

# Staff Migrations

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It has been pretty quiet around here in terms of staff migrations ... the quiet, no doubt, before the storm of seasonal staff arrivals.

We are excited to announce one springtime transition: Patricia Holland is

Mono Basin Historical Society  
presents

## Sagebrush Ghosts of the North Mono Basin

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Join a historical field trip in the northwest corner of the Mono Basin to visit with the ghosts of Mono past.

**When:** meet at the Old Schoolhouse Museum in Lee Vining at 9:00am. Tour ends mid-afternoon at the Mono Inn for refreshments

**Where:** Visit Filosena's Ranch, the old Jordan powerplant site, Conway Ranch, DeChambeau Ranch and more.

**More info and reservations:** call (760) 647-6461 or email mbhs@qnet.com.

**Cost:** \$10 suggested donation or membership in the Historical Society. Don't worry too much if you miss this one, more historical field trips are coming this summer and fall!

joining us as the Committee's new Office Manager. Patricia knows the Eastern Sierra (she's lived here for many years), Mono Lake (she's even helped with letter writing campaigns in the 1980s), and is ready to keep the office in order (she's a teacher, most recently with 150 8th grade students). With school not even out, she's already at work a few afternoons a week and we're excited to have her enthusiasm, organization, and ideas as part of the team.

Development Director Shelly Backlar is expanding her horizons by starting her own consulting business. Luckily, we've made the client list! A veteran of Bike-A-Thons and bus tours alike, Shelly has shared her skills with the Committee for many years, organizing events, writing grants, and working with Committee members and volunteers. Her contributions to Mono Lake's protection have been huge, and we're happy that she's not going far. We'll be seeing lots of her, and Mono Lake, I'm sure, won't be far from her thoughts.

Congratulations to Board Member Martha Davis on her election to the Board of the WaterReuse Foundation and the California Chapter of the

WaterReuse Association. She joins fellow Mono Lake Committee Board Member Rich Atwater who is on the Board of the WaterReuse Association and is the Chair of their legislative committee. The mission of WaterReuse is to increase the amount of water reclamation and recycling in the world. Go Martha!

And many thanks to local Lee Vining High School student Regan Heater for interning at the Committee this winter. His help has been great and we're excited to have him stay on this summer too!

In the office we hear that some loyal readers are keeping tabs on the Committee staff babies, so here's the update.... ❖



Caelen McQuilkin and Sabine Pyle at the crafts table.

## 2003 High Sierra Fall Century: Saturday, September 13

This year the Sierra Cycling Foundation will be the lead organizer and full beneficiary of the High Sierra Fall Century. The Mono Lake Committee, which for six years has partnered with the Foundation to produce this grand event, is stepping back to be an active volunteer. The Mono Lake Committee will sponsor the Mono Lake and Wild Rose stops on the 100-mile course (Wild Rose is also on the short course!), and will remain active members of the organizing committee.

For past Century riders, you know this is a premiere event. For newcomers, you have a treat in store. The date is Saturday, September 13; registration will be open online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) by May 1; the base cost this year is \$40 for the full century. There are two courses, 100 miles, and a 35-mile short course. The ride is very well sagged—in the past a rider could gain weight! For more details about the course and registration, visit [www.fallcentury.org](http://www.fallcentury.org) or call (775) 265-6936.

The Mono Lake Committee is proud

of its role in helping build the High Sierra Fall Century to over 900 riders in 2002, but with the growing success of the Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua (June 20-22, 2003), it is impossible to be a leader on both events. Look for Committee staff and volunteers this year at the Mono Lake and Wild Rose stops—and at the Mono Lake Committee booth at the finish. Of course, we want to see you at the Mono Lake Committee Information Center and Bookstore in Lee Vining, too.