



Friends of Shore Acres



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Holiday Lights - "Sometimes you can come home. Merry Christmas."

by Shirley Bridgham, *Holiday Lights Co-Chair*

So wrote a visitor from Chesapeake, VA on December 23. An estimated 47,680 visitors attended the 17th annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres. According to statistics gleaned from the guest books by volunteer Al Aslakson, those who signed the guest books (not everyone did) included visitors from 38 countries, 46 states and Puerto Rico. "Most magnificent Christmas lights display in the world!" wrote someone from San Salvador, El Salvador. A Eugene visitor wrote, "Love the lights, rain, smell of trees and ocean all in one. Beautiful!"

In spite of 20 inches of rain, it was a satisfactory season as visitors got their first look at the new entrance to the gardens and the new Information & Gift Center, both reminiscent of Louis J. Simpson's grand estate built in the early 1900s. A new leaping frog sculpture in the lily pond drew rave reviews, as did the new undersea garden, the other animated sculptures, and the landscape lights illuminating the huge trees that frame the garden. In the always enchanting garden house, visitors celebrated the season with hot cider, punch, coffee and cookies served by dedicated volunteer hosts. Generous donations reflected a high level of satisfaction by visitors. The B&B overnight stay was won by Ken and Pam Lindgren of Gold Hill, Oregon. They left a note saying, "*A once in a lifetime experience that will never be forgotten.*"

Hanging scrolls of names in the house were a tribute to the more than 1200 volunteers, park staff, and financial supporters that make it all possible.

The lights are all put away, the house is furnished for summer and we are already planning the 18th annual Shore Acres Holiday Lights, which will run from Thanksgiving thru New Year's Day night this coming season. There will be about the same number of lights – a quarter million – and, as always, more surprises.

Every season since our first in 1987, David and I have gotten energized for the next by talking with visitors and reading the guest books. We feel truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful community tradition at Shore Acres State Park. ~

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and
Looking Ahead*

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"The purpose of Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. is to participate in interpretive, educational, and physical development programs with Sunset Bay Management Unit." FoSA Bylaws

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. founded in December of 1986

Editor's Notes

by Shirley Bridgham

It's been awhile . . . Lots of activities . . . New projects . . . Now it's time to let you know what's been happening and what's coming up at Shore Acres State Park. Lou Kolkhorst is our president for 2003-04 and Kathi Netter will become president in September for 2004-05. We continue to have a great board, wonderful volunteers and an excellent partnership with Shore Acres State Park. All contribute to the Friends' success.

In this issue you will find comparison numbers on the past four seasons of holiday lights, a recap of the construction of the pavilion, and a report on the construction of our new Information & Gift Center. Also a great article by George Guthrie on Shore Acres' award winning giant Monterey pine. Plus facts and figures on membership, the holiday lights and more.

Thanks to Holiday Lights Takedown Artists!

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Volunteers needed ~

We're still looking for more volunteers to work in the Information & Gift Center and more volunteers to help host the house during flower events and sell sundaes at the music festival concert. It's fun, easy, and a wonderful way to meet visitors who come to Shore Acres.

Web Site ~

Please be sure to visit our web site www.shoreacres.net which has been newly designed by Allan Ledesma of EPUERTO. This newsletter will be available (in color) on the web. You can tell friends and family to look for it to get the latest scoop on Shore Acres. •

Shore Acres Events 2004

April 17 - Bonsai Day

May 9 - Rhododendron Sunday-Mother's Day

June 20 - Rose Sunday-Father's Day

July 17 (Sat.) - OCMF Garden Concert

Sept. 25 - Dahlia Day

Oct. 2 - Orchid Day

Nov. 25, 2004 thru Jan. 1, 2005

Information & Gift Center - 541-888-2472 • 1-866-888-6100

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Holiday Lights 2003 ~ Wet but Wonderful

