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## *Plan to Attend Our June Meeting!*

Contribute YOUR Ideas to A Site Plan for the Elfin Forest

Monday June 3, 1991 - 7:30 pm

South Bay Community Center Board Room

Local architect Henry Hammer is working with Larry Grimes and Les Bowker to prepare a preliminary site plan for the Elfin Forest. Come to our meeting and offer your input on how you would like to see us save the Elfin Forest for the future!

**PCL Bond Initiative** The Planning and Conservation League is putting together a ballot initiative for a bond act for forest land acquisition (this is not Governor Wilson's Environmental Bond Act.) San Luis Obispo County Parks has submitted as a line item a request for \$1.5 million toward the purchase of the Elfin Forest. We will need your help collecting signatures on a petition to place this bond act on the 1992 ballot. This could be a very significant step toward realizing our goal of saving the Elfin Forest!

**Ask a Friend To Join SWAP!** We could double our membership if each and every member of SWAP recruits just one new member. Why are memberships important? Your \$12 dues cover our operating expenses. More importantly, your membership is a vote of support for saving the El Moro Elfin Forest.

**Check Your Mailing Label** for the date that you last paid dues. If there is no date, that means you asked to be included on our mailing list at one of the events where we had a booth or on one of our walks. We are glad to send the newsletter to you but but if you are unable to send in a check for dues at this time, please let us know you would like to continue to receive the newsletter so that we don't drop you from the mailing list. And we need volunteers! A donation of time in an all-volunteer organization is a very valuable gift!

**Elfin Forest Clean Up Saturday June 8th!** Join us at the end of 15th Street on Saturday, June 8th for a work party to help remove trash from the Elfin Forest. Wear old clothes, sturdy shoes and gloves.

Don't forget the Los Osos Community Cleanup on the second Sunday of every month. Meet at the donut shop near the post office at 10 am and earn a free cup of coffee!

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to Michael Bondello & Nancy Jean Mann, Beatrice & Herman Abrams, Donald & Karen Antonel, Karl C. Appel, Clarice Arakawa, Art Armstrong, Susan Armstrong, Donna & Andy Arozena, Lois Barber, Margaret Barr, Robert Barrows, Jack Barsman, Kathryn Bay, Ingrid Fagan, Baywood Video, Jack Beigle, Helen & Bruce Bennett, Lloyd Bennett, Mary & Pravin Bhuta, Earle & Diane Blakeslee, Richard & Clarice Bock, Robert & Marilyn Bone, Les & Rose Bowker, Ray & Sonya Bracken, Jane & Lee Broshears, Bryan & Molly Brown, Eleanor Brown, John & Frances Budlong, Ann Calhoun, Marie Campagna, Helen Carr, Robin Chapman, R. Ranae Clark, Jack & Petra Clayton, Eric & Lois Cleworth, Mary Coffeen, Leslie & Charles Cohn, Theresa Coleman, Judith Colglazier, Patricia Collins, Gail Comer, Mary & Allan Conkling, Louanna Corey, Jeff Cory, Cory Electrical Systems, Jessie Crane, Betty Daugherty, Jerry & Katie Davis, Elsie & Jerry Deitz, Alan Delmartini, Judith Delmartini, Monica Delmartini, Evangeline Dickerson, Victor & Mildred Dostalek, Dean DuVernet, Judilyn & Walter Duba, Rosemary & Neal Dyste, Roseanne Ekdahl, Morjia Eleniss, Anaundda & Matthews Elijah, Kay & Dick Ewell, Bill Farrel, Louise & Calvin French, Jim & Cathy Gentilucci, Gary Giannico, David & Shanda Gibbs, Mr. & Mrs. George Gibson, Keith & Jean Gorrindo, Myron & Priscilla Graham, Victor Grazier, Brent Griffiths, Don & Bethany Griffiths, Nathan Hall, Bruce & Barbara Halladay, Peggy Hamilton Mr. & Mrs. H.L. Hamilton, Jr., Cyrella Hampson, Russell & Martha Hansen, Ed & Sharon Hatten, Mary & Tom Hay, Hay Printing, June Hofstead, Betty Holloway, Edgar & Beverly Hund, Arthur & Margie Hutchins, Ed & Kay Jackson, William Jackson, Marlo Johansen, Kathleen & William Kaill, Peter & Beverly King, Arthur Knodel, Mary Koerner, Linda Krutak, Ann Kunke, Laura Larsen, John & Margo Laughlin, J. Gordon Legg, John & Cynthia Letham, Home Video, Annette Lindeman, Ed Lister, Sally Loker, Paula Loomis, Steven Lusko, Fred & Beatrice Luth, Barbara Machado, Leora & George Markwort, Julie Masterson, Mr. & Mrs. Jean Mathias, M.M. & E.B. Mayfield, Penny McAulay, Edwin L. & Marina McCracken, Robert McDougale, Margaret Mehring, Avra Metzher, Keith & Kristin Miller, Tom & Nancy Moore, Jack & Frieda Murphy, George & Dorothy Nicolas, Dr. Frederick G. Novy III, John Nowak, Randy & Susan O'Connor, Jo & Ron Olmstead, Joan Orbison, Dan & Kim Panetta, David & Phyllis Paradies, Dixie R. Patterson, Erma Peter, Anne & Bob Phillips, Sari Pinto, Eileen Pritchard, Mark & Mary Reents, Mary Reynolds, Thomas Rice, Ph.D., Margaret Rinck, Harry Roden, Aryan Roest, Don & Cris Rose, Barbara Rosenthal, Ron & Lori Ruppert, William Saiki, Kathy & Vernon Sallaz, Ed & Beth Coppola, Salty Pelican, Callie Sandoval, Kenneth & Hana Sato, Nancy Severson, Max & Helen Sicher, Jacqueline Smalley, Terry & Sue Smith, Greg Glasgow, Southern Port Traders, George Soter, Stan & Gayla Stein, Betty Stump, Gwynn Taylor, Emily Townsend, Terry Treves, Joseph VanCamp, Harold & Marguerite Van Coops, Mikel Gregory & Tina Van Coops, Nancy & Thomas Vaughan, Bonnie & Les Wamsley, Nancy Warner, Susan Warren, Kenneth & Pam Weaver, Newman & Judith Whitmire, Harold & Pat Wieman, Robert & Hallie Wieser, Diane Willis, Patricia Ann Winstanley, I. Julia Wright, Roger Zachary, Jr and gifts given in memory of Hy Popkin by Jerry & Elsie Deitz and in memory of Bill Lick by Susan Armstrong.

