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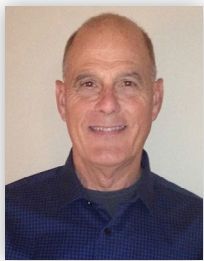
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

On May 17, 2018, the Coconino National Forest Service released its revised and final Land and Resource Management Plan. This plan replaces the 1987 Plan and is the result of years of collaboration between the Forest Service and many interested parties. Keep Sedona Beautiful was one of the key contributors to the current plan.

When I first joined the KSB board in early 2014, I was asked to be part of a team to review and comment on the roughly 2000 pages of documents comprising the proposed plan. We worked diligently within a tight time frame to analyze the plan, and provided the Forest Service with almost 60 pages of comments and suggestions to improve it. In addition, KSB met several times with the Forest Service team drafting the plan in order to explain our concerns and suggest improvements.

I am pleased to report that the final Land and Resource Management Plan just released retains key portions of the 1987 Plan that protect this national forest. In particular, the safeguards of Amendment 12 to the 1987 Plan (notably restricting land trades) have been kept in the current version.

Another aspect of the forest plan and

Amendment 12 that is frequently overlooked is the commitment to quiet. As the Forest Service noted: Natural quiet is a value inherent to National Forest lands. The loss of natural quiet has been identified as one of the most significant issues for the Sedona/Oak Creek ecosystem. As one enjoys the forest and especially the wilderness areas, there is an expectation that part of that enjoyment will be the opportunity to be in the forest in relative solitude. Keeping that as a goal for the forest plan is a key component.

Thus, I am proud of the leadership that KSB has shown in this process. We have worked with the Forest Service and urged it to enact a plan that continues to protect this area so that the forest and the quiet can be enjoyed by generations to come.

Sincerely,

Mike Yarbrough, *President*



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IN MEMORY OF JOHN GILLAM

It's with sadness that we note the passing of John Gillam on April 5. John served on the Board of KSB and was Treasurer from 2006-2010. Besides his work with KSB, John was an active member of the Church of the Red Rocks, the Big Park Council, Voice of Choice, and the effort to have State Route 179 named an All-American Road. As one KSB member noted, "he was a kind, sincere, intelligent, caring, welcoming, friendly person. How could you not like someone like that?". Another commented, that John "was a kind gentle man who loved to travel and who loved his shepherd dogs and the Greater Sedona Area." He will be missed. Services for John will be held at Mountain View Cemetery in Altadena, CA on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 11:00am.

In lieu of flowers, his family has asked that donations be made to KSB and/or the Church of the Red Rocks.



Left to Right: John Gillam, Heather Provencio, Former District Ranger and Steve DeVol, Former KSB President

SILVER LEVEL CERTIFICATION

KSB is proud to report that we have achieved the Silver level certification from the Sustainability Alliance, as noted in their most recent newsletter:

"KSB has been protecting our environment since 1972. In addition to running the Litter Lifters and protecting our Dark Sky, they also walk the talk. They have preserved an historic building and repurposed materials (like giving Gardens for Humanity their old decking.) They teach the local community about how to save water and build habitat at the annual Native Plant Workshop; (this year was their 39th conference). They're planning to upgrade the energy efficiency of their building and already buy all green power from APS."

As a founding member of the Sustainability Alliance, we urge all KSB members to support their activities, whether that be through attending educational programs, spreading the word through the community, or working directly with organizations or businesses that are attaining sustainable certifications.

Visit <http://www.sustainabilityallianceaz.org> to learn more.



39TH ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT WORKSHOP



The 39th Annual Native Plant Workshop had over 120 participants listening to the keynote speakers. Hattie Braun spoke on how to Unleash Your Garden's Wild Side: Garden Design Using Native Plants, and Director/Filmmaker Hugh Denno showed his movie VIVA LA VERDE! Breakout sessions covered topics from Monarch Waystations (Denise Gibbs), Xeriscaping (Jason Lavelle), Landscaping to Attract Birds (Eric Moore) to Lichens 101 (Garry Neil) and Environmentally Friendly Pest Management (Jeff Schalaus). Max Licher led a nature walk explaining the uses of native plants.

Food was supplied by Wildflower Bread Company, Bashas and the Snyder's, with water stations on loan from Kinetico. Many attendees helped make this a more sustainable event by bringing their own mugs and water bottles.

Sedona Compost came to help us recycle our food scraps and the compostable plates. They can help you too: <http://www.sedonacompost.com/>. Their slogan is Improving Sedona's sustainability one bucket at a time!

We had a variety of plant related items donated by the community for our Silent Auction which brought in over \$1500. We thank our donors for their support.

This year the 12th Herkenham recipient was Hattie Braun, a past speaker at the NPW and currently the Director for the Coconino Cooperative Extension in Flagstaff. This award goes to individuals, businesses or organizations that further the education and implementation of native plant landscaping.

Vendors were Jay's Bird Barn and the Verde Valley School, selling their products and sharing their expertise.

