**Sustainability Alliance of Southwest Colorado**

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**Durango Green Drinks Starts Up Again In February**

Durango, CO: [Durango Green Drinks](https://www.sustainableswcolorado.com/) is starting up again at the end of the month. The monthly event has been a consistent gathering in Durango for over ten years. This year’s calendar of hosts includes nearly 30 local sustainability-related organizations and three organizations hosting each month.

The event takes place from 5-7PM at 11th Street Station on the last Thursday of each month from February to October. February’s event will be on Thursday, February 27th with Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Turtle Lake Refuge, and the La Plata County Regional Housing Authority hosting.

**Marty Pool Sustainability Manager with the City of Durango said,** *“Green Drinks is such a great way for members of our community to share and keep tabs on everything going on when it comes to sustainability and environmental efforts. Plus, it’s wonderful to spend time with everyone that cares about these issues every month. The City of Durango is excited to share information on several sustainability programs and incentives available to our community in 2025.”*

**Tim Peterson, Cultural Landscapes Director with the Grand Canyon Trust said,** *“We really appreciate the opportunity that Green Drinks gives us to share our work with the Durango community. That community connection goes both ways − Green Drinks keeps us informed of all the great work other local nonprofits are doing too. That’s so meaningful in a world where we all spend too much time behind our screens.”*

**Sarah Tober, Executive Director of the La Plata Economic Alliance, said,** *"Green Drinks and the Sustainability Alliance of the SW continues to be the gathering place for sharing important sustainability initiatives, green economy opportunities, and highlights from local organizations working in this space. We are grateful to have this ongoing resource in our community and for their leadership in convening these meetings."*

**Doug McCarthy, CEO of Local First said, *“****Local First is delighted to support the Sustainability Alliance of Southwest Colorado as part of our mission to promote the triple bottom line of people, planet, and prosperity for everyone. We are looking forward to strengthening our connections with like-minded groups and individuals participating in Green Drinks during 2025.”*

**Jenny Hill, Executive Director of 4Core said,** *"Green Drinks is truly an integral part of the sustainability community here in Durango. We at 4CORE appreciate the opportunities for connection these gatherings provide, as individuals, businesses, and organizations come together to share ideas, forge partnerships and take action on the issues close to our hearts."*

**Anna Peterson, the Green Drinks volunteer organizer since 2015 said*,*** *“It’s been really uplifting and encouraging to gather every month and hear about the inspiring work that so many local organizations are doing in our community and region. I look to Green Drinks to get a pulse on what’s happening around sustainability issues locally and how I can get involved. We are thrilled to have three local organizations hosting each month with almost 30 organizations hosting in 2025.”*

**Hosts in 2025 and the dates for Green Drinks include:**

* February 27 - [Great Old Broads for Wilderness South San Juan Chapter](https://www.greatoldbroads.org/) and [Regional Housing Alliance of La Plata County](https://laplatahousing.colorado.gov/), and [Turtle Lake Refuge](https://www.turtlelakerefuge.org/)
* March 27 - [City of Durango](http://www.durangogov.org/), [Sustainability Alliance of SW Colorado](https://www.sustainableswcolorado.com/), and [Durango Trails](https://www.durangotrails.org/)
* April 24 - [Manna](https://www.mannasoupkitchen.org/), [San Juan Mountains Association](https://sjma.org/), and [Southwest Conservation Corps](https://sccorps.org/)
* May 29 - [Wildfire Adapted Partnership](https://www.wildfireadapted.org/), [Durango Farmers Market](http://www.durangofarmersmarket.com/), and [Visit Durango](https://www.durango.org/)
* June 26 - [Mountain Studies Institute](https://www.mountainstudies.org/), and [Local First](https://local-first.org/)
* July 31- [Housing Solutions for the Southwest - HOWL – Housing Our Workforce Locally](https://swhousingsolutions.com/), [Citizens' Climate Lobby](https://citizensclimatelobby.org/chapters/CO_Durango/), and [4CORE - Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency](http://fourcore.org/)
* August 28 - [La Plata Economic Development Alliance](https://yeslpc.com/), [Environmental Center at Fort Lewis College](https://www.fortlewis.edu/life-at-flc/clubs-organizations/environmental-center/ec-home), and Dark Sky Durango
* September 25 - [American Rivers](https://www.americanrivers.org/), [Project RUN](https://yeslpc.com/), and [San Juan Citizens Alliance](https://www.sanjuancitizens.org/)
* October 30 - [Grand Canyon Trust](https://www.grandcanyontrust.org/) and [The Wilderness Society](https://www.wilderness.org/)

[**LINK TO PHOTOS**](https://www.sustainableswcolorado.com/)

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**MORE INFORMATION:** The Sustainability Alliance of Southwest Colorado (SASCO) networks with local organizations, businesses, governments, and individuals to create a more just society that prioritizes environmental stewardship, social equity, and a thriving local economy.

SASCO envisions a thriving community where people collaborate to support a resilient local economy and a healthy natural environment.

Find out more through our local sustainability events [calendar](https://www.sustainableswcolorado.com/?page_id=20), our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/sustainableswco) page, the SASCO [Website](https://www.sustainableswcolorado.com/) and [newsletter](https://mailchi.mp/d25d118e6c4f/january2022-20126400), and monthly Green Drinks.

**GREEN DRINKS INTERNATIONAL:** Green Drinks is an informal networking event where sustainability minded people meet over drinks (non-alcoholic beverage welcome). The gatherings started in London in 1989 and takes place in over 700 places internationally.