2003

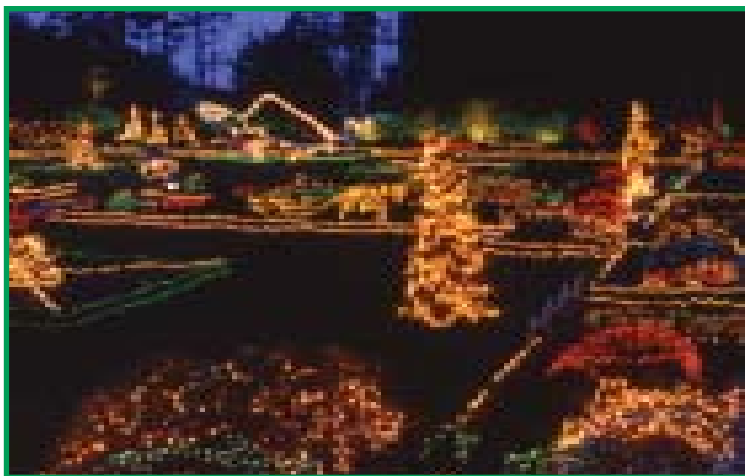
47,680 visitors
26 nights of rain (20")
1 night closed due to power outage
Biggest group: 52 on Dec. 14 - Northstar Tours, Medford area
38 countries
46 states (missing Alabama, Mississippi, New Hampshire, W.Virginia)
1 U.S. territory

CITIES & TOWNS:

200 Oregon, 175 California, 68 Washington
24 Idaho & Nevada, 204 Other

COMMENTS:

"Absolutely breathtaking" - Johnstown, PA
"Most magnificent Christmas light display in the world!" - San Salvador
"Breathlessly beautiful, what a wonderland!" - Medford
"Love the new entrance and gift shop." - North Bend
"Remarkable!" - Bandon
"The most beautiful heaven on earth." - India
"Perfect as always!" - North Bend
"A stunning display, a feast for the eyes!" - Santa Rosa
"Exquisite! We love the frogs." - Coos Bay
"Great action - frogs, whales!!" - Portland
"A yearly tradition!" - North Bend
"Incredible!" - France
"Unbelievably gorgeous. We come each year, this is the best." - Florence
"Most breathtaking in the NW" - Portland
"Beautiful house and garden." - North Bend
"Love the lights, rain, smell of trees & ocean all in one. Beautiful!" - Eugene



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Best Synonyms for Rain by a Hosting Crew Nov. 29, 2003

"Wet, rainy, drippy, misty, soaking wet, dark & damp, moist, saturated, puddly, soaking, soggy, slobbery, drizzly, unpredictable, water logged, occasional drainage, sopping, snippers & moisteners, swirling rain, and smattering of wetness"

Looking back . . .

2,000

56,000 visitors
7 nights with rain
No closures
Biggest group: 78 on Dec. 14
- Senior Lights Tour, Lakeside/North Bend
42 countries, 2 US territories
49 states
(Missing Delaware)

CITIES & TOWNS:

208 Oregon, 169 California
102 Washington, 30 Idaho & Nevada
253 Other

COMMENTS:

"One of a kind, a real joy. Many thanks!" - Vancouver WA
"We keep coming back." - Olympia WA
"Enchanting - well done." - Dublin
"Wonderful family night." - Medford
"Like walking in a fairy tale." - Coos Bay
"Outstanding. Like the bugs!" - North Bend
"Wow! Double Wow!" - Myrtle Point
"Memory Maker!" - Roseburg
"Worth the drive from Portland"
"Eye candy - Eugene"
"Beautiful place like a paradise." - Philippines
"Amazing and your coast is amazing!" - Atlantic Beach, FL

2,001

45,000 visitors
27 nights with rain
4 nights of road closure
Biggest group: 87 on Dec. 7 - Pacific NW New Beetle Club, Vancouver BC & Eugene
30 countries. 5 Canadian provinces
48 U.S. states and D.C.
(Missing: Vermont, West Virginia)

CITIES & TOWNS:

217 Oregon, 177 California
72 Washington, 27 Idaho & Nevada
241 Other

COMMENTS:

"An angel's garden." - 5 year old, Coos Bay
"Merry Christmas! Lights here a family tradition since 1987!" - Eugene
"Another Oregon gift!" - Medford
"Lifetime Event" - Fresno
"Excellent! The Simpsons would be very proud." - North Bend
"Spectacular even with rain and wind." - Springfield
"Everything we hoped for!" - Klamath Falls
"Smashing!" - England
"Coolest thing ever!!! - North Pole, AK
"Fantastic! Thanks to all the volunteers!" - Coburg
"Appreciate the red, white & blue." - Grants Pass

2,002

49,000 visitors
18 nights with rain
Biggest group: 130 on Dec. 17
- Madison School, Coos Bay
36 countries
2 Canadian provinces
46 U.S. states and D.C.
(Missing: CT, NH, SC, WV)

CITIES & TOWNS:

190 Oregon, 164 California
76 Washington, 34 Idaho & Nevada
235 Other

COMMENTS:

"Oregon's Disneyland? Much better!" - Grants Pass
"Strikingly beautiful" - Boston
"Saw it in *Coastal Living*." Austin, TX
"Must see every year!" - Concord, CA
"This is what made me move to Coos Bay."
"Words can't describe." - Norwalk, CA
"Beautiful, wet and inspiring!" - Roseburg
"Sensational!" - North Bend
"Back again. Love it!" - Eugene
"Absolutely amazing & beautiful, nothing like it! Wonderful!" - Sidney, Australia
"It is absolutely unbelievable!" - Florence

Seventeenth Super Season



CO-CHAIR & LIGHTING DESIGN: David & Shirley Bridgham
GARDEN HOUSE - "WINTER WONDERLAND" - Chair Robynn Reed * Mike & Adam Reed * Carl Siminow * Cappy Klein * Maxine Johannesen * Shutter's Creek Crew * Ellie Kinney-Martial * Carol Ventgen * **DONATED ITEMS:** Shary & Greg Werdell - Bed in front bedroom * Butch & Kathy Hutchinson - Bookcases & Louvered Screen * Marion Harris Custom Lampshades - Candleabra and Hanging Lamp * The Framery - Cider Boxes * Janene Murray, Patti Lilienthal, Cynda Bridgham - Sofa and chairs * Dayton Hughes and family - Radio * Marshfield Bargain House, Steve Schneiderman - Entrance Table & Roll Top Desk * Headlands Country Mercantile - Antique doll * **LOANED ITEMS:** Dickens Christmas Village - Caroline & Bob See * John McKeown - Ship's Wheel * Mike, Robynn & Adam Reed - Misc. Items * **FROZEN APPLE JUICE:** Fred Meyer donated 100 cases * **COOKIES:** Fred Meyer - Substantial Discount * **CIDER SPICE:** Recipe-Karen & Peter Crosby * Chair Betty Renner * Bob Renner * Virginia Stanley * Betty & Kenn Kennedy * Winnie Pitsenberger * Jeannine Huffman * First Presbyterian Church North Bend-Dan Myers * **FOOD STORAGE & DELIVERY:** Day Ship Supply. Bruce Day * Vend West Services, Lou Leberti * Terry Clinton * **LUNCH PREPARATION:** Cappy Klein * Maxine Johannesen * **HOUSEKEEPING:** Ginger & Bingo Sawyer * Irene & Dick Sund * Betty & Bill Mault * Shirley Cagley * Robynn Reed * Cappy Klein * Maxine Johannesen * Brownie Ruggles * **BED & BREAKFAST:** Courtesy of The Pancake Mill - Gary Goodson and Beverly Rice

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Thanks, volunteers!



