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THERE'S SOMETHING HAPPENING HERE

This phrase takes on a whole new meaning from its origins in a 1960's protest song. Here, it promises possibilities, rebirth, beauty, preservation, and a revitalizing sense of community.

Margaret Paddock, in her years as president of the Verde Village Property Owners Association (VVPOA), has faithfully served despite a long decline in community involvement. Life has changed since the early days when the clubhouse and pool and neighborly camaraderie were key amenities to day-to-day living in the Village. In a time when the community no longer supports the features of days past, Margaret seemed to be simply persevering toward the end of her term – satisfied with a regular monthly spaghetti dinner

and the annual VVPOA property cleanup as accomplishments.

Then one day, Margaret found herself walking the banks of the river. She was invited to hear about invasive plants and how they are not so good for the river. What she heard was the rush and ripple of a life force, the songs and choruses of birds by the hundreds, the crackle of leaves and pebbles beneath her feet, and ultimately the sound of her own voice : “We’ll do this invasives work, but we have more issues which we need help with.”

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PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S LOG

Progress! It's exciting to see VWRC blossom into the collaborative coalition it has become. This seasons accomplishments both on-the-ground and around the conference tables have been massive, not unlike the Arundo patches we have obliterated. The lessons learned have been numerous and have allowed the coalition to continue to evolve.

The momentum of support for this program is growing by leaps and bounds. As we wind down the field season we will be winding up our outreach and fundraising efforts to encourage this momentum.

Thanks for making VWRC a success!

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THE VETRAPLEX IMPROVES OAK CREEK

After weeks and months of preparation, planning, meeting, collaborating, and endless hours of thinking, some sleepless nights and fatiguing days, the actual on-the-ground work of trying to restore the health of the Verde River Greenway is underway. The crews have been working since October. With loppers and chainsaws, crews are cutting down giant reed (*Arundo*), Russian Olive, Tamarisk and Tree of Heaven, and hauling the debris away. Then the stumps are treated with herbicide.

“What to do with the debris presents one of the biggest challenges,” VWRC Program Coordinator Anna Schrenk said. “The new chipper, that the Arizona Game and Fish Department helped us purchase, has been an enormous help in turning piles of debris into mulch.”

Of the two crews working to remove invasive trees and giant reed in the watershed, one is made up of local Veterans. The Vetraplex has provided a 6-person crew of U.S. military veterans who

are working in the Page Springs area and on the mainstem of the Verde River. The first part of the season was primarily spent battling giant reed. They cut it with chainsaws and loppers, then they bundle it and drag with their work truck to a staging area outside of the flood plain where it makes a huge pile. The stumps are then treated with an herbicide which is carefully applied. The crew has been certified by the State of Arizona as Commercial Pesticide Applicators.

The Vetraplex is the brainchild of Gary Rideout, himself a Marine Corps veteran. “About two years ago I came up with the idea of a program for supporting returning veterans,” Rideout said.

“The areas of jobs, education, housing, health care, a community center, are all important needs for veterans coming back after duty overseas. NACOG (Northern Arizona Council of Govern-

ments) offered to help me with my business plan.

One project that got Rideout excited early on was that of housing. “One of the ideas we came up with was affordable housing for veter-

ans,” Rideout said. “Veterans helping other veterans to build their own homes. Vets could build their own homes, then they could help someone else build their home.”

USDA Rural Development has a lot of housing programs that people aren’t aware of. Housing for Heroes is a local housing developer in Sedona. “Through a connection with USDA I was able to put together an affordable housing project here in Clarkdale, a 47-unit apartment project. We have submitted a grant application through Federal Home Loan in San Francisco.

“We had a Veteran’s Day event with live bands, food vendors, and so on, in order to try to raise awareness, and maybe some funding for Hous-



ing for Heroes. It was a great event. One of the main things we accomplished was to get the Vetraplex name out there in the veteran community. I think the key to that event was that we had a lot of veterans coming through who were looking for veteran's services, disability, post-traumatic stress disorder information, and so on.

