagery juxtaposed in beautifully arranged compositions. Artist Reception: Friday, June 30, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at ArtWalk. At the Art Studio Gallery.

- Adele Bachman – "On My Own": June 26 – July 3. Free

Three years ago, when Adele Bachman made the decision to develop her artistic abilities, she relied on other people to give her inspiration and subjects. Adele makes a huge leap with this show and features only works that are strictly of her own artistic vision. The body of work showcases the confidence she has acquired to choose her own subjects and paint from her own

experiences, without relying on detailed instruction. Artist Reception: Thursday, June 29. 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. At the Piper Gallery.

TICKET INFO

All tickets now on sale. For comprehensive event information and tickets visit www.crestedbuttearts.org; 970-349-7487; The Center at 606 Sixth Street in Crested Butte from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; or find us on Facebook.

1% HELPS FUND STEWARDSHIP EFFORTS

1% for Open Space voted last week to fund \$15,000 to Mountain Manners (a program of the Crested Butte Wildflower Festival) and \$15,000 to the Crested Butte Conservation Corps (a program of the Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association) with aspirations of helping to establish commendable local land stewardship efforts by the two organizations, and thereby creating a more sustainable model of tourism.

The primary focus of the Mountain Manners grant is the support of the Peak Protector program. Over 30 trained Peak Protectors hit the trail this weekend through Labor Day weekend, educating recreationalists at trailheads, in campgrounds (including dispersed camping zones), and on the trail about low impact travel techniques in our wild places. Additionally, eight Mountain Manners Stewardship courses are being conducted throughout the summer for in depth instruction on the same. The goal of Mountain Manners and Peak Protectors is to educate recreationalists in order to change adverse behavior and practices.

The Crested Butte Conservation Corp is establishing work crews on the ground six days a week, maintaining and repairing damaged trails to prevent resource damage as well as improve the trail experience. While a program of the Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association, the crews will be repairing non-mountain biking trails as well, in addition to assisting with issues in dispersed camping, traffic and parking on thoroughfares leading to backcountry access, and serving as a response team for urgent and present arising situations (such as motorists driving around snow banks and mud bogs).

Both efforts have arisen out of increased visitation to the area causing harmful effects to the land, ecosystems, watershed and trails. Working with governmental agencies such as the United States Forest Service, as well as the private land owners from the Crested Butte Land Trust to ranching operations, the two programs are also working in concert with each other, providing complimentary services towards a very crucial need. Each will be measuring their impacts by recording numbers of interactions with individual recreationists, with Mountain Manners paying special attention to if the education is producing a positive impact on the landscape, and the Conservation Corps additionally weighing pounds of trash collected.

“We cannot continue to market for more people without putting at least equal resources into sustainable tourism efforts such as these,” stated 1%’s executive director Molly Murfee, “No one else is going to take care of our home – it’s up to us. With our grants, 1% wants to make a strong statement and a real difference in getting these programs off the ground. We commend our long-term partner, the Crested Butte Land Trust, for always having stewardship a part of their operations on the lands they own and manage. We see these new efforts as rising to respond to the sheer numbers and their detrimental impacts we’re now feeling across the board on all of our accessible lands. It is no longer enough to just preserve land, we must make very concentrated efforts to steward it as well. This should be a regular part of doing business for all vested parties throughout Gunnison County from this point forward.”

1% for Open Space raises funds through voluntary donations from customers of over 100 participating businesses to help preserve Gunnison County’s open space, recreational opportunities, gorgeous viewsheds, ranching heritage, important ecosystems and valuable watersheds. Since 1997, 1% has collected over \$2.7 million to help protect over 12,100 acres in Gunnison County. 1% operates in two project areas – a North Account from Almont North to the High Elk Corridor, and a South Account from Almont through to Gunnison - directly funded by the donations collected by participating businesses in that specific area.

CONSUMER ADVISORY: PREPARING FOR THE 2017 WILDFIRE SEASON MITIGATION INFORMATION AND INSURANCE TIPS.

In April, Colorado’s Division of Fire Prevention and Control issued its 2017 wildfire outlook for the state. Models currently indicate that the state can expect an average or possibly even below average wildfire season. While that’s good news, such a forecast can still mean plenty of fires, because even though the weather looks to be more favorable this summer, there is still

plenty of fuel in the mountains.

Because it's not a matter of "if," but "when" for wildfires, the Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI), part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), wants consumers to understand the importance of mitigation, while understanding a couple of helpful tips about homeowners insurance.

