



# OAKLEAVES

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## Spotlight on Our Volunteers

By Yolanda Waddell

The Los Osos/Morro Bay Chapter of SWAP is proud of being an all-volunteer organization. Over the course of our 17 years as a chapter, literally hundreds of adults, teenagers and children have given their support to the chapter and to the Elfin Forest, providing the heads, hands and hearts to make this organization run well and to accomplish its mission. Our volunteers perform their tasks with gusto! In this issue we will focus on three of our member/volunteers who have been especially active during the past year.

### PAT BROWN

*Committee Chair, Walk Leader, Photographer, Butterfly Enthusiast*

Pat teaches nutrition at Cuesta College, and is a long-time supporter of the Elfin Forest and SWAP. In the late 1990s she was an active member of the Education Committee. She also shared her excellent photographs of plants and butterflies in the Elfin Forest; several were published in Oakleaves.

While Pat was on the Education Committee, Jan DiLeo, County Parks Planner, needed a committee to help produce a set of interpretive signs and two monuments for the Elfin Forest. Pat was asked to be on the committee, and proved to have an eagle eye for spotting errors, and good ideas for content of the signs and monuments. The monuments were finished in 2001; the interpretive signs were finished by the fabricator this Spring, and will be installed at the end of July.

A Trail Guide Committee was formed last year with Pat as chair. Pat, along with Pat Sarafian, Jean Wheeler and Mary Mitchell, performed the many steps from writing through printing to creation of a dispenser box (see the April/May and June/July 2002 issues). Recently Pat has been checking and refilling the Trail Guide dispenser; she found that about 50 Trail Guides per week are taken. Soon the Trail Guide will go into its second printing. The committee created a hot item!

Pat has long been interested in the butterflies of the Elfin Forest. She has a shelf full of books and does a Butterfly Walk for SWAP's 3rd Saturday Walks each Spring. An interesting visual aid of her walk is a binder full of beautiful photos that Pat has taken of butterflies in all their stages, from caterpillar through chrysalis to mature butterfly. In becoming a walk leader, Pat combined her science, teaching and organizational abilities with her

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**SWAP ANNUAL MEETING  
LOS OSOS/MORRO BAY  
CHAPTER OF SWAP  
Saturday, October 12,  
Noon to 2:00 p.m.  
Church of the Nazarene  
1480 Santa Ysabel at South Bay Blvd.**

### *Message From the Chair*

Dear SWAP members,

This year's Annual Meeting will be a 3-fold celebration:

- We will honor Emily Polk, founder of SWAP
- We will dedicate the interpretive signs which by then will be installed.
- We will honor our volunteers

Following these events and a short business meeting, we will open the floor to hear your suggestions. We need to know what you want for the Elfin Forest. Restoration continues, but we need to discuss the future needs of the Forest.

***Then we will have a barbecue for our volunteers and members!***



We look forward to seeing you and hearing from you at the Annual Meeting.



On Sunday, October 27, we will set up our SWAP booth for the **Baywood Park Oktoberfest**, 9:00am to 3:00pm. We need volunteers to work 2 hour shifts. Please call our answering machine, 528-0392, if you can help us, and state which shift you prefer: 9 to 11, 11 to 1 or 1 to 3. Help us to get the word out about SWAP and the Elfin Forest.

*Jim Weldon, SWAP Board Chair*

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photographic skills and enthusiasm for butterflies — a wonderful blend of talents which benefit the community, the Elfin Forest, and SWAP.

### BOB MCDOUGLE

*Treasurer of Los Osos/Morro Bay SWAP and of SWAP, Inc.*

One of the most thankless - and vital - jobs in any organization is that of Treasurer. The Treasurer crunches numbers each month and brings a report to the Board of Directors who fire questions at him such as, "What does this mean?" "Why did you do that?" "Please explain the negative number under net income."

Bob McDougale certainly knew what he was in for when he agreed to be Treasurer for the Los Osos/Morro Bay Chapter in January, 1998. He was already the treasurer of the Basin Street Regulars, a jazz club located in Pismo Beach. What he couldn't foresee was that the following year, in 1999, he would become Chair of the Board in addition to being Treasurer. A number of board members had resigned for various reasons at the end of 1998, and the size of the Board had shrunk considerably.