Education for example, a veteran who has just a high school education and then military training is not very well equipped to compete in the working world. One of The Vetraplex's missions is to help veterans get more education. The G.I. bill can help with that, but veterans need to know where to go and who to talk to.

Through this process of discovery, Rideout was introduced to Chip Norton and Kathy Davis. Rideout continues: "Chip approached me and said: 'we would be interested in helping to create jobs for returning vet-

erans to support the Friends of the Verde Greenway Projects.' "I said, sure, we'd be interested in doing that."

The art of collaboration is one of Chip Norton's strong suits. Over the course of a six-month period Rideout and Norton had a number of meetings, and each one brought them closer



to an understanding of how they could work together.

Friends of the Verde River Greenway raised grant money that could be used to hire six vets for six months. They've been working in the field since October and will wrap up the season in March. One of the goals of

the project is to help the vets to get the training they need to move on, into permanent jobs in the community. With the skills and job training these individuals have acquired, a couple of men have qualified jobs and have been hired into permanent or seasonal jobs with the cities in the Valley.

"The veterans are not making a lot of money on this project, and right now it's not long term, but it is a start. We'll see where we go from here," Rideout said.

Putting Veterans to work has truly been a collaborative effort all around.

By Phil Hall

VWRC Volunteer



Goodbye and Good luck!!

Selena Pao, TNC's AmeriCorps Verde Riparian Restoration Coordinator has finished two terms and has moved on. Many thanks to Selena for training and coordinating volunteer to map invasive plants, teaching youth about the Verde watershed and participating in VWRC. We wish you the best of luck in career and life.

VERDE CREC SPOTLIGHT

For those who see them on a regular basis, the eight members of VWRC's crew from the Co-

conino Rural Environment Corps (CREC) are most recognizable covered in a thin coat of dirt

and sawdust and wielding chainsaws, loppers, herbicide sprayers or swamping thorny branches of Russian Olive. By signing on for this treatment season, these crew members made a huge commitment to the project, agreeing to live and work as a group during the week while preparing for each new stint in the field on their few days off.

The crew spent the first several weeks of the season at Page Springs Hatchery where they battled blackberry and barbed wire, and had numerous encounters with wildlife (including an exceedingly friendly goat). They demonstrated an incredible work ethic and attention to detail while cutting and treating tens of thousands of invasive plant stems. Hatchery visitors took notice of their hard work, enjoying the newly cleared riparian corri-

dor along Oak Creek and offering the crew well deserved thanks.



Sitting down to chat with the crew about their experience thus far, it was apparent that these eight individuals enjoy each other's company. Their lunch break was highlighted by laughter as the crew excitedly introduced me to the newest member of their team, "Kingston," a small plastic action figure who had recently



taken on the role of mascot/morale booster and has allegedly been sneaking into group photos.

While a typical CREC crew spends a week or two per site, taking on several different projects during their term of service, VWRC's crew is unique in that they are based in the Verde Valley where they have dedicated nearly three months specifically to the re-

moval and treatment of invasive plants within the Verde Watershed. Working on such a specialized project has its benefits and challenges. While the work can be monotonous (some crewmembers are plagued by visions of blue, herbicide-treated stumps when they close their eyes), the crew reports the tangi-

ble progress they've made as highly satisfying. Due to the nature of this project, they have been able to focus on long-term goals, perfecting their eradication techniques and progressively increasing their efficiency as a team.

The crew is excited to take on a new challenge in the coming weeks as they move on to survey and treat the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness.

By Veda Gobrecht

AmeriCorps Member

A POET AMONGST US

Here comes the Verde Crew to destroy invasive,
with chainsaws, we're very persuasive.

When you need dead trees pronto,
Look up and you'll see Shonto!

Flying through the air with an axe,
Followed closely by my buddy Max.

Dear Tree of Heaven, better prepare ya'
cause here comes vicious Sarah.

I know my crew will never fail
comin' up fast is Abigail.

Swimming through the trees like a swan,
Here comes our brave leader John.

With a hand saw he'll be patiently waitin'.
Look out now, here comes Caitlin!

