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General Meeting
Small Wilderness Area Preservation
Monday March 5, 1990
7:30 PM

South Bay Community Center Board Room

Techniques and Strategies for Saving Fragile Places

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START A TREND: INVITE A FRIEND. You know that S.W.A.P. is a non-profit community organization seeking to preserve the remaining portion of the El Moro Elfin Forest as a natural area for all to enjoy. That's why you get this newsletter. **DO YOUR FRIENDS KNOW?** Help us increase our membership. Our membership is a vital resource providing enthusiasm, valuable knowledge, and financial support. Please enlist a friend and make S.W.A.P. a common cause for Los Osos.

S.W.A.P. BY-LAWS. Thanks to the efforts of Arthur Armstrong, a draft of by-laws for the Los Osos/Morro Bay Chapter of SWAP have been prepared. Contact Yolanda Waddell to review the by-laws before the general meeting on March 5th.



*SOCK HOP FOR
S.W.A.P*

SATURDAY MAY 12 8-12PM

The first annual "SOCK HOP FOR S.W.A.P" with music from the 40's and 50's will be held Saturday, May 12th. from 8:00 to 12:00 at the Baywood Women's club on 7th. street. Tickets will be \$25. per couple.

STATE PARKS ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR A wide gathering of environmental groups will participate in an environmental fair at San Simeon State Beach from 9 to 3 on Saturday, March 10th. Sponsored by the California State Department of Parks, this fair will give S.W.A.P. a good chance to network with other environ-

mental groups and to reach a new audience with information about the Elfin Forest. Help is needed to staff an information table in two hour shifts: 9-11am, 11am-1pm, and 1-3pm. This is an event worth seeing -- and any help would be appreciated.

EARTH WEEK 1990. S.W.A.P. will join the SLO Earth Day Coalition in celebrating Earth Week, April 16 to April 22, the 20th. anniversary of the first Earth Day. The purpose of Earth Day is to catalyze environmental awareness and action throughout the world. The first Earth Day in 1970 led to the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts and the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency. Each day of Earth Week has a theme: Monday, April 16 is GAIA Day; Tuesday is Air Day; Wednesday is Water Day; Thursday is Land Day; Friday is Energy Day; Saturday is Life Day; and Sunday, April 22 is Earth Day.

S.W.A.P.'s contribution to Earth Week will include natural history readings on KCBX Public Radio; walks in the Elfin Forest on April 19 and 21; participation in Earth Week events at the Baywood Women's Club on April 17; and participation in Earth Week events at the San Luis Obispo Farmer's Market on April 19th. Coordinators of the series of natural history readings entitled "Earth Words" are Yolanda Waddell of S.W.A.P. and Dr. Jonnie Pat Mobley, speech and drama instructor at Cuesta College. Guy Rathbun, Program Director at KCBX, has agreed to record and broadcast a 5-minute reading each day of Earth Week.

Walks in the Elfin Forest are given with the permission of Mrs. Shirley Otto, owner of the property. Walks coordinator is Yolanda Waddell. Booth coordinator for the Environmental Fair and Farmer's Market is Shanda Grunkemeyer-Gibbs. Please call 528-3936 to participate in tending our booth or assisting with the walks. The interest and concern which will be created during Earth Week for the Elfin Forest, and planet Earth, is the reward for donating your time and energy.



LOS OSOS TRASH PICK UP Meet the El Moro Democratic Club in front of J-J's Donuts at 10 am on the second Sunday of every month to pick up trash. Bring any extra paper sacks that you may have. Rain cancels.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION. The County and its incorporated cities are holding their first Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event in May, 1990. It is an opportunity to dispose of unused hazardous materials: drain cleaners, household cleaners, paints and paint thinners, pesticides and fertilizers to name a few. Volunteers are needed to direct traffic, fill out questionnaires, and answer questions. Contact Deborah Smith-Cooke, Community Projects Coordinator, Division of Environmental Health, P. O. Box 1489, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406.

ALERT: Immediate action is needed on the Alternative Minimum Tax. The net effect of the Tax Act of 1986 limits the deduction made by a person donating land to that person's actual investment in the property and not to the actual value of the land. It is important that you write to your Senators and Congressmen urging them to co-sponsor House Bill B.R. 173 or Senate Bill S.1577. Either bill would amend the 1986 law to provide that charitable contributions of appreciated property will not be treated as a tax preference item under the AMT.

