

Dear Keep Sedona Beautiful Members and Friends-

Monday's email was a reminder of Wednesday's speaker series program --- Thom Hulen, Executive Director of the League of Conservation Voters will be addressing issues of importance to protecting our environment --- and how we can think globally, act locally. Join us tomorrow at 5:30 at Keep Sedona Beautiful. The event is free. Call 282-4938 for more info.

Below are additional items of interest ---

**Want to Volunteer to Keep Sedona Beautiful?
Find Out How on June 3**

We invite all of you to join us for a special meeting for current and new volunteers -- on Tuesday, June 3, 11:30-1:00 at Keep Sedona Beautiful headquarters, 360 Brewer Rd, Sedona. We will have a light buffet lunch at 11:30, introductions, an overview of KSB projects and discussion of areas of interest to you, or other areas you think KSB should be paying attention to. You can sign up on that day....or just take home the information and think about it. No obligation....but we know it's hard to volunteer for an organization unless you know what the specific needs are and what your commitment would be. The volunteer board and membership of Keep Sedona Beautiful have been working hard to preserve the wonder and the quality of life that brought us all here. As Margaret Mead is famous for saying: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." We invite you to be a part of the committed citizens passionate about keeping Sedona beautiful. Please RSVP to Jan - 282-4938 or ksb@esedona.net so we can be sure to have enough food and chairs!!

**A Donation to Keep Sedona Beautiful
Could Become a Beautiful New Rug(s) for Your Home**

(2) 4X6 Chinese silk on silk oriental rugs 800 knots/sq in originally priced at \$4400 each were donated to Keep Sedona Beautiful by Dr. Anne Marie Welch. They are on consignment at Collections Antiques and The Unique, located at the Historic Rainbows End building (Relics), 3225 W. Highway 89A, Sedona, AZ 86336, Mon-Fri 11:00am-5:00 pm.

Stop by and check them out and if they are something you wish to acquire, help turn rugs into revenues for Keep Sedona Beautiful and have a beautiful treasure for your home.

**Thursday, May 22nd at 7 PM -Neil Weintraub Archaeology Presentation at Sedona Library
A positive report on Forest Service efforts to keep Sedona beautiful!**

Neil Weintraub will be speaking to the Verde Valley Archaeological Society at the Sedona Public Library (3250 White Bear Road) about the Boynton Canyon Survey that John Whittaker (Archaeology Professor, Grinnell College, Iowa) and he conducted throughout 1989. He reports: "When Coconino National Forest Archaeologist Peter Pilles had described several sites in Boynton Canyon that intrigued us, we voluntarily spent our weekends thrashing through manzanita and scrub oak while dodging rattlesnakes. During that year, with help from friends we fully documented 72 mostly Honanki Phase (AD 1100-1300) cliff dwellings. At the same time, we were both disturbed by the growing impacts to archaeological sites in the canyon as a result of unmanaged visitation, a consequence of Sedona's booming tourism industry. Last weekend, almost 20 years later, I revisited many of the sites in Boynton with Sedona Zone Archaeologist Travis Bone with much encouraging news to report! So, on May 22 I will present new and old photos to take a look at how Forest Service efforts have gone a long way towards protecting the ruins and canyon given Boynton's wildly popular Power Vortices!"

**Thursday, June 5 - Charles Hinkley Presents Free Lecture
The Brazilian Rainforest: Key to Our American Future**

On June 5th, author, world traveler, Keep Sedona Beautiful board member and Sedona resident, Charles Hinkley, will present a free lecture and visual presentation of insights gained during his 1958-59 travels through 21 countries of the Caribbean, Central and South America viewed through the lens of the past 49 years of American history, the subject of his recently published book *An Odyssey for Our Future*. According to Hinkley, Every American needs to be armed with the truth and recognize how we can direct our collective future by examining the past. He will discuss how the Rainforests are the key to the future of our oxygen, medicinal remedies, petroleum needs and even many of our spiritual values. For nine months, armed with a back pack, camera and a knowledge of the languages, Hinkley traveled more than 3,000 miles down six rivers through the Rainforest, visited the ruins of the Inca, Maya, Toltec, and Aztec civilizations and interviewed hundreds of students, entrepreneurs, indigenous people, bankers and business persons for a view of the United States few Americans are privileged to experience. His journey coincided with the early stages of Latin Americas emerging dictatorships and struggling democracies and forces us to look at present U.S. actions and foreign policies through the eyes of the world. Hinkley believes we need to recognize the interconnectedness of our new partnerships with our neighbors to the South and reach beyond the short-term fixes of border surveillance, fences, embargoes and military solutions, to promote a mutually beneficial interaction with long term results for all countries. The event is open to the public and free of charge. It begins at 5:30PM at Keep Sedona Beautiful headquarters, the historic Pushmataha Center, 360 Brewer Rd. in Sedona. Hinkley will answer questions following the presentation which concludes at 7:30pm. His book, *An Odyssey for our Future*, will be available for purchase and signing at a special introductory price.

**October 4th & 5th - The Sedona Arts Festival
Volunteers Needed to Represent Keep Sedona Beautiful**

Every year Keep Sedona Beautiful assists SAF with volunteers to help keep our festival site beautiful!!! You do not have to be a Keep Sedona Beautiful litter lifter to volunteer for this event. The shifts will be 11:00-2:00 & 2:00-5:00 on Saturday October 4th and 12:00-2:30 and 2:30-5:00 on Sunday October 5th. Keep Sedona Beautiful will supply you with vests and pickers. You will be admitted free to the festival. This will be a fun day of art and music while representing Keep Sedona Beautiful. Call Jan 282-4938 or email ksb@esedona.net

Wear your COLORS

2008 is a local election year as well as a national election year. Keep Sedona Beautiful is a 501 3 not-for-profit organization and not a political organization and cannot, therefore, participate in the election. Keep Sedona Beautiful members, however, can and should participate fully and their participation should be a representation of their commitment to keeping Sedona beautiful, as well as symbolic of their personal choices. With that in mind, wearing your Keep Sedona Beautiful front vehicle plate to remind those who see it that you support keeping Sedona beautiful seems particularly appropriate. If you have not yet received a plate, or if you need a second plate, just stop by the Keep Sedona Beautiful Pushmataha Center at 360 Brewer Road between 2:00 and 5:00 any weekday afternoon and pick one up. If you need help to install your plate, call Cole Greenberg at 204-1608 anytime.

Thank you for your support!

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Keep Sedona Beautiful promotes conservation of the greater Sedona area, and, by all practical means, seeks to preserve the unique natural environment and to enhance the quality of life for future generations.

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