Bob kept both positions until Spring of 2000, when Jim Weldon agreed to be Chair. Bob continued as Treasurer, a position he has held for 4-1/2 years. His well organized financial records and excellent Treasurer's Reports have kept SWAP's finances in good order. In addition, he has found ways to make SWAP's funds grow by investing in Certificates of Deposit (CD's), and writing numerous successful grant applications.

During 2001, Bob became concerned about the financial condition of SWAP, Inc., the "mother" organization over all of the chapters. He urged that a meeting be held, which was done last November. Bob was elected Treasurer of SWAP, Inc. at the meeting, and immediately began to work on straightening out its finances. By January, he had the SWAP, Inc. treasury under control, and has worked to bring in funds from the active chapters (each chapter contributes \$1 per member per year to SWAP, Inc.). In addition, he purchased "Directors and Officers" insurance so that officers from the chapters will be willing to serve on SWAP, Inc.'s executive board.

Because of Bob McDougale's skills as a treasurer and as a leader, the Los Osos/



Morro Bay Chapter and SWAP, Inc., are financially secure and ready to continue pursuing SWAP's mission of preserving and caring for small wilderness areas during the coming years. Thank you, Bob!

### JEAN WHEELER

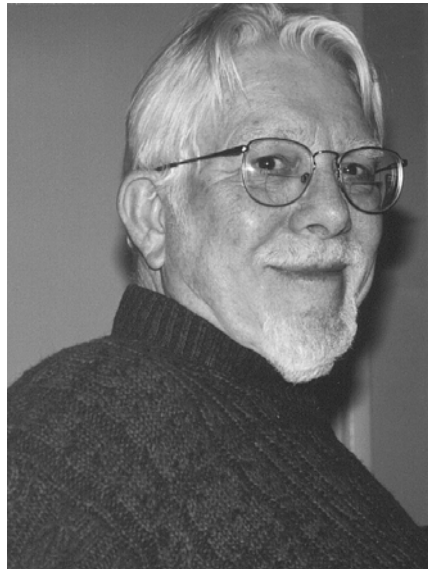
*Newsletter Co-editor, Map Maker, School Walk Leader*

Jean Wheeler retired to Los Osos in 2000 after 35 years as Professor of Geography at Long Beach State University. Being an outdoors person, she soon found the Elfin Forest and joined the Weed Warrior crew on one or two occasions. She joined SWAP in April 2001, and became a SWAP booth worker at the Los Osos Family Fun Fest in June.

On learning of Jean's expertise with geography and maps, Pat Sarafian invited her to become a member of the newly formed Trail Guide Committee. Jean took on the job of preparing a map to fit the needs of the Trail Guide. Writing the Trail Guide with the 4-person committee (Pat Brown, Pat Sarafian, Mary Mitchell and Jean) continued through at least six or seven revisions. There were also numerous walks around the boardwalk to decide where the stopping points should be so Jean could make an accurate map.

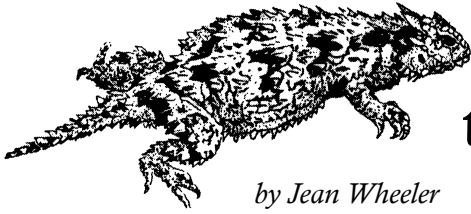
During one of the Trail Guide meetings, which I sometimes attended, I learned that Jean edits a newsletter for a Sierra Club chapter in Los Angeles. I asked her if she would enjoy being co-editor of the *Oakleaves*, and to my delight she said yes. So as of the October/November 2001 issue of *Oakleaves*, Jean became co-editor. Thanks to her, putting each issue together is easier and goes more quickly. Her good proof-reading skills help to keep the newsletter error-free. Two heads are definitely better than one.

One of Jean's personal goals is to promote knowledge and understanding of the world's geography. In this country, schools give short shrift to geography instruction, so Jean gives lectures to schools and organizations on the benefits of understanding geography. Recently she created charts and maps of the world's five Mediterranean regions for use at the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden Festival. She loves to travel and learn what the rest of the world looks like; she's led bicycle tours in Australia, New Zealand and Austria and this Spring went on a barge and bicycle tour in Holland. SWAP is grateful that Jean makes time in her busy life to put her knowledge and skills to work for our chapter and the Elfin Forest.



