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Celebrating Our First 50 Years

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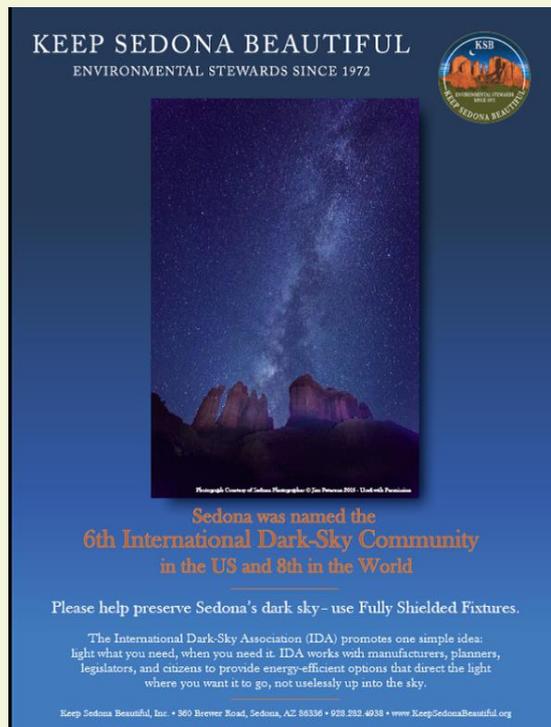
KSB HISTORY - PRESERVING DARK SKIES

Dear Jan,

As part of our 50th anniversary celebration, we're looking back at our past accomplishments and look forward to the future. This month focuses on preserving and expanding our dark skies.

Northern Arizona is fortunate to have some of the cleanest and clearest air in the nation. Keep Sedona Beautiful recognized this as far back as 1975, when we published our first article in the Red Rock News urging for protection of our dark skies.

We have regularly invited the current Director of the Lowell Observatory to present at our Speaker Series events, starting in 1979 and continuing through next month when Dr. Jeff Hall will speak at KSB. We've worked with the City of Sedona to reduce light pollution and to craft their dark sky policy.



Due to the efforts of past KSB resident Joanne Kendrick, in 2014 Sedona was the eighth location in the world declared a dark sky community by the International Dark Sky Association. This was followed by the Village of Oak Creek in 2016, Camp Verde in 2018 and Cottonwood in 2019. Yavapai County has expressed interest in becoming a Dark Sky County, and KSB is working to incorporate this goal into the updated Yavapai County Comprehensive Plan.

While the Verde Valley has been at the forefront of this movement, there are now:

- 34 Dark Sky Communities
- 109 Dark Sky Parks
- 18 Reserves
- 15 Sanctuaries
- 5 Urban night Sky Places

Our dark skies attract visitors who relish the peace and quiet of the night, when they can contemplate the mysteries of the universe through their telescopes, binoculars or even the naked eye. These are the types of visitors we want to attract to the Verde Valley.

To help us continue spreading the message about the importance of dark skies in the Verde Valley, become a member of KSB or renew your membership at [keepsedonabeautiful.org/donations](https://www.KeepSedonaBeautiful.org/donations).

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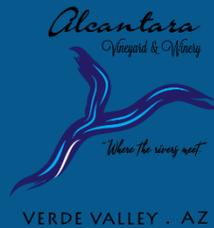
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