Russian Olive, we'll destroy your life-cycle
last but no least, here comes Michael!

Together we make the Verde Crew
The scariest thing Tamarisk ever knew!

By Alex Hreha, the Verde CREC Crews Assistant Crew Leader. Alex read this poem to his crew at CREC graduation.

Alex Hreha: 2013 Corpsmember of the Year

The Corps Network is the nation's membership association of service and conservation Corps.



Their mission is to promote the growth, quality and sustainability of 'the Corps. As part of The Corps Network's (TCN) National Conference, in February in Washington DC, TCN will recognize six exceptional Corpsmembers of the Year. Each year TCN honors Service and Conservation Corpsmembers whose accomplishments and personal stories exemplify the positive role the Corps serve for individual and communities nationwide.

Our very own Alex Hreha, Assistant Crew Leader on the fall Verde Watershed Restoration Coalition (VWRC)/Coconino Rural Environment Corps (CREC) crew. Alex was born and raised in the Verde Valley. Alex started his conservation service with CREC as member of Sedona Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) as a teenager, which was a successful and transformative experience. After graduation, Alex joined a young adult crew for a six-month term, where he demonstrated his leadership skills. During the summer of 2012, Alex was selected to mentor and lead a YCC crew comprised of local youth from the Yavapai-Apache Nation and surrounding communities. With the leadership skills Alex developed while leading the YCC Crew and as a Corpsmember himself, he was selected as the Assistant Crew Leader for the newly formed VWRC/CREC Crew.

Alex, like most nominated Corpsmembers of Year, is bright, determined and has found a new persona in himself within the niche of the Conservation Corps program. VWRC congratulates Alex for his successes both personally and professionally and we are very happy that he will be returning for the second half our field season. We hope you enjoy your trip to Washington, D.C. in February!

VWRC WALKABOUT BIG SUCCESS FOR VERDE RIVER DAYS

Ready to go walkabout!" was the cry from kids of all ages as they waved their beribboned Tamarisk sticks high in the air at the annual Verde River Day event.

On a beautiful, Saturday morning in September, VWRC staff and partners arrived early to Dead Horse Ranch State Park to set up camp at their

shared ramada. Their goal was a shared one – provide fun but USEFUL education to the visitors at the annual event celebrating the Verde River.

At the entrance to the ramada, visitors were attracted by a large display of plants supplied by Friends of Verde River Greenway. Volunteers provided information about the detrimental effects of the invasive species, and showed alternative examples more suited to our ecosystem. Steve Estes and Laura Jones of Verde Valley Land Preservation also took this opportunity to connect with private landowners along the riparian waterways who might need our assistance in the removal of invasives on their property.

Drawing families further into the ramada was a fun hands-on activity that honored our summer Olympics. Lynda Zanolli and



Katie Reeves of the NRCD Education Center set up the H2Olympics, a fun Project WET activity that allows for exploration into the properties of water. Also provided were

multiple resource materials to further inform the public about the problem of invasives, best practices for conservation of land and Leave No Trace principles.

More investigation was waiting for them when they signed up for the Walkabout with Ann Hurley Barker of The Nature Conservancy.

First kids were given a Tamarisk (Salt Cedar) branch to decorate with ribbon and mark for measuring water depth. After a brief

introduction the participants were off on their walkabout, guided by Selena Pao, Amy Zimmerman, and Veda Gobrecht all AmeriCorp Members for The Nature Concurrence and Friends of the Verde River Greenway .

The Walkabout was a hit for both the kids and adults. While walking to the river, Anna Schrenk of VWRC talked about invasive plants and their detrimental effects to the river. Then at the first station, the kids paired up and learned how to inventory and map a patch of Tamarisk using GPSs, to record the location. They also collected important plant and site characteristic data. A short walkabout took the kids to the Verde River to cool off.



At the next station, our AmeriCorps Members facilitated an activity to measure the flow of the River. Kids used their walkabout sticks to measure the depth of the river which they multiplied by the width of the river to calculate the area.

