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***Vantage Points: A New Photography* Exhibition at the Mono Lake Committee**

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On Saturday, July 1, a new gallery show will open at the Mono Lake Committee Information Center & Bookstore in Lee Vining—*Vantage Points: Perspectives on California and the Southwest*, by accomplished photographer Richard Knepp. The show will kick off with a reception for the artist from 5:00 to 7:00pm on July 1st, and *Vantage Points* will be on display until the end of December. Rick has immense talent and a deep connection to Mono Lake, and he captures the Mono Basin's distinctive moods with vivid colors and striking detail. The show also includes photographs of Yosemite and the Southwest, particularly Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park.

Rick began his association with photography in childhood, and began pursuing fine art photography seriously in 1989. While developing his own vision, he studied with master printers Jim Stimson and John Sexton, as well as with

artists/educators Geir and Kate Jordahl. Currently, Rick teaches black and white printing in the traditional darkroom and manages the photo lab at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills. He also leads photography seminars for the Mono Lake Committee, which always fill quickly and garner rave reviews from participants!

Rick works primarily with a large-format field camera, which lends exquisite detail to his landscape photography. His work has been widely recognized—he has won numerous awards at shows around California and his work is published regularly in the *Mono Lake Calendar* and *Sunset Magazine*. *Vantage Points* will be Rick's sixteenth solo exhibition since 1989.

Be sure to stop by the Mono Lake Committee on July 1st to help Rick kick off a great show! For more information about the artist's reception, please call the Mono Lake Committee at (760) 647-6595, and to see samples of Rick's work, please visit www.richardknepp.com.

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Photo #1 caption: "Tufa Silhouettes" by Rick Knepp.

Photo #2 caption: "Hammer—Bryce Canyon" by Rick Knepp.

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The Mono Lake Committee is a nonprofit citizens' group dedicated to protecting and restoring the Mono Basin ecosystem, educating the public about Mono Lake and the impacts on the environment of excessive water use, and promoting cooperative solutions that protect Mono Lake and meet real water needs without transferring environmental problems to other areas.