

## Del Monte Forest Foundation - Open Space Stewards

The Del Monte Forest Foundation (DMFF) has been designated by local government decree to be the recipient of open space, scenic easements, and fee interests in the Forest. DMFF is a California non-profit 501C(3) corporation dedicated to preserving the Del Monte Forest. The Foundation exercises stewardship over nearly 700 acres of property in the Forest.\* The volunteer Board consists of twelve resident property owners that meet quarterly. DMFF relies totally on grants, contributions and endowments in support of its efforts to:

- Preserve the beauty of the Del Monte Forest and the adjacent seashore
- Protect the overall health of the Forest
- Eradicate invasive plants
- Study and control disease
- Address the role of the Forest in the 21st Century Monterey County General Plan
- Educate the Public regarding Forest issues

In carrying out its mission, DMFF works closely with the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC), Del Monte Property Owners Association, Pebble Beach Community Services District and Pebble Beach Company.

Coinciding with the approach of the Foundation's 50th anniversary in 2011, the Board is embarking upon a program to:

- Develop sources of financial support from the Del Monte Forest Community
- Create endowments by encouraging tax-advantaged giving by donors
- Encourage Forest property owners to gift residential properties and undeveloped lots
- Submit grant applications to fund distinctive major programs and projects
- Cost-share for specific projects with PBCSD and the Pebble Beach Company.

The Del Monte Forest is at a critical point in its evolution. Over the next few years, steps will be taken that will determine the appearance, ambiance and health of the Forest for centuries to come. Future generations of residents and visitors to the Del Monte Forest will be the beneficiaries of our efforts to preserve the Forest and our lifestyle. We are counting on your support.

*\*If the Pebble Beach Company's new forest plan is implemented, approximately 650 additional acres will be dedicated to open space, increasing DMFF oversight to more than 1,340 acres or about 25% of the Del Monte Forest.*