### *Volunteers Extraordinaire!*

*From top to bottom are:  
Pat Brown, Bob McDougale,  
and Jean Wheeler*



# Lizards of the Elfin Forest

by Jean Wheeler

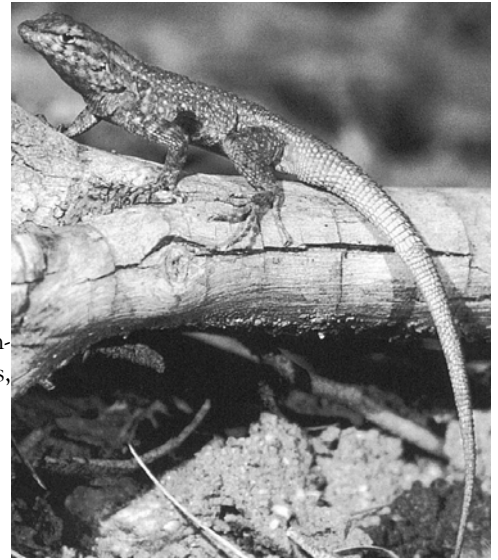
Four species of lizards are at home in our Elfin Forest: the Western Fence Lizard (*Sceloporus occidentalis*), the Coast Horned Lizard (*Phrynosoma coronatum*), the Southern Alligator Lizard (*Gerrhonotus multicarinatus*), and the California Legless Lizard (*Anniella pulchra*). These four reptiles are quite distinct from one another in appearance, the last one even looking much more like a small snake than like its fellow lizards. They belong to three different families of lizards. The Western Fence Lizard and the Coast Horned Lizard both belong to Family Iguanidae, a mostly New World family including the famous iguanas. Family Anguillidae contains the Alligator Lizards, including ours. That family is widely distributed around the world. In contrast, Family Anniella is highly endemic (restricted in range), containing only two species of legless snakes, ours in California and one in Baja California.

The lizards we most commonly see in the Elfin forest, often darting along the edges of our boardwalk, are the Western Fence Lizards. These slender members of the iguana family are commonly only 4-7 inches long and are brownish to blackish gray and mottled in appearance. The back scales have pointed tips, and there may be turquoise speckles on the backs. Adult males usually



have blue patches on the throat and belly and yellow tinges on the rear of the hind legs. Fence lizards may lay up to three clutches of eggs per year, usually in late spring and early summer, with about 3-17 eggs per clutch. Generally found on or close to the ground, they also climb shrubs or trees, as well as our boardwalk, in search of their prey, insects and spiders.

The Coast Horned Lizards are about the same length as the fence lizards, about 4-6 inches, but look quite different. They have much broader bodies and enlarged horns around the back of their heads. There are also two rows of pointed, fringed scales on each side of the body and two or three rows of enlarged pointed scales on each side of the throat. The color is usually yellowish or grayish brown. They especially like our loose sandy soil, where they can bury themselves, with open patches of sand for sunning. They lay a clutch of 6-21 eggs in late spring. Watch for these horned lizards in areas with lots of ants, their favorite prey.



Much larger than the other lizards in our Elfin Forest are the Southern Alligator Lizards, 7-12 inches long. The tail can be over twice the length of the body and is somewhat prehensile, occasionally

wrapped around branches in climbing. Mostly yellowish to grayish brown above, the back is crossed by about 9-12 distinctive dark colored bands. The scales of the back are squarish, and there is an upturned skin fold along the side, much lighter in color. The eyes are a distinctive pale yellow. The head of the adult male is broader and more triangular than that of the female. They may be partly nocturnal during the hottest weather. About 5-20 eggs are laid in each of 1-3 clutches, in spring and early summer. This species goes for somewhat larger prey, such as slugs, insects, centipedes, scorpions, spiders (including black widows), and may also take smaller lizards and even small mammals, eggs and young birds.

Our most unusual lizard is the California Legless Lizard. Looking like a silvery, metallic, smooth snake about 6-8 inches long, this lizard has a blunt-ended tail and a yellowish belly. Like other lizards, and unlike snakes, it has movable eyelids. They have no ear openings. Their smooth scales make it easy for them to move through the sandy soil of our Elfin Forest. The snout is shovel-shaped with the lower jaw inset to keep sand from getting in their mouths while they are burrowing down to reach moist soil. They may forage in leaf litter by day for insects and spiders. Another major difference between this and our other three lizard species of the Elfin Forest is that these legless lizards do not lay eggs. Instead they bear 1-4 live young between September and November. These legless lizards have occasionally been dug up by our Weed Warriors as they removed the exotic veldt grass.

