



# From the Mailbag

News from Members and Friends

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It's that time of year again—when you can feel summer and autumn mingling in the air knowing that soon summer will fade into fall. The changes in the light show as the seasons shift and the sun falls lower in the sky, going behind the mountains to the west of Lee Vining much sooner in the evening. Interns are packing up to go back to school, the aspen trees on the June Lake loop are starting to turn from green to yellow, and the school yard is busy again as I go by it on my daily walk to pick up the mail in Box 29 at the Post Office in Lee Vining.

It feels like a good time of year to say thank you. Thank you to all of you who have made donations throughout the year and over many years, offering the support necessary for the Mono Lake Committee to continue its efforts at keeping Mono Lake healthy and beautiful for people and other living things alike to live in and enjoy. As Elin Ljung, one of our interns this summer put it, "Your support helps to keep the water flowing down the creeks and into the lake." I hope you have all had a wonderful summer season and are enjoying the days of autumn.

## In Honor

**Bill & Rose Marie Brennan**, of Lancaster, gave a gift in honor of **Hank & Rhonda Starr-Garretson**. Gifts in honor of **Martha Davis' 50th Birthday** were received from **Alison Davis**, of Palo Alto, and **Dick & Ginny Davis**, of San Rafael.

## In Memory

**Mr. & Mrs. Fred Burkart, Jr.** of Walnut Creek made a memorial contribution in honor of **Roland Kuechle**, **Cathy McKenzie** gave a donation in memory of **Beryl McKenzie** of Pacific Palisades, and **Lorraine Priceman** of

Woodland Hills gave a contribution in memory of **George Priceman**.

The Committee honors the passing of **Gerda S. Mathan**, accomplished teacher and photographer. Her photographs include those in the book *Storm Over Mono*, by John Hart.

## Donate with Muir-Hanna Wine

Muir Hanna Vinyards of Napa is offering a special way for Members to support the Committee while enjoying their 2001 Estate Bottled Chardonnay. \$5 from each \$25 bottle of wine goes to the Committee! Call (707) 224-2114 or fax (707) 224-8668 for details.

## Matching Gifts

Matching gifts are a wonderful way to make your donation to the Mono Lake Committee go even further. Many employers offer a dollar for dollar matching gifts program and some even offer a 2:1 or 3:1 match. Thank you to all of our members who have participated in their employers' matching gifts program. We very much appreciate these additional donations, and the extra step involved on your part to make it happen. If you haven't looked into it already, ask your employer about their matching gifts program today! ❖

## Guardians of the Lake!

### The easiest way to support the Committee just got easier!

**M**any members choose to support the Mono Lake Committee through our monthly giving program called Guardians of the Lake. Guardians of the Lake have always had the option of making their monthly payment by check or credit card. We now have a system available for handling Electronic Funds Transfer of a monthly payment directly from your checking account. This saves you the hassle of writing a check each month and saves the Committee additional fees charged by credit card companies. How much to give per month is up to you.

Benefits of being a Guardian of the Lake include a monthly note from Sally Gaines, keeping you up to date on the happenings at the lake. (Though if you'd prefer not to receive this short monthly letter, you can just let us know.) Members of this program also receive fewer fundraising mailings from the Committee, as we know we can already count on your support for Mono Lake! Members tell us that spreading their gift over the year means they can plan their annual support in advance and do even more for the Committee.

So whether you're a current Guardian sending a check each month, or a member who would like to enroll in Guardians of the Lake, let us know if you'd like to set up a monthly donation to the Committee by Electronic Funds Transfer. Contact Erika ([erika@monolake.org](mailto:erika@monolake.org)) at the membership desk (760) 647-6595.