



# OAK LEAVES

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*ELFIN FOREST BENCH SERIES*

## The Bob Jones Bench

*By Madeline Martin*



Margaret Mehring (shown with companion Mally) donated a bench and interpretive panel in memory of her brother, ornithologist Robert Jones.

They are loving and annoying in equal measure. They make you laugh when you're down and comfort you when you cry. They are brothers, unique blends of family, friend, and confidant. Dr. Margaret Mehring was blessed with just such a brother.

Margaret and Robert (Bob) D. Jones, Jr. grew up in rural South Dakota, the children of a true conservationist. Bob Jones, Sr. was president of the South Dakota chapter of Isaac Walton, the Midwest version of the John Muir Sierra Club, and he instilled a love of nature in both Margaret and Bob.

"Wildlife was always Bob's passion," says Margaret. "I remember his collections of snakes, butterflies, and always a dog." It was this passion that led Bob to a degree in biology from South Dakota State University.

Bob "Sea Otter" Jones was a scholar, a scientist and an environmental activist. Bob's journey into the history books began while he was a soldier stationed in the Aleutians during World War II. Unlike his colleagues, who found the Alaskan islands cold and inhospitable, Bob thrived within the harsh elements. As a

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## Signs and Bicycle Rack Make Elfin Forest More Accessible

*By Yolanda Waddell*

The Elfin Forest can be entered at the north end of each of seven streets in Los Osos, 11th Street through 17th Street. But as far as out-of-town visitors knew, there was only one entrance - at the end of 16th Street - because there was a sign pointing to the Elfin Forest at the corner of 16th Street and Santa Ysabel. The result, especially on weekends, was traffic jams at the end of the street and visitors' cars occasionally blocking driveways. To relieve the irritation to 16th Street residents, SWAP Chair Ron Rasmussen asked County Public Works to place Elfin Forest direction signs at each of the streets with access to the Elfin Forest. SWAP also sent, via e-mail, several digital photos of

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biologist, Bob was well aware of the decimation of Alaskan native bird species particularly by the non-native fox population. But it wasn't until after the war that he began his life-long work as champion of the once-thought extinct Aleutian Canada goose.

Bob was appointed the first "resident refuge manager" of the Aleutian Islands National Wildlife Refuge in 1947. He was responsible for an 1100-mile expanse of desolate islands. He and his team spent 10 years removing the predatory foxes from wetlands and meadows in order to facilitate the re-establishment of any geese that might still be present within the refuge.

The following is an excerpt from a brochure heralding the Aleutian Goose Festival that is sponsored by the Crescent City, California, Chamber of Commerce. "The Aleutian geese were recognized as an endangered species in 1967. Scientists thought they were extinct, but they were 'rediscovered' by an intrepid lone biologist and researcher named Bob "Sea Otter" Jones, who rowed out in a wooden dory to the rocky, wave-tossed remote island in the western Aleutians where he suspected - and found - a small remnant population hidden away."

During the next five years, Bob captured goslings on Buldir Island in order to breed a captive flock for future reintroduction. His work provided the basis for the formal recovery program that was to come. As U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's LaVerne Smith remarks, "I don't think there's any other recovery story that rivals this one."

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Hailed and respected for his seminal work not only with sea birds, but also with caribou and, yes, sea otters, Bob has become a legend in wildlife preservation. He died in 1998 before the Aleutian Canada geese were de-listed as an endangered species. But, as his friend and colleague, Vernon Byrd, wrote, "Though he never saw the notice of de-listing, he knew his work had been a success. Sea Otter Jones's insight, enthusiasm, and wisdom continue to help guide the program that resulted in the recovery of the species."

And Bob's proud sister has guaranteed that future generations will appreciate and advance Sea Otter Jones's legacy to the world.

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improperly parked cars (including one blocking a fire hydrant), which were taken by 16th Street resident and SWAP member Bob Mayberry. Thanks to quick action by Rose Marie Gaglione of County Public Works, the additional direction signs were in place within two weeks of our request.

During the same week that the direction signs were installed, a new bicycle rack was put in place next to the boardwalk entrance. County Parks Planner Jan DiLeo used the last of her Elfin Forest Boardwalk funds to order the rack and have it galvanized. It will hold four bicycles and takes up relatively little space, as can be seen in the accompanying photo.

