

# Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center Summer 2008 Lecture Series



**June 28 “Literature of the Mono Basin and the Eastern Sierra”**

Presenter: Anna Mills is a nature writer and a Professor at City College of San Francisco where she teaches English with an environmental focus.

**July 5 “Bird Watching by Kayak”**

Presenter: Michael Jenied is an author, photographer, poet, and adventurer. Michael leads birding trips, particularly by kayak, and coaches birding skills.

**July 12 “Out in the Cold, Rain, and Snow: Climate Change Ecology of the Eastern Sierra Nevada”**

Presenter: Dr. Michael Loik is an Assistant Professor in the Environmental Studies Department at the University of California, Santa Cruz. His research focused on the effects of climate change on desert and montane ecosystems of the Sierra Nevada and Rocky Mountains, as well as the Chihuahuahua, Great Basin, Mojave, and Sonora Deserts.

**July 18 “Strike at Half Dome”**

Presenter: Bob Madgic is an author, educator, and avid fly fisherman. Bob’s presentation is based on his book, “Shattered Air”, the dangers of lightning and the glory of Yosemite- Its art legacy, natural history, stunning features-while narrating the story of the hikers, who embarked up the famous Half Dome trail in July, 1985.

**July 19 “Fly Fishing in the Eastern Sierra”**

Presenter: Bob Madgic is an author, educator, and avid fly fisherman. Bob has authored two fishing books: “Pursuing Wild Trout: A Journey in Wilderness Values”; and “A Guide to California’s Freshwater Fishes”.

**July 25 “Seasons of the Sand Blossom” & “Desert Gold”**

Join filmmakers Peter and Melanie Rhalter for a screening of their two award-winning films.

**July 26 “Alaska Tundra to Mono Lake”**

Join filmmaker Larry Arbanas for a screening of his film. During the last four years Larry has filmed for the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in California, Arizona, Florida, Texas, and Alaska. He is presently working with fellow cameraman Bob Wilcox to produce a “Birds of the Mono Basin” film for the Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center. He also films for PBS documentaries and is actively looking for way to take his love of nature/bird filmmaking to visually tell stories about the Eastern Sierra.

**Aug 1 “Biological Influences on Mono Lake Tufa Formation”**

Presenter: Michael Thomas is a micro and molecular biologist, and currently a P.H.D. candidate at Arizona State University in Tempe, with a focus on Geology and Astrobiology.

**Aug 2 “Conservation and Art”**

Presenter: Elizabeth Kennedy, Ph.D. is an emeritus professor of art at the California State University at Long Beach. She holds a master of fine arts in painting and photography, and a doctor of philosophy in art education from the Claremont University. She received the California Art Education Association’s Outstanding Higher Education Visual Art Educator Award for 2006.

**Aug 8 “Introduction to Fire in California”**

Presenter: David Carle grew up in Orange County, received his bachelors degree at UC Davis in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology and a masters degree from CSU Sacramento in Recreation and Parks Administration. He was a ranger for the California State Parks for 27 years.

**Aug 22 “Osprey are a fish eating bird, so what are they doing at Mono Lake?”**

Presenter: Lisa Fields is an environmental scientist for the Sierra district of California State Parks; she has been monitoring the osprey at Mono Lake since 2004. She is responsible for wildlife management in state parks extending from Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve in the south to Plumas-Eureka State Park in the north. She specializes in raptor management, which includes nesting surveys for osprey, California spotted owl, northern goshawk, and bald eagle.

**Aug 23 “Birds of the High Sierra”**

Presenter: Tom Hahn is associate professor of biology at UC Davis. He teaches courses on animal behavior and does research on physiology and behavior of songbirds.

**7-8 PM at the Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center Theater.** Admission is free and the public is invited.  
Lectures last approximately one hour. For more information call the Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitors Center: 760-647-3044