**OUR THIRD SATURDAY MORNING WALKS** in the Elfin Forest have been a great success! Many thanks to our walk leaders, Darlene Gastineau, Phyllis Snyder, Mary Coffeen, Dennis Sheridan, and to David Chipping who will be leading a **Geology Walk on June 15th**. Meet at the north end of 15th Street off Santa Ysabel in Los Osos at 9:30 am. Check the nature sections of the local papers for future walk information.

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**A Message From Your President** We've been busy! Our booth has been at the San Simeon and Rancho El Chorro **Environmental Fairs**, the **Earth Day Fair** at El Chorro Regional Park, and the **Ancient Forest Chautauqua** at Sinshimer Park in San Luis Obispo. Look for us on June 9th at the **Baywood Park Junefest**. Many thanks to Virginia Black for organizing our booth and to our volunteers who have staffed it!

Our **membership drive** is in high gear. Our thank you list is huge and the SWAP Board is grateful to those who have joined at every level, because each membership demonstrates the strength of our commitment to the El Moro Elfin Forest project. If you've forgotten, we hope to see your membership in our next OAK LEAVES.

A **special thank you** to Kay Squires for heroic envelope addressing, Rosalie Valvo for printing letters, and to the students in Jane Broshears and Christine Greek's special education class at San Luis Obispo High School for preparing the membership drive mailing.

Barbara Machado, our development director, and I had **lunch with Shirley Otto** on April 7th to bring her up to date on SWAP's activities. Mrs. Otto is very supportive of our efforts to preserve the Elfin Forest.

The Elfin Forest was featured on **Pandora Nash Karner's Show** April 15th on TV 15 and **Linnaea Phillip's Show** on KCBX May 1st. I gave an update on SWAP's recent activities to the **Morro Bay Task Force** on April 18th and spoke to the **Rotary Clubs** of Los Osos and Morro Bay, the **Wildlife Club** at Cal Poly, and at the **Ancient Forest Chautauqua** during May.

Pilulau Khus, an elder in the Chumash Tribe, came up from Santa Barbara on Saturday, April 20th to perform a **Chumash Protection and Blessing Ceremony** at the midden site overlooking the Bay. It was a very special moment for all present.

Hope you heard our "**Earth Words**" readings on KCBX reminding everyone that every day is earth day. Many thanks to Jonniepat Mobley, Henry Tewksbury, and Yolanda and Marisa Waddell for organizing and producing this year's readings.

Michael Burke designed the logo for our new **Elfin Forest T-shirts** which were printed for us at Sigman Graphics.

Have you seen our bi-weekly column "**View From the Elfin Forest**" in the Sun Bulletin? Future topics will cover the many "faces" of the Elfin Forest. Ann Calhoun has taken on the chore of editing our column. Call Ann at 528-5465 if you would like to share your view of the Elfin Forest.

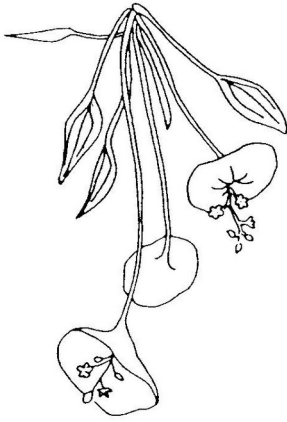
The **Los Osos Chamber of Commerce Land Use Committee** has recommended an "open space" designation for the remaining 39 acres of the Elfin Forest for the County Land Use Element update. We have also received a letter of support from the **CSA Area 9 Advisory Board**.

SWAP will participate in a workshop for teachers on October 19th as part of this fall's **State of the Bay Conference**. Our teacher's packet will be part of a handbook on using the Bay as a teaching resource.

If you are looking for a **special gift**, consider Elfin Forest Square Footage, an item from the travelling art show, a t-shirt or one of our RE-USA bags. Call 528-2579 for prices and ordering information.

**Thanks to all of you for your support!** And remember, recruit a friend to join SWAP and help save a very special place for the future enjoyment of all of us!

*Rosemary Bowker, President*



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**Are You a Member of SWAP?**

Your membership counts as a vote of support for preservation of the El Moro Elfin Forest. We are an all-volunteer organization. Dues are used to cover normal operating expenses. Funds received from special memberships are placed in SWAP's Land Fund after dues and premium costs are covered.

- \$12 Member - Newsletter subscription with membership
- \$ 25 Steward - Newsletter and Elfin Forest Notecards
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- Send information on how I can help as a volunteer.

Do you need a special gift for that person who is "impossible to buy for?" Think about purchasing some Elfin Forest Square Footage. For \$2 a square foot plus \$0.75 postage, we will send a Certificate of Stewardship to that person in your name.

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