

KSB's Speaker Series on Wednesday, May 14th

Birding the Sedona Wetlands Preserve

The Sedona Wetlands Preserve is a 27-acre marshland utilizing the Sedona Waste Water Reclamation Plant's treated A+ effluent. This very successful project has become a birding hotspot and a great example of ecotourism for Sedona and the Verde Valley.

"Birding the Sedona Wetlands Preserve" will be presented by Dena Greenwood at Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc.'s Preserving the Wonder™ Speaker Series on Wednesday, May 14th.

The evening will begin at 5:30 pm with complimentary offerings of appetizers donated by El Rincon Restaurante Mexicano and refreshments provided by KSB. The presentation will begin at 5:45 pm.

Hundreds of migrating shorebirds stop over to rest and forage at the Sedona Wetlands Preserve before continuing their journey north. Wintering waterfowl make these ponds their home to escape frozen lakes up north. Furthermore, many resident birds are beginning to breed along the water's edge. Come learn how the Wetlands were developed and what birds are being seen at the Preserve.

Dena Greenwood began her birding adventures 25 years ago as an Arizona State Park Ranger leading bird walks at local parks and developing bird lists for Slide Rock, Red Rock and Dead Horse Ranch State Parks. She received her graduate degree in environmental biology with an emphasis in ornithology, botany and geology. She conducted bird research for Colorado Plateau Research Station, National Park Service, and the U.S. Forest Service on the Verde, Colorado, and San Juan River corridors. She is a Northern Arizona Audubon Board member and a founding committee member of the Verde Valley Bird and Nature Festival. Dena currently manages Jay's Bird Barn in Sedona, <http://www.jaysbirdbarn.com/>.

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, now held the second Wednesday each month from September to June, begins 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 <http://www.keepsedonabeautiful.org/>.