

**Congratulations, Sedona!**  
**Sedona has been named the 6<sup>th</sup> International Dark-Sky Community in the US**  
**and the 8<sup>th</sup> world-wide!**

Tom O'Halleran, past-president of KSB states, "For years a major goal for the citizens of Sedona and the City has been to preserve our majestic dark sky. This designation will be a reminder that we all live in a special place and send a message to future generations that maintaining our Dark-Sky Community designation will require constant vigilance."

The Dark-Sky designation is given by the [International Dark-Sky Association](#) (IDA) for "...exceptional dedication to the preservation of the night sky through the implementation and enforcement of quality lighting codes, dark sky education, and citizen support of dark skies"...Congratulations, Sedona for being awarded this designation!

Sedona has a decades-long history of such dedication. Its residents have been concerned with the preservation of Sedona's beautiful dark night sky since the 1990s. Foremost among organizations trying to dim the proliferating light pollution was Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc. (KSB). Its Dark-Sky Committee set out in 1999 to help write an Outdoor Lighting Ordinance for the City of Sedona and also one for Yavapai County, setting lighting standards that curb light pollution. The City Council of Sedona adopted and implemented the Ordinance in 2001 and Yavapai County followed suit in 2002. KSB and others also worked with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), persuading ADOT to choose dark-sky compliant lighting along State Route 179 and 89A over their regular, light-polluting street lamps.

The designation of Sedona as an International Dark-Sky Community is the result of a renewed collaboration effort between the City and KSB. Intense, coordinated work by KSB's Dark-Sky Committee and City staff during the summer and fall of 2013 and more fine-tuning in the spring of 2014, resulted in a successful application to the IDA, and Sedona can now proudly wear the badge of honor of being an International Dark-Sky Community.

Joanne Kendrick, Chair of KSB's Dark-Sky Committee, is very pleased that Sedona has been honored with the designation: "We at KSB are so thrilled that Sedona is the 8<sup>th</sup> International Dark-Sky Community in the World and the 6<sup>th</sup> in the United States. I personally have been fascinated with the stars in the sky since I was a little girl, and the magnificent dark sky of Sedona was one of my reasons for moving here. I am grateful for having been given the chance to help preserve our star-studded night sky by pursuing the Dark-Sky Community designation for Sedona from the IDA. I thank Mayor Adams for having posed the challenge, Tom O'Halleran, then President of KSB, for his unflagging support throughout the application process, City staff for supplying the data on the City's light-pollution control measures, and all the many businesses and individuals who wrote KSB in support of dark-sky protection. KSB will carry on reducing light pollution so that Sedona can continue to live up to the expectations of an International Dark-sky Community."

The IDA designations are not permanent but require the communities to monitor and report annually the city's night-sky light level; to prevent increases in light pollution as the city grows; to install adaptive controls for city lights; to continually educate the public about the benefits of a dark night sky. KSB is committed to give the City its full support for retaining the designation for many years to come.

Thank you, KSB Member, for your continuing support of KSB. KSB will continue to live its mission...."to protect and sustain the unique scenic beauty and natural environment of the Greater Sedona area".