



# OAK LEAVES

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## The Boardwalk Dedication

By Madeline Martin

March 4, 2000 - the dedication of the Elfin Forest boardwalk brought together a diverse cross section of the community as did the initial efforts to preserve this magnificent environment.

Mother Nature anointed the proceedings with dramatic rain-filled clouds, a silver gray sky and a stiff breeze that huddled the masses. The event was a joyous celebration of the challenges recognized and overcome by the members of SWAP, Elfin Forest neighbors, friends, the general public and politicians alike.

Pandora Nash-Karner opened the ceremony with a whimsical story of how the "elementals" magically transformed themselves into elves and how, if you're very quiet, you just may hear these Erin émigré as they keep watch over their special forest.

Rosemary Bowker, the indefatigable past SWAP chair, detailed the tedious yet rewarding aspect of funding. What began for her as a simple invitation from the Grimes' to walk the Elfin Forest burgeoned into a very personal awakening of just how important this wonderland was to everyone. She praised Yolanda Waddell and a host of others for their untiring dedication to preserving the entire Elfin Forest and thanked PG&E for lending their resources to this worthy cause.

Jan DiLeo, Elfin Forest Project Coordinator and County Parks Planner recalled the tireless efforts of the California Conservation Corps to make architect Paul Wolff and designer Mark Dariz' boardwalk dream a reality. She introduced Bruce Bonifas, CCC Supervisor, who remarked that the boardwalk encompasses 4700 linear feet with two magnificent lookouts. The southernmost lookout is dubbed Bush Lupine Point and the northernmost is named Siena's View in memory of Siena Fairbanks.

Mr. Bonifas then presented James Taylor, crew supervisor for the project – not the folk singer – under whose tutelage the CCC crew toiled diligently. The appreciative crowd bestowed a heartfelt round of applause on Mr. Taylor and four of his CCC cadets who were also in attendance. Their pride of workmanship is evident on every foot of the boardwalk.



Above: Former County Supervisor Bud Laurent drove up from Santa Barbara to speak at the Dedication. Among his listeners were Bob McDougle (in white T-shirt) and to Bob's left are Dave Wilcox and his family. At Bud's left are MC Pandora Nash-Karner and former SWAP Chair Rosemary Bowker.  
Photo by Joan Sullivan, Beach Gazette



At left: Dave Wilcox and Larry Mauter gave tribute to Jeff and Ann Fairbanks, in



At right: MCI/WorldCom, which donated \$15,000 to SWAP, was represented at the dedication by Mikal Modisette (center), manager of the Los Osos cable station and Linda Laughlin (right), Public Relations Manager from MCI/WorldCom's Tulsa, Oklahoma office. At left is Mikal's wife Laura



At right: Boardwalk designer Mark Daritz and his relatives.  
Photo by Larry Grimes

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Pete Jenny

# Overseer of Our County Parks

By Sandra Beebe

It was a pleasure to meet Pete Jenny, a pleasant intelligent man, who is the Director of County Parks. Pete is a native of Southern California, and moved here in 1990 when he took the number two spot with County Parks; that of Operations Superintendent.

Working for parks was a natural for Pete. He remembers with great fondness the family camping trips of his youth. Being a "city boy" he always looked forward to those summer adventures. Because he was an exceptional student, much was expected of Pete. Although accepted by many fine colleges, finances forced him to rethink his academic plans. After high school he enrolled in college here in California and began to study engineering. After one semester, he knew he could not continue because of finances and a lack of interest in engineering. His search for his career continued at a community college and then at California State University, Fullerton, where he was a communications major. He worked as a gate attendant in a park system while attending college. He loved being around people and the outdoors so upon graduation, he took a job as groundskeeper.

Many people were suddenly interested in being Park Rangers at that time. Earth Day had happened and environmental issues were thrust to the foreground. Many students were coming out of college with their degrees in fields related to parks and the environment. Pete found his climb up the ladder stymied by so many qualified applicants. After six years of hard work, but work that he loved, he became a Park Ranger.

