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SWAP Needs Your Help Now

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has until June 30th to encumber SWAPs \$500,000 CalTrans grant. When we applied for our grant, we had anticipated a 1992 ballot initiative for an environmental bond act that would have provided \$1.2 million toward the purchase of the Elfin Forest. That didn't happen. The CTC has stipulated that **final award of our grant is dependent upon our finding other sources of matching funds -- and that we do so by the June 2nd meeting of the CTC.**

What are we doing about it?

We anticipate \$200,000 from the state Coastal Conservancy (pending approval by their board). We expect some support from the state Wildlife Conservation Board and the State Lands Commission. And we have set our sights on raising at least \$100,000 from within San Luis Obispo County.

What will that get us?

The asking price of \$3 million was based on a 1988 appraisal placing a value of \$3.8 million on the property. We are in process of having a new appraisal made with the cooperation of the property owner and following the state guidelines for real estate appraisals. We do not expect to be able to raise enough money to purchase the entire parcel by June. We do expect to be able to purchase a percentage of the property (based on the new appraisal) plus an option to complete the purchase within a reasonable period of time.

Where does the rest of the money come from?

We have several proposals in the works -- unfortunately, none would provide funds before the June cut-off date. But these funds will help to complete the purchase.

Can you give a little to help save a lot? We need your help now.

General Meeting Notice

A Special Forum FUNDING OPEN SPACE - WHAT ARE OUR OPTIONS?

Monday March 8th, 7 p.m.

South Bay Community Center • 2180 Palisades Ave., Los Osos

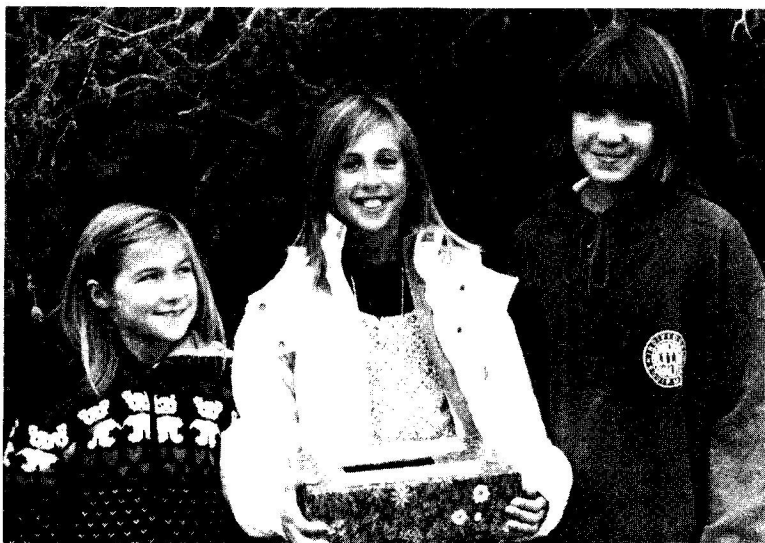
SWAP's effort to preserve the Elfin Forest is just one of the many worthwhile projects being pursued by people in San Luis Obispo County. This forum will investigate the sources of funding that are or could become available to us. Join SWAP, SLO County Parks Facilities Manager Tim Gallagher, Ron DeCarli, executive director of the SLO Coordinating Council, and Ray Belknap of the SLO County Land Conservancy to investigate the options that exist such as Quimby fees, a local referendum, transfer of development credits, a special sales tax, and more. Find out what we can do to guarantee that SLO county remains a special place to live.

Raffle Winner

Norma Wightman is the lucky SWAP supporter who won the exquisite pen, ink, and oil drawing of a pygmy oak grove in the Elfin Forest donated to SWAP by Los Osos artist Nancy Kolliner.

Kolliner's gift benefitted SWAP in many ways. We sold raffle tickets to increase the Elfin Forest Land Fund, and free tickets were given in appreciation to all 1992 new or renewing members and to volunteers who contributed two hours of their time as well.

Congratulations to Norma, and many thanks to Nancy Kolliner for her very generous donation to SWAP. Her work can be seen at Visions gallery in Morro Bay.



Julia Davis, CeCe Davis, and Shelly Smith help the elves pick the winner of Los Osos artist Nancy Kolliner's pen, ink and oil drawing.

SLO County Environmental Grant

SWAP has been awarded a grant of \$500 from San Luis Obispo County to fund production costs for broadcast quality videotape by Margaret Mehring, Ph.D. to be used for public service announcements on the television stations serving San Luis Obispo County. Dr. Mehring is donating her expertise to a project that will be an effective means of increasing public awareness of SWAP's efforts to preserve the Elfin Forest.

