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## **DONNA SPECHT RECEIVES 2009 NATIONAL SIERRA CLUB AWARD**

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. – Donna Specht of Huntington Beach, Calif., has been selected to receive the Sierra Club's 2009 Susan Miller Award. This award honors a Sierra Club member for administrative contributions to groups and chapters. The award will be presented in San Francisco at the Club's annual dinner on September 26, 2009.

Specht has been active in the management of the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter for 20 years. She is an elected member of the Executive Committee and is a member of the Fundraising Outings Committee, the Outings Management Committee and the Safety Committee, in addition to serving as the Outings Chair for Orange County Sierra Singles.

Specht also is an avid leader of fundraising trips for the Angeles Chapter, both national and international. She organizes eight to nine ski trips every year, and leads trips to the Havasupai Indian Reservation in Arizona, Alaska, the Mediterranean and Costa Rica. She leads day hikes for little hikers and conditioning hikes.

She also organizes about six membership fairs a year, spread throughout the Los Angeles area, that give local residents the opportunity to find out about and join the Sierra Club. "Donna carries membership applications on outings, at meetings, and everywhere she thinks she can get just one extra person converted to the environmental message of the Sierra Club," said Silvia Darie, a member of the Angeles Chapter.

"It is hard to find an activity within Angeles Chapter where Donna is not involved," Darie said. "From outings to leadership to membership to fundraising trips, Donna does it all."

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