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**Janie Agyagos Presents “Rare Species in the Verde Valley” April 13th**

Come and discover what species swoop, soar, slither, crawl and bloom around the diverse Verde Valley ecosystem.

On Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, Janie Agyagos will talk about “*Rare Species in the Verde Valley*” at Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc.’s *Preserving the Wonder™* Speaker Series.

Members, residents and visitors are all welcome to join Keep Sedona Beautiful (“KSB”) at 5:30 pm at its historic Pushmataha Center on 360 Brewer Road. The evening will include complimentary appetizers donated by El Rincon Restaurante Mexicano and refreshments provided by Keep Sedona Beautiful (KSB).

U.S. Forest Service District Wildlife Biologist Janie Agyagos will talk about the variety of special status mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, fish, invertebrate and plant species found right here in Sedona and its surrounds. She will discuss various issues within our unique ecosystem as well as survival requirements. The Forest Service is required by law and policy to track these species and their habitat and to ensure that activities on Forest Service lands are mitigated to lessen or eliminate adverse effects.

Janie Agyagos currently works on the Red Rock Ranger District of the Coconino National Forest where she has served as district wildlife biologist since 1994. Janie's main duties include inventorying and monitoring special status plant, fish and wildlife species; designing and implementing habitat improvement projects; managing area closures for the protection of rare fish, wildlife and plant species and/or their habitat; conducting project effect analyses and consultations; and coordinating with multiple agencies in the management of plant, fish, and wildlife species and their habitat. In 2010, Janie received the third Norman B. Herkenham Award for Native Plant Landscaping, which is presented by Keep Sedona Beautiful annually at its Native Plant Workshop held each spring. KSB’s 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Native Plant Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Keep Sedona Beautiful’s monthly *Preserving the Wonder™* Speaker Series is held the second Wednesday of each month from September to June. It 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.keeppedonabeautiful.org/>.