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Wine Flight at the Mono Inn

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Make the short trip up to locals' favorite getaway—the Mono Basin—for the fourth annual Wine Flight, Saturday, June 17 from 4-6:00 pm at the Mono Inn at Mono Lake! Sample wines from around the world as you enjoy one of the world's most beautiful views out across Mono Lake.

The Mono Lake Committee Board of Directors will honor local Olympic gold medalist, former Mono County Supervisor, and director of the Andrea Lawrence Institute for Mountains and Rivers, Andrea Lawrence with the 2006 Defender of the Trust Award at this year's Wine Flight wine tasting and silent auction.

The event is also a fundraiser for the Mono Basin Field Station; tickets are \$50 per person and include a wine glass etched with an elegant hummingbird design. To reserve a ticket for this sell-out event, please call (760) 647-6595.

The Defender of the Trust Award is given annually to a person or persons who have made extraordinary contributions to champion Mono Lake. Andrea Lawrence has been just this kind of champion since the founding of the Mono Lake Committee in 1978. She helped the Committee find its first members; worked with Federal, State, and County governments to create strong protections for the land around the lake; and provides visionary leadership for the Mono Basin, Mono County, and the Eastern Sierra region.

Andrea is the fifteenth recipient of the Defender of the Trust Awards since 1993. Other recipients include Sally Gaines (2003), Stan Eller and California Trout (2002), and Martha Davis (1997).

The Wine Flight takes place in conjunction with the Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua, the bird festival with the slogan, “Not your ordinary bird festival.” The Wine Flight is sure to be an extraordinary event itself, so get your tickets soon!

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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.