In 1980 Pete was made Park Supervisor of a small park outside of the City of Orange. He feels he found his niche there. He was able to upgrade their small nature center to one where school children from the city could explore the outdoors with wonder. He found this work very satisfying for ten years.

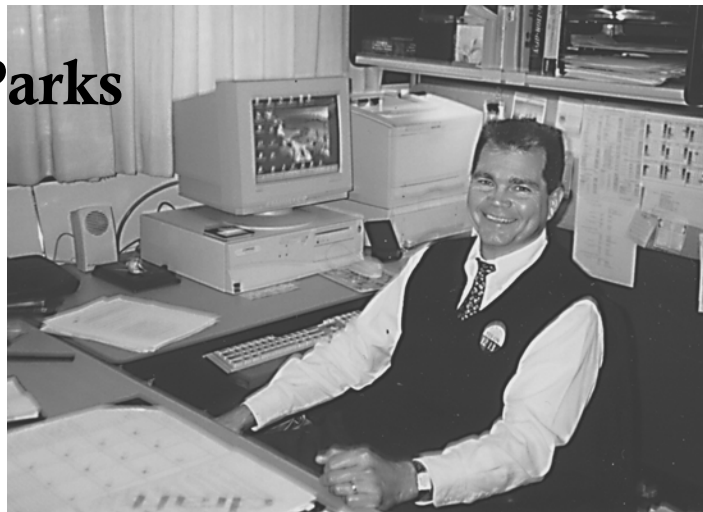
Then he tired of the big city and wanted a better quality of life for him and his wife. In 1990, he became San Luis Obispo County's Park Operations Supervisor, a position he held until three years ago when he became Parks Manager.

Pete finds the work both rewarding and frustrating. A budget that has not been upgraded for ten years, in spite of new demands and inflation, prevents many things that he feels would benefit all of the county.

One of the new demands on the County Parks resources is the Elfin Forest. This little gem of a park fit right into Pete's philosophy about accessibility for all. It is close to a population base and there is no fee for its use.

He understands, however, that by making parks accessible,

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*Pete Jenny, Director of County Parks, believes that the Elfin Forest both inspires and educates those who visit it.*

*Photo by Sandra Beebe*

there are consequences. More use means more abuse and with only seven rangers to cover a variety of duties and many parks across the county, the County Parks presence in Elfin Forest is not what it should be.

One of the recent concerns about Elfin Forest is the new traffic that the boardwalk has brought in. Dogs now run where they did not before. His rangers, because they are not law enforcement officers, cannot give tickets for unleashed dogs; instead, they try to educate dog owners of the damage this is causing. He feels that volunteers, like those of SWAP who work tirelessly in Elfin Forest, will do much to help this problem. A new Parks position has just been funded under his auspices and one of the functions of the new person will be to work on outreach and coordination of volunteers. He hopes to start a docent program and send volunteer docents out into the field to monitor areas, such as the Elfin Forest, when his rangers are needed elsewhere.

It was quite interesting to hear Pete's philosophy toward areas like the Elfin Forest. He feels his interest was shaped by visiting such places as a child. He hopes that places like the Elfin Forest, with easy access by the public, will educate and inspire the general public to support our open spaces. He feels this accessibility will be more likely to get users to vote for funds to continue upkeep of our present parks and addition of new lands.

Pete Jenny appears to be a perfect person for his job. He respects what we have here in our area; and, in particular, the Elfin Forest. He wants it for all to enjoy and learn from so that

## Where To Call, Where To Write

If you have questions about SWAP activities or want to volunteer, please call our phone message service at 546-1199.

A recorded message will have information about the Third Saturday Walks and other current events.

If you have questions, concerns or comments about anything that's happening in the Elfin Forest, call or write:

Pete Jenny, SLO County Parks Facilities Manager,  
1087 Santa Rosa Street, SLO, CA 93408, (805) 781-5930.



