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# Friends of Shore Acres

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Luis Velasquez

Shore Acres "Wave" - Rembrandt of the Sea - as described by Samuel Boardman, first Oregon State Parks Superintendent



Shirley Bridgham

Dusk is a favorite time for many.



Gregg Nelson

New butterflies!



Gregg Nelson

New Mushrooms!



Luis Velasquez

New spout reflects Don McMichaels' original design better!

## "A memory for a lifetime."

by Shirley Bridgham, Holiday Lights Co-Chair

**T**he 18th annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park drew an estimated 54,000 visitors from far and wide. Comments in the guest books included: "We came special from Hawaii for this. Beautiful!" A visitor from Homestead, Florida - "Spectacular! Moving exhibits exceptional." And another from Magalia, California wrote "A memory for a lifetime." Less than ten inches of rain, some beautiful clear moonlit nights, and the excellent attendance helped make it the best season in recent memory.

According to our volunteer statistician Al Aslakson, those who signed the guest books (not everyone did) included visitors from 28 countries, 47 states and the District of Columbia. There were 178 California towns and cities, 210 Oregon towns and cities, 73 Washington towns and cities, and 261 towns and cities from other states.

New sculptures included a new spout on the life-size gray whale, giant butterflies, and large mushrooms. Additional landscape lights illuminated even more of the huge trees that frame the garden. Of particular interest to many visitors were the new red flower cluster lights designed and crafted by David Bridgham and Gregg Nelson. In the 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. 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.

Toni and Garry Holcomb II of Cottage Grove, Oregon enjoyed their B&B overnight stay that included a catered breakfast courtesy of The Pancake Mill Restaurant. The Holcombs bought their winning ticket while visiting at Thanksgiving.

The lights are all put away, the house is furnished for summer and planning has already begun for the 19th annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park, which will run from Thanksgiving thru New Year's this coming season. There will be more than a quarter million lights, more cluster flowers, more landscape lights as we continue "framing" the garden and - as always - more surprises. ~

**INSIDE**  
*Looking Back  
and  
Looking Ahead*

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## Our Mission . . .

"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

*In December we began our 18th year as Friends of Shore Acres Inc.* Kathi Netter is our president for 2004-05 and Ralph Thomas will become president in September for 2005-06. 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 stats on the 2004 season of holiday lights and photos of last year's "flower days" and activities. Also a great article by George Guthrie on a couple of special plants in the garden. Plus facts and figures on membership, the holiday lights and more.

I've been looking back through past newsletters and will be reprising some wonderful stories in our next Journal in August. Another project in the works is a revision of our "Gardens Above the Waves" video, which we will also have available in the DVD format. As always, David and I are already planning the holiday lights display, which this season will include another try with L.E.D. lights. If the new improved version is as good as promised, we will add more next season.

We wish all the best for Gregg, Connie, Erika, and Travis Nelson who are leaving our area (see Gregg's story on page 5). Wouldn't you know, just as we are finally going to resurface the bottom of the pond, Gregg is going to miss it!

The gardens are coming alive with spring blossoms. Please take time out of your busy lives to visit our beautiful park. ~

### Web Site ~

Please be sure to visit our web site [www.shoreacres.net](http://www.shoreacres.net) for a color version of this newsletter and other information about the Friends and Shore Acres.

### Events at Shore Acres 2005

April 16 - Bonsai Day

May 8 - Rhododendron Sunday-Mother's Day

June 19 - Rose Sunday-Father's Day

July 23 (Sat.) - OCMF Garden Concert

Aug. 13 - SW Oregon Street Rods Show & Shine

Sept. 18 - Sunset Classic Chevys Show & Shine

Sept. 24 - Dahlia Day

Oct. 1 - Orchid Day

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# Friends of Shore Acres Inc. = Strong Leadership and Commitment

## *Smooth presidential transition each September*

### My Year as FOSA President

\* Sept. 2003- Aug. 2004

Lou Kolkhorst, FOSA Director

**I** can't believe my year as President of the Friends of Shore Acres was really 12 months long. When you are doing something you love, time flies.

The term of president begins in September. What made it extra special last year was that we opened the new Information and Gift Center during my term. As most of you know, Sharon and I oversee the IGC, and to go from the 24x24 former IGC building to temporary space in the Garden House to the beautiful new 48x32 replica of the first Simpson home was fantastic.

*Of course, the year was not all about the IGC.*

I greatly appreciated the great FOSA Board of Directors that I had the honor of working with. These are truly dedicated people that work very hard behind the scenes to get the job done. During the year, we finished the Simpson Reef Overlook project, saw to the pond cleaning and began plans to refinish (gunnite) the pond. We also started planning the re-designed Memorial Fountain Display that is now completed. In the IGC we installed a penny smashing machine with four designs: the Garden House, Pond, Cape Arago Lighthouse and the OPRD seal. Shirley Bridgham, working with Allan Ledesma developed a new web page which she updates periodically. We added new links such as *What's Blooming*, *Ask the Gardener* and *Weddings*. Please check it out at [www.shoreacres.net](http://www.shoreacres.net). Sharon and I also represented FOSA at an OPRD CO-OP Conference in Salem and gave a presentation about volunteer training and merchandise marketing.