Mitigation - Reducing the threat

Insurance is there to provide financial security for your family, but fire prevention and the prevention of damage to your home should be your top priority. Adding fire-resistant features can make your home safer, and thus could lead to discounts on your future homeowners insurance premiums. Because wildfires have become common, most insurance companies now require homeowners who live in wildfire areas to mitigate fire hazards on their property. Below is a list of mitigation steps you can take in preparation for the dry summer months ahead. Local fire officials, as well as your homeowners insurance company, can also provide tips and resources for a mitigation plan.

- Use fire-resistant materials in the structure of your home, especially the roof, which is most vulnerable.
- Clear a safety zone around your home and remove trees, leaves, brush and pine needles. Create a zone of at least 100 feet, but know that 200 to 500 feet is often recommended. Also remove overhanging tree branches near your home.
- Be sure propane or fuel tanks are at least 30 feet away from all structures.
- Keep the smoke detectors and fire extinguishers inside your home working properly.
- If you do not have access to a community water system or water hydrant, get a water storage tank. Make sure your garden hoses reach all areas of the property, and keep them visible and in accessible areas.
- Be sure your entrance road is accessible. Inaccessible roads can prevent fire-fighting equipment from reaching your home quickly. The street address should be easily visible from the entrance to the property so emergency responders are not delayed.

Insurance - Know your policy / Create a home inventory

Most people in Colorado likely do not need special insurance for wildfires, as such disasters are typically covered under the fire damage provisions of a basic homeowners policy. However, the insurance coverage you need depends upon many factors, including the type of home or building you own, its contents, and whether you have a home-based business. Along with wildfire mitigation, insurance companies also consider other factors such as the type of construction and materials of your home, and the distance to a fire hydrant and/or fire station. Read your policy and talk to your agent to make sure you have the proper coverage for your property before a fire hits.

- Know what type of policy you have. Actual cash value (ACV) policies only cover what the property is worth at the time it is damaged, minus the deductible. Replacement cost policies initially pay the ACV, less the deductible, but once the property is replaced, will pay the difference between the actual cash value and the replacement cost. Your policy should also take into account the cost of cleanup, especially after a wildfire.
- Review your policy and coverage limits annually to make sure it keeps pace with construction costs.
- You should have a home inventory, as only an owner knows what's been lost as a result of a fire, theft or other damages. The DOI is a member of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), which offers a home inventory app – MyHome Scr.APP.book. It helps in identifying losses after a disaster, but can also help you determine how much homeowners insurance you need. The app is available for iPhones and Androids. You can also use a downloadable, paper inventory to get started.
- Give enough information to your agent or insurance company to make sure you purchase the right coverage. Be sure that you fully understand the contract you sign. Keep your insurance agent or company updated on any changes that will impact the coverage.

Other Resources

The Rocky Mountain Insurance & Information Association (RMIIA) offers good information on the importance of mitigation on their site for Wildfire and Insurance, as well as facts and figures regarding wildfires in Colorado. And the Colorado Association of Realtors' Colorado Project Wildfire offers more resources and even a toolkit to help homeowners mitigate their property.

If you still have questions about your insurance, the Division of Insurance has experts to help. Contact us at 303-894-

THE 15TH ANNUAL BLACK & WHITE BALL

Dress in your finest formal, festive, or funky black and white attire. Put on your dancing shoes and join the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum for the 15th Annual Black & White Ball on July 2nd, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Once again, you will see our tents up for this annual block party on the corner of 4th and Elk Ave. Tickets for members are \$25 and non-members are \$30. You can buy event tickets online at crestedbuttemuseum.com or by calling the Museum at 970-349-1880. Don't forget we always have an amazing raffle so remember to get your name in the drawing. Stop by the Museum to get your raffle tickets or purchase them at the event. Listen to the infectious Nola funk rock band Alive on Arrival as you enjoy dinner provided by Executive Chef Chris Park of Crested Butte Mountain Resort. Spirits provided by Coal Creek Distillery and hand crafted beer supplied by High Alpine Brewing Company. A silent auction will be held with all proceeds going to support the Museum.

GUNNISON RIVER UPDATE

THE GUNNISON RIVER REMAINS CLOSED FROM ALMONT TO THE COUNTY ROAD 10 LOCATION

Although it is anticipated that the peak runoff has been realized in relationship to river travel, actually, the river level is higher. The East River is higher due to a late runoff and extreme snow depths in the high country. The Taylor Reservoir is releasing 1030 cfs currently and it is anticipated that this number will reach 1,400 cfs within the next couple days. The Gunnison River will then be well over 4,500 cfs. End result is that this is still well over safety considerations for travel under a bridge which is located between Almont and the County Road 10.

