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Los Osos/Morro Bay Chapter

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Art in The Oaks - Three Women Artists View The Central Coast There will be a very special art sale in the Elfin Forest on Sunday, September 22 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Don't miss the opportunity to view the work of three exceptional local artists -- Dianne O'Quinn Burke, Nancy Grafner Kolliner and Barbara Rosenthal -- in a very unusual setting, the Elfin Forest!

Dianne Burke's work has been inspired by the beauty of land and beast on the Central Coast. She will feature portraits of animals with whom we share the Elfin Forest.

Nancy Kolliner's work depicts the world as she sees and understands it and is her way of working to preserve an otherwise changing environment. In doing so, she likes to think that she is giving back some of what she has been given.

Barbara Rosenthal was attracted to the Central Coast 10 years ago by its natural beauty. Barbara is often seen toting her art supplies on local trails as she enjoys working outdoors. Local landscapes are the subject of much of her work.

In addition to an opportunity to make a tax deductible contribution to the Elfin Forest Land Fund by purchasing an exceptional work of art, there will be live music, refreshments, and guided walks of the Elfin Forest. Look for the information tent at the north end of 15th Street off Santa Ysabel in Los Osos.

Share Earth Words in The Elfin Forest You are invited to the first of a series of informal quarterly readings of "Earth Words" in the Elfin Forest on Sunday, September 8th from 3 to 4 p.m. Come to share your poem, prose or song or that of a favorite author, or to just enjoy a special moment in a special place. Bring something to sit upon, something to drink, and a nibble such as pretzels to share. Meet at the north end of 13th Street at 3 p.m. (please note the change from the usual meeting point for walks!) Call June Shepard at 528-0367 for more information about this or future "Earth Words" in the Elfin Forest.

Plan to Attend SWAP's General Meeting on Monday, Sept 9th at 7:45 p.m. in the South Bay Community Center in Los Osos. Local archaeologist Robert Gibson will speak on **the Chumash use of the Elfin Forest** and why the preservation of the Elfin Forest is important from a cultural and historical perspective.

Mr. Gibson is a lifelong resident of central California who has specialized in Chumash prehistory and culture. For the past two decades he has worked as a private consultant for local, state, and federal agencies. Working with Chumash organizations and teaching classes in archaeological methods and techniques, he has contributed significantly to the preservation of archaeological resources.

Other business will include a membership update and report on the status of the Elfin Forest Financial Advisory Board.



New FAB (Financial Advisory Board) Recognizing the need for help with the process of serious fund raising to purchase the Elfin Forest, we have formed the nucleus of a Financial Advisory Board. The board will provide guidance for the process of obtaining large gifts from private individuals and corporations.

A reception to recruit members was held Sunday, July 14th, at the home of Julie and Bud Hubbard. Board members were taken on a walk through the Elfin Forest with Andrea Seastrand on Sunday, August 18th. The first working meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 5th.

Elsie Deitz introduces Emily Polk, founder of SWAP, at the July 14th. reception for the Financial Advisory Board.

Emily Polk is back! The delightful founder of SWAP who was so successful in the preservation of the Los Osos Oaks is once again living on the Central Coast. A prolific artist, Mrs. Polk has offered to hold a special art sale as a benefit for the Elfin Forest. Watch for news of this art sale to be held sometime in early 1992. If you know of some place that would be suitable, please call Elsie Deitz, our special events chair, at 528-7136.

1992 Bond Initiative Update The Planning and Conservation League withdrew their bond initiative to avoid conflict with Governor Wilson's environmental bond act. Assemblyman Cortese has submitted Assembly Bill 72, a bond measure that is intended to provide financing for acquisition of properties for park and wildlife purposes. San Luis Obispo County Parks has requested that AB72 include funding for several local projects including the Elfin Forest.

Assemblywoman Andrea Seastrand has been a long time supporter of efforts to add the 39 acres of the Elfin Forest still in private ownership to the 59 acres acquired by the state under the leadership of her late husband, Assemblyman Eric Seastrand. Mrs Seastrand has requested an amendment to AB72 for \$1.5 million to complete the purchase of the Elfin Forest. She has stated that "In reviewing the list of project requests from my district, the one that is closest to my heart would be purchasing the Otto Property (the El Moro Elfin Forest) in Los Osos. This would complete the purchase of the parcel and protect the viewshed."

Third Street Baywood Overlook Claire Goedinghaus, in recognition of our charter to preserve small wildernesses in otherwise urbanized areas, has given the Los Osos/Morro Bay Chapter of SWAP a lot that borders the bay on Third Street near Paso Robles Avenue in Los Osos. SLO County Parks is looking for appropriate sites for public overlooks or bay access. SWAP will investigate the possibility of using SWAP's lot as a public bay overlook.

Proposed Montana de Oro to Morro Bay Green Belt



Ray Belknap, director of the San Luis Obispo County Land Conservancy, met with the members of SWAP's Board of Directors on Sunday, July 14th.