The greatest thrill about being president for a year, is not just running the meetings, but rather being part of a team that makes Shore Acres State Park a place that families come to from all over the world to enjoy. ~



Kathi Netter accepts gavel from Lou Kolkhorst at the annual meeting last September.

### My Year as FOSA President

\* Sept. 2004- Aug. 2005

Kathi Netter - FOSA President

**I**t is my pleasure to serve as this year's President of Friends of Shore Acres. I have admired the group and its function since its inception. When invited to join the board, it was easy to accept. My husband Dennis, who shares a board position with me, noted that Friends of Shore Acres is a hard-working group of volunteers that stays busy all year.

I am proud to be part of an organization promoting our area's beauty, culture and history. Working cooperatively with the Oregon State

Parks system, we have enhanced Shore Acres to the benefit of all. Our members contribute generously with time, physical labor, and monetary gifts. The ready support of local businesses has been an incredible blessing, making our efforts go that much further.

This year, we will continue work to restore/improve elements of Shore Acres such as pond resurfacing and renovation of the Garden House windows and doors. In addition to the many scheduled events held at Shore Acres, the Friends continue to focus on improvements for the park.

... but in my heart, Holiday Lights is a bright spot! Thank you all for your shared hard work. ~

## Membership Matters

New and renewed memberships (at press time) are listed on page 12. Cost of membership has stayed the same since we began the Friends in 1986. Membership plays a great part in the success of the Friends. Please encourage your friends to become our friends. We truly appreciate each and every one of you. - Kathi Netter, President and Membership Chair and Shirley Bridgham, Founder and Board Member

- 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.
- **Membership Form enclosed.**
- Your mailing label shows a member status ending with a **5** if you are current until **December 31, 2005.**
- If you wish to renew your membership or become a member, just send the form and 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; \$35 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.



# EXOTIC PLANTS AT SHORE ACRES GARDENS

by George Guthrie, Head Gardener at Shore Acres

One of the really fun things about gardening on the south coast is the wide range of plants that can be grown here—all sorts of pretty green stuff hailing from such far off and exotic corners of the world as Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Cedar Rapids, Iowa can salute each other from across the same Shore Acres garden path.

In fact, two of the most talked about plants in the garden last year came from (sort of) precisely those very same parts of the world: Princess Flower and Cone Flower. Cone Flower a.k.a. “Gloriosa Daisy” and “Black-eyed Susan” (but known to certain plant snobs like yours truly as Rudbeckia) is the American contender (native to the eastern and central states) and in the original wild form might be described as looking like either a dandelion on steroids or a vertically challenged sunflower.

Despite that description, the average Rudbeckia is a rather handsome looking medium size yellow or orange daisy and has long been admired in the garden for just that reason and for general good health and ease of cultivation.

However, the variety “Cherokee Sunset” that we have been growing the last couple of seasons has much more flash and attitude: 3-4 inch wide flower heads that are often elaborately crested like a florist’s chrysanthemum in shades of molten yellow, orange, bronze, and mahogany. A particular plant’s flowers may sometimes include many of the above colors on a single bloom while the plant next to it may have its flowers in a more sedate mix of only one or two tones—planted as a large group down the center walk of the garden you end up with a truly wonderful range of intense colors like a really awesome sunset (hence the name)—we are talking hot, hot, hot!

A good garden plant is more than just having a showy flower. For example, there are more than a few plants that we have tried at various times whose gorgeous blooms pooped out/stopped blooming early in the season and left embarrassing empty spaces in our color spots. Cherokee Sunset has the ability to start blooming by late June and continue on in good form throughout the summer and fall—into October or November or later. In fact as I write this in late January, there are still a few flowers trying to bloom. Moreover, this variety is very tolerant of the cool summer temperatures, wind, salty sea fogs, and the less than perfect soils that pretty well typify the “normal” growing conditions here. All in all, a standout garden plant that successfully combines beauty, reliability, and just plain gorgeous gumption; amply justifying all the favorable comments and questions received from so many park visitors on this special plant—all the other plants are jealous!



Velvety mahogany Rudbeckia - “Cherokee Sunset”



Silky and shiny purple Princess Flower

Princess Flower (alias *Tibouchina urvilliana*) is something quite different—a medium to tall shrub (rudbeckia is an herbaceous perennial) with blooms that combine rich purple color and a silky texture and shine.

This plant is native to higher, cooler elevations in central and southern Brazil where it may in fact grow to be a small tree. It is widely cultivated in milder portions of the world and oddly enough has been declared a noxious weed in Hawaii where it has escaped gardens and colonized wet areas covering acres of land there in a mantle of royal purple (much in the same fashion as gorse has infested the south coast with a (thorny) “crown” of gold.