May I remind folks that both banks of the river at the County Road 10 Bridge are privately owned and that I have no authority to grant or deny access to or from the Gunnison River at that juncture. Anyone that does put in or take out at that location must have permission from the land owners or be subjected to possible trespass charges.

Gunnison County Sheriff

PLAZAPALOOZA

Join us for Plazapalooza! on Wednesday, June 21 from 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Crested Butte Library! It will be a jam-packed celebration of world music hosted by Drum Safari (drumsafari.org). Events include:

- 1:00 p.m. – Rhythm Crafts
- 2:00 p.m. – Drum Workshop with Brandon Draper
- 3:00 p.m. – Beatbox Workshop with Mr. Kneel
- 4:00 p.m. – Draper One-Man Band- Live Looping
- 5:00 p.m. – Break
- 6:00 p.m. – More Rhythm Crafts
- 7:00 p.m. – Drapers Music of the World and friends
- 8:00 p.m. – Community Music Circle: all instruments and facilitation provided by Drum Safari.

This event is free and open to the public. So come for an hour, or come for the whole thing, but do stop by and check out the fun. For more information contact the CB Library at 970-349-6535 or via email: lisa@gunnisoncountylibraries.org.

EVERYONE PROGRAMS!

Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Crested Butte Library, Everyone Programs! (<https://mindview.wixsite.com/everyoneprogram>) is a new, free, self-paced, coached introduction to computer programming for people who know nothing about programming. The sessions will meet on Saturdays starting June 17 at the Crested Butte Library. You can join any time. The sessions are completely free and will be run by Bruce Eckel. Questions? Email mindviewinc@gmail.com or contact the CB Library at 970-349-6535.

DRUM SAFARI

The Gunnison Library presents a very special Summer Reading program, Drum Safari, on Thursday, June 22nd at 10:00 a.m. During this high-energy, interactive performance, children are invited to join a musical “safari” where they will meet different African animals whose names are set to music. After meeting the animals, each child is given a percussion instrument and the jungle jam begins! This program includes interactive songs, dancing, and, of course, drumming! Register online for the summer reading program at gunnisoncountylibraries.org

COLORING AND CONVERSATION

Coloring isn't just for kids! Reduce stress and anxiety and experience the calming benefits of adult coloring at the Gunnison Library. Join your neighbors and meet new friends at the Gunnison Library's monthly program, Coloring and Conversation on Thursday, June 22nd at 6:00 p.m. We'll provide everything you need for a relaxing and creative evening.

CLIMATE CHANGE PANEL DISCUSSION

Join WSCU Professor Emeritus of Geology Bruce Bartleson and local climate change experts from WSCU, the BLM, and the public & private sectors for a Climate Change Panel Discussion on Monday, June 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Gunnison Library. Learn from the experts how climate change is effecting the Gunnison Valley and what you can do about it. Visit gunnisoncountylibraries.org for more information.

ABOUT PROCESS

OH BE JOYFUL GALLERY AT CRESTED BUTTE PRESENTS: “ABOUT PROCESS” SHOW

• Exhibition: June 20 through July 16, 2017

For “About Process”, a show that illustrates the process an artist pursues in the creation of a work of art, we asked our artists to share with us their individual modus operandi that starts with a fresh idea and ends up in a finished work of art.

From their responses we have compiled a show made up of paired pieces of work from each artist, one a work in progress and the other a finished piece: a sketch and a watercolor, a study and an oil painting, each accompanied by the artist's musings on his or her process giving us a glimpse into the insights, skills, and techniques they bring to their work.

Join us at Oh Be Joyful Gallery June 20th through July 16th to explore the processes that led up to completed new works by our artists.

View “About Process” at Oh Be Joyful Gallery at Crested Butte. Our gallery is open from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

For further information or questions, please contact the gallery at 970-349-5936.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP “READING FOR JUSTICE”

United Church of Christ is hosting a year-long book discussion group on topics of social justice on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., in the Church Office, 123 W. Tomichi Ave., #1.

June's book is *Inequality: A Contemporary Approach to Race, Class & Gender*, Lisa Keister & Darby Southgate

To do justice work, we must understand the social forces that cause and maintain inequality. This is one of the more comprehensive texts on stratification in our society.

- Where: Gunnison Congregational Church – UCC Church Office, 123 W. Tomichi Ave., #1
- When: Wednesday, June 28th, 7:00 p.m.
- Sponsor: Gunnison Congregational Church – United Church of Christ

For More Information Contact Gunnison Congregational Church - UCC

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