Certificates of Stewardship at Natural Selection, Naturally!

The Natural Selection at 737 Higuera St. in San Luis Obispo is well known as a place to discover great gifts from nature and science. You can now obtain a special edition Certificate of Stewardship gift package from the Natural Selection. The package includes a brochure describing the Elfin Forest, a specially designed certificate for 10 square feet, a card to register the steward, and an envelope to allow mailing of the stewardship as a gift. Many thanks to owner Michael Di Milo for his support and to Shirley Morris and Kathleen Kellerman for the package design.

Read a Book and Help An Elf!

Books & Company in Los Osos and SWAP have created a unique partnership that will benefit the Elfin Forest Land Fund.

All local SWAP members should have received a card that identifies the bearer as a member of SWAP. Every time you buy a book or gift item (not sale items) during 1993, 10 percent of your purchase will be given as a tax-deductible contribution in your name to the Elfin Forest Land Fund.

Books & Company at 2001 9th Street (corner of 9th Street and Santa Ynez) in Los Osos is open every evening and on Sundays. Stop in for a cup of coffee and pastry, say hello to owners Ginny and Art De Bolt, and browse a delightful shop that has gone out of its way to be a good neighbor.

*If we don't save the commons,
first there will be no setting
for the wondrous;
later there will be no wonder.*

*Linda Hasselstrom
LAND CIRCLE*

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF SWAP?

Check your mailing label. If you are a member, the date that you last paid your dues is in the upper right hand corner of the label. Your membership is a vote of support for preservation of the El Moro Elfin Forest. We are an all-volunteer organization. Your annual dues cover our operating expenses and fund raising expenses. Special memberships go to the Elfin Forest Land Fund after dues and premium costs are covered.

Name _____

Address _____

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___\$12 Member - Newsletter subscription with membership

___\$25 Steward - Newsletter & Elfin Forest Notecards

___\$50 Protector - Newsletter & Elfin Forest T-Shirt

___\$100 Defender - Newsletter & Elfin Forest Re-Use Bag

___\$250 Champion - Newsletter & Framed Elfin Forest Print

___\$1000 Life Member - Newsletter & Bronzed Plaque

___Send information on how I can help as a volunteer

THIRD SATURDAY WALKS

Continuing our tradition of outstanding nature walks in the Elfin Forest, our new walks coordinator, Petra Clayton, has lined up some walks you won't want to miss.

March 20th - John & Yvette Nowak
"Early Uses of Native Plants"

April 17th
"A Walk in the Company of Birds"

May 15th - Mary Coffeen
"A Wildflower Walk and Talk"

June 19th - Roland & Karen Muschenetz
"Photography in the Elfin Forest"

All walks meet at 9:30 am at the north end of 15th Street off Santa Ysabel in Los Osos. Wear comfortable shoes for a 90-minute walk at an easy pace.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

to R. Adamson, L. Armstrong, S. Armstrong, A. Austin, J. Austin, S. Autrey, J. Bailey, L. Balent, R. Battles, E. Baxley, G. Beigle, B. Bennett, J. Bennett, D. Berry, N. Best, V. Black, J. Bolster-White, R. Bowker, M. Burns, A. Calhoun, M. Campagna, P. Canessa, H. Carr, A. Chandler, J. Chestnut, A. Clapp, J. Colglazier, E. Corey, R. Cox, R. Crawford, L. Dahlgren, C. Danielson, E. Danner, E. Daugherty, V. DeBolt, J. Deitz, T. Donaldson, M. Dondro, T. Dunivant, N. Dyste, R. Dyste, R. Easton, M. Ekegren, A. Elizah, J. Ewell, A. Fairbanks, L. Farwell, S. Fenn, N. Fuller, G. Giannico, G. Glasgow, R. Goodrich, P. & M. Graham, H. Graves, M. Gregory, B. Griffiths, S. Griselle, R. Handy, M. Hansen, M. Harrison, J. Havlena, J. High, J. Hoffman, J. Holden, V. Holland, K. Hurd-Panetta, M. Hwass, W. Jackson, R. Judd, A. Juergens, E. Kengel, M. Kibby, P. Kinkade, J. Kline, S. Knight, A. Knodel, W. Korbin, V. Krouss, R. Lane, F. Lang, A. Lepp, C. Letham, A. Lindeman, C. Lutrin, C. Marcus, L. Markwort, L. Martinez, W. Masterson, M. McClees-Brown, J. McCullagh, L. McDonnell, J. McLaurin, J. McVicker, J. Mehring, A. Metzer, J. Norwood, A. Owens, N. Page, C. Pardo, J. Parham, A. Phillips, S. Pinto, G. Powers, J. Ray, R. Ray, R. Rayburn, M. Reske, F. Reynolds, C.S. Robbins, N. Rochez, P. Rodriguez, B. Rosenthal, F. Ross, J. Royer, R. Ruppert, P. Rygh, P. Sarafian, R. Schroder, J. Severson, H. Shuman, N. Sinton, J. Smalley, J. Smith, C. Soule, S. Sparling, K. Sterling, B. Stump, L. Sutter, J. Swift, F. Taubert, M. Thistlewaite, F.S. Thomson, A. Topp, E. Townsend, T. VanCoops, N. Vaughan, S. Volz, M. Walker, J. Warren II, R. Wassel, P. Weaver, A. Wieman, M. Weiss, S. Woodruff, E. Wondra, and D. Wright.

