

Celebrate the Wonder of Our Ancient Landscapes at Keep Sedona Beautiful

On Wednesday, February 18th renowned geologists and adventurers **Wayne Ranney and Ron Blakey** will discuss their new book, [Ancient Landscapes of the Colorado Plateau](#), at Keep Sedona Beautiful's Monthly speaker series event. Held the third Wednesday of each month from October to June, the Keep Sedona Beautiful Speakers Series presents an interesting diversity of free programs relevant to "Preserving the Wonder" of our region.

The Colorado Plateau is one of the World's great show places for sedimentary rocks. These sedimentary rocks provide the focal point for the greatest concentration of National Parks in the World. The Grand Staircase, the southwestern escarpment of the Colorado Plateau, exposes one of the finest and most complete sedimentary sections visible anywhere on the planet.

As a geologist, author and guide, Ranney loves to share his appreciation of earth history with anyone who is curious about landscapes and how they may have formed. With passion, he explores the mysteries of how cultures either thrived or withered because of those landscapes. He has a strong association with educational organizations such as the Museum of Northern Arizona, Grand Canyon Field Institute, Coconino Community College, Smithsonian Journeys, and TCS Expeditions.

[Ancient Landscapes of the Colorado Plateau](#) is co-written with Dr. Ron Blakey, a renowned Geology professor at Northern Arizona University, and contains dozens of his dazzling portrayals of the numerous former landscapes that once graced the Colorado Plateau. His main focus during his tenure at NAU has centered on the late Paleozoic and Mesozoic sedimentary section on the Colorado Plateau and vicinity.

The evening, which is open to the public and free of charge, begins at 5:30 with a wine and cheese welcome reception. At 5:45 the program will begin, Ranney and Blakey will answer questions at the end of the evening which concludes at 7pm. The speaker series takes place at the KSB headquarters, the historic Pushmataha Center, 360 Brewer Rd. in Sedona.

Keep Sedona Beautiful is a nonprofit organization dedicated to “Preserving the Wonder” of Sedona for future generations, and has done so since 1972. For more information, go to www.keepsedonabeautiful.org or call 282-4938.