*(left) All streets leading to the Elfin Forest now have an Elfin Forest direction sign.  
(below) Pete Sarafian checks out the new bicycle stand at the 16th Street Elfin Forest entrance.*



### O A K L E A V E S

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# Succession and Preservation

By Ron Rasmussen, SWAP Chair

The 18th century satirist Jonathan Swift wrote "There is nothing in this world constant, but inconstancy". This principle is very evident in Nature as plants invade new territory and animals migrate in response to food needs and other pressures. From season to season the appearance of new growth and flowers are responses to changing conditions. Over time, entire families, genera, and species disappear, and others arise. Thus, in Nature, change is the norm and is to be expected.

An important concept is that of the "niche". Living beings are most likely to proliferate in conditions uniquely favorable to their growth and reproduction, i.e., in their niche. As the environment changes, some niches may be lost and others appear. The result is an ecological SUCCESSION of species inhabiting a particular space for some time period.

Humans seem to have a strong tendency toward maintenance of some stability in their immediate environment, that is, toward PRESERVATION of the status quo. This tendency does not often extend much farther than their front door, or surrounding lawn or garden for those persons who have one. For people to support preservation of the quality of the greater environment, for example the Elfin Forest, requires recognition of the value of such an effort.

The Elfin Forest has not always been as we see it today, but is the result of SUCCESSION of plant and animal populations suited for survival under changing environments. Several thousand years ago, near the close of the last ice age, sea level was much lower, and the area of the Elfin Forest was probably a conifer forest, with higher rainfall and a cooler climate. Along with a gradual rise in sea level and a change to a warmer and drier climate, drought-tolerant plants moved in. Further climate change to the cool, moist pattern we see today encouraged the mixture of drought resistant and moisture-requiring plants now present.

The goal of SWAP and its dedicated group of volunteers does not include resistance to the natural pressures for SUCCESSION of those organisms normally present in the area. Rather, it is the PRESERVATION of the Elfin Forest against being overwhelmed by introduced species that may find attractive niches in the Forest. (Familiar examples are veldt grass, cape ivy and smilax). The economic value of this PRESERVATION can be seen in benefits from tourism and enhanced property values in the area. The educational value is that SUCCESSION of native species, in both number and kind, may be studied in a uniquely preserved area. Support by its members and community sponsors will ensure continuation of the work of SWAP and its volunteers.

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## SWAP Booth Goes to Los Osos Family Fun Fest

In spite of the fact that they had to walk quickly through a water balloon tossing game to get to the SWAP booth, many visitors to the Los Osos Family Fun Fest on June 8th, came to see our displays and talk to one of our enthusiastic booth volunteers. SWAP Chair Ron Rasmussen, who had repaired the yellow awning which was damaged during the Botanical Garden Festival in May by heavy rain, set up the booth along with Treasurer Bob McDougle and Ann Calhoun. Ann had done the telephoning to staff four booth shifts. Booth workers were Kurt and Sandra Beebe, Pat Brown, Elsie and Jerry Deitz, Mary Mitchell, Madeline Taylor, Bill and Norma Vaughan, and Yolanda Waddell. All involved were pleased with positive comments from our visitors; Pat Sarafian (who is in charge of T-shirts) was pleased that \$200 was earned from T-shirt sales; and the SWAP Board was pleased that our booth workers got the word out about SWAP and the Elfin Forest. The booth will next be used at the Los Osos Oktoberfest on October 26. (Photo by Ron Rasmussen.)

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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 11, and Monday, September 8. 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:

- Ron Rasmussen, Chair
- Pete Sarafian, Vice Chair
- Bob McDougle, Treasurer
- Yolanda Waddell, Secretary
- Bob Meyer, Member at Large
- Pat Sarafian, Member at Large

# Weed Warriors Whack Weeds

By Pete Sarafian, Conservation Chair

Eight of the Wonderful Weekend Weed Warriors attacked Elfin Forest weeds at the Saturday work party on June 7th. The late spring El Niño rains have produced a bumper crop of invasives this year, and the May 3rd work party was flushed by rain. So our intrepid crew had to make up for lost time. Ron Rasmussen and Yolanda Waddell chased Tocalote or Malta Starthistle (*Centaurea melitensis*) in Celestial Meadow while Jay Bonestell, Pat Brown, Steve Cake, Tony Collins, and Bob and Sharon Meyer yanked veldt grass in the areas east of Bush Lupine Point. Thank you to all the volunteers who help keep the Elfin Forest more weed free.

