

**“Honeybees in the Verde Valley” is Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc.’s Topic
Preserving the Wonder™ Speaker Series on Wednesday, June 15th**

“Honeybees in the Verde Valley” will be the topic at Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc.’s monthly Preserving the Wonder™ Speaker Series on Wednesday, June 15th. The doors will open with wine and snacks at 5:30 pm, and the presentation will begin at 5:45 pm.

Come join the fun at Keep Sedona Beautiful and discover the latest buzz about bees. Like bats, bees are essential to the health of our natural world. They are vital pollinators, accounting for 88% of all insect pollination. As evidenced by cave paintings, the practice of beekeeping and honey collection dates back to the stone-age.

Amy Helfrich, a local insect enthusiast, will enlighten us concerning the highly organized society of bees (emphasizing the European honeybee), their social structure, survival needs and the key role they play in our ecosystem and society.

Helfrich has been passionate about insects all of her life. As a young child, she raised praying mantids, polyphemus moths, pill bugs, countless butterflies; and she had a tarantula as a pet. In high school, she won the Entomology Award from Future Farmers of America for her presentation on Arizona Insects.

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. Held the third Wednesday each month from September to June, typically beginning at 5:30 pm with wine and cheese, the award-winning 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.