On your walks through our Elfin Forest, you will almost certainly see the ubiquitous Western Fence Lizard. But if you look closely, and especially if you get involved with our Weed Warrior work parties on First Saturdays, you may also see some of our very distinctive California Legless Lizards, Southern Alligator Lizards or Coast Horned Lizards as well.

Lizards, clockwise starting from left:

California Legless Lizard, Photo by Chris Brown, courtesy of Western Ecological Research Center, San Diego Field Station;

Southern Alligator Lizard;

Coast Horned Lizard Drawing by Becky McFarland; Western Fence Lizard, Photo courtesy of Audubon Society

# CCC Controls Erosion

By Pete Sarafian, Conservation Chair

The California Conservation Corps (CCC) helped SWAP with a project in the Elfin Forest that has been needed for years. Erosion control on steep sand trails is a priority that has had to wait for adequate funding and manpower. With grant money from the Morro Bay National Estuary Program, the CCC was made available to install water diversion bars and sand retention boxes on the trail along South Bay Boulevard at the east end of the preserve and the trail leading downhill from Bush Lupine Point at the west end of the preserve. Both trails had been cut deep into the sand dunes and had contributed to sedimentation of Morro Bay. Over several decades there were tons of sand washed down the trails and eventually into the Bay. The new controls should help minimize sand loss from the Elfin Forest in the future. The CCC was supervised by crew boss, James "J.T." Taylor, who has worked in the Elfin Forest before on projects such as construction of the boardwalk.



James "JT" Taylor (at left) and his CCC crew installed sand retention boxes at Bush Lupine Point to halt erosion on the sandy path behind them.



Weed Warrior Mary Leizear won a battle with veldt grass near Bush Lupine Point during the May First Saturday work party.

# Weeders Gaining Ground

By Pete Sarafian, Conservation Chair

The weeding efforts in the Elfin Forest in May, June and July made headway on veldt and other grasses. Some of the worst infestations are now becoming controllable for the first time in years. The situation with narrow-leaved iceplant is improving as well, thanks mainly to efforts by volunteers Kathy and Tim Dugan. SWAP's Wonderful Weekend Weed Warrior volunteers included Linda Ashworth, Al Barrow, Susan Bertrand, Jay Bonestell, Bryan Brown, Ann Calhoun, Joan Hughes, Mary Leizear, Cheryl Mendibles, Sharon and Bob Meyer, Ron Rasmussen, Pat and Pete Sarafian, Yolanda Waddell and Linda Young. The volunteer efforts were supplemented with contract help from the California Conservation Corps for the second straight year. CCC efforts were concentrated along the South Bay Boulevard road embankment and the area between 13th and 16th Streets.



## Let's All Pull Together!

SWAP First Saturday 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. Call 528-0392.

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**SWAP BOARD MEETINGS**

The SWAP Board of Directors meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Coast National Bank, 1193 Los Osos Valley Road on Monday, August 12, and Monday, September 9. All Board meetings are open to the public. To confirm the date, time and location (which are subject to change), phone 528-0392.

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**SWAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors of Small Wilderness Area Preservation (SWAP) consists of the following members:

Jim Weldon, Chair  
 Pete Sarafian, Vice Chair  
 Bob McDougle, Treasurer  
 Yolanda Waddell, Secretary  
 Pat Sarafian, Member at Large

# WALKS in the ELFIN FOREST

## Third (and Second) Saturday Walks

### August 17 - 9:30 a.m.

Whether you are all too familiar with Poison Oak, or haven't the faintest idea what it looks like, you'll be fascinated with Curt Beebe's encyclopedic knowledge of that dreaded plant. Curt is our local Poison Oak expert; he even knows how to collect its seeds safely, and to propagate and grow Poison Oak plants. As a matter of fact, he could be called the lion tamer of the plant world! He'll show you where the plant's favorite hiding places are in the Elfin Forest, and when to be on the lookout for it. He'll also tell us about Poison Oak's growth habits and how it fits into the ecology of the Elfin Forest. Once you've attended Curt's walk, you'll know how to let the leaves-of-three be, and will also understand its value as food for birds and animals of the Forest.

