



From the Mailbag

News from Members and Friends

by Brett Pyle

The world is a crazy place, but then again, it always has been. One of the joys of living in the Mono Basin is being able to easily find a place of stillness amid the rush of daily life. There are sunrises along the shore, each seemingly the first, where the silence is broken only by the splash of a landing gull, the ripples extending beyond their importance, and disappearing in the mirror-still vastness of the lake. When you visit, it is that mirror-stillness that I hope you take with you in your heart. And as you sit in traffic, spilt coffee on your pants, late for work, remember ... all these things are just the splashes of gulls....

Special Thanks

A special thanks to **Brain Cashore** and **Karen Allen** of Swall Meadows for donating a canoe for use on canoe tours. **Steve Anderson** made a generous donation of computer equipment for use in the store and offices. **Tom and Jo Heindel** of Big Pine donated 34 wonderful bird slides for use in the State of the Lake presentation and for to the Committee slide archive. Teacher **Louise Fernquest** and her students at **Keys School** in Palo Alto graciously donated the proceeds of their annual bake sale to help restore Mono Lake. And a very special thanks to **Moose Peterson** for donating 27 framed photographs and the proceeds from their sale for our summer slideshow-room exhibit.

In Celebration

Tony and Patricia Hughes made a donation in honor of the marriage of **Joe Cotter and Christine Way Cotter** of Quincy, Mass. Best wishes for your life together in the future!

In Memory

Donations were made in memory of **Mrs. Els Schneider**, who passed away shortly before her 100th birthday, by her daughter **Annette Lehman** of Los Angeles, **Ruth and Leonard Chernoff** of Pasadena, and **Bernice Goldstein** of Los Angeles. **John and Dymphna Pruyn** of El Cerrito, and **David Winkler** of Ithaca, NY made donations in memory of **Paul Green**. **Mary Elliott James** of Cambria made a donation in memory of **Bruce Tingle** of San Luis Obispo. **Helen Ronning** of Mill Valley sent a donation in memory of **Benjamin Upham** of Mill Valley. Donations were received in memory of **Mrs. Viola Hoes** of Lakeport from the **Deny Family** of Guerneville, the **Charles Hoes Family** of Zamora, **Bill and Nancy Hogberg** of Napa, **Mrs. Donald E. Schlosser** of Zamora, **Joseph and Rush Wilson** of Lawrenceville, and **Marie Wright** of Lucerne. ❖

Brett Pyle is the Committee's Membership Coordinator. He is enjoying all the splashes that his daughter Sabine brings to his life.

Raffle benefits Mono Lake

Many thanks to local **Round Dance Indian Art Gallery** owners Steve and Cindy Kinerson of Mono City who organized a fundraising raffle benefitting the Mono Lake Committee. The lucky winner, Shaylynn Dondero of Lee Vining received a beautiful pendleton blanket from their gallery, located in Mammoth Lakes.



Local business owner Steve Kinerson with the winning benefit raffle ticket.

Credit Where Credit Is Due

Since 1984 the Mono Lake Committee has published the Mono Lake Calendar. Each year accomplished and professional photographers submit images for the calendar, and it is their dedication that has made the calendar a success.

The upcoming 2003 Calendar marks the 25th Anniversary year for the Mono Lake Committee, and the calendar has a special 25th Anniversary essay, beautifully accompanied by both historical and scenic images. **Stephen Ingram's** image of Negit Island was used, but unfortunately his credit got lost in the printing shuffle. We are sincerely sorry about this oversight, as we strive to maintain the high quality of the calendar and honor the dedicated photographers who submit images.

If you are interested in seeing Stephen Ingram's work please check out his website at <http://www.ingramphoto.com>.