# Scouts Become Weed Warriors

by Pete Sarafian, Conservation Committee Chair



Above: Some of Conservation Chair Pete Sarafian's "Weed Warriors" – members of Mission Prep Boy Scout Troop 6. (l. to r.) Frankie Daniel, Susan Hunter, Mitchie Daniel, Russell Hunter and Pete Sarafian.

Photo by Pat Sarafian

At right: More "Weed Warriors" – members of Los Osos Boy Scout Troop 216. (l. to r.) Patti Mason, William Johnson, Bob Cushing, Charles Jones, Brian Berg, parent Pat Brown, Ben Eggleston, Marcos Mason, Dalton Burger, SWAP's Pete Sarafian, and Tallon Burger.

Photo by Pat Brown

Boy Scouts and parents from Troop 6 in San Luis Obispo helped in the weed control effort on Saturday, February 26th. Boys and parents from Troop 216 in Los Osos joined in on Saturday, March 11th. Both efforts centered on the smilax and cape ivy infestations in the large grove of pygmy oaks just west of Bush Lupine Point. Also targeted was narrow-leaved iceplant along the boardwalk. From Troop 6, Scouts Frankie and Mitchie Daniel and Russell Hunter, assisted by parent Susan Hunter, helped to pull down a large pile of invasive plants from the trees. The scouts earned three hours toward their community service awards or Mission Prep. school requirements. Troop 216 fielded an even larger crew with Scouts Brian Berg, Tallon Burger, Dalton Burger, Marcos Mason, Ben Eggleston, William Johnston and Charles Jones.

Troop 216 adult leaders included Lisa Guy, Patti Mason, Pat Brown and Bob Cushing. Their work yielded an immense pile of uprooted smilax and four bags of cape ivy. The enthusiasm and hard work of both groups are a great boost to SWAP and are



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This day of joy and praise was tinged with sadness as an emotional Larry Mauter and Dave Wilcox spoke of absent friends. They remembered Jeff, Ann and Siena Fairbanks whose lives were so tragically cut short in 1995. Dave recounted the Fairbanks' love for the quality of life in our unique county and their efforts to preserve that quality.

Former County Supervisor Laurence "Bud" Laurent spoke eloquently of the widespread support for this worthwhile project. It was through his efforts that placement of two stone monuments with bronze plaques were guaranteed.

One plaque memorializes the Fairbanks and their contributions to preserving the Elfin Forest. The second plaque praises the work of Swap and all other organizations involved in the purchase of the forest. The grant money for these monuments also included resources for vegetation restoration.

Mr. Laurent downplayed his hard work, preferring instead to praise everyone else involved. His kind words included thanks to a modest Shirley Bianchi, current County Supervisor, who continued the work begun by Bud; to every member of SWAP; to the California Conservation Corps; to County Parks personnel; and to those Los Osos residents whose vision of preservation has become a model for the entire county.

Eleanor Roosevelt once wrote that, "perhaps nature is our best assurance of immortality". If this is the case, then many

"Thoreau was sure that we could have an original love affair with the universe, but only if we decline to marry the world, and he suspected that the divine man is the man uncontrolled by social obligation. He believed that the young man or young woman should give up tending the machine of civilization and instead farm the soul. We can sense the boundaries of our soul, whose stakes are set thousands of miles out in space, only if we disintegrate property boundaries here on earth. When we fight for the soul and its life, we receive as reward not fame, not wages, not friends, but what is already in the soul, a freshness that no one can destroy, that animals and trees share."

# From the Chair

By Jim Weldon

Hello. I am the new Chair of the SWAP Board. I am a local independent insurance agent who has lived and worked in Los Osos since 1986. But my association with this area goes back some 40 years, as my family used to vacation here and my sister attended Cal Poly.

Prior to moving to Los Osos from Tucson, I was a docent at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum for 9 years. I have been involved with the Elfin Forest since SWAP first started collecting money to buy it.