### September 21 - 9:30 a.m.

Join herpetologist and Cuesta College biology instructor Ron Ruppert as he tours the Elfin Forest in search of the Coast Horned Lizard and the various resident reptiles and amphibians. There are no rattlesnakes in the Elfin Forest. Since it is often difficult to find the real thing, Ron will bring some reptile skins and perhaps a live critter or two so that walk participants can see what some of those small and retiring inhabitants look like. Learn how these elfin creatures survive and protect themselves from predators and, yes - boys!

Ron recommends the following books for information on reptiles and amphibians: Stebbins, Robert, 1985. *Western Reptiles and Amphibians*. Houghton Mifflin Publ.; Pickwell, Gayle, 1972. *Amphibians and Reptiles of the Pacific States*. Dover Press.; Pough, F. Harvey, et. al., 1998. *HERPETOLOGY*.; Manaster, Jane, 1997. *HORNED LIZARDS*.

### October 12 - 8:30 a.m. (Second Saturday!)

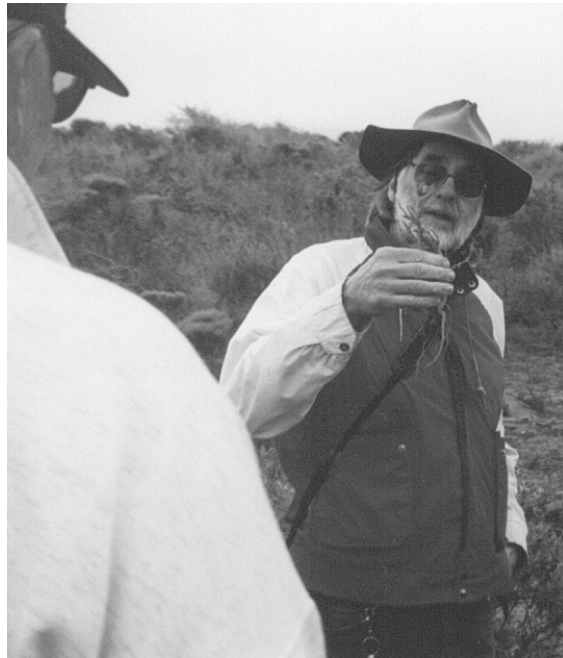
This Second Saturday walk, beginning at 8:30 a.m., will be a pre-Big Sit! walk. The New Haven (Connecticut) Bird Club, Coordinators of the Big Sit!, have chosen Sunday, October 13, for this year's Big Sit! During this event, birders identify species of birds by sight and by call from within a 17-foot wide circle during a 24-hour period.

Birder Jim Royer, who coordinates the Elfin Forest Big Sit! at Bush Lupine Point, will lead the walk. Join Jim in finding and identifying 40 to 60 species of birds throughout the Elfin Forest. This walk is for those who just enjoy looking at birds as well as for more experienced birders. You'll come away from this experience knowing more about birds, their calls, their habits and habitats.

### October 19 - 9:30 a.m. (Third Saturday)

To be announced in Oct/Nov issue.

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 carefully, avoiding driveways and



During his wildflower walk in May, Botanist Dirk Walters demonstrated that it's OK to pull up the invasive Slender-leaved Iceplant.

## Praise for SWAP

In June, we received this letter from an Elfin Forest visitor:

"Dear SWAP:  
We stayed for a few days in the Morro Bay / Los Osos region on our way back to Washington from Borrego Springs, CA, and were able to visit the reserve. It had been two years since we had seen it; we were delighted over how beautiful it is. What a lot of good work your group has done.

I also greatly enjoy the newsletter.

Sincerely,  
Marjorie Siner"

Ed. Note:

We who live close to the Elfin Forest and are so aware of all of the weeds, eroded areas and ad hoc paths, forget to step back once in awhile and notice the changes for the better. Thanks to Marjorie for reminding us to enjoy the results of our efforts.



