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DON'T MISS THE WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL

ESWA's very first Wild and Scenic Film Festival is **Saturday, Feb. 11**, at the Riverwalk Center in Breckenridge. [Save by purchasing tickets in advance](#). Invite that special someone and make this the perfect Valentine's evening or weekend. Tickets will also be available at the door. Doors open at 6:00, and the show starts at 7:00. Come early for socializing, food, drinks, and chances for door prizes. Donated prize items including skis, passes, dinners, art, raft trips and MORE! Best of all, enjoy amazing, inspiring films. Don't miss this opportunity to protect our wild lands! Tickets are available [through the ESWA homepage](#). Questions? Email filmfest@eaglesummitwilderness.org.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN ESWA OR RENEW YOUR 2023 MEMBERSHIP!

Thanks to everyone who has already joined or renewed ESWA for 2023. If you haven't *quite* gotten around to it, visit our [JOIN/DONATE](#) page or mail your check to ESWA at P.O. Box 4504, Frisco, CO 80443. Dues start

at just \$25/year. Members receive \$5.00 off their tickets to the Wild and Scenic Film Festival!

If you are unsure whether you've renewed for 2023, email info@eaglesummitwilderness.org.

Please be as generous as you can, so ESWA can be as effective as we can to continue to protect and preserve our four amazing local Wilderness Areas.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

THANKS TO ESWA MEMBER JOHN FIELDER!



Landscape photographer, nature writer, and publisher of over 40 books and calendars, John Fielder has long worked to promote the protection of Colorado's open space and wildlands. John's photos helped inspire the

passage of Congress's Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993, among other land protection projects across the state. John recently announced that he will donate his life's work of photography to the people of Colorado! As our state's historical preservation arm, History Colorado will be the repository of this collection of more than 7,500 photos distilled from 200,000 made since 1973. ESWA is deeply grateful – thank you, John!

Learn more about John's amazing gift to Colorado in the latest Get Wild article in the Summit Daily "[My gift to Colorado – preserving Colorado's treasures one photo at a time.](#)"

WEEDSPOTTER PLANNING

The WeedSpotter team will have a short planning session on February 20 at 6 PM. All are welcome. If you're interested in helping out, e-mail Jim Alexander at jimofcolorado@gmail.com.

NEW BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: COLLEEN GAURON

ESWA has elected three new Board members. This newsletter features a self-introduction by new member Colleen Gauron. Future newsletters will introduce our other two new board members. Colleen writes:



Since joining ESWA last spring, I have become increasingly impressed with ESWA's mission, goals, and advocacy objectives. I am very pleased to have the opportunity to become even more integrated in the ESWA org by joining the board. In the brief 6 years that I have lived in Eagle Colorado, I have seen so much change to the environment. I think of the changes I've seen, and I believe we have a very tenuous grasp on a vital rope due to climate change and development growth. As such, I feel a responsibility to not just be an observer, but also, when possible, act as a participant in protection of the wilderness.

My professional background included accounting, and later Information Technology. I worked for 25 years for a private company. I grew into my various IT roles and eventually into a leadership role overseeing Project Managers on a global level. I had colleagues throughout the world and very much enjoyed the opportunity to build relationships globally. My responsibilities were complex and demanding, but at the same time rewarding. Strategy, leadership, and collaboration were the most enjoyable aspects of my professional career.

Since moving to Eagle, I have been a volunteer for many things, including Bravo Vail, Vilar, Birds of Prey, and other events. Prior to moving to Colorado, I was a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, a Big Sister in Big Brothers/Big Sisters org, corporate Ambassador for United Way, and joined two humanitarian trips to Uganda assisting with a dental group...and more. I'm also an HOA board member for the 80-unit complex in which I reside.

JOIN AN ESWA COMMITTEE

Our committees facilitate ESWA's year-round planning work. Interested in advancing ESWA's mission through serving on a committee? Contact Chair Karn Stiegelmeier at karnstieg@comcast.net.

Committees include:

- VOLUNTEER WILDERNESS RANGERS/TRAILHEAD HOSTS
- SAWYER
- TRAILS
- ADVOCACY
- COMMUNICATIONS
- FUND DEVELOPMENT
- MEMBERSHIP

Check out Committee descriptions on ESWA's [website!](#)



Advocacy Committee members at our January meeting – including youngest member Sam Drescher, 6 months!

PROVIDE ESWA MUCH-NEEDED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FREE

Sign up for City Market & King Soopers Community Rewards – it's so easy! If you don't yet have the card, please [sign up for one here](#). Then go to your [Community Rewards](#), choose your local store as

your preferred store, and set ESWA as the charity to which you want to donate (search for Eagle Summit Wilderness Alliance or use ESWA's code VX077)

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