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“Why Snakes and Spiders Are Our Friends”

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Snakes and Spiders, Oh My! These wonderful critters are often the source of fear and anxiety for many, but there is another way to view them. Did you know they are beneficial to our environment? Snakes and spiders both consume nuisance pests such as rodents and cockroaches, respectively.

Please join Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc., at its *Preserving the Wonder™* Speaker Series on Wednesday, May 13th at 5:30 pm at its historic Pushmataha Center on 360 Brewer Road, to learn more about these intriguing creatures of Arizona and more specifically, Sedona.

The evening’s presenter, Russell Dunn, has been fascinated by what most of us would consider “creepy crawlies” since he was in primary school, handling snakes since the age of 3! A self-taught Entomologist and Herpetologist, Dunn has studied these topics all of his life. Most of his knowledge is derived from thousands of hours of field experience.

Dunn is a member of the Arizona Herpetological Association and holds a Wildlife Service License from Arizona Game and Fish Department for the removal and relocation of wildlife that pops up unwanted in residential areas.

He will discuss what species are inhabitants of the Sedona area, their impact on our ecosystem and which ones should concern us. He will also describe what remedial steps should be taken in the unlikely event of a bite.

Furthermore, Russ will bring live specimens and answer questions from the audience. He has offered to identify pictures of critters people might want to bring along.

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

Keep Sedona Beautiful welcomes the community and visitors alike to its monthly *Preserving the Wonder™* Speaker Series, which is held the second Wednesday of each month from September to June. KSB’s Speaker Series focuses on presenting a 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/>.