

Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc. Presents Ken Zoll

New Findings

**“Ancient Astronomy of Central Arizona” at
Wednesday, November 14 Speaker Series**

“*Ancient Astronomy of Central Arizona*” will be featured at Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc.’s monthly *Preserving the Wonder™* Speaker Series on Wednesday, November 14. The evening will begin at 5:30 pm, with complimentary offerings of appetizers donated by El Rincon Restaurante Mexicano and local wine donated by Norris and Carolyn Peterson. The presentation will begin at 5:45 pm.

Join Keep Sedona Beautiful members and friends for another great talk by Ken Zoll. Ken spoke at the February, 2011 speaker series and will now present *new* findings and interpretations regarding how ancient people of the Verde Valley viewed the sky. Ken is a researcher of ancient astronomical practices for the Coconino National Forest and has consulted on archaeoastronomy sites in other parts of Arizona. He authored *Sinagua Sunwatchers: An Archaeoastronomy Survey of the Sacred Mountain Basin*, a monograph that explains his discovery of a 1,000 year old solar calendar. His newest book, *Understanding the Rock Art of Sedona*, is an introduction to the rock art of the Sedona/Verde Valley area. All proceeds from the sale of his books go to Friends of the Forest and the Arizona Archaeological Society for cultural preservation.

Ken will show images from his forthcoming book *Ancient Astronomy of Central Arizona* that documents several of his new discoveries not shown before. He will also provide an overview of the mission and goals of the newly formed non-profit Verde Valley Archaeology Center. Ken Zoll is the current President of the Verde Valley Chapter of the Arizona Archaeological Society and the Treasurer of the Verde Valley Archaeology Center. He is also Co-Chair of the Conference on Archaeoastronomy of the American Southwest.

Keep Sedona Beautiful welcomes the community and visitors alike to its free monthly *Preserving the Wonder™* Speaker Series, which takes place at its historic Pushmataha Center on 360 Brewer Road in Sedona. Please note that the Speaker Series is now held the second Wednesday each month from September to June, beginning at 5:30 pm with wine and refreshments. The series presents an interesting diversity of programs relevant to the unique environment of our region. Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that, by acting through the stewardship of its members and volunteers, is committed to protecting and sustaining the unique scenic beauty and natural environment of the Greater Sedona Area. For more information about Keep Sedona Beautiful, please call 928.282.4938, or visit <http://www.keepersedonabeautiful.org/>.