A sincere thank you goes to all the committee members and volunteers for their hundreds of hours spent working on presenting another successful event.

Be sure to join us on Saturday, April 6, 2019 for the 40th Annual Native Plant Workshop to be held at the Verde Valley School. See you there!

TRAIL KEEPERS LOOKS TO EXPAND

Keep Sedona Beautiful is a proud contributor to the Sedona Trail Keepers program. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Trail Keepers program allows businesses and organizations to financially contribute to the preservation, maintenance, and creation of Sedona's trails for generations to come. Each business or organization commits to contribute \$1,000 per year for a set time, and the Chamber matches that donation. All monies go directly to the Forest Service for maintaining and expanding our trails.

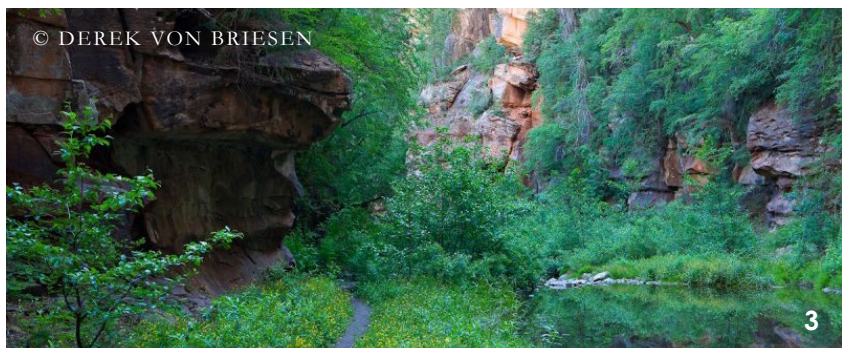
The Chamber is expanding the program and is seeking 10 more sponsors who will commit \$1,000 per year for the next 3 years.

If you are part of a business or organization that is interested in becoming a sponsor of this valuable program, you can contact Jennifer Wesselhoff at jwessel@sedonachamber.com or by calling 928-204-1123 ext. 111. Or – you can access a copy of the Chamber's sponsorship commitment form by clicking [HERE](#).



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SPEAKERS SERIES - SAVE THE DATES!

The KSB Preserving the Wonder™ Speakers Series is pleased to announce a special event on Monday, August 2nd. On that date, KSB will welcome Jennifer Wesselhoff, President and CEO of the Sedona Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau, who will share with us the work of the Chamber, including details of the Sustainable Tourist Plan currently in development.

The Speakers Series resumes on its usual second Wednesday of the month, on September 12th, with photographer Ted Grussing sharing his amazing photographs of our natural environment, with emphasis on the beauty of our dark skies.

On Wednesday, October 10, Nicole Branton, Red Rock District Ranger, will provide an update on the US Forest Service Red Rocks District.

Janeen Trevillyan, Historian of the Sedona Heritage Museum will be our speaker on Wednesday, November 14. Janeen's presentation is titled, "Sedona's Architectural Past—A Trip by Time Machine."

These events are held at 5:30 p.m. at the KSB Pushmataha Center, 360 Brewer Road, Sedona. Appetizers will be provided by El Rincon Restaurante Mexicano and beverages will be served. Admission is free and open to the public, although donations are appreciated. Speaker Series guests may sign up for membership in KSB at these events.



FIRE SEASON IS UPON US

While fire is an ever-present threat in Northern Arizona, this year that danger is particularly acute. The 2017 monsoon season ended early, and we had a particularly dry winter and spring. The dry weather continues, making conditions ripe for fire.

The Forest Service has already closed the Fossil Creek area temporarily, invoking Stage 3 fire restrictions. If we don't get some rain in the near future, more Stage 3 restrictions may be put in place, closing even more of the forest from use. Stage 2 restrictions are in effect for the remainder of the Coconino National Forest.

Outside the forest, the Sedona Fire District has put their own Stage 3 fire restrictions into effect for the entire district regardless of whether those areas are within Yavapai or Coconino counties.

To learn more about Fire District restrictions, visit www.sedonafire.org.

To learn more about National Forest restrictions, visit www.fs.usda.gov/coconino.

We all need to do our part in protecting and preserving Sedona by following these mandated restrictions. Open fires are not allowed, nor is shooting of any firearms. Smoking outside of enclosed vehicles or buildings is prohibited.

Use common sense to avoid causing a problem and report any problems that you see. If you come across a smoldering campfire or any sort of active fire, you should call 911 immediately.



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STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST

THE FOLLOWING IS PROHIBITED ACROSS THE ENTIRE FOREST, INCLUDING CAMPGROUNDS:



1. Fires, campfires, charcoal, coal, and wood stoves. (except using a device that is solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off in areas that are barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the device).



2. Smoking (except within an enclosed vehicle or building).



3. Using an explosive.



4. Possessing, discharging, or using any type of firework by pyrotechnic device.



5. Operating a chainsaw or any other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine from the hours of 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (except generators with an approved spark arresting device within an enclosed vehicle or building or in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable materials within three feet of the generator).



6. Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame.



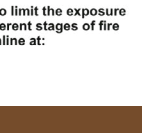
7. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order. (this does not include motor vehicles. This is aimed at things such as landscaping tools).



8. Discharging firearms, air rifles, or gas guns (except while engaged in a lawful hunt pursuant to state, federal or tribal laws or regulations).



9. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off National Forest System roads (Vehicles must stay on open Forest Roads and cannot drive/park over any vegetation at any time).



The national forests use fire restrictions to help prevent unwanted, human-caused fires and to limit the exposure of visitors during periods of potentially dangerous fire conditions. An explanation of the different stages of fire restrictions and what is typically prohibited during those stages can be found online at: www.tinyurl.com/FireStagesExplained.

ARE YOU FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BE 70 ½ YEARS OLD?

If you are at least 70 1/2 years old, you may be able to make a donation using the IRS charitable donation rollover provision. This provision of the tax law allows one to transfer up to \$100,000 annually from your IRA accounts directly to a qualified charity like KSB without first having to recognize the distribution as income. You can also name your charity as a beneficiary to your IRA.

Such donations must be sent directly from your IRA trustee to the charitable organization. We are not providing any tax advice so if you are interested in this option, be certain you work with your financial advisor.

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IN MEMORY OF DENA GREENWOOD

Dena Greenwood passed away on June 11. Dena was a lovely, soft spoken woman who nevertheless was an outstanding public speaker. Combining that speaking skill with her extensive knowledge about birds made her very popular as a presenter. Frequently KSB asked her to make a presentation about some aspect of birding at our monthly Preserving the Wonder™ Speaker Series. She always attracted an overflow crowd, with standing room only for those who didn't arrive early.

KBS board member Dave Norton remembers Dena from her bird walks. "For many years, Dena led free bird walks all over the Verde Valley and beyond, from Mingus Mountain to Flagstaff. I went on many and I was her spotter because for some reason, I could find an obscure bird for her to identify, and we did find some rare ones. There was quite a group that rotated in and out of her Wednesday bird walks."

"Dena was a very special person who touched the lives of many." When Joanne Kendrick first met Dena, she "was instantly drawn to her sweet spirit. Dena opened my eyes and ears to better understand and appreciate birds. I loved to hear her talk in her sweet, soft voice about the birds - how to recognize their coloring and their song. Our love of nature brought us close; her smile warmed my heart. I have lost a dear friend and a kindred spirit. She is gone, but not forgotten."

Nancy Spinelli recalls that "Dena was a regular vendor for Jay's Bird Barn at the Keep Sedona Beautiful Native Plant Workshop, sharing her expertise with all the attendees. Her gentle smile and manner allowed one to ask any question, no matter how trivial. She presented several times as well as being the keynote speaker in 2016 explaining the Ecological Interrelationships between Insects and Birds in Your Garden. Through Jay's Bird Barn, she supported the NPW Silent Auction and donated little treasures for the 'swag bags' such as wildflower seeds, nesting balls and suet feeders. She was eager to help in any way she could, whether by supplying books or setting up displays. Dena was there to support and share her knowledge."

Her expertise and passion about birds gave everyone a greater understanding and appreciation for our feathered friends. She was a treasure who will be sorely missed.

A celebration of Dena's life will be held on Friday, June 22 at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 160 Mormon Hill Road in Sedona. A reception with a light potluck lunch will follow the service. Please bring a dish to share if you are so inclined.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers a donation instead be made to the Greenwood Youth Scholarship Fund. This fund has been established to carry on Dena's passion for helping young people become birders and care for bird welfare and habitat. Donations can be made by clicking the following link: <https://nazaudubon.z2systems.com/np/clients/nazaudubon/donation.jsp?campaign=2&test=true>.



STAR PARTY AT RED ROCK STATE PARK, JUNE 2, 2018

Red Rock State Park hosted a star party, which was sponsored by Keep Sedona Beautiful. The Astronomers of Verde Valley (AVV) had their telescopes ready for attendees to view the heavens.

J.D. Maddy of AVV gave an interesting astronomy presentation, followed by telescope viewing of galaxies and the galaxy-rich constellations of Leo and Virgo. Under the dark skies of the park, the summer Milky Way was starting to make its way across the night sky. The planet Jupiter was high in the sky as it goes through the constellation of Libra. Venus was glimpsed low on the western horizon as it hovered in the constellation of Gemini. The easily recognizable constellations of Ursa Major, the Big Dipper, and Ursa Minor, the Little Dipper, were riding high in the northern sky. The first globular clusters of the summer made their first appearances.

The Keep Sedona Beautiful Dark-Sky Committee and the Big Park/Village of Oak Creek Dark-Sky Committee distributed dark-

sky literature and talked with the attendees about light pollution, dark-sky compliant lighting fixtures, the importance of keeping our night skies dark, and advised the attendees which communities in Arizona are International Dark-Sky Communities (IDSC), and what it means to be an IDSC. Light refreshments were provided.



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