Luckily, the tibouchina is not invasive under our conditions, as it seems not to set any viable seed and is killed back by hard winter freezes. Despite its low resistance to cold, our plants have grown to 5’ high and wide over the last 4 or 5 years and there are plants in the area that are even larger. Check out the huge plant that grows by the Historical Society Museum in Simpson Park, North Bend.

Like rudbeckia, princess flower has a very long bloom period that starts in August and can last into February and such exotic flowers blooming despite the wind and rain of an Oregon coast winter is a wonder in itself. Rich color is not limited just to the blooms; the flower buds and new growth are silky haired and a glowing red-orange. While the plant is nominally evergreen, individual old leaves can also turn autumnal shades of red, orange, or yellow making a dramatic contrast with the purple flowers—outstanding!

Since it is relatively easy to propagate from cuttings, has long lasting beautiful flowers, and is tolerant of our growing conditions, it’s interesting that more people around here aren’t growing the princess flower. Luckily, some local nurseries are growing and selling the plant so if anybody is looking for a plant that will grace their gardens in purple splendor (while making the neighbors green with envy) plant a tibouchina and while you’re at it plant a few rudbeckias. ~



Rose pergola and Princess flower behind hedge.

# You're Moving Where?

By Gregg Nelson

**W**hen I talk with my friends nowadays, I almost feel like I should be at one of those “Blank Anonymous” meetings, where I get up and say, “Hi. My name is Gregg, and I’m moving to Washington, DC.” Many people ask me why I would ever consider leaving the quiet, easy-going Southern Oregon Coast for the madness of the East. They think I must be a little mad, or have some kind of mental problem that needs treating. Those that know my wife Connie and I the best know that this has always been part of our future plans.

When we first moved to Coos Bay in 1978, we came with a “five year plan.” I was newly hired at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as a forester, after getting my forest management degree at Humboldt State University. I would work here for five years max, and then get a job somewhere else. Connie grew up in Los Angeles, so her plans were to move to a big city.



Gregg (L) and BLM volunteer work on pond drain in 1995.

had a son. Life just kept getting better, and our plan to move on just never materialized. We talked about it a lot, and kept telling our friends that someday soon we may move away.

We’ve always enjoyed the coastal area, especially showing it off to visiting friends and relatives. Whenever anyone came to town, we went crabbing in Charleston, picnicking at Sunset Beach, walking around Shore Acres gardens, then out to Cape Arago for the sunset. We would watch the sea lions, pelicans, and fishing boats returning at the end of the day, and, if the season was right, we would watch for migrating whales on the horizon.



Travis, Erika and Connie string lights in 1995.

toil and sweat, the pond never got really clean. There was a problem with the drain being too small and in the wrong location.

The next year I volunteered to help with pond cleaning again, but this time I got BLM to lend some equipment to help clean the pond out. It went better and faster, but was still a lot of grunt work. The next two years saw more BLM volunteers in the pond, until we were the majority of workers. We kept thinking there must be a better way and there was.

In 1992, a BLM crew went out and surveyed the bottom of the pond, drew a 2/10-foot contour map, and found the lowest point in the pond. That spring, after the pond was drained and cleaned, we helped install a new drain and valve in the pond.



Erika, Travis, Gregg and Connie Nelson pose with Gregg's Recognition Award at the FoSA Board Meeting, March 8.

Pond cleaning became easy after that. For the next 10 years, BLM volunteers would come out to the park for the annual “Brush-and-Flush Muck Raking Party.” Using a fire hose, brooms, giant squeegees, and shovels, the pond would be clean in an hour.

During this time period, I was asked if I would like to join the Board of the Friends of Shore Acres, and the rest is history. I’ve been a board member for a dozen years, and have always thought it was the best board to serve on. The board members are friendly, the meetings are enjoyable, the park staff appreciates what we do, there’s money to do projects, and I always feel proud when I take friends out to Shore Acres and know that I’m a part of why it is the way it is today.



Gregg helps direct parking at the OCMF concert in 2004.

So, Connie and I are now 26 years into our five-year plan. Erika is entering graduate school, Travis is a freshman in college, and we think it’s time to do what we’ve always told our friends we would do.

I’m still a forester, and will continue to be one in Washington, DC. But, instead of dealing with local issues, I’ll be coordinating national forestry issues. My main focus will be biomass utilization. If you’re curious as to what this means, you’re not alone. The best way I can explain it is like this: think wildfire, think dense stands of small dead-and-dying trees, and then think about slashing ¾ of them to reduce the risk of wildfire. So, what do you do with all that slash? Currently, a lot of it goes up in smoke; it’s burned. My job will be to work with local communities and try to use more of it: fuel to heat schools, produce energy, make pole buildings and furniture, and a thousand other uses. I’ll be coordinating with other federal, state, and private landowners to get more use out of the material that is currently wasted.

I’ve spent a lot of time at Shore Acres, and have a lot of good memories and pictures to take with me. I’ve enjoyed sharing this area with friends and family over the years. I know I’ll never be able to visit a garden or shoreline anywhere in the