

The Natural History of the San Francisco Peaks KSB Virtual Speaker Series on Wednesday, September 9

Feast your eyes and feed your soul at Keep Sedona Beautiful's *Preserving the Wonder™* Speaker Series on Wednesday, September 9th at **5:00** pm to learn about the remarkable San Francisco Peaks.

Due to the pandemic, KSB will be hosting this event on Zoom. Please visit the KSB website, www.keepsedonabeautiful.org for details.

"This mountain's story is extraordinary", said mother, writer, ecologist and artist Gwendolyn Waring, who will introduce her new book on the natural history of the San Francisco Peaks. "The Peaks is described as a sky island, as it harbors species and communities of plants that often occur nowhere else in Arizona. The question of how tiny tundra plants made it to the Peaks across harsh habitats from northern mountains will always be somewhat of a mystery," she said.

Waring will describe the formation of the region, by seas and then continental processes and then how the eruption of the San Francisco Volcanic field overtopped it all.

A resident and artist based Flagstaff for the last 45 years, Waring has studied most of Arizona's ecosystems. She is a landscape painter, relishing our regional landscapes (WaringArts.com). Her work can be seen at Late for the Train/Downtown Flagstaff, Zani's and R&A Import Repair/Steves & E. 66, Flagstaff.

Keep Sedona Beautiful's monthly *Preserving the Wonder™* Speaker Series 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, now and in the future. KSB activities range from education and advocacy to hands-on tasks such as litter lifting, as well as preserving the quality of Oak Creek and maintaining Sedona's dark, star-studded night skies. For more information about Keep Sedona Beautiful, please visit http://www.keepsedonabeautiful.org/ or call 928.282.4938.