Swing Into Spring

A Dance to Benefit
Los Osos Morro Bay Chapter
Small Wilderness Area Preservation

Saturday March 20, 1993 8 p.m. to midnight
South Bay Community Center
2180 Palisades Ave Los Osos

Live Music by *Up In The Air*

Snacks - Door Prizes - No Host Bar

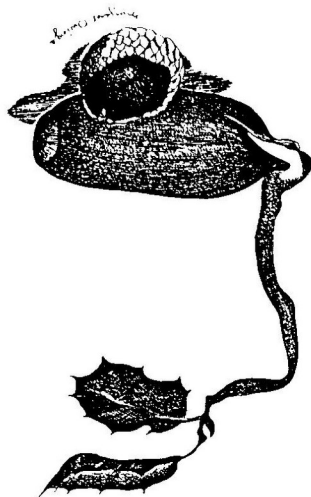
Swing Into Spring on Saturday March 20th.

SWAP is having a benefit dance from 8 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, March 20th. at the South Bay Community Center to help support our fund raising efforts -- and we can't emphasize enough that the next few months are critical. Live music will be provided by Up in the Air, a lighthearted group of musicians who play a good mix of popular tunes done in an very elfin way. A collection of interesting door prizes will be given away. A no-host bar will be provided by the SBCC. Last year's dance was a lot of fun and we hope to see you there. Call Elsie at 528-7136 or send \$15 per ticket to Treasurer, SWAP, P.O. Box 6442, Los Osos CA 93412.

Memorial Gifts

Anne Phillips has made a generous donation to the Elfin Forest Land Fund in memory of the woman who raised her from the age of four. Lucia Comins died last August at the age of 95 in Massachusetts, a few miles from where she was born. She was an early conservationist and ecologist, a "saving" person in every good sense of the word. An artist, she painted many fine oils and watercolors of her favorite subject, trees. Although she never saw our trees, Ms. Phillips has found the Elfin Forest a worthy place to honor Ms. Commins' life work.

We have also received memorial gifts to help preserve the Elfin Forest in honor of the lives of Leo Good, Randy Harris, Byron Hopper, and Jim Montgomery.



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Mural Mural On The Wall

Many thanks to Gary and Judy Tewell of Los Osos Rexall! The east-facing wall of their pharmacy and gift shop will be the site of our Elfin Forest mural to be created by local artist Barbara Rosenthal under a grant from the World Wildlife

Fund. This is a highly visible location that should draw plenty of attention to our project -- and let us recognize all of you who have supported preservation of the Elfin Forest.

Barbara plans to begin painting soon and is looking for help. Any elves interested in helping should contact the chief elf supervisor, Ann Calhoun, at 528-5465.

The names of all persons contributing to the Elfin Forest Land Fund will be inscribed around the border of the mural. Will your name be there?

PUT MY NAME ON THE MURAL!

Here is my contribution of
\$500 \$250 \$100 \$50
Other _____
to the Elfin Forest Land Fund*

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Mail to
Treasurer, SWAP, P.O. Box 6442
Los Osos, CA 93412

*Funds to be used only for the purchase of the Elfin Forest

...REMINDER...

Our El Moro Elfin Forest items do make great gifts and they "give" in two ways. We have T-shirts for \$12, Sweatshirts for \$18, Notecards for \$4, & our heavy canvas Re-Usa-Bags for \$7.50. And don't forget the Certificates of Stewardship where each \$2 saves a square foot of the Elfin Forest. Jerry doesn't gift wrap, but for a \$1.50 handling charge, he can sure make the shopping by credit card easy.

Call our Treasurer, Jerry Deitz, at 528-7136.