



OAK LEAVES

Los Osos/Morro Bay Chapter

SMALL WILDERNESS AREA PRESERVATION

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Management Plan Update

The Elfin Forest Management Plan represents a unique collaboration among a community based organization, SLO County Parks, and CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation. A "user's guide" to the Elfin Forest, the management plan will define access, allowable uses, and long-term operating policies. We are planning to hold an open meeting early this winter for public comment.

Taking A First Step

Pete Waldburger has collected seeds from pygmy oaks, manzanitas and bush lupines in the Elfin Forest. These seeds will be germinated to provide plants for revegetation efforts.

Vandalism in the Elfin Forest

Sad to say, we have had some problems recently with damage to trees and even unknown persons driving a vehicle into the Elfin Forest. Please call 528-2579 if you find any further instances of vandalism or have any information as to who may be responsible. Your help is most appreciated.

SLO Environmental Grant

SWAP has received a \$225 grant from SLO County Environmental Funds to cover the cost of materials for a bench and viewing platform at Bush Lupine overlook. Actual construction will take place after approval of the management plan.

SWAP Sponsors Tree Committee

SWAP is proud to have sponsored the Los Osos Tree Committee's successful application for a California Re-LEAF grant that has funded the planting of native oaks around County Well Site #3 at Nipomo and South Bay Boulevard.

For Land's Sake

The San Luis Obispo Outdoor Painters Enterprise has a special exhibit representing the natural diversity of SLO County, including the Elfin Forest, at the Santa Maria Art Center in the Town Center West through December 18th. The museum is open T-F from 11 to 5, weekends from 1 to 4 and is closed Mondays. Call 805-346-1855 for information.

Third Saturday Walks

December 17 - The community's gift to the Elfin Forest - a good "forest cleaning!" Dress in grubbies and bring gloves for hauling trash. We'll start at 9:30 and finish by noon. Call 528-4540 if you plan to participate.

January 15 - Fungus Foray. Dennis Sheridan will lead an exploration of the Elfin Forest floor for Wood Bluett, Golden Cap, Boletus mushrooms and dozens more fascinating fungus species. Bring interesting fungus specimens for identification.

These easy paced 1-1/2 to 2 hour walks begin at 9:30 AM at the north end of 15th Street off Santa Ysabel in Los Osos. Wear comfortable shoes, long sleeves and pants. Please avoid driveways and mailboxes when parking. Insurance restrictions do not allow dogs or other pets on these walks. Call 528-4540 for more information.

Learn More About Sweet Springs

At the Nov. 30th meeting of Friends of the Estuary, Ron Ruppert, biology instructor at Cuesta College, will talk about the plants and animal species he has found during a 5 year inventory of the reptiles and amphibians at Sweet Springs. The meeting begins 7:30 PM at the Inn at Morro Bay.

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NEW! Elfin Forest Mural T-Shirts

Newly designed SWAP T-shirts are available just in time for Holiday giving! A full color picture of Barbara Rosenthal's Elfin Forest mural is beautifully offset on a black background. The scene is displayed on a wide band both front and back - almost as good as a walk among the pygmy oaks. Because you have asked, these all cotton, high quality shirts are available in either long or short sleeves.

The generous support of Serigraphic Designs, and Rosey Rosenthal, graphic designer, has made it possible to make these shirts available at an affordable price.

These unique shirts are a special and fitting celebration of the acquisition of the El Moro Elfin Forest. They are available at Los Osos Rexall, by mail using the form below, or by calling Elsie or Jerry Deitz at 528-7136 (Don't forget one for yourself !)

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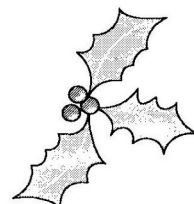
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