

### *Organization of the Week: Organic's Guild*

**Organic's Guild (OG)** is a group of passionate students that work to make progress with sustainability initiatives on Western's campus. The club takes an active role in Gunnison's community, participating in service and the Gunnison Farmer's Market. And of course, free veggies. You don't even need to be a member to get the veggies, any student can. Members get to attend garden workdays, field trips to other farms, cooking events like the fried green tomato workday, as pictured to the right, and cooking demos led by different people in the valley. Before the Headwaters Conference, the OG held a volunteer harvest for ENVS students that got to harvest over 70 pounds of produce which was sold to the conference. The food was then prepared by students to be served as a bagged lunch for attendees for the conference. OG's goal is to have more food production on campus for use in the Rare Air Cafe. They hope to eventually be taking trucks off the road for Western in regards to food transportation.



Here's the link to the [Master in Environmental Management Calendar](#)

### *Meetings*

**Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting:** The Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society invites you to present an oral presentation or poster on the topics of wildlife research, ecology, management, conservation, education, or policy at the 2016 annual meeting of the [Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society](#). Abstract Submission Deadline is **January 8th, 2016**. The date of the meeting is **February 3rd -5th 2016**, at the Double Tree Hotel in Colorado Springs, CO. Find additional information in the attachment.

**Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative Meeting:** Anyone in the Arkansas River Basin interested in Watershed Health and building the collaborative is welcome to attend this meeting for discussion on the challenges/opportunities related to watershed health, how ARWC can add value to basin-wide watershed health and current efforts, and a path moving forward for the organization. You will be hearing local hosts from the Land Trust of the Upper Arkansas, the Headwaters of the Arkansas Watershed group, and the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District. This meeting will be held at The Scout Hut, 210 East Sackett Avenue, Salida, CO (east side of Riverside Park) on **Thursday, December 3, 2015 from 10 am to 3:00 pm**. Please **RSVP by Monday November 30, 2015**. To RSVP, reply to this email: ([Deb@ArkCollaborative.org](mailto:Deb@ArkCollaborative.org)).

### *Items of Interest*

**Nduru Sustainable Development: From aimless Travel to Meaningful Solution:** Presentation by MEM student Tyler Grimes. He will be sharing his experience traveling to Kenya in 2008, hosted by New Creations Ministries. **Tuesday December 1st, 2015 at 7pm** at the Gunnison Library. He is seeking project input from fellow MEM'rs. See attached poster.

**FreeCycle:** If you have any unwanted and gently used items, please consider donating them to this student-run program. [FreeCycle](#) is in the basement of Ute Hall and is **open weekdays from 3-5 pm**. You may also drop off donations in the LEAD Office (UC 118). FreeCycle is currently being managed by Cara Leapley, a Student Sustainability Coordinator, MEM students and a team of volunteers.

**Writing/Designing Winning NSF Proposals Workshop:** This comprehensive workshop is geared for those who wish to submit winning research proposals to the National Science Foundation (NSF) at a cost of \$375. See more info on this workshop and others at [NSF Proposals Workshop](#).

**13th Annual P3 Awards:** A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the posting of the Request for Applications, [P3-People, Prosperity and the Planet Award Program](#), with the goal to research, develop and design solutions to real world challenges involving the overall sustainability of human society. **Open date: October 6, 2015—Close Date: December 8, 2015.**

**Interagency Forum on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptations:** They meet regularly in Washington, D.C (you can attend over the phone) to discuss climate change impacts and adaptations in government. NASA, DOI, and the U.S. Global Change Research Program co-host this informal forum on climate change impacts and adaptations. Here's the description from the [website](#).

**Master Student Business Cards:** Through B&B printers, you can develop your own card, separate from Western, with a cost of \$60.00 for 250 cards. However, if you want to use the Western Template, then it will only be \$32.00 for 250 cards. To receive the template, email [mcasteel-denney@western.edu](mailto:mcasteel-denney@western.edu).

**Study Abroad Course in Malawi:** Through the University of Rochester. A great course that allows students from any background the opportunity to conduct field based research. They offer undergrad and graduate level courses. For more information visit their [website](#).

## ***Housing Available***

**Gunnison Marketplace :** A good place to look for housing on the closed Facebook group that you can request to be a part of. It is more widely used than Craigslist and has new postings all the time.