Saturday, March 4th, County Parks and SWAP held a dedication ceremony for the Boardwalk to honor those who had a hand in getting that project completed. Over 250 people attended.

Now that we have our forest and our boardwalk, we must protect them. What good is it to have this special area if it is destroyed by weeds and dogs?

We need your help. If you can donate an hour or more of your time on the first Saturday of each month for weeding, please leave a message in SWAP's voicemail at 546-1199.

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## SWAP Officers Elected

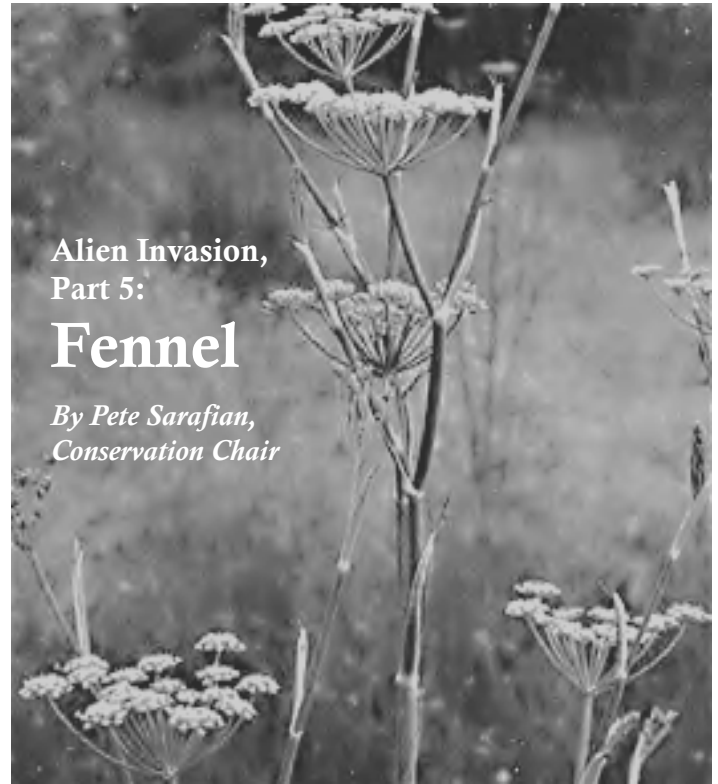
SWAP's Board of Directors has elected new officers for the year 2000. They are:

- Jim Weldon, Chair;
- Pete Sarafian, Vice Chair;
- Bob McDougle, Treasurer; and
- Katie Davis, Secretary.

Jim Weldon also chairs the Volunteer Committee; Pete Sarafian is Chair of the Conservation Committee, and Katie Davis is Chair of the Membership Committee. Board member Yolanda Waddell chairs the Publication and Walks committees.

There are additional openings on the Board at present; members are encouraged to inquire about joining the Board.

Phone 534-1834.



### Alien Invasion, Part 5:

## Fennel

By Pete Sarafian,  
Conservation Chair

This is the fifth in a series of articles on alien plant species that are invading the Elfin Forest. Unchecked, the aliens will take over and destroy the plants that have been part of the Elfin Forest for centuries. It is hoped that these aliens will become more recognizable to members of SWAP and the Los Osos community. Community members are encouraged to volunteer to assist SWAP and San Luis Obispo County Parks Department in controlling these pests. Community involvement could make a big difference in restoring and maintaining the health of the park for the long term.

Fennel, sometimes called sweet fennel, (*Foeniculum vulgare*) is a member of the plant family Umbelliferae or Apiaceae (carrots). Fennel is a perennial plant that is native to southern Europe and Mediterranean areas. It has been used for medicine and cooking since Roman times. It is now quite abundant in California scrub lands and pastures.