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* Funding - Coos Bay Volunteer Firefighters and Friends of Shore Acres * **PELICANS:** Design - Don McMichael * Fabrication by Eric's Artistic Expression * Pole Supports by Industrial Services * Rope Lighting by David Bridgham * **"SCHOOLING"** - Design - Don McMichael * Fabrication by Eric's Artistic Expression * Rope Lighting by David Bridgham * **SEA LIONS:** Design - Don McMichael * Installation - Fred Ehrman & David Bridgham * **SQUIRREL:** Design & Fabrication by Eric's Artistic Expression * Rope Lighting by David Bridgham * **UNDERSEA GARDEN:** Sculptures - David Bridgham & Frank Smith * Frame - Larry Becker & Maurice Wray * Setup & Animation - Frank Smith, David Bridgham, Mike Perkins, Carl Siminow, Art Cordell * **WHALES:** Design - Don McMichael * Industrial Services (Construction) * Kyle Electric (Computerized Controllers) * Rope Lighting and Installation by David Bridgham * Gregg Nelson * Travis Nelson * Fred Ehrman * **PHOTOGRAPHER:** Luis Velasquez * **HOLIDAY BUTTONS & HOLIDAY MUSIC TAPE:** Judy & Al Aslakson * **POSTER DISTRIBUTION:** Robynn Reed * **CHRISTMAS TREES * Cultured trees donated by Dave Hannah-Dave's Christmas Trees * AM-VETS Post #10, Jr.**

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PAVILION!

The Shore Acres' pavilion, which was built in 2001 by park staff Greg Foster, Bob Dixon and Lendyl Thomas, became the inspiration for the design of the Information & Gift Center built in 2003.

Partners in the pavilion project were Menasha Corp., The Al Stinchfield family, OPRD, FoSA, Crow, Clay & Associates, and Kyle Electric.

From start to finish



A bronze plaque on the pavilion states:
"Dedicated to the memory of Alan Porter
Stinchfield, 1917-1998. A gift to all those who
share his love of music and nature."

Artists in the Park

To increase public awareness of the beauty of both Shore Acres Gardens and the work of local artists, Friends of Shore Acres and Shore Acres State Park began a program called "The Artist in the Gardens" in 1997 and selected Merrie Holbert as the park's first official artist.

Since that time, three more local professional artists have served in that capacity - Anna Crosby in 1998, Pat Weaver in 1999, and Terry Magill in 2000. Each artist volunteered as the "artist in the gardens" at the various annual "flower days" at the park giving visitors the opportunity to observe firsthand an artist at work. Each artist also provided a beautiful painting for the Friends of Shore Acres Collection. Currently, the paintings are on display in the Garden House.

In 2001, the Friends changed the program to allow more professional artists to participate with less time commitment per artist. You will find one or more of them at the Bay Area Artists Association "Paint-Outs" in the garden on Rhododendron Sunday, Mother's Day and on Rose Sunday, Father's Day.

Charles Edmunds works in watercolor and oils. He is a marine artist. Born in Seattle, he graduated from the Pennsylvania Academy of Art and retired here to be near the Coos Art Museum.

Betty Bangs works in watercolor. She is self-taught, taking workshops for more than twenty years. She came here from Idaho several years ago. Her favorite subjects are still life pictures of tea cups and lace and flowers.

Alice Ellis paints in pastel and watercolor. She graduated from the University of Toledo, Ohio. Born in Michigan, she was a teacher for thirty years. The last five as part of the education program in the schools here, organized by the Coos Art Museum.

Barbara Mahon works in watercolor. She is a graduate from Montana State University. Since retiring in 1998, she has expanded her art career and currently teaches two outreach art classes - one in North Bend and one in Reedsport - for Southwestern Oregon Community College. She also teaches painting and drawing classes at her studio and a drawing class in Reedsport. Her favorite subjects are flowers.

Merrie Holbert works in watercolor and pen and ink. She graduated in Art from the University of Iowa, moving to Coos Bay more than 40 years ago. Her favorite subjects are the landscapes of the Oregon Coast.

Other artists who have participated in the annual "paint-outs" include Rod Sullen, Curt Hitch and Barbara Lippold. ~



David Bridgham accepts a second original painting from Merrie Holbert, the park's first official artist.



Charles Edmunds - "Charles of Charleston" - looks at his painting of the fountain and garden house.