## O A K L E A V E S

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## Twenty-Seventh in a Series

# California Coffeeberry

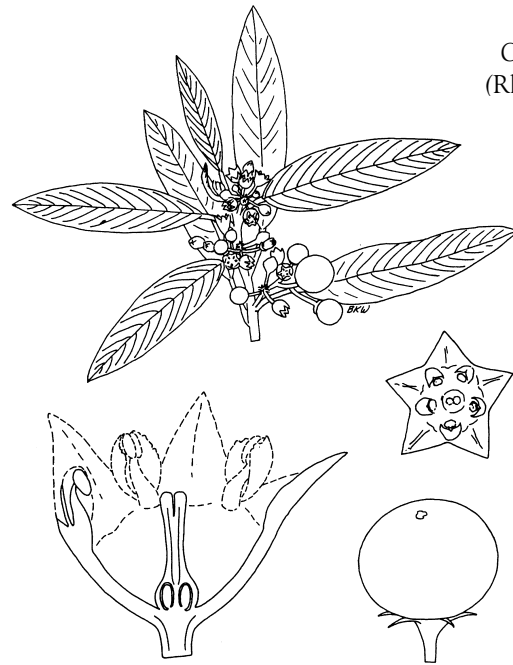
By Dirk Walters, Ph.D.; Drawings by Bonnie Walters

Bonnie made the various drawings representing the plant featured in this issue of Oak Leaves at various times over a twenty-year period. The drawings were originally made for editions of Dr. David Keil's and my Plant Taxonomy textbook (currently published by Kendall/Hunt). The featured plant is locally common in the Elfin Forest, especially in the more mesic sites. The term mesic refers to sites with adequate soil moisture but neither too much nor too little. The plant is known locally simply as coffeeberry, but in the Jepson Manual it is called California coffeeberry. Its scientific name is *Rhamnus californica*.

Coffeeberry flowers and fruits can be found most of the year in the Elfin Forest; however they are most easily seen from late April through July. In coffeeberry, the pistils are located in a shallow cup-shaped structure on whose edge the sepals, petals, and stamens are borne. Botanists call this structure a hypanthium. Speaking of petals, can you find them in the drawing of the longitudinal section of the flower? They are the "hoods" seen enclosing the stamens. Botanists define flower parts not by their function but by their position; i.e., not all petals are large and showy and function to attract animal pollinators. The placement of stamens relative to the petals, i.e. right in front, is characteristic of the coffeeberry's family, *Rhamnaceae*. Such a stamen placement is termed opposite as in stamens opposite the petals. If you go looking for coffeeberry flowers, remember they are very small. They're less than 1/16th inch wide and are best appreciated with a hand lens. Flowers are pale green to yellow green in color and are easily missed except when numerous.

Flowers are replaced first by immature green berries that later change to red or black when mature. Are the berries edible? To be truthful, I don't know. Early cultures throughout the world have eaten berries of various species of *Rhamnus*. The berries of a few species of *Rhamnus*, however, (e.g. *R. catharticus*, Africa; *R. frangula*, Europe; and *R. purshiana*, Western N.A.) have been used as an extreme laxative or purgative. A book on Poisonous plants of North America indicates that there are reports of poisoning in Europe, but none from North America. So, if you're one to experiment, then they may be worth a try. However, for me, I suggest that the highest use would be as food for birds and other native wild life.

Coffeeberry is an extremely variable shrub that can be subdivided into several intergrading varieties. Its leaves vary in color from bright green to gray-green and in size from relatively small and narrow to long and wide. The height of individual plants varies from less than a meter (only a foot or so) on exposed coasts to up to 5 meters (over 15 feet) where it grows with tall coastal scrub, dune scrub and chaparral species. It can be a spreading ground



California Coffeeberry (*Rhamnus californica*) fruits and flowers can be seen from late April through July.

cover or an upright shrub tall enough to hold its own as a background planting. As one might expect, several horticultural varieties have been selected. Smaller leaved varieties do quite nicely without summer water in our area whereas the larger leaved varieties do best with limited summer watering. Coffeeberries seem not to have any soil preference as they are found on dune sand, clays and even serpentine.

## Elfin Forest Sightings

On May 29, Pete Sarafian observed "a swarm of bees, numbering somewhere between several hundred to a few thousand, flying east to west over the Elfin Forest. The buzzing was terrifying as they shot past at a high speed (perhaps 20 m.p.h.), about ten to fifteen feet in altitude. I don't know where they landed. At the time I was guiding 30 school kids through the park on a tour." If any of our readers noticed the bees, especially if you saw them land, we would like to hear from you (528-0392). Also, Pete remarked that for the past three years the number of honey bees drops in the Spring when the commercial hives are moved to the central valleys for crop pollination. In the summer and fall the number rises again.