## Bag-a-Month Program

By Pete Sarafian, Conservation Chair

At the urging of members and friends of SWAP who can't always make it to the first Saturday work parties, we have a new program for you. The Bag-a-Month Program. SWAP will be leaving empty plastic bags by the mulch pile at the north end of 15th Street. Anyone who wants to help weed in the Elfin Forest on other days may talk to the SWAP Conservation Chair about picking up a bag and roaming the park in search of weeds. When finished, you may leave the bags of weeds by the mulch pile. The only prerequisite is to sign a waiver of liability and to talk to the Conservation Chair to make sure that your activities do not pose a threat to the Federally Endangered Morro Shoulderband Dune Snail. SWAP would love to have help, as long as it doesn't endanger Elfin Forest or the endangered species. Just give Pete a call at 528-3194 if you would like to help at your leisure and bag some weeds each month.



Weed Warrior Sharon Meyer (also SWAP's historian) is about to stuff a handful of the evil veldt grass into her weed bag.

## Dog Survives Two Weeks in Elfin Forest

By Yolanda Waddell

On Monday, May 19, Barbara Spiegelman took her new Welsh Corgi, Penny, for a walk on the Elfin Forest Boardwalk. It was a pleasant walk for both until a jogger came puffing along; one of his feet landed heavily on the boardwalk next to the diminutive dog's head. Penny bolted off the boardwalk and into the underbrush, pulling the retractable leash handle out of Barbara's hand.

Barbara, a senior citizen who has retired to Los Osos, wasn't able to follow Penny into the thicket. No amount of calling Penny, who had only been with Barbara for three weeks, brought her back. Barbara made flyers with a photo of Penny and put them up at each of the Elfin Forest street entrances, laundromats, veterinary clinics, and everywhere she could find a place for a flyer. A friend of hers, Avis Austin, phoned SWAP, and we suggested that Barbara notify County Parks and dog lover Dave Congalton, who announced Penny's loss on KVEC radio.

Lew Teixeira, the County Parks ranger who patrols the Elfin Forest, heard a dog howling on the Saturday after Penny was lost, and phoned us. We notified Barbara, who went back to the Elfin Forest for more searching. A friend took her bloodhound, Agatha, to the Elfin Forest to hunt for Penny. Agatha followed Penny's scent around and around in the Elfin Forest, but didn't find Penny. Other concerned people, including dog park founder Ann Calhoun went searching, with no luck in finding the lost Corgi.

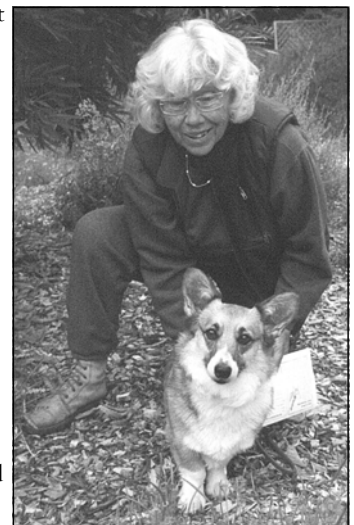
Then — on Sunday, June 1st, a man named Randy phoned. He had just seen one of Barbara's flyers. He said that he had been walking his dog, Winston (a Pit Bull and Sharpei mix), down near the South Bay Boulevard bridge over Los Osos Creek. Winston ran into the bushes and came out followed by a Welsh Corgi with no collar. The little dog was covered with ticks and had wet feet and a bad case of diarrhea, but otherwise seemed all right. Randy had taken the Corgi to the County Animal Shelter, where Barbara went to claim her.

Barbara reported that she removed about 100 ticks from Penny. Penny's veterinarian said that Penny's condition was good after her two weeks in the Elfin Forest, and her weight was "just right." Randy, Penny's rescuer, refused to accept a reward. He said that someone had saved Winston from drowning, and he was returning the favor.