Shown are Les and Rose Bowker, Ray Belknap, Barbara Machado and Virginia Black.

Ray discussed a feasibility study

that the Land Conservancy is doing for the Coastal Conservancy on the possibility of creating a dedicated green belt around Los Osos. The Green Belt would extend from Montana de Oro to the South to Morro Bay State Park to the North and would include the Elfin Forest.

Morro Bay Harbor Festival Volunteer Program The proceeds from the Morro Bay Harbor Festival are divided among the community groups who have participated in the event. In 1990, \$12,700 was awarded to the 39 nonprofit and community service groups who helped to make the event a success.

SWAP will participate for the first time this year. Our "job assignment" is to provide volunteers to help direct traffic at the first crosswalk in two-hour shifts from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, October 5th. and 6th. Margaret Mehring is our "volunteer captain." Please call Margaret at 528-2552 if you can work a 2 hour shift at the crosswalk. Each hour that you volunteer means money for the Elfin Forest Land fund!

Volunteers Needed! Our information table will be set up at our Art Show in the Elfin Forest, the State of the Bay Conference, the Morro Bay Harbor Festival, and the Baywood Park Octoberfest. With such a busy fall, we need extra help to man the table at for all these events. Please call Virginia Black at 528-6614 if you are able to help.

Vandalism Watch - While out for a walk through the part of the Elfin Forest that has already been added to Morro Bay State Park, we came across evidence that someone has used one of the oak groves near the bay for a party -- leaving behind trash, carving initials into the trees, and starting a fire in a tub using wood cut from the trees. This emphasizes the need to educate people about the natural resources of the Elfin Forest.

Early Music Concert a Success. There was tremendous turnout for the first concert in the Elfin Forest on Sunday, June 2nd. The event was co-sponsored by SWAP and the Cuesta College Friends of the Library. John Warren and the Early



Music Consort performed baroque music under the oaks while Lady Daffodil performed a commedia dell'arte of mime - all in delightful contrast to the natural setting of the grove known affectionately as "Woodrat Hall" (a woodrat does live in a nest within the grove). Since the concert was a sell-out almost as soon as it was announced, SWAP hopes to sponsor more events of a similar nature.

Adopt-A-Beach Coastal Clean Up Day is Saturday, September 21st. As we have done in the past, SWAP will clean up the eastern edge of the Morro Bay estuary along South Bay Boulevard. Please meet at 9:30 a.m. at the end of 15th Street off Santa Ysabel. Bring a brown bag lunch and we will return to the Elfin Forest for a picnic after the cleanup. This cleanup event will replace our regular 3rd Saturday walk.

Teacher's Workshop and Walk SWAP will help to conduct a workshop for teachers on the resources of the Morro Bay estuary on Saturday, October 19th as part of the State of the Bay Conference. A special walk to educate teachers about the plant and animal communities of the Elfin Forest will be held in place of our regular 3rd Saturday walk. Contact Connie Harms at 772-7607 for registration information for the teachers' workshop.

Ecology of the Elfin Forest. Our regular 3rd Saturday walks will resume in November with a walk focusing on the Ecology of the Elfin Forest. Les Bowker, a professor in the Biological Sciences Department at Cal Poly, will lead the walk. Les has been involved in the Environmental and Systematic Biology degree at Cal Poly since 1974 and has been a resident of Los Osos since 1977. Meet Saturday, November 16th at 9:30 a.m. at the north end of 15th Street. For more information about this or future walks, contact Shanda Gibbs at 528-3936.

Teacher's Packet. Shanda Gibbs has put in long hours coordinating the preparation of the Elfin Forest Teacher's Packet. This packet will be included in a handbook being prepared for the State of the Bay Conference teacher's workshop. Materials include lesson plans and activities for use in the Elfin Forest, a checklist to the plants and animals of the Elfin Forest, and a list of further resource materials.

One copy of the Elfin Forest Teacher's Packet will be available free to teachers who are members of SWAP and at-cost to teachers who are not members. Our education committee will continue to work on new lesson plans which will be announced in this newsletter. Call Shanda at 528-3936 for ordering information.

United Way and SWAP. If you have a United Way Giving Plan at work, you can designate SWAP as a recipient of contributions made through payroll deductions. While only service and health related organizations are listed in United Way's brochure, any non-profit organization can be designated for either a one-time gift or a monthly payroll deduction.

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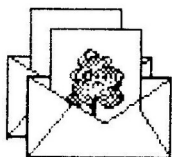
Emily Polk, the founder of SWAP, has said that "the gift of nature is an imperishable gift, never broken, torn, lost, worn; the gift that given once is given forever; that exuberantly gives itself in return not alone to the giver or receiver but to all creatures of earth for all time."

If you are looking for a gift for someone who is hard to shop for, or a little stocking stuffer that says "I love you," consider a gift that will benefit the Elfin Forest Land Fund as well as remembering someone special.



