The Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum will host a lecture presented by Harvey Leake:

The Wisdom of Wolfkiller: A Nineteenth Century Navajo Shepherd and Sage

on August 25th (Saturday) at 2:00 PM
at Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum, Blanding, Utah

-free and open to the public-

Wolfkiller is the remarkable life story of a Navajo herdsman and plant-gatherer who lived in the Monument Valley region of Navajo country, along the Utah/Arizona border, from about 1855 until 1926. Taught by his grandfather and mother, Wolfkiller learned the ancient wisdom of his people. He grew up seeing the beauty in nature and discovering how to face the wind, storms, cold, and even death with optimism and courage. Through his embrace of the natural world, he developed both a rare depth of character and an understanding of human relations that guided him through times of adversity. Wolfkiller’s story was recorded and translated by pioneer trader Louisa Wade Wetherill, who met him after moving to his community in the early twentieth century.

Harvey Leake has, for many years, been researching the history of his pioneering ancestors, the Wetherill family. His investigations have taken him to libraries, archives, and the homes of family elders whose recollections, photographs, and memorabilia have brought the family story to life. He curated an exhibit that is currently showing at the Edge of the Cedars Museum titled “On the Gleaming Way: Slim Woman and the Kayenta Navajos.” Harvey was born and raised in Prescott, Arizona and is a semi-retired electrical engineer.

This presentation is a part of the 2018 Four Corners Lecture Series.