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Meet VWRC's new AmeriCorps Members

Amy Zimmermann

TNC AmeriCorp Member

Amy is currently an AmeriCorps volunteer with The Nature Conservancy's Verde program in Arizona,



with the title of Verde River Riparian Restoration Coordinator. She has a bachelor's degree in Wildlife Science from Oregon State University, and since Amy graduated in 2009, she's been relish-

ing the beautiful backcountry sights of Oregon and Arizona doing seasonal surveying jobs. Amy started with The Nature Conservancy and AmeriCorps in 2011 in a stewardship assistant position. This provided her with the irreplaceable opportunity to spend a year traveling between TNC's Arizona preserves, living and working on them in a very hands-on capacity, and it's what led her to take on her current job. Outside of work, Amy enjoys amateur photography, rock climbing, camping/hiking, backpacking, Argentine tango, traveling anywhere new, reading, wildlife-watching, dogs (especially mutts), hammocks, bad but enthusiastic karaoke, and chocolate in all forms.

Veda Gobrecht

FVRG AmeriCorps Member

Veda is an AmeriCorps Member serving as VWRC's volunteer and field data coordinator.



Having recently earned a degree from Prescott College in Environmental Studies with an emphasis in Conservation Biology, Veda is excited to live and work in the Verde Valley as a part of this collaborative watershed restoration effort. She joins the coalition with experi-

ence in field biology, environmental education, and conservation work. While Veda has ventured all over the western U.S. in search of both employment and recreation, she is excited to return to the Southwest landscape that first sparked her passion for the recovery and conservation of native biodiversity. Veda dislikes Tree of Heaven, Giant Reed, Tamarisk, Russian Olive, and writing bios about herself. She enjoys backpacking, climbing, vegetables, and puppies.

VVPOA (continued)

That "more" of which Margaret speaks is to stop the ongoing abuse of VVPOA's 35 acres of river-side property. For years, this otherwise stunning urban open space amenity has been at the mercy of those who choose to ignore the no-motorized vehicle rule. The result is a seriously degraded riparian habitat. Worse, this unauthorized motorized access has made the dumping of mattresses, electronic gear, and major appliances a regular occurrence.

Under Margaret's leadership, the VVPOA has partnered with Friends of the Verde River Greenway (FVRG), Verde Valley Land Preservation (VVLV), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USF&WS) all VWRC partners. The Project plan is to seriously impede motorized traffic and its effects on this important riparian open space as well as control invasive non-native plants. Funding from a USF&WS Partners for Wildlife grant have provided gates, an information kiosk, and the strategic placement of 70 one-ton boulders.

It also supports the removal and management of invasive plant species. The project started October, 2012, with a community cleanup of this property. Due to the sustainable nature of the entire undertaking, community volunteer response was larger than any previous efforts at a cleanup. At this reporting, VWRC crews have completed invasive species removal and treatment work, an attractive kiosk has been erected, gates have been installed, and boulders have been put into place.

Imagine, a stunning 35-acres of Verde River habitat cleaned, restored and preserved, with a revitalized sense of community pride. With all that coming from one simple utterance, it is truly fair to say – there's something happening here.

Written by Steve Estes

VVLP Community Outreach Director

VERDE RIVER DAY (CONTINUED)

To calculate the velocity of the river, rubber ducks were timed on how fast they floated 20 feet. With a little help from a cell phone calculator or some mathematical calculations done in their heads, the kids were able to determine how many cubic feet per second the Verde River was flowing that day. It was about 300 CFS, with the Cottonwood ditch closed.

Kids finally got knee-deep in the water at the final station, scooping up water and flipping over



rocks in a treasure hunt for macro invertebrates. Using a hand lens and a chart, they identified species that are indicators of a healthy watershed.

If smiles and wet shoes are any indication, VWRC's Verde River Day collaboration was a success.

