

KSB's Speaker Series Features Mike Cadwell
Looking Off Into Space: The Dark Skies of Sedona

Astrophotographer Mike Cadwell will be featured by Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc., at its *Preserving the Wonder™* Speaker Series on Wednesday, February 11 at 5:30 pm.

The dark skies of Sedona favor the long exposures required for beautiful astrophotographs of galaxies, nebulae and star clusters. Join KSB to see some of the most colorful and unique objects to be found in deep space and get a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to bring “outer space” down to earth. Astrophotographer Mike Cadwell will describe the equipment and techniques involved in capturing some of these jewels of the universe. In addition, Mike will give multi-faceted descriptions of some of his photos.

The evening includes complimentary appetizers donated by El Rincon Restaurante Mexicano and refreshments provided by Keep Sedona Beautiful (KSB).

Mike Cadwell has been photographing the night skies for over 35 years. Early on, he had to pack up all of his equipment and drive one hundred miles into the desert to escape the light pollution of southern California. “Then I would set up everything and hope there were no clouds that night. Now, living beneath the dark skies of Sedona, I can just go out in my backyard and start taking images. It makes my life a lot easier.”

Of his work Mike explains, “Although there is a steep learning curve to be able to do deep-sky astrophotography, many other types of photography of the skies are possible using digital SLR cameras, point and shoots, video cameras, webcams and even cell phone cameras. Lunar, planetary, solar (with the proper filters), star trail, comet and meteor photography are all possible avenues to explore.

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.

Held the second Wednesday of each month from September to June, KSB's Speaker 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.keeppedonabeautiful.org/>.