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An hour ago I was down at the lakeshore getting sunburned on my nose while taking photos of one of the most beautiful cloud displays I have ever seen. And now, as I sit here putting the finishing touches on the Spring 2001 Newsletter the thunder rumbles the floor and the hail pellets outside are a centimeter in diameter. It's spring!

Spring is looking for the first wildflowers, hearing the calls of the gulls announcing their arrival for the summer, big billowy clouds against the deep blue sky, mud on the bottom of your shoes, the smell of rain in the sagebrush, sunshine that warms you all the way through, unexpected snow showers, and the much anticipated spring runoff.

This edition's got a full lineup of articles. For insight into the US Forest Service Scenic Area see the article on pages 4–5. Updates on policy matters with Caltrans and the relicted lands issue are on pages 6 and 7. Don't miss the gift section complete with the new Mono Lake Story video on pages 12–13. And find out how studying the pecking order of chickens can lead to volunteering for the Photopoint Project on page 8.

Have a wonderful spring!

—Arya Degenhardt



Photo by Arya Degenhardt

Mono Lake Committee Mission

The Mono Lake Committee is a non-profit 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.

Mono Lake is a part of the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network, a member of the international Living Lakes partnership (www.livinglakes.org), designated as an Outstanding National Resource Water under the Clean Water Act, and home to a National Forest Scenic Area and a California State Reserve.

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