

NeoRio 2010: Featuring Lynne Hull

September 24th, 25th & 26th

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Environmental artist and sculptor for wildlife, Lynne Hull, will present a rare public workshop for artists, teachers and other interested persons to create shelters and other sculptures for various species of wildlife for NeoRio 2010. Participants will create sculptures utilizing recycled dead trees in the area. Lynne Hull will also share her knowledge of creating small, hand-built stone sculptures to slow erosion in runoff areas, inspired by the restoration engineering concepts of Bill Zeedyke. The now annual event, NeoRio, is a celebration of art, nature, culture and community at Wild Rivers Recreation Area near Questa, New Mexico.

Set for September 24th – 26th, NeoRio 2010 will feature Lynne Hull's sculpture which assists wildlife and habitat restoration, as well as her lecture, "From Lascaux to Last Week", an overview of environmental artists working with nature, ecology, water and land restoration. Lynne will facilitate the creation of three site-specific installations by students, artists and members of the public. Hosted by the Bureau of Land Management's Taos Field Office, NeoRio is organized by the environmental arts initiative, LEAP (**L**and, **E**xperience and **A**rt of **P**lace), in collaboration with John Wenger of Wild Earth Studio, New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, the Village of Questa and other cosponsors.

NeoRio was created both as a platform for innovative ecological artists and to propagate cross-pollination between artists, conservationists, and others interested in protecting and celebrating our local communities and wild lands. The ancient relationship between humans, our fellow creatures and our environment is a complex story of interdependence, which we each author every day with our own choices and actions. NeoRio attempts to both tell and explore this story through innovative and creative installations, interventions and interactions with our environment. It asks the questions: what is the role of art in experiencing and protecting wild lands and what is the role of wild lands in art?

On Friday, September 24th, Lynne will offer a special all-day workshop for artists (reservations required see below). On Saturday, September 25th, at 2pm the public is invited to the Wild Rivers Recreation Area Visitor Center, where the event will begin with Lynne Hull's presentation "From Lascaux to Last Week", followed by the opportunity to participate in creating one of her sculptures and an evening celebration with food, a campfire, live music and outdoor short film screenings. Please bring your own chairs for the campfire and drinks and dessert to share. Camping is available at Wild Rivers for \$7 per night. On Sunday September 26th, the public is invited to visit the new art installations and participate in other planned activities to explore the Wild Rivers Recreation Area. NeoRio events are free and open to all. Come celebrate art and nature and explore the Wild Rivers Recreation Area on September 24th, 25th and 26th!

To find out more about attending NeoRio 2010, to register for the artist workshop on September 24th or to become involved as a volunteer, visit www.leapsite.org, contact emailforleap@gmail.com or call 575-586-2362.