Barbara is overjoyed to have her small companion back with her and sends her thanks to all who worked to help find Penny. She also said that she will never again use a retractable leash, and she had Penny fitted for a harness. She warns anyone who might consider walking through the brush in the Elfin Forest that there are plenty of ticks out there, as well as poison oak. The Elfin Forest, after all, is a small wilderness, best enjoyed from the boardwalk.

## 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.



Barbara Spiegelman is happy to have her Welsh Corgi, Penny, back!

# WALKS in the ELFIN FOREST

## *Third (and Second) Saturday Walks*

**August 16, 9:30 a.m.**

“Ancient peoples of the Central Coast” is the topic of archaeologist Dr. John Parker, who will tell us about the long-ago inhabitants of the Elfin Forest and the Central Coast. As he leads us along the boardwalk, he’ll give us a word image of everyday life in the Elfin Forest during the time of the Chumash, including stories about Chumash money, economy and trade. He’ll also show us the development of technology through the ages, using artifacts to demonstrate the culture and processes of the Chumash and earlier peoples. *Note: A few strong-armed volunteers who can arrive at 9:15 to help carry the artifacts would be appreciated.*

**September 20, 9:30 a.m.**

“The Little Things Count” is the title of entomologist Richard Little’s walk in the Elfin Forest. It’s also the title of a book that he wrote on invertebrates of oak forests. He’ll bring specimens of arthropods (insects, spiders, beetles, etc.) that we might come across in the Elfin Forest. Rich and walk participants will keep an eye peeled for whatever critters might be out and about. Rich is the North SLO County District Supervisor for the County Ag Department. He’ll answer any entomology-related questions you might have - questions about Elfin Forest arthropods preferred. You’re welcome to bring a “bug” for identification. Also bring a hand lens for a better view of smaller insects and spiders.

**October 11, 8:30 a.m.**

*(Second Saturday - Note earlier time)*

This Second Saturday walk, beginning at 8:30 a.m., will be a preview of an international event, the Big Sit! The following day, Sunday, October 12, is the day for the Big Sit! at Bush Lupine Point in the Elfin Forest. Coordinator Jim Royer, an experienced and avid birder, will lead the walk on Saturday. Join Jim on his tour of the Elfin Forest to find and identify many of the bird species which are active during the day; usually Jim and walk participants find 40 to 60 species. 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 18, 9:30 (Third Saturday)**

Join John and Yvette Nowak for a closer look at some of the native plants in the Elfin Forest. John, a horticulturist, and Yvette, a teacher and naturalist, will fill you in on how to identify plants in the various habitats of the Elfin Forest, even when they aren’t in bloom; and how they fit into those habitats. You’ll get some ideas on how to incorporate native plants into your garden, and learn how some of the plants were used by the Chumash and early California settlers.

*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 mailboxes. We ask that you*



*(above) Monica Rowcliffe, participant in Barbara Renshaw’s June sketch walk, works on a view from the Elfin Forest’s highest point. (below) During his May wildflower walk, botanist Dirk Walters also pointed out some of the Elfin Forest invasive plants, such as the vine Smilax which covers the Bush Lupine Oak Grove.*

*Photos by Yolanda Waddell*



*Baywood School first grade teacher Cheryl Dove (standing, right), posed with some of her first grade class during a June field trip to the Elfin Forest.*