It's a Miracle! New Information & Gift Center Built in 2003



Former Information & Gift Center



Moving to Sunset Campground



Tight fit at Sunset Campground



New IGC Foundation



New IGC Taking Shape

See more pictures on our web site: www.shoreacres.net

Visitors to the 17th annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park entered the formal gardens by way of a new pergola, thanks to funds from the Oregon Lottery and the Friends of Shore Acres. The passageway, with its lighted, white columns, replaces the redwood-deck version which was installed during the 1974 garden renovation.

The \$300,000 project, constructed by Laskey-Clifton Corporation of Reedsport, consists of an octagon-shaped gazebo with three columned pergolas, an 800 square foot deck and a 1536 square foot Information and Gift Center. The gazebo and pergolas are reminiscent of structures that were present when Louis Simpson developed Shore Acres in the early 1900s.

The cedar shingled building with its gambrel roof-line and dormers is styled after Simpson's first mansion, which burned to the ground on July 4, 1921. It has up-to-date heating and energy-efficient technology, in addition to being fully accessible. It replaces a 576 square foot building which was used since 1985 as an Information and Gift Center by the Friends.

Instead of demolishing the old building, it was moved to the Sunset Bay overnight campground where it has been converted for use as a park resource interpretive center. Young campers will get to use it as the home of the popular Jr. Beaver, an Oregon State Parks program of outdoor education for boys and girls from age six to twelve.

The Information & Gift Center (IGC) is open all year. This all volunteer operation, managed by Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst, is a primary source of funding for many of the Friends' activities.

In the IGC you will find books on gardening, local history of the area and the gardens, children's books, cookbooks, birds and animals and more; VHS tapes & DVD's on Shore Acres history and the gardens, Oregon lighthouses and covered bridges; screen savers on Shore Acres Gardens, holiday lights, and lighthouses; children's and ladies T-shirts, adult's jackets and sweatshirts, barbecue aprons, baseball style caps; silver and wildflower jewelry; place mats, soap, pictures, art, postcards, note cards, calendars, ship models, science kits, thermometers, kaleidoscopes, playing cards, birds and animals with authentic sounds approved by Audubon.

Check out our new penny smasher machine (with 4 designs) and other new items being added during the year, including garden accessories, lighthouse collectibles and more.

For more information call 541-888-2472 or toll free 1-866-888-6100. If interested in giving your time, please check at the Information & Gift Center, call us at 888-2472 or call one of our volunteer coordinators:

Betty Kennedy, 267-7597 or Vee Elliott, 751-0145

For more information about Friends of Shore Acres Inc. and Shore Acres State Park, visit our web site at www.shoreacres.net



Information & Gift Center March 2004



Managers Sharon & Lou Kolkhorst and Ellie Kinney-Martial during "move-in"

Information & Gift Center Hours
Jan. thru March 31 * Noon-4:00 PM
April 1 thru Nov. 23 * 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Thanksgiving thru New Year's * 4:00 - 10:00 PM

CHAMPIONSHIP PINE TREE AT SHORE ACRES

by George Guthrie, Head Gardener at Shore Acres

Despite quasi-philosophical quibbles and quarrels on the whole subject of if indeed “size matters” or “bigger is better,” I am still proud and happy to announce that a tree at Shore Acres is officially the largest tree (of its kind) in the country. The winner is a large Monterey Pine (*pinus radiata* to any botanists in the audience) that is listed by “American Forests” magazine in its National Register of Big Trees. American Forests is a nation-wide conservation organization that sponsors a biennial review of champion-sized representatives of the over 700 different species of trees native to the U. S. Award of the “big tree”/national champion status is based on a system of points given for a combination of measurements for the tree’s trunk width, height, and crown spread.

For the record, the park tree is officially 208” in trunk circumference, 95’ tall, and has a 74’ crown spread for a total of 322 points.

Before we get too far, I have to admit that our tree’s title is not totally undisputed - there is a “co-champion” listed as growing near Carmel, California with an exactly equal official score - even though its trunk is skinnier, it’s just as tall and even has a slightly wider crown.