## Elfin Forest News Needed

Have you observed any unusual birds in the Elfin Forest? Mammals? Reptiles? Amphibians? Insects? Interesting activities or footprints of wildlife in our Elfin Forest? Unusual plants? Please report any interesting wildlife activity or plants that you see to Jean Wheeler, at 528-0568 or [jeanwheeler@charter.net](mailto:jeanwheeler@charter.net) for inclusion in future Oakleaves issues under "Elfin Forest Sightings."



### Where To Call, Where To Write

If you have questions about SWAP activities or want to volunteer, please call 528-0392 and leave a message. A recorded message will have information about our 3rd Saturday Walks, Work Saturdays, and other 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.



*Thank You to our New  
and Renewing Members*

*Compiled by Wendy Brown, SWAP Database Coordinator*

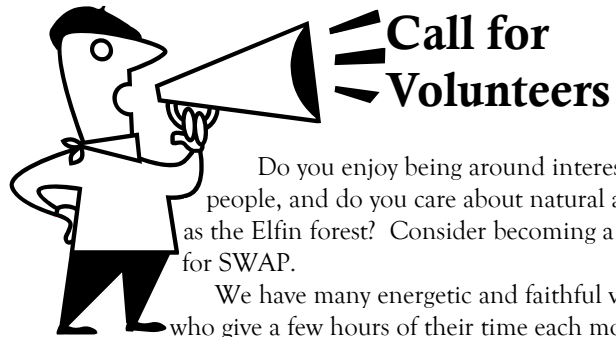
*New Members:*

Joyce Cory  
Margaret Fox &  
Claudette Kolk\* Sharon Lovejoy\*

*Renewing Members:*

Thomas Alden & Marjorie Sinel*	Christine Lancellotti*
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Phillip LaFollette*	Michael Ward
	Jean Wheeler*

*\*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. New or renewing members who donate \$100 or more will receive a Boardwalk T-shirt as SWAP's thank you gift.*



Do you enjoy being around interesting people, and do you care about natural areas such as the Elfin forest? Consider becoming a volunteer for SWAP.

We have many energetic and faithful volunteers who give a few hours of their time each month (or every once in awhile) as Weed Warriors, writers, database keepers, booth workers, walk leaders, telephoners, committee members, storekeepers, etc. But we need more people. SWAP can put you to work in almost any field of interest that you have.

We need people to set up and staff booths, put together our SWAP history album, help Property and Records Chair Pat Sarafian keep our storage unit in order, search for funding sources, write articles for our newsletter, and of course Conservation Chair Pete Sarafian can always put more Weed Warriors to work on each of our First Saturday Work parties.

If you have a few hours to give, you will be welcomed with open arms. For further information, please leave a message on our answering machine at 805-528-0392. Your call will be answered by a SWAP member who will be delighted to get you started.



**WHILE THE SUPPLY LASTS**  
we'll continue our clearance sale of the original Mural T-shirts. We have five XLg short sleeve T's and four with long sleeves in Small. Sale price is \$5.00. What a deal!



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(says: "Elfin Forest Mural, Rexall Drug, Los Osos")

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Please look at your mailing label and see if your membership is current. The date on the label shows when your membership expires. After that date, we will not be able to send you our newsletter.

Timely renewal of your membership helps us to save on postage and the time needed to send a reminder. Every membership helps us to be more convincing to foundations and government agencies when we ask them for funds. They all want to know "How many members do you have?"



Check our web sites at  
<http://lososobaywoodpark.org>,  
<http://www.morrobay.com/index/elfin/home.htm>  
and the Estero Conservation Alliance web site at <http://esteroconservationalliance.com>

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- New Member       Renewing Member
- Member \$12       Defender \$100
- Steward \$25       Champion \$250
- Protector \$50       Guardian \$500
- Life Member \$1000
- I want to help, please call me!

*Have you renewed your membership on time?*

*Check the label on this newsletter*

*for your renewal due date.*

**EVERY membership counts!!**

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