Fennel starts sprouting as a cluster of very finely divided, hair-like greenery in the spring. The leaves are called pinnately compound. As stalks develop, the plants eventually become quite tall, 3-6 feet in height. Full height may take multiple seasons of resprouting. The plant develops a large taproot from which it resprouts. There is a thin, waxy coating on the stems and leaves, and a sheathing at the base of each branch on a stalk.

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<b>april 10</b>	<b>SWAP BOARD MEETINGS</b>	<b>may 8</b>
	<p>The SWAP Board of Directors meets on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Board meetings will be held at the Coast National Bank, 1193 Los Osos Valley Road on Monday, April 10, and Monday, May 8. All Board meetings are open to the public. To confirm the date, time and location (which are subject to change), phone 528-4540.</p>	

<b>New Board Meeting Location</b>
<p>For the past two years, the SWAP Board has been meeting at the Morro Bay National Estuary Program office at 3rd and El Moro. We thank the NEP for being willing to let us use their meeting area. Beginning in April, the SWAP Board will be meeting at the Coast National Bank, 1193 Los Osos Valley Road, in the Post Office complex. Our meetings will continue to be held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., and are open to the public.</p>

# WALKS in the ELFIN FOREST

## Third Saturday Walks

**April 15 - 9:30 a.m.**

Wildflowers are at their peak in the Elfin Forest during April. Join Dirk Walters, Cal Poly botanist, for a delightful exploration through the forest's coastal dune scrub, chaparral and oak and manzanita woodland areas to find and identify the blooms of its native plants.

**May 20 - 8:30 a.m.** (Please note early starting time)

Get a different view of the Elfin Forest through the lens of your camera on a walk especially for camera bugs of all ages and levels of experience. Joe Dickerson, freelance photojournalist and instructor in photography will provide pointers on composition and lighting, as well as how to solve problems of high contrast lighting and dense foliage. Wildflowers will provide an opportunity for close-up photography. A SWAP docent will also be along to identify plants and birds.

**June 17 - 9:30 a.m.**

Insects are a large and very important class of creatures in the web of life, but most of us think of them as a nuisance, and in some cases, "the enemy." Entomologist David Headrick will help us to appreciate and understand the importance of these much-maligned "critters," as we walk along the boardwalk.

## Adventures With Nature (NHA Docent) Walks

April 16 (Sunday) - 1:15 p.m.

April 28 (Friday) - 9:00 a.m.

Tour the Elfin Forest with NHA docent and botanist Shirley Sparling. Walk among flowering shrubs and oaks draped with lichens. View the estuary from the boardwalk. Look for birds and fungi.

*Walks in the Elfin Forest begin at 9:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted) at the north end of 15th Street off Santa Ysabel in Los Osos. Wear comfortable shoes, long sleeves and pants to avoid poison oak. Please park*



Botanist Shirley Sparling showed examples of "The Small Ones of the Elfin Forest" (lichens, mosses and galls) during SWAP's Third Saturday Walk in January.

*The bush blooming at the right of the photo is Ceanothus.*

## February Work Party Was Fabulous

*by Pete Sarafian, Conservation Chair*

With a record turnout compared to the past year, SWAP February volunteers pulled, tore, yanked, dug and otherwise mopped up weeds in the Elfin Forest. Thirteen hearty souls came to the aid of the Conservation Committee. They aimed their efforts at smilax, cape ivy and narrow-leaved iceplant. Among those lending their muscle to the cause were Richard Webb, Norma Wightman, Mary Leizear, Rich Keller, Carrie Filler, Mary Coffeen, Bob McDougale, Kathy Dugan Larry and Pat Grimes and Larry's dad Chet Grimes, Tony Collins, Jay Bonestell and Joe Johnson. A very heartfelt thanks goes out to you from SWAP.



## First Saturday Work Parties

SWAP work parties are held at 9 a.m. to noon on the first Saturday of each month.

Volunteers should meet at the north end of 15th Street. Dress for sun and wind and bring work gloves if you can. Some work gloves, tools and drinking water are provided.