When I nominated our tree for official measurement by the Oregon Dept. of Forestry in the late 1980s, it gained the distinction of being the largest tree of that species in Oregon. Still, when bringing people around to admire the tree, I had to admit at the time that, big and impressive as it was, there probably was an even bigger tree somewhere else that was the “true” national champion - no more!

Our tree is indeed something to see - a huge trunk that three people would be hard-pressed to encircle with their arms and a broad spreading crown of mighty branches that resemble some ancient oak rather than the typical rigidly straight pine tree shape. In fact with all the tangled limbs and branches, I am sure that our tree is a true “forester’s nightmare” - worthless for lumber but priceless for shade, shelter, and rugged grandeur. Certainly the birds and squirrels love it. They perch in the branches and eat all sorts of seeds, some of which end up lodged in nooks and crannies and eventually germinate in the old needles and duff that collect there - forming a colony of different plants: huckleberry, elderberry, holly, thimbleberry, flowering currant, and ivy - all growing happily far above the ground.

Our Monterey Pine is the south tree of a pair of huge trees near the park greenhouse. I think both trees were probably planted around 1910 as part of Louis Simpson’s original grand estate. So, even though they appear to be the picture of sublime old age,



both of these trees are comparatively young, at least compared to real patriarch trees such as redwood, sequoias, and bristlecone pines.

However, both trees are part of a comparatively small number of plants (including some almost equally huge and old Monterey cypress) that survive from Simpson’s day to form a living link between his private garden and the present state park plantings. Simpson is believed to have collected rare and exotic plants from all over the world, and who knows how exactly or from where as seeds or young plants these two particular plants came to grace his seaside garden.

While Monterey Pine only grows naturally in a very limited area of the central California coast, it has been planted in many parts of the world including Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Chile, and coastal southern Oregon for timber, windbreaks, and ornamental purposes. It’s somewhat ironic that despite all the other native pine species growing in Oregon (*ponderosa*, *sugar*, *shore*, etc.) that only this non-native pine tree at Shore Acres has a national champion designation.

Bragging rights (or wrongs) aside, there is an important heritage that Louis Simpson has left to our area in both a champion tree and the Garden/Park it resides in and national recognition of that tree should make us all mindful of it. So, that said, I would strongly suggest that if you are visiting the park, please take a moment to look at our champion tree - both it and its sister are right between the greenhouse and the wonderful performance pavilion.

Check out both the pavilion and the old trees - each in their own way - contribute to the magic of the special place called Shore Acres. •

Congratulations Celia Sheridan! Administrative Assistant-Sunset Bay Office

After more than 26 years with the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department, not to mention 3 Region Supervisors, 1 Area Manager, 60 Park Managers, 4 Team Leaders, 20 Office Coordinators and too many Park Rangers and Aides to count, Celia retired on Dec. 31, 2003. Newcomer at the Sunset Bay office is Colleen “Co Co” Sutton.

Congratulations, Celia and welcome, Co Co! ~

Interpretive Exhibits at Simpson Reef Overlook

In September of 2003, new interpretive panels and a way-finding kiosk were installed at the Simpson Reef overlook

south of Shore Acres. The project was the culmination of a long planning process, which also included the construction of a new parking lot and viewing platform. Partners in the project included the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department, Friends of Shore Acres, Inc., Shoreline Education for Awareness (SEA), Bureau of Land Management, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration.

From the overlook, located in Cape Arago State Park, visitors enjoy breathtaking views of Shell Island and Simpson Reef, part of the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge. Simpson Reef is one of the few places on the Oregon coast where visitors can literally see thousands of marine mammals. The overlook is fully accessible and has three permanent benches.



One of the new interpretive panels provides visitors with tips on identifying and locating the four species of pinnipeds (seals and sea lions) that regularly haul out on Shell Island. A second panel provides detailed information on the life history of the harbor seal, northern elephant seal, Steller sea lion, California sea lion and California gray whale, species regularly seen from the Simpson Reef Overlook. The way-finding kiosk will direct visitors to other sites within the vicinity where they can enjoy natural resources or historic places. For unparalleled views of Oregon's spectacular coastline and even rarer glimpses of its marine life, visit Simpson Reef Overlook any day of the year.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System which encompasses 542 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 70 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resource offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces Federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally



significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts.

