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**Joan Meiners, Journalist and Ecologist
Featured at KSB Speaker Series on Wednesday, October 21, 2026**

Keep Sedona Beautiful will hold its next Preserving the Wonder Speaker Series event on Wednesday, October 21 at 5:00 pm. This month, Joan Meiners, Journalist and Ecologist will share “The Arizona Trail: An 850-mile Mountain Bike Exploration of Climate Change”. As always, this presentation will be free and open to the public, and will be held at the KSB EcoHub, 360 Brewer Road in Sedona. Doors will open at 4:30. Please visit the KSB website, www.keepersdonabeautiful.org for details.

Along the 850-mile Arizona Trail, which spans the length of the state from Utah to Mexico, diverse ecosystems showcase how climate change is actively altering life as we know it across the Southwest. During fall 2025, The Arizona Republic newspaper’s climate reporter, who earned a Ph.D. in ecology before becoming an award-winning journalist, spent seven weeks traveling the full trail on her mountain bike to witness these threats, document their impacts, and consult with experts on solutions. Rich with photos and video from the journey as well as scientific expertise and cultural context, this presentation takes audiences through the state’s biggest environmental challenges and opportunities, mile by mile. Joan Meiners’ trail journey is a scenic and dynamic window into some of Arizona’s most pressing problems, told from the frontlines of journalistic exploration through literal living landscapes. This program is made possible by *Arizona Humanities*.

Joan Meiners is the climate reporter for The Arizona Republic, the state’s largest newspaper. In this role, she has won awards for her investigations into electricity generation, her deep-dive series on the intersection of extreme heat and housing shortages in the state, and her commentary on how Arizonans think and approach the existential challenges of climate change. She has previously written and received recognition for her environmental work in outlets like Discover Magazine, National Geographic and the Washington Post Magazine. Before being lured into the colorful and dynamic world of journalism, she completed a Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Ecology and published research papers on the biodiversity of native bees. She spends most of her free time trail running, backpacking, or mountain biking through as many diverse landscapes and regions as she can.

The Preserving the Wonder Speaker series is held on the third Wednesday of each month. For over 50 years, Keep Sedona Beautiful has been dedicated to protecting and enhancing the scenic beauty and natural environment of Sedona and the Verde Valley. For more information about Keep Sedona Beautiful, please visit www.keepersdonabeautiful.org.