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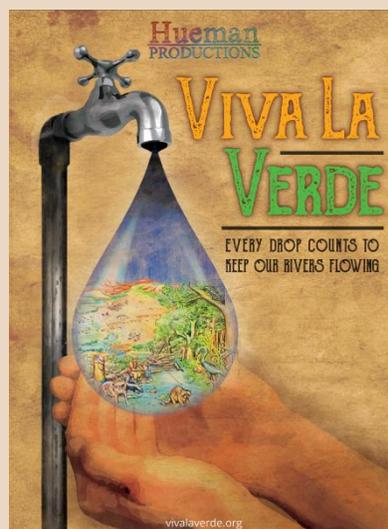


Dear KSB Friends,

Just a reminder to join us May 8, 5:30 pm for our last monthly Preserving the Wonder™ speaker in this year's series.

Read more below on this and a recap of our 2019 NPW program.

May 2019 Preserving the Wonder™ Speaker Series



**Wednesday May 8, 2019
5:30 pm, KSB Pushmataha Building**

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Join us on Wednesday May 8, 2019, 5:30 pm for speaker Hugh Denno and the *Viva la Verde* film.

Viva La Verde is an independent documentary film seven years in the making. It explores the past, present and future of Arizona rivers, using the foremost surviving perennial river in Arizona, the Verde River, as a case study. The film combines amazing wildlife photos and video with educational animated sequences, expert interviews, and an original soundtrack. It is 47 minutes long. See the trailer for the film at vivalaverde.org.

This film imparts a strong message of stewardship for wildlife, rivers, and water resources, and offers clear, solution-driven opportunities for citizens to get involved and help to preserve and restore our rivers.



With over ten years of professional experience as a naturalist, experiential educator and wilderness guide, Hugh says, "traveling and working in the wilderness teaches us how to accomplish monumental goals with minimal resources."

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

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*"This was my first year and it was amazing."
"As in the past, this event makes for a pleasurable day."
"Excellent!"
"I met some awesome people."*

These comments from attendees characterized the response to the 40th annual KSB Native Plant Workshop (NPW) held on April 6. For the first time the event was held at Verde Valley School, a location that in itself was educational for the 140 or so participants.

Education was what it was all about. Even though the NPW is the largest fundraiser of KSB's year, and netted close to \$4,800, many more people reported attending because of the workshop topics than for any other reason. Two-thirds of those submitting a comment card were repeat attendees.

Most years the changes people plan to make after attending include planting more native vegetation and reducing water use. However, this year's comments tended toward a more long-range view of the broader scope from the soil upwards, adding food crops, understanding weed management, considering climate change in future landscape plans and, in general, "continually improving."

The comment forms were also rich with suggestions for next year's topics, but there's plenty of time to send suggestions to the KSB office or join our August 14, 2:00 planning meeting at the Pushmataha Center. KSB's Native Plant Workshop Committee is searching for experts in all areas of native plant conservation including seeds, transplants, pollinators, identification and uses - the sky is the limit. You can help identify topics and/or speakers by joining our committee, emailing info@keepsedonabeautiful.org, or by dropping off suggestions at the KSB office located at 360 Brewer Road in Sedona.

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