## ***Volunteering and Training Opportunities***

**Telluride Fire Festival In Need of Western Student's Help: January 14th-18th, 2016,** Suzanne Ewy is working with Erin Ries, Director of the Telluride Fire Festival, to bring some Western students to the Fire Festival to explain the science behind the fire based art in the festival. This art is similar to that found at Burning Man, etc., and the artists often exhibit/perform at both. What they're looking for this year is a few students to help put together educational posters (and perhaps students who would like to hang out in person) explaining what science is going on in the art - physics, chemistry, etc. More info at: Telluride Fire Festival (<http://telluridefirefestival.org>). To work on this project, email Suzanne Ewy at [sewy@western.edu](mailto:sewy@western.edu).

**Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League:** Looking for volunteers. They are always **in need of weekly volunteers, which is a 2 hour commitment** (either morning/evening dog care, or afternoon dog walkers). They are also always looking for foster care providers for dogs. Contact Liz Moore [\(703\) 283-4895](tel:7032834895) with any general questions, Kayce at [\(970\) 238-0252](tel:9702380252) to get started fostering, and Erika Landis at [\(303\)809-8659](tel:3038098659) for volunteering!

**DOI Learn Website:** This is a great resource for training and classes related to public lands. Some of the classes cost money, but others are free. Check it out at [DOI Learn](#).

**The Gunnison Center for Adult and Family Education (CAFE):** Seeking volunteers who are interested in working with adult English Language Learners and their children. This program provides Adult English Language Learners (ELL) classes and classes for children of adult ELL students. They are **looking for volunteers who can commit around two hours a week**. No experience is necessary, and volunteers do not need to speak any Spanish. The classes for ELL adults and the classes for ELL children meet **Monday and Wednesday evenings** at the Community School Library **from 6:00-8:00 pm**. They also need help with a class of women **Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30am** at the Multicultural Resource office in the social services building. For more information, contact Karen Hausdoerffer. [khausdoerffer@western.edu](mailto:khausdoerffer@western.edu) or Marsha Collins (their director) at the CAFE office 641-7684.

## *Conferences*

**Tamarisk Coalition to Present at Their February 2016 Conference:** If you have been working on stream restoration, then consider submitting an abstract to the Tamarisk Coalition to present at their **February 2016** conference in Grand Junction. Check out their website [here](#). There are scholarships available too, if you want to attend and learn more about what people are doing in the riparian restoration world.

**Western Slope Soil Health Conference:** This is a premier education event which is designed for the unique challenges that our region includes and provides a range of topics from the basics to advanced applications. **Taking place on February 11th & 12th, 2016** at the Delta Performing Arts Center in Delta, CO. Featured presenters: Gabe Brown from Brown's Ranch and Jay Fuhrer and NRCS Conservationist with local and regional speakers being added. For registration visit [here](#), call 970-874-4992, or Email: [Paul@Deltacountyed.org](mailto:Paul@Deltacountyed.org). **Early registration is from (September 1st, 2015 to January, 22nd 2016)**. Fee for college students is \$20 with a valid school ID required. General admission is \$40. Late registration/At door is still \$20 for students and \$50 for general admission.

**The 2016 National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program:** Planners for the program have invited individuals to submit abstracts, not to exceed two pages, related to environmental justice at the 9th Annual National Conference on Health Disparities on **March 9-12, 2016** in Washington, D.C., with a theme of "A National Dialogue for Building Healthy Communities." More info [here](#).

**SER Regional Conference:** This conference encompasses not only land management, and environmental restoration but also climate change implications, and adaptive management techniques. This conference will be taking place in Portland, OR, **April 4th-8th, 2016**, and may present a field trip opportunity as well as in the Washington/Oregon area on the 8th. Western student, Mary Young would like to get a small group to drive out there, having to leave on the 3rd of April and there until the 10th. If anyone is interested, please email Mary at [mary.young@western.edu](mailto:mary.young@western.edu). More info at [SER Regional Conference](#).

## *Jobs, Internships, and Fellowships*

**The Sustainability Program Coordinator/Manager Position:** The Sustainability Program Coordinator/Manager supports Lehigh University's, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, advancement of sustainability strategies and goals by aligning communications, outreach, education, and behavior change with sustainability commitments. You can apply [here](#). More information on [Leigh's sustainability](#) and their [Facebook page](#).

**The Mickey Leland Energy Fellowship Program:** The Mickey Leland Energy Fellowship (MLEF) Program provides students with opportunities to gain hands-on research experience with the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy (FE). The application process **closes on December 21<sup>st</sup>**. The selection process will begin in January. See [Fellowship program](#) for updates when available. Also, you can email [MLEF@hq.doe.gov](mailto:MLEF@hq.doe.gov) for more information.