In Memoriam

BEATRICE BRODERICK RICHMOND

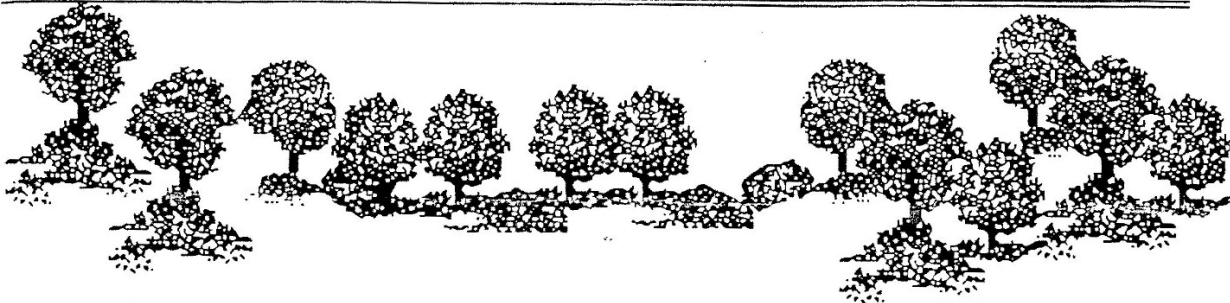
July 9, 1900 - December 18, 1989

Bea Richmond lived at the end of 14th. Street, next to the El Moro Elfin Forest. She loved the animals, birds and plants of the Elfin Forest, and worked to preserve the property for the last 20 years of her life. She was an active member of the Estero Chapter of SWAP which was founded in 1971 as a result of Emily Polk's efforts to save the Los Osos Oaks State Preserve on Los Osos Valley Road. Bea and other members of the Estero Chapter wanted to preserve all of the undeveloped land bordering the Morro Bay Estuary in order to provide a buffer for the Bay's wildlife and watershed. They raised \$10,000 to purchase an option on the Batista Ranch and then were instrumental in the passage of a State Senate bill to purchase the land.

Bea, with her experience as office manager of the Baywood Water Company, was Secretary/Treasurer of the Estero Chapter. When the Chapter disbanded in 1980, Bea thought that her work was done. She was 80 years old by that time and had every right to slow down a bit. However, the Otto property, which the Estero Chapter thought it had saved, was not purchased by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Instead, DPR dropped it from its purchase list when a jury found in favor of Shirley Otto's asking price of \$1.6 million for the 51-acre section of her 90 acre parcel. A new chapter of S.W.A.P., the Los Osos/Morro Bay Chapter, was founded in 1985. Bea agreed to have her phone number listed on our stationery and to take messages for us. She was our "ear to the world" for three years until she became ill. Those of us who knew Bea will continue to be inspired by her quiet determination and willingness to work for a cause she believed in, almost to the very end of her life. We are grateful to have had her among us.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU to all our recent donors and land stewards: Jacqueline & W.M. Smalley, Meredith & Nathan Hale, Richard & Clarice Bock, Harry & Ruth Roden, Dorothy Brandt, Susan & William Farrel, John Janzen, Dorothy & Lester Irwin, Bruce L. Bennett, Ray & Eileen Lynch, Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Bonetti, John & Betty Dougherty, A. Roest, Tina VanCoops, Mikel Gregory, Joseph VanCamp, Karen & Don Antonel, Clement Jeffrey, Chet Amyz, Mr. & Mrs. Max Sicher, Susan Armstrong, George & Leona Markwort, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hand, Sheri Diaz, Victor & Mildred Dostalek, Virginia Black, Gerry & Jay Mueller, Deborah Plog, Bruce & Barbara Halladay, Sharon & Edward Hatten, Kathleen & Anthony Toscano, Clyde K. Warren, Jr., Jean & Alan Ashby, Shanda & David Gibbs, Cliff Bidleman, Don & Carolyn Hall, Mr. & Mrs. James Dean, Mr. & Mrs. W.A. Krauss, The Romano Family, Gladdis Birdwell, John & Elizabeth Pierce, Betty Smay, Susan Clisson, Dixie Patterson, Stan & Gayla Stein, Jim & Karen Havlena, Marcia & Bud Laurent, Martha & Stan Autrey, Bete J. Perozzi, Richard Watkins, Kristin Miller, Nancy Severson, Beverlee Markwort, Rose & Robert Lane, Annette Lindeman, Ruben & Olga Mireles, Robert & Mary Ehrmann, Patricia Machen, Linda V. Krutak, Elyse Hunt- MacKenzie, C.E. & Carrie Peterson, Charles & Eileen Bowen, William Denneen, Gwen & Bob Rock, Gloria & Edward

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Earth Day 1990 -- do what you can right where you live --

Purchase an interest in the Elfin Forest at the bargain price of \$2 per square foot. You will receive a certificate of stewardship in recognition of your 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 a very worthwhile cause.. Use the form enclosed with this newsletter to reserve your Elfin Forest Footage today!

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