

KSB Speaker Series, May 11, 2016
JD Maddy, President of Astronomers of Verde Valley

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JD Maddy Presents "Under the Dark Skies of Sedona" May 11th
"What is all the Hub-Bub about "dark skies?" asks JD Maddy. Come to KSB's Wednesday, May 11th *Preserving the Wonder™* Speaker Series to discover the wonder of dark skies during JD Maddy's presentation which will be full of night-sky photographs along with a discussion on what to expect from dark-sky viewing.

The evening's discourse will "travel" through our own Milky Way and go to galaxies beyond by way of pictures taken from the Sedona area, according to Maddy.

JD further stated "Current astronomical events will be shown and explained and what to expect when looking up to the sky. We are saying goodbye to the winter constellations and welcoming the central area of the Milky Way as summer approaches. We'll describe what you'll be able to see with the unaided eye, binoculars and telescopes. After the presentation, weather permitting, stay and view through several large telescopes to actually 'see' what the Hub Bub is all about."

After retiring from big city life and working for a Fortune 500 company, JD and his wife, who is also interested in astronomy and an amateur astronomer, decided to move to the dark skies of Arizona to follow their life-long interest in astronomy.

Soon after joining the Astronomers of Verde Valley, JD found a love for astronomy outreach with the local community that eventually reached state-wide.

When not conducting volunteer astronomy outreach programs for the National Park Service, Arizona State Parks, local community parks, local schools or the Forest Service, JD spends time under the stars in his own observatory or teaching astronomy programs occasionally through OLLIE at the Clarkdale Campus of Yavapai Community College.

Members, residents and visitors are all welcome to join Keep Sedona

Beautiful ("KSB") at 5:30 p.m. at its historic Pushmataha Center on 360 Brewer Road. The evening will include complimentary appetizers donated by El Rincon Restaurante Mexicano and refreshments provided by KSB.

Keep Sedona Beautiful's monthly *Preserving the Wonder*[™] Speaker Series is held the second Wednesday of each month from September to June. It focuses on presenting a diversity of programs relevant to the unique environment of our region.

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