



OAK LEAVES

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WORKSHOP ON LOCAL STATE PARKS Wed. March 18th. 7 p.m. Los Osos Junior High School

The Morro Bay Area State Park Units have developed several alternatives for future improvement, preservation, and management of our local state parks. These alternatives will be presented to the public on Wednesday, March 18th. at 7 p.m. at the Los Osos Junior High. Since park planners must incorporate public opinion in developing a single plan for our parks, plan to attend and support the development of needed facilities and the preservation of the ecological integrity of the parks.

MEMORIAL GIFT STARTS PROPERTY PURCHASE FUND

A generous donation by Susan and John Armstrong in memory of John J. Felt marks an important step towards our goal of making the El Moro Elfin Forest an urban wilderness preserve. Sincere thanks to the Armstrongs for their generosity and their faith in the future of the project.

SWAP PROPOSAL PRINTED

Time to stop and say "Hey! We did it!" Thanks to the generosity, talent, and perseverance of many people, our prospectus is finally in print. Donations from Mid State Bank in Arroyo Grande, Rene and Ursula Bunster, Morro Coast Audubon Society, Inc. and Fred G. Novy, M.D. covered our printing costs. Julie Masterson's dramatic color photo calls attention to the cover designed by Larry Kappen. Bill Newman's professional touch is apparent in his cover letter. The final text represents a substantial amount of work by the prospectus committee, the assistance of several helpful critics, and the hundred little odd jobs performed by Yolanda Waddell and Larry Kappen in making the prospectus a reality. Come examine a copy of the prospectus at our next SWAP meeting. We're proud of a job well done!

PROJECT UPDATE

Shirley Otto, the owner of the property on which the Elfin Forest is located, has sent a letter to SWAP requesting that SWAP not encourage visits to the property due concerns over liability. We understand her concern and have posted signs to discourage visitors and vehicles -- and to protect the Elfin Forest as well. While the public can no longer visit the forest, our slide show, photographs, prospectus and art show will continue to convince people of the need to support our project. We look forward to the day when the El Moro Elfin Forest belongs to the public for year-round passive recreational use.

ARTISTS IN THE ELFIN FOREST: Art Exhibit at Morro Bay Museum of Natural History

Don't miss some unique and individual perceptions of the Elfin Forest on exhibit at the Morro Bay Museum of Natural History from 10 through 5 daily March 2nd. through April 30th. (Admission \$7.00). The exhibit is the work of local artists prepared in May 1986 to benefit our project. Thanks to Ron Graham and Yolanda Waddell for coordinating this event.

MORRO BAY EROSION CONTROL STUDY

The Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District has applied to the California State Coastal Conservancy Board for an Enhancement Plan Grant for "Erosion Control in The Morro Bay Watershed." The grant would support identification of the important sources of erosion in the watershed and development of alternative treatment systems to reduce sediment erosion from these sources. SWAP has written to the Coastal Conservancy Board in support of the grant.

SWAP MEETING Monday March 9th 7 PM South Bay Community Center in the Park at Palisades and Los Osos Valley Road. Sue Aochi, a Cal Poly Landscape Architecture student will describe her study of the Elfin Forest.

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