*Above right: Some of the busy First Saturday weeding crew stopped pulling Smilax for a moment to have their picture snapped. (l. to r.) Norma Wightman, Pete Sarafian ( SWAP Conservation Chair), Larry Grimes (past SWAP Conservation Chair), Tony Collins and Chet Grimes. Photo by Pat Sarafian*

# Coastal Dune Wallflower

By Dirk Walters, Ph.D.; drawing by Bonnie Walters

Bonnie's drawing for this article is the common wallflower of the coastal dunes and strands from Morro Bay south into northern Santa Barbara County. It is currently in full bloom in the Elfin Forest. The only published common name for it is "suffrutescens" wallflower. This common name is simply a translation of the scientific name used in the most recently published California flora, *The Jepson Manual*. This name is *Erysimum insulare* var. *suffrutescens*. The identity of our local wallflowers is confusing as different identification manuals have different names. Munz and Keck's *A California Flora* label the ones around Morro Bay, *E. suffrutescens* var. *grandifolium*. On the other hand, Robert Hoover, in his *Vascular Plants of San Luis Obispo County*, uses the name *E. insulare*.

Why all the confusion? First, the differences among the three types of wallflowers recognized in our county by Dr. Hoover are small and apparently somewhat inconsistent. The three also hybridize whenever they come in contact. The Elfin Forest wallflower has bright yellow petals and lives for several years (perennial). Since it has such a limited range it must be considered to be somewhat rare. The other two forms of county wallflower occur in the interior and differ from the one in the Elfin Forest in their much narrower fruits, in their being biennial, and in their having different color petals (orange to pale yellow). Our dune wallflowers bloom from January to June with a peak in March to April.

Our dune wallflower is not often found growing alone and away from other more robust shrubs. It seems to be one of the plants that requires a nurse plant to get it started. The most common way you find them is with their flower stalks extending out of California sagebrush, California aster, black sage or some other shrub. Its long narrow leaves tend to be completely hidden under and within the crown of the larger shrub. When one does find it growing alone, a casual inspection will usually turn up the body of its nurse. Remember, the conditions on the open dune sand are very severe. Around noon it is usually very hot and dry. Sand is very porous and has little ability to hold water. Also, it is usually very windy which further increases evaporation. In contrast, under the shrubs, there would be shade and little wind, which would allow the temperature to be lower and the humidity to be higher as a result of the transpiration from the nurse shrub.

In all our plant identification books, wallflowers are placed into the mustard family or Brassicaceae (=Cruciferae). This family, of generally north temperate plants, is one of the easiest to recognize. It has 4 sepals and 4 petals placed in such a way as to form a cross. This is the reference in the older name, Cruciferae, which translates as the "cross bearers." In most flowers, the number of stamens is equal to multiples of the number of petals. In this case, that should be four, eight or twelve. But this family has six, two of which are shorter and four longer. So unique is



this group of flower characters that it is sometimes simply referred to as *Cruciferous*.

Recent work is beginning to change the thinking on the relationship between the mustards and their closest relatives, the caper family or Capparidaceae. The mustard family shares a lot of characteristics with this mainly tropical family. Due to this close resemblance, both families have been interpreted in the past as being equally evolved and having a recent common ancestor. The most recent evidence is forcing us to reconsider this interpretation.

Based on DNA-base sequence data, the temperate mustards seem to have more in common with some species of capers than these capers have with other caper species. This means that what we have been calling mustards for the last 200 years are probably just the temperate expression of the more diverse tropical capers. The good news is that this will cause a change in the names of our plants since the name, Brassicaceae was applied before the name Capparidaceae. Therefore, it is the plants formally treated as capers that will be transferred into the mustard family. Again, the good news is that there are no capers growing in the Elfin Forest.



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\*Thanks to those listed above who donated more than the \$12 membership dues.

The additional donations will be used for special projects in the Elfin Forest.

