

**PROGRAM ADVISORY**

**Program:** Extreme Explosions, A *Sedona Muses* Lecture

**Date:** February 13, 2017, 7 pm

**Location:** Sedona United Methodist Church, 110 Indian Cliffs Road, Sedona, Arizona 86336

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**Sedona Muses, Museum of Northern Arizona Present  
*Extreme Explosions* with Dr. G. Kent Colbath**

(Flagstaff, Ariz.) February 2, 2017 – The 2017 Sedona Muses Lecture Series, *Colorado Plateau Extremes*, continues Monday, February 13, with “Extreme Explosions” presented by Dr. G. Kent Colbath. The lecture begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Sedona United Methodist Church, 110 Indian Cliffs Road. Tickets, \$6 for MNA and Sedona Muses members and \$7 for nonmembers, are available for purchase at Bashas’ in Sedona, Weber’s IGA at the Village of Oak Creek or at the door beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Learn about the Colorado Plateau’s volcanic history spanning tens of millions of years. From Arizona’s super volcano which unleashed a cataclysmic eruption 18 million years ago, to the San Francisco Peaks Volcanic Field which includes more than 600 volcanoes exhibiting a variety of eruptive types and volcanic edifices. Sedona’s own unique volcanic makeup will also be featured as will a discussion of potential future eruptions in northern Arizona.

Geologist Dr. G. Kent Colbath has a broad range of interests and teaching experience in the earth sciences. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Oregon State University, master’s degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and doctorate from the University of Oregon, all in geology. Colbath completed post-doctoral fellowships at the Smithsonian Institution and the University of Queensland, in Brisbane, Australia. He has authored or coauthored approximately 25 research publications and two field guides. Colbath leads Ventures Trips throughout the Colorado Plateau for the Museum of Northern Arizona and lectures for the Flagstaff Festival of Science and Lowell Observatory.

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The Sedona Muses Lecture Series, presented monthly from January through April, offers the public the opportunity to learn more about the art, archaeology, geology, biology and cultures of Northern Arizona and the Colorado Plateau from experts in their fields.

To learn more about the 2017 Sedona Muses lecture series, visit [musnaz.org](http://musnaz.org).

## Upcoming Lectures

**March 13**

### **Plateau Extremophilia: Surviving Nature's Worst-case Scenarios**

**Dr. Larry Stevens**

How do plants and animals survive floods, fire and other natural disasters that deeply challenge life? Join the Museum of Northern Arizona's Curator of Ecology, Dr. Larry Stevens, as he describes the wide array of Colorado Plateau "extremophiles," life forms that are adapted to, and even require, severe environmental conditions.

**April 10**

### **Extreme Landscapes**

**Geologist Wayne Ranney**

Award-winning author and geologic interpreter Wayne Ranney documents his recent adventures with a photographic tour of the earth's most incredible terrain.

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The **Museum of Northern Arizona** inspires a sense of love and responsibility for the beauty and diversity of the Colorado Plateau. Founded in 1928, the 200-acre campus includes an historic exhibit building with nine galleries showcasing the geology, anthropology and art of the region; research and collections facilities; a museum shop and bookstore; and more than 450 public programs annually. To learn more, visit [musnaz.org](http://musnaz.org) or call 928.774.5213.

**Location:** Museum of Northern Arizona, 3101 N. Fort Valley Rd, Flagstaff, Ariz. 86001

**Phone & Website:** 928.774.5213, [musnaz.org](http://musnaz.org)

**Images:** Dr. G. Kent Colbath (left), Grand Falls (middle), Lava Falls from Toroweap (right)

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