Elfin Forest T-Shirts

Designed by local artist Michael Burke, these are good quality cotton T-shirts available in ecru or mint green. Sizes large or extra-large. \$12 (CA tax included) plus \$2.50 postage.



Elfin Forest Note Cards

Photo Note Cards An Assortment 5 notecards of featuring photographs of the plants of the Elfin Forest by Phyllis Snyder. \$7.00 (CA tax included) plus \$0.95 postage.

Elfin Forest Logo Note Cards A packet of 8 folded notecards featuring the Elfin Forest logo for \$4.00 (CA tax included) plus \$0.95 postage.



Elfin Forest Re-Use Bags

These heavy weight canvas bags featuring the Elfin Forest Logo are ideal for trips to the library, farmer's market or for around town shopping. \$7.50 (CA tax included) plus \$2.50 postage.

Elfin Forest "Certificates of Stewardship"

Take advantage of the best real estate deal along the Central Coast. Purchase an interest in the Elfin Forest at the bargain price of \$2 per square foot. Each "property owner" will receive a certificate of stewardship in recognition of his or her contribution toward preserving the Elfin Forest for present and future enjoyment. And, unlike other properties in Los Osos, you won't have to pay property taxes on Elfin Forest Footage. Instead you will be making a tax deductible contribution to SWAP's Land Fund.

Gift Memberships

Give a Gift Membership in the Los Osos / Morro Bay Chapter of the Small Wilderness Area Preservation. A card will be sent to the recipient acknowledging your gift.

Order Form

Complete order form and make check payable to SWAP.
Mail to Treasurer, SWAP, P.O. Box 6442, Los Osos, CA 93412

Name _____ Date of Order _____
Street Address _____ Evening Phone _____
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Certificates of Stewardship

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Use a separate sheet for additional names and addresses.
Please include \$0.75 postage for each address.

Gift membership

Name _____
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- _____ \$12 Regular Membership with newsletter subscription
- _____ \$25 Steward with newsletter and Elfin Forest Logo Note Cards
- _____ \$50 Protector with newsletter and Elfin Forest T-shirt
- _____ \$100 Defender with newsletter and Elfin Forest Re-Use Bag
- _____ \$250 Champion with newsletter and Framed Elfin Forest Print
- _____ \$1000 Life Member with Newsletter and Bronzed Plaque

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Plan a Meeting in The Elfin Forest Do you belong to a group or organization that meets on a regular basis? Think about planning a meeting in the Elfin Forest so that your group can see just what a special place the Elfin Forest is. After conducting your regular business meeting in "Woodrat Hall," we would be glad to take the members of your organization on a special walk through the Elfin Forest.

SWAP Slide Show We can prepare a slide show presentation that will meet your groups interests: from an overview of SWAP's Elfin Forest project to a delightful presentation on the plant and animal communities of the Elfin Forest. Please call Shanda Gibbs at 528-3936 if you are interested in a slide show or special walk.

Ask a Friend To Join SWAP! We could double our membership if each and every member of SWAP recruits just one new member. Since we have well over 500 current members, getting just one friend to join SWAP by the end of the year could have us reach our goal of 1000 members by January of 1992. This would be a very strong indication of just how important saving the Elfin Forest is to each and every one of us.

Are You A Member of SWAP? Check your mailing label. If you are a member of SWAP, the date that you last paid dues is given in the upper right hand corner. If you aren't a member, use the enclosed order form to give yourself the gift of membership. If you are unable to send in a check for dues, but want to support SWAP and our efforts to preserve the Elfin Forest, please consider becoming a member by a "donation in time." We have a big need for volunteers to help in a wide variety of ways.

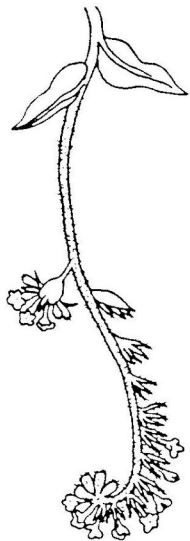
Why Are Memberships Important? Your \$12 dues cover our operating expenses. Funds from "special memberships" above the \$12 dues are placed into the Elfin Forest Land fund.

Most importantly, each membership is a vote of support for saving the El Moro Elfin Forest. As we approach foundations and organizations with proposals for funds to help save the Elfin Forest, we are asked how many people belong to our chapter of SWAP. Strong local support by a substantial membership is a very loud voice in favor of saving the Elfin Forest.

Watch for a **Sock Hop for SWAP** early next year! Ben Squires has offered to serve as a "d.j. and soundman" for the event being organized by Robert Judd. Call Robert at 528-1014 if you are interested in helping.

Wish List As the number of occasions on which we give a slide show presentation has increased, we would appreciate a 35mm projector with autofocus remote control and screen for use with the slide show (we have had the very generous loan of a projector as needed).

We need to obtain merchandise display racks appropriate for cards and literature about SWAP to be used with our information table at various events.



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