## Vandals Target Signs

by Pete Sarafian, Conservation Chair

Irresponsible Los Osos residents have been pulling down the recent temporary signs that were erected in the Elfin Forest by the County. SLO County Parks rangers placed the wooden signs in strategic locations to dissuade people from leaving the boardwalk or unleashing their dogs. Recent damage to the park vegetation along the boardwalk has been alarming. In an effort to stem the tide of destruction, the signs politely explain the reasons for not intruding on the vegetation. Apparently, the signs have provided a target for vandals not agreeing with the need to keep the nature preserve in a state of preservation. The incidents have been reported to the sheriff's department.

***Such acts are a violation of California and SLO County penal codes.***

Anyone who has any knowledge of such vandalism is encouraged to contact SWAP at 546-1199.

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Eventually, compound flower heads develop, with numerous rays ending in wide-petalled, yellow blossoms. The fruit is ovate and ribbed. The seeds are dark and flat-faced. Once a plant is well established, new stalks with flowers are produced every year.

Fennel can be identified by its sweet, anise smell. Fennel leaves and seeds have been used for cooking and sausage making and in liqueurs. The oil has been used in soap, medicine and perfume. The plant was introduced and cultivated in the U.S. over 100 years ago. However, it escaped to the wild and has become a nuisance weed. It spreads along disturbed areas such as roads and also along rivers and streams. It can be seen along roadways throughout San Luis Obispo County. It is especially well established in central and southern parts of California.

The plant can propagate from root division or from seeds. Root division can be introduced by flooding or human activity such as cultivation. Seeds can be dispersed by water as well as human and animal activity. Once established, a stand of fennel is difficult to eradicate. Deep cultivation is required to remove the well-established taproot. Because of its strong smell, generally it is not grazed by animals.

Fennel has established stands in the southwest and northeast corners of the Elfin Forest, near the north end of 11th Street and near the South Bay Boulevard bridge over Los Osos creek.

In the Elfin Forest, only a professional who is licensed or certified to apply herbicide chemicals and who has federal, state, and county permission may do so. Herbicides used on fennel include 2,4-D diluted to one part in 400 parts water. Application should be prior to flowering. A combination of picloram and 2,4,5-T has been applied at flowering as well. In Brazil, a combination of 23.6%-picloram (Tordon) and 76.4%-2,4,5-T was used with very good results. No biological controls (insects, etc.) are available at this time.

Anyone interested in helping to eradicate fennel or other invasive weeds in the Elfin Forest is encouraged to contact SWAP at 546-1199.

## New T-Shirt Design (and Remainder Sale)

SWAP has new T-Shirts!

To celebrate the Elfin Forest Boardwalk, SWAP has a new short-sleeved T-shirt. The designer is Los Osos graphic artist Susan Mulay; Sigman Graphics of Los Osos produced the shirts. The image shows the Boardwalk winding its way through the Elfin Forest, with the bay and Morro Rock in the background.

And we still have a supply of the Elfin Forest Mural T-shirts designed by artist Barbara Rosenthal (black with design across the front and back) in a variety of sizes. It's time for a remainder sale! All short- and long-sleeved T-shirts are going for \$10. Sweatshirts are marked down from \$32 to only \$15. To order T-shirts, use the form on the enclosed flyer.

**SALE!**

## Wish List

The floor in our storage room is becoming crowded with boxes of this and that, and our file is almost full. Also, our speakers need a slide projector.

The SWAP elves are wishing for:

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## Continue SWAP's Efforts With Your Membership

It was heartwarming to see the outpouring of community support at the recent dedication of the Elfin Forest Boardwalk. SWAP needs your membership to continue its efforts in the preservation of the Elfin Forest, and invites you join today. If you are already a member, please renew at your anniversary date.

The benefits of community involvement and natural preservation are for everyone ... please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join SWAP. Together we will ensure the gift of nature for future generations.

Thank you.



- Katie Davis, Membership Chair

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