

OAK LEAVES

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We're getting close!

At the time of this writing (May 23rd) the Elfin Forest land fund was approaching \$90,000! We are planning a special edition summer newsletter to share the wonderful things that have been done in support of the Elfin Forest and to say a very special "thank you" to all of you.

Where do we stand?

In April, Schenberger, Taylor, McCormick and Jecker completed an appraisal that valued the parcel at \$1.6 million. In addition to our application for \$500,000 from Prop. 111 environmental project funds, we have applied for \$500,000 from federal transportation enhancement funds earmarked for San Luis Obispo County. We have submitted requests to the California State Coastal Conservancy for \$250,000 and to the State Lands Commission for \$100,000. A proposal for a wetlands grant, if awarded, would bring the total funding to \$1.6 million! It will be a test of our patience to wait until October to find out!

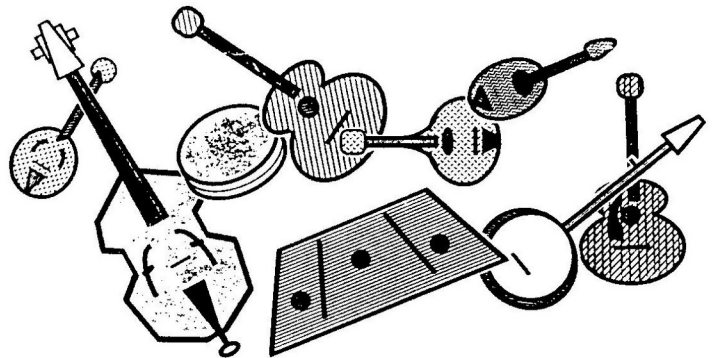
What Next?

We are investigating sources of funding in the event that we do not receive the wetlands grant as there is a lot of competition for this source of funding. We plan to work hard to place the California Parks and Wildlife Initiative (CALPAW 94) on the June 94 ballot. If passed, this initiative will provide \$20 million for environmental projects in San Luis Obispo County.

What Can You Do?

Come to our concert on June 13th. Volunteer 2 hours of your time. Renew your membership in SWAP. And thank you very much - you are making the preservation of this very special small wilderness a reality!

Spoooner's Cove String Band Benefit Concert in the Elfin Forest



While SWAP's Land Fund has grown phenomenally, our general fund has been all but used up and needs replenishing. The wonderfully entertaining Spoooner's Cove String Band is giving a benefit concert for SWAP on **Sunday June 13th** in the Elfin Forest from **2-4 pm**. At **\$5 per person**, this will be a treat for all where we can enjoy the outdoors and the delightful string tunes of Spoooner's Cove.

Bring something to sit on, plan for our unpredictable June weather, follow the signs from Santa Ysabel and please park thoughtfully.
Call 528-7136 to RSVP.

Through Rose-colored Glasses

Local artist, Libby Tolley is exhibiting her most recent work at the Call-Booth House Gallery on Vine Street in Paso Robles from May 30th through July 4th. She has generously offered 15% of her sales profit to the Elfin Forest Land Fund. The gallery is open from 11-3 Wednesday through Sunday. **THANK YOU, LIBBY!**

Third Saturday Walks

- June 19** Roland and Karen Muschenetz - a photographic exploration of the Elfin Forest.
Please Note: This walk starts at 8:00 am and is limited to 15.
- July 17** Jeff Grover, geology instructor at Cuesta College, takes us back to the time when the Morros, the estuary and the Elfin Forest were formed.
- Aug. 21** Darlene Gastineau leads us along trails once traveled by the Chumash who lived in and around the Elfin Forest for thousands of years.
- Sept. 18** Shanda Gibbs will lead our annual kids' walk, featuring animal tracks and animal tracking.

Walks begin at 9:30 am at the north end of 15th St. off Santa Ysabel in Los Osos. Wear comfortable shoes, long sleeves and pants. Please park carefully, avoiding driveways and mailboxes. The easy paced walks last 1-1/2 to 2 hours. Call 528-4540 for information.

Looking for a gift?

Our certificates of stewardship are still available from the Natural Selection in San Luis Obispo and Books & Company and Volumes of Pleasure in Los Osos. Remember that Books & Company will donate 10% of sales to members of SWAP to the Elfin Forest Land Fund.

CALPAW 94

The Planning and Conservation League has put together a voter initiative for a June 1994 bond act to generate \$2 billion for parks and wildlife. CALPAW94 would cost approximately 50 cents per person per year and generate \$20 million dollars for environmental projects in San Luis Obispo County. Will you help collect signatures to help place this initiative on the ballot? Call 528-2579 or 528-7136.

Central Coast Wildflowers

There will be a book signing and reception for Mary Coffeen and her new book published by EZ Nature Books at the Morro Bay Museum of Natural History of Sunday, July 4 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

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