The cost of the interpretive display was shared by three of the groups: Friends of Shore Acres Inc. contributed \$6,000, administered the contract and assisted with design. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service contributed \$10,000 and assisted with design and fabrication. The Oregon Parks & Recreation Department also assisted with design and is responsible for installation and maintenance.

You will find a link to U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service on the "Our Links" page of our web site: www.shoreacres.net.

Special Thanks to SEA

"Shoreline Education for Awareness"

It's almost time for the SEA Docents to start their work at the Simpson Reef Overlook for a new season. The interpretive effort has grown from two 3 hour shifts per month in 1990 to four 3 hour shifts per week in 2002. The Docents are prepared for their service by a series of 6 seminars through the winter. Lecturers have included Dr. Jan Hodder of Oregon Institute of Marine Biology, Dr. Steve Rumrill, Mike Graybill and Tory Poulton of South Slough. They greet visitors to "The Reef" and provide interpretation of the birds and mammals all summer on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays from 10 am until 4 pm. They are equipped with spotting scopes purchased with donations received there as well as field guides and other information.

Shoreline Education for Awareness was founded by Bill & Joan Russell and Owen & Sara Duvall in Bandon in 1989. Since then, docents have provided interpretation at Simpson Reef, Masonic Viewpoint, Face Rock Wayside State Park, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife viewing area on Coquille Point during the spring sea bird breeding season. SEA and FoSA co-publish the Simpson Reef brochure and SEA has arranged to have it translated into French, Spanish, German and Japanese. Each year SEA Docents greet about 10,000 visitors to Simpson Reef.

“FLOWER DAYS” - Springtime thru Autumn



Rose experts (L-R) Ray Duskin, Helen Harris, Helen Doving, Jay Dow, and George Guthrie

During the year, the Friends of Shore Acres sponsor “flower days” when the garden house is open from 11 AM to 4 PM with volunteers serving punch, cookies and coffee.

This year’s schedule includes **April 17 - Bonsai Day** with an extensive display of bonsai plants by the Bay Area Bonsai Society. **May 9 - Rhododendron Sunday/Mother’s Day** with rhody expert George Guthrie on hand to answer your questions about rhododendrons. **June 20 - Rose Sunday/Father’s Day** with rose experts in the garden answering questions about roses and members of the South Coast Woodcarvers

demonstrating their skills in the garden house. **September 25 - Dahlia Day** with a delightful display of cut dahlias by the Southern Oregon Dahlia Society and dahlia experts in the garden house. **October 2 - “Orchids - Gems of the Rain Forest”** - The Pacific Orchid Society will fill the house with beautiful blooms to complete the “flower days” season.

Come to the park and enjoy! ~

Flashback

“Why Volunteers . . .”
Larry Becker, Asst. Mgr. Area 4
FoSA Journal Winter 1999

Volunteers have given of themselves to “fill the void” as Oregon goes through growing pains and we begin to wrestle with how much value we place on our “natural places,” parks and recreation facilities and their role in the quality of life we hope to enjoy. ~

NOTICE:

The Memorial Fountain display is being redesigned for installation at Shore Acres during 2004.

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Thanks, Members -2004!

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- Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. is a private non-profit organization with tax-exempt status.
- Membership entitles you to a 10% discount in the Information & Gift Center.
- Membership categories include: Individual \$10; Family \$15; Patron \$25; Sponsor \$50; Benefactor \$100; Sustaining \$250; and Life \$500
- No Form Necessary
- Your mailing label shows a member status ending with a 4 if you are current until Dec. 31, 2004.
- If you wish to renew your membership or become a member, just send a check or money order to Friends of Shore Acres, Inc., PO Box 1172, Coos Bay, OR 97420
- OPRD Annual Parking Permits are available (by mail) to new and renewing members. \$20 for one year; \$40 for two-year. Up to 2 additional permits (\$5 each) are available for cars under the same ownership (must be purchased at the same time as the first permit)
- If you order permits, be sure to include your license plate number/s.
- Questions? 541-756-5401
bridgham@epuerto.com

OCMF Garden Concert Saturday, July 17



Another chance to volunteer!