**Watershed Coordinator Position:** The Evans Economic Development Department in association with the Middle South Platte River Alliance (MSPRA) is seeking an independent, self-motivated, and outgoing individual to fill the role of Watershed Coordinator for the Alliance. More information [here](#). Position open until filled.

**Upper Gunnison Natural Resources Information Center Project Intern:** They are still accepting more interns to work on the Upper Gunnison Natural Resource Information Center project, which is an ongoing effort to assemble research, data, and studies relating to the natural resources in the Gunnison Basin; convert this information into a searchable electronic format; and make this information easily accessible to researchers, students, and the general public on the web into next semester as well. To apply, please contact Frances Bursch at [bursch@sdsg.org](mailto:bursch@sdsg.org) with a resume and brief letter of interest.

**Denver-Based GIS Intern:** Intern will provide operational support to various GIS projects; generate/maintain digital, geo-referenced spatial data (geospatial data) and evaluate it for spatial accuracy and source data consistency; generate, modify, and/or evaluate metadata for geospatial data; assist Field Offices in GIS database construction and maintenance; and work with a diverse group of resource specialists, planners, and managers. Send application materials to Gail Bower, Education Coordinator/ HR Manager Western Colorado Conservation Corps: [970-241-1027](tel:970-241-1027) [gbower@mesapartners.org](mailto:gbower@mesapartners.org) and more info on other positions [here](#).

**Mills College Job Posting: Farm Manager Position:** This position is responsible for directing the planning, implementation and operation of a new 2.5 acre urban farm at Mills College in Oakland, California. They are looking for someone with prior experience leading a farm business, working with young adults, and integrating a farm into academics. See full job description and apply online at [Farm Manager](#). Let Nicole Gaetjens know if you have any questions at [mills.edu/green](mailto:mills.edu/green), [ngaetjens@mills.edu](mailto:ngaetjens@mills.edu) or her phone: [510.430.3224](tel:510.430.3224).



MEM Forum, "Sustaining the Unsustainable: Winter Life in the Gunnison Valley" panel last week. Mitchell Warnick

**AmeriCorps Youth and Community Coordinator Position:** The Western Slope Conservation Center is looking for someone who will fulfill the duties of coordinating with the US Forest Service the creation of a Youth Advisory Council to inform/determine long-term priorities for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests and much more. For additional information on the job listing, go here to their [website](#). Anyone who is interested can submit a cover letter and resume to the Executive Director, Alex Johnson, at [director@theconservationcenter.org](mailto:director@theconservationcenter.org) or call his Office: [970-527-5307](tel:970-527-5307) or Cell: [970-778-8181](tel:970-778-8181) and/or apply online. Position will be based in Paonia, CO .

**FT Assistant Weed Control Supervisor Position:** Chaffee County BOCC is currently accepting applications for a FT Assistant Weed Control Supervisor. Duties include, but not limited to, working with Weed Supervisor in identifying and spraying noxious weeds, maintenance of proper permits, documentation of field operations, maintaining daily records, grant writing, preparing reports, developing and maintaining related maps. A complete job description and application can be obtained under [Job Opportunities](#). **Interviews will begin in January 2016; job responsibilities will begin on April 1, 2016.** Applications with resumes will be accepted at the County Finance Office, 104 Crestone Ave, Rm 220, PO Box 699, Salida, CO 81201, or email to [bvenes@chaffeecounty.org](mailto:bvenes@chaffeecounty.org). **Application deadline is 5:00pm, December 20th.**

**YMCA of Greater Nashua Director of Development Position:** The YMCA of Greater Nashua in Merrimack, NH, is a growing Association that established itself as a leader in the health and wellness area to meet the needs of the community. Come join an innovative team working together to provide lifelong personal growth and the development of a healthy spirit, mind and body for all. The Director of Development is responsible for all streams of fundraising of the YMCA of Greater Nashua, including the annual support campaign, major gift fundraising, special event fundraising, corporate gifts, capital campaigns, foundation grants, and planned giving. Please send resume and references to Elizabeth Covino, Director of Community Relations at [ecovino@nmymca.org](mailto:ecovino@nmymca.org) and visit our [website](#) to apply. Position is open until filled.

**Happy Thanksgiving and Safe Travels!**

