



From the mailbag

News from members and friends

In memory

Thank you to all of you who send contributions in memory of your friends and loved ones—we appreciate these gifts that help us carry on the work that will keep Mono Lake a special place for many generations.

Robert & Zenia Hauck of Lebanon, OR, **Bryan Kilfoil** of San Francisco, **Taylor & Georgina Kilfoil** of San Carlos, **Anne Locke** of Santa Clara, and **Margo & Dayton Thorne** of Gardnerville, NV gave gifts in memory of Committee member **Rodney Caldwell**. **David, Angela, & Bridget Fellers** gave a gift in memory of **Edith Folz** of La Canada. **Bruce & Jacquelin Parker** of Fairfield gave a gift in memory of **Dola**

Faye Parker, who was a much-loved resident of Lee Vining. Donations in memory of **Robert Singleton**, long-time visitor to Mono Lake, were received from **Marlene Rosslund** of Scottsdale, AZ and **Colleen Mae** of Williston, ND.

The following people gave gifts in memory of **Vern Keller** who will be missed by his family, neighbors and friends: **Marlene & Dudley Cate** of Reno, NV, the **Guyton Family** of Reno, NV, **Lois B. Jones** of Quincy, **Brynne B. Marsh** of Reno, NV, **Janet, Dave, & Kish Miller** of Ellicott City, MD, **Bill & Lurayne Van Tassel** of Reno, NV. A gift in

memory of **Vern & Norma Keller** was given by **Marcia, David, & Joanna Binney** of Seattle, WA.

Special thanks

Thank you to **John Whittlesey** of Canyon Creek Nursery in Oroville (Intern Elicia's dad!) for donating native plants for the garden and the new canoe planter around the Information Center & Bookstore!

George & Nancy Appel donated and planted flowers for the garden and carefully tended them to help them all thrive.

We've been enjoying the plants all summer—thank you! ❖

Thank you volunteers!

by Erika Obedzinski

We appreciate all the hard work that our many volunteers contribute on behalf of Mono Lake—we couldn't do it without you! Thank you to all of the volunteers who have donated time to projects such as helping at the Committee's front counter, leading South Tufa tours, pulling invasive weeds, cleaning up trash along our adopted section of Highway 395, and planting and watering Jeffrey pine seedlings along the creeks.

We'd especially like to recognize some volunteers who quietly and steadily go above and beyond for Mono Lake. **Russell Bell** keeps a close eye on our web server to make sure all is running smoothly. **Judy Erb** spent many dedicated hours this summer helping at the membership desk. **Nancy States** spent a month roving at South Tufa, sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm about birds and Mono Lake with visitors. Former Committee birding intern and Mono Lake supporter extraordinaire, **Randy Arnold** of Barefoot Cellars Winery, is the inspiration and

continued organizer of the Wine Flight fundraising event. **George & Nancy Appel** returned for a second summer to help tend the gardens around the Committee office and Information Center & Bookstore and to help out in general wherever they could. **Jean Dillingham, John Walter, & Wilma Wheeler** helped kids learn about creeks through the Eastern Sierra Watershed Program. **Stan & Sharon Bluhm** have filled in leading South Tufa tours. And last but certainly not least, thank you to **Janet Carle** for coordinating the volunteers with such dedication and enthusiasm. Thank you to all of you!

Thank you to all of the Mono Lake volunteers who went through Janet Carle's volunteer training program: **George Appel, Jo Bacon, Phyllis Benham, Sharon Bluhm, Stan Bluhm, Pat De Sota, Jean Dillingham, Judy Erb, Hank Garretson, Edyth Irvine, Leslie Klusmire, Linda LaPierre, Deb Main, Katie Mulder, Mary K. Prentice,**

Rhonda Starr, Sherryl Taylor, Alison Woodworth, Jim Williams.

Be a Mono Lake volunteer

If you are interested in meeting visitors from all over the world and sharing your knowledge of the Eastern Sierra by volunteering on behalf of Mono Lake, let us know!

Volunteers may staff information desks, rove and answer questions at the lake, or guide formal tours for groups. Free training will be held in the Mono Basin next spring—dates have yet to be scheduled. Most volunteers attend six half-day training sessions and are asked to donate eight hours per month from June through September. Participants must be at least 18 years old, be able to walk short distances, and stand for two hours at a time.

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