

Slideshow Celebrates Sedona's Seasonal Wonderland

Nationally renowned photographer Derek von Briesen will present a musically choreographed slideshow of Sedona's wondrous scenery as seen throughout the seasons at Keep Sedona Beautiful's monthly *Preserving the Wonder™* Speaker Series on Wednesday, December 10th. As is customary, KSB will hold an abbreviated Annual Meeting prior to the presentation.

The evening will feature the unique opportunity to purchase the first signed print in a series of 50 first edition prints of "Cathedral Sunset" donated to KSB by Derek von Briesen. This stunning print is from Derek's personal collection and has been designated one of 100 Greatest Photographs ever to appear in *Arizona Highways* and is a multi-layer dye sublimation print on high gloss white aluminum.

The annual meeting and potluck supper will take place between 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Thereafter, von Briesen will begin his slide show and commentary which will be accompanied by a variety of selected instrumental music chosen to enhance the seasonal ambiance of his presentation. Complimentary offerings of appetizers donated by El Rincon Restaurant and a potluck supper provided by KSB board trustees will be offered. To celebrate the spirit of giving this holiday season, attendees are asked to bring nonperishable food items which Keep Sedona Beautiful will merrily deliver to the Sedona Food Bank.

Von Briesen's stunning photographs - from the smallest details to the most expansive, awe-inspiring vistas - will touch your soul as they take you into the mysterious heart of Sedona's wild and unpredictable landscape.

Although he hails originally from Southern California where he worked in film, music and action sports for many years, von Briesen has lived in Sedona since 2002. An avid photographer all his life, he now devotes his time to landscape photography, producing fine art gallery prints and teaching photography workshops throughout the Southwest. His photographs have been published by *National Geographic*, *Arizona Highways*, *USA Today*, Outwest Publishing, the Weather Channel and a number of local and regional guidebooks, magazines and newspapers.

Keep Sedona Beautiful welcomes the community and visitors alike to its monthly *Preserving the Wonder™* Speaker Series, which takes place at its historic Pushmataha Center on 360 Brewer Road in Sedona.

The Speaker Series is typically held the second Wednesday each month from September to June, beginning at 5:30 pm with 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 the group's website.