

# **PAPI- SILVER CREEK PAINT OUT**

## **MAY 22-24, 2009**

The Silver creek Preserve (SCP), is a unique high desert 'wetland', and is a gem of a place to paint. This Preserve is one of the jewels in the crown of the Nature Conservancy, and a good showing of PAPI and collaboration with them at this event could open doors for us to show at other Preserves they have throughout Idaho and the West.

SCP is nestled alongside the Timmerman hills at the Southern end of the Wood River Valley. To The North one sees the Pioneer Mountains and the Wood River valley. SCP is located off HWY 20, 7 miles EAST of the junction of HWY 20 and HWY 75. The towns of Bellevue and Hailey are located N on Hwy 75 (10 & 14 miles N) and offer the closest lodging. The small hamlet of Picabo is 4.1/2 miles further to the East on 20, where the closest general convenience store and gas station, etc. are located.

### **WHEN:**

The PAPI Paint out is scheduled for the opening weekend of the preserve,  
May 22,23,24 2009

We can come in and paint any time on that Fri. Sat., and Sun, if you choose to do so.

*PLEASE Contact Karen Jacobsen about your participation in this by April 20.  
208-412-9444 or feefifauxkj@aol.com*

**!!!! See info below about special room rates in Bellevue!!!! (Where to Stay)**

### **THINGS TO KNOW:**

\*Don't set up on the roads- there will be a lot of traffic over the weekend and the DIRT ROADS are dusty. (Unless it's been wet or raining and in that case its muddy)

\*Lots of fishermen will be there- so be prepared to share the trails and be conscious of fly lines and casting- hooks hurt!

\* Sign In: We painters, and the fishermen, *must* sign in at the Visitors Center before heading out into the preserve.

\*Showing our work- The Visitor's Center will be a very busy place on the weekend as everyone using the preserve must come sign in, so it is the natural place to try to set up a small show of our work. The problem is there is limited space in the tiny building and we have been encouraged to bring our own mechanisms for a place to set up. Depending on how many PAPI folks come will certainly help determine how much space we need, and this aspect will be updated in April when I have access to the Center to see it.

\*Weather: It can still be cold in the spring- especially late in the day when the light gets good, so it's always best to plan for variety! There are shady areas but the sun is deceptively strong. There may also be mud- so come prepared with a couple sets of shoes.

\*Bugs shouldn't be too bad –yet, but remember that's what the fish eat, so there will be bugs, if not biting then quite possibly flying into your paint.

\*Paint areas: SCP itself has lots of trails and places to explore. (see attached map). Silver Creek emerges close to the junction of 20 and 75 but continues East, past Picabo, following the base of the Queens Crown Butte out into the desert to the South.

Point of Rocks, Fish and Game access and campground is also a great place to paint, it's more open, and the river is a bit wider, and there are plenty of trails to access the area.

\*Fishing: Don't forget your license if you plan on fishing, and carefully read the regulations- I believe SC has a requirement for barb-less hooks and of course is all catch and release.

### **PICNIC or DINNER**

We can do a picnic gathering at the Point of Rocks one day after painting is over- weather permitting, and/ or a BBQ dinner at Karen's house in Hailey for all PAPI's and partners who are here for the event. That will be determined as the date gets closer...

### **WHERE TO STAY**

Best to check the web for local hotels etc, together a basic list here of whats available in Bellevue, there are many more options in Hailey, and more resteraunts too..

Lodging Options:

#### **Bellevue:**

The High Country Motel (208) 788-2050 on the south end of Bellevue is willing to give us a group rate.

Rooms with 2 beds are normally \$65+tax.

Our PAPI rate will be \$54. 00 per night- *this includes tax*. This is a pretty good rate for people to share and make this affordable to come.

I need to know the total # of participants to reserve the rooms 1 mo in advance. So PLEASE email me with a confirmation if you will be coming no later than APRIL 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Hailey:**

Karen has room for 2 people (1 shared room) in Hailey.

Or check the web for local hotels etc,

**Picabo:** NO LODGING- Camping at Point of Rocks, F&G access (no showers)

### **FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT**

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