

**“Close Encounters of the Reptilian Kind” Presented Wednesday,  
October 10 at Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc. Speaker Series**

“Snakes” will be the month’s topic at Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc.’s monthly *Preserving the Wonder™* Speaker Series on Wednesday, October 10th. 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.

Please note Keep Sedona Beautiful has changed its regular monthly meeting to the second Wednesday of each month.

Sedona hobbyist Dennis Jex will present "Close Encounters of the Reptilian Kind." Dennis will focus on snakes that live in and around Sedona. Do you know some snakes specialize in eating termites? Other snakes eat scorpions, centipedes, cockroaches, etc. This informative and sometimes humorous presentation about snakes will cover facts, myths, habits, benefits, dangers, and first aid for snake bites. Dennis will bring live non-venomous snakes that he will encourage you to observe, touch and hold! Participants are welcome to bring photos of local snakes for identification and sharing. There will be a question and answer session at the end of the program.

Dennis Jex began picking up snakes at a very young age and his interest and passion have not diminished. Dennis is a member of the Tucson Herpetology Society and Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation. He has assisted with research for various reptiles in the state of Arizona and is presently working on a research project focusing on Gila Monsters. Passionately believing that education is vital for understanding and ultimately preserving reptiles, Dennis presents educational programs throughout the state of Arizona for all ages in schools, state parks, national parks, and various organizations.

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. Now held the second Wednesday each month from September to June, typically beginning at 5:30 pm with wine and snacks, 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.keepsedonabeautiful.org/>.