## Thirty-Second in a Series

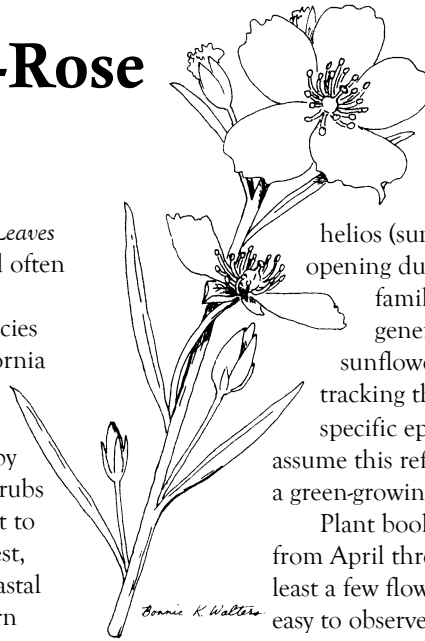
# California Rush-Rose

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

The plant profiled in this issue of *Oak Leaves* is a small (never more than two feet tall) and often over-looked shrub that almost always plays a secondary role to larger, more dominant species wherever it is found. The plant is the California or Peak rush-rose (*Helianthemum scoparium*). In the Elfin Forest, it is never abundant but widely scattered throughout the drier shrubby upland. It is found only where the larger shrubs are spaced far enough apart to allow sunlight to reach smaller plants. Outside the Elfin Forest, rush-roses can be found in chaparral and coastal scrub through much of Central and Southern California, from the coast to the Southern Sierra Nevada foothills. It is, however, much more common along the coast than inland. All of the references I consulted indicate that rush-roses become very common immediately after fires.

Bonnie's drawing shows a flower in the process of falling apart. This was intentional. The plant appears to be very fragile. First, its leaves are extremely drought deciduous. This means that they form and then at the first sign of water stress they are shed. This results in the green stems doing most of the photosynthesis. Further, because the yellow flowers only last for a single day, the species doesn't waste resources on their construction. It is practically impossible to collect a bouquet of them without ending up with a bunch of green sticks.

The genus name, *Helianthemum*, translates from the Greek as



helios (sun) and antheum (flower) and refers to its only opening during the sunlight hours. Some of you may be familiar with another, more famous, sunflower with the generic name, *Helianthus*. *Helianthus* also means sunflower. But in this latter case it refers to its inflorescence tracking the sun across the sky by always facing it. The specific epithet, *scoparium*, translates as "broom-like". I assume this refers to its naked many-branched stems that resemble a green-growing broom or brush.

Plant books indicate that the California rush-rose blooms from April through December, but I think I remember finding at least a few flowers every month of the year in the Elfin Forest. It is easy to observe that it never produces more than one or two fragile 1-1/2 inch yellow flowers on any given branch. H.W. Ricketts, in the fourth volume of his *Wild Flowers of the United States*, indicates that individual rush-rose plants produce a succession of flowers, with each subsequent generation smaller than the previous. Ultimately the flowers do not open at all. These last produce only a few stamens and are self-pollinated. Seed produced by these "hidden" or cleistogamous flowers are assured of producing seed, but the seed is nearly genetically identical to that of its parent. On the other hand, the early-season open flowers are mostly cross-pollinated; and seed produced by these crosses would be genetically extremely variable. The late-season cleistogamous-derived seed would be able to replace the parent plant whereas the early-season open-pollinated derived seed would have the variability to colonize new habitats.

## SWAP Interpretive Sign ... Stolen

By Yolanda Waddell

On Monday, July 7th, Pete Sarafian and SWAP's environmental contractor, Josh Carmichael, went out to the Siena's View overlook to see about repairing a fence. They immediately saw that one of the two interpretive signs at the overlook was missing. It had been wrenched from its steel-bolted mounting, breaking apart one of the posts. Pete and wife Pat had been at Siena's View the evening before, July 6th, and the sign had been in place.

The sign that was taken was titled "The Flood;" it included a Chumash myth about a great flood and a woodpecker. Also on the sign was a graph showing shoreline changes of Morro Bay over the last 15,000 years. The cost of replacement and installation will be several hundred dollars. Chuck Lowe, County Parks Supervising Ranger, notified the Sheriff's office and the theft has been given a case number. Lowe and SWAP would prefer that the sign be returned, and welcome information about it. See the clip-out coupon on page 8 for Sheriff's Office, Chuck Lowe's and SWAP phone numbers.



There are only wood supports (at right) where one of the interpretive panels at Siena's View was pried out and taken away. Photo by Bob Meyer.

### 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:

Chuck Lowe, SLO County Parks Supervising Ranger,  
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# Thank You to our New and Renewing Members

Compiled by Wendy Brown, SWAP Database Coordinator

## New Members:

Matt Messih      Barbara Spiegelman      Linda & John Sutter\*

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