The Friends park cars and sell sundaes and lemonade at the Oregon Coast Music Festival garden concert, which this year - for the first time - is going to be on a **Saturday - July 17** with **Rumba Calzada - Afro Cuban + Latin Jazz + Salsa**, a lively and entertaining group. ~

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Thanks, Members -2004!

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NOTICE:

If we have missed or mis-spelled your name/s please call Kathi Netter, 269-7187 or Shirley Bridgham, 756-5401. Other names of new and renewing members will be included in the next issue of the Journal this fall.

Impossible Dream?

by Shirley Bridgham

"I have a great idea for next season," said David Bridgham. This was at the end of the 2002 season. "Let's have a leaping frog in the pond," he continued. Hmm. "Better talk to Tom Kyle first to see if it's possible," said Shirley. Tom said yes. OK, better talk to Don McMichael to see if he will do the drawings. Don said yes. OK, better talk to Eric



Kenn Kennedy hands a frog to Fred & David.



Fred works on a frog during setup.

Luckman to see if he can do the sculpture work. He said yes. Hmm. "This could be an expensive project," said Shirley. "Yes," said David, who talked to Steve Schneiderman about it at a Rotary meeting. "I think the volunteer firefighters would like to help with the expense," said Steve, who thought it was a great idea. The firefighters agreed and approved up to \$1,000 toward the project. OK, better talk to Fred Ehrman. Fred's expertise is engineering. "We need strong bases and stands for the sculptures," said David. Fred came through with terrific designs for bases that could remain in the pond after the season ended. OK, better show these plans to park staff. "David doesn't have enough to do!" said Ellie. After being assured the sculpture would be placed so the pond's tranquil reflection would not be disturbed, she and George agreed it could be done. However, the hardware remaining underwater would have to be rust-proof. OK, better talk to Mike Perkins at Industrial Steel to get all the parts. No problem and they delivered them to the park. Tom Kyle provided cylinders for the concrete bases. Fred took them to Bracelin & Yeager who donated the concrete. In the meantime Don had done the drawings (said he had to go to the library for some books on frogs since his expertise is in marine mammals). The drawings were enlarged to finished size (the stretched out frog is 6' - a size that was determined after David waded around in the pond with a prototype). These projects are never simple. To make a long (could be longer) story short - Eric fabricated the frogs . . . David and Fred put the rope lighting on them . . . Tom programmed a new controller and electrical system . . . Fred, David & Kenn with the help of the inmate crew installed them in the pond (after a total cost of about \$2300) . . . and our new animated sculpture worked perfectly every night of the season! *So what's David thinking about for this year? Hmm.*



David Bridgham and Fred Ehrman in their waders getting ready to place a concrete base in the pond.



Leaping frog drew rave reviews!

Design - Don McMichael * Fabrication - Eric Luckman * Lighting & Installation - David Bridgham, Fred Ehrman, Kenn Kennedy, Shutter's Creek Inmates * Computer animation - Tom Kyle, Kyle Electric * Concrete bases - Bracelin & Yeager * Funding - Coos Bay Volunteer Firefighters and Friends of Shore Acres

Problem Solver: Fred Ehrman

Since volunteers probably will be wading in the pond every season in the foreseeable future, the Friends bought some hi-tech chest waders. *Problem:* where to store them. *Solution:* Fred to the rescue with a rack to hang them on. Then he cleverly used the left over wood pieces to fashion some great tool racks that he installed under the storage boxes that he had put up earlier. He says they are the equivalent of 6 feet of space. Now our storage building is really organized.

Thanks, Fred! ~