Written by Laurie Parker

FVRG Program Administrator

Meander Land

When I started as the Community Outreach Coordinator in July 2012 I was assigned a specific task: sign up 100 Private Landowners to participate in our program by July 31, 2013. The Verde watershed is a unique geographical area, with 1,700+ private landowners with property along the Verde and its main tributaries, Oak Creek, Dry Beaver Creek, Wet Beaver Creek, West Clear Creek.

Initially, 100 landowners didn't seem like it would be a difficult task, but at the same time, I was apprehensive about the reception I would get when I asked individuals to welcome us onto their private property. My goal was to meet them all, or at least as many that would talk to me. My colleagues and I started doing outreach at local farmers' markets, inviting private property owners to small community gatherings, presenting information at public events and sending out general letters of introduction. Our

events welcomed a small but interested group of people, who then introduced us to their neighbors, and others responded to articles in the local newspapers.

I've spoken to hundreds of property owners, some dedicated landowners have been fighting what has felt for many a losing battle; they are excited to be offered a helping hand. There are independent-minded landowners that want to have us come and teach them how to remove and control invasive plants on their property and there are the skeptics that need a few conversations, to believe that anyone really wants to help or that the removal of invasive plants is truly possible.

As of February 15th we have 89 private landowners signed up to participate in our invasive vegetation removal project. They range from small landowners with 1 acre of property to larger property owners with over 70 acres. These 89 land-

owners own a total of 182 parcels with over 960 acres of which 322 are riparian acres and 5 miles on the Verde and its tributaries. And what is exciting is that many of these properties are in the areas most affected by invasive vegetation.

The next 8 months will be dedicated to signing up 20 additional property owners and more. I will concentrate on securing agreements with landowners so that we have contiguous project areas. This will enable work crews to be as efficient and effective as possible and so we can make significant progress toward a healthier Verde Watershed.

Thank you to those who have come on board and do encourage your neighbors to join us in this important work. I look forward to meeting all 1,700 of you along the way.

By Laura Jones

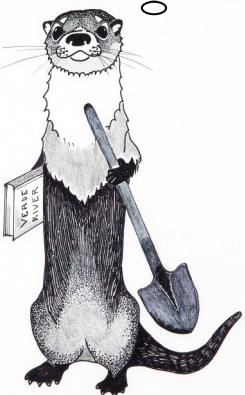
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VWRC Accomplishments 2012-2013 (to date)

| Land Ownership | Acres Treated | Miles Treated | Acres Mapped |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Public (Federal and State) | 420.94 | 30.28 | 805.35 |
| Private Land | 183.27 | 4.32 | 245.24 |
| TOTAL | 604.21 | 34.6 | 988.17 |

Thank you, VWRC Stakeholders and Supporters, for being a watershed steward & improving habitat in the Verde watershed

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Please contact Veda at 607-592-5100 or email her at veda@verdewrc.org to help VWRC Map & Monitor property for invasive plants.

No experience necessary!

AlterNative Plant of the Quarter

Native Plants of the Verde Valley

Get to Know: Soapberry (*Sapindus saponaria*)

The canyons, floodplains, riversides, and stream sides of the Verde Valley are home to an array of unique and fascinating native plants. This issue of the Otter features a native tree that is both useful and beautiful: Soapberry. Also known as “jaboncillo” or “chinaberry”, native soapberry has been providing wildlife habitat *and* benefits to humans in the Verde Valley for centuries!



For more information on native plant alternative for landscaping visit our web site at www.verdewrc.org

VWRC CALENDAR OF EVENT

FEBRUARY

Wednesday Feb. 20, 2013 9 AM-12 PM

Monitoring & Research Sub-Committee Mtg.

Where: DHRSP

Tuesday Feb. 26, 2013 1-3 PM

VWRC Steering Committee Mtg.

Where: Yavapai County BOS, Cottonwood

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013 9-11 AM

Outreach, Education & Engagement Sub-Committee Mtg.

Where: Cottonwood Middle School

MARCH

Saturday, March 2, 2013 8:30-12 PM

Giant reed Removal Project-

Saturday, March 23, 2013

Verde River Run-off Canoe Race

APRIL

April 25-28, 2012

Verde Birding and Nature Festival

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