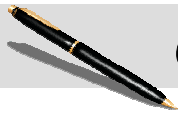


**Saturday, September 20 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. [rain backup date. Sunday, September 21]
Glen Cove Wetland Restoration**

Help the Sierra Club and Rocky Mountain Field Institute restore a small alpine wetland just past the Glen Cove Inn off the Pikes Peak Highway. We'll be working at approximately 11,500 feet, planting native water sedge and willow in an area that had been disturbed by sediment deposition off the Highway. This work-day will complete the final step to return the wetland back to its former natural state. It will involve a short walk of about 100 yards to the work site. RMFI will provide tools and instruction; participants should bring lunch, water, sturdy work or hiking boots, raingear, and clothing suitable to weather conditions. The difficulty level is rated strenuous because of the high elevation. For details or to sign up, contact Jim Lockhart at 719-385-0045 or jllock@datawest.net.

**Saturday, September 27 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Basic GPS Navigation Skills Dayhike to Thirtynine-mile Mountain Proposed Wilderness
Fifth in a summer-long series of outings offering basic wilderness skills instruction in the Wild
Ten areas.** Got a GPS unit for Christmas and still not sure how to use it? Learn the basics of GPS navigation and the wilderness future of Thirtynine-mile and other nearby Wild Ten areas on this hike sponsored by Pikes Peak Sierra Club, CCWC, and Wild Connections. Aspen groves should be prime for photography, too. The moderately strenuous six-mile hike, on and off trail, will gain a maximum of 1,000 feet in elevation. Well-behaved, leashed dogs welcome. For more information and to register, contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail jorcstan@juno.com by 4 PM, September 26.



Chair's Corner...by Jane Ard-Smith, PPG Chair

With the lazy, hazy days of summer upon us, it's tempting to sit back and relax for a couple of months – even activists need some time away from the issues. But I'm struggling this year to find the time to get away. There are so many amazing things happening in our community! First, you may have heard about the Green Cities Coalition – groups and individuals dedicated to promoting ecologically, economically and socially healthy cities in El Paso County. After hosting two well-attended summits, the Coalition has identified three substantive areas of focus – recycling, renewable energy, transit – and three structural areas – coalition building, education, and governmental relations. At press time, working groups dedicated to each area are beginning to meet to develop concrete action plans. If you haven't gotten involved yet, check out www.greencoloradosprings.org for more information.

The Sierra Club is also working with other community members and organizations to bring two amazing speakers to Colorado Springs this fall. Richard Cizic, Vice-President of Governmental Affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals and advocate for creation care, will be in Colorado Springs on September 16-18. On October 3, Richard Louv, author of the landmark book "Last Child in the Woods," will be at the Pikes Peak Center. Both of these individuals are nationally-recognized spokesmen in their respective fields – look for more details about these events on our website, www.rmc.sierraclub.org/ppg.

Finally, ready or not, the election season is upon us. In the next couple of months, the Pikes Peak Group Political Committee will be gearing up to take part in the Sierra Club endorsement process – we'll be working with our members to help get out the vote for candidates who receive an endorsement. If you want to be a part of our effort, please contact Dave Bryan, 499-3283, dlbsierra@sunwest.net.

Have a great summer!

Who leaves the pine-tree,
leaves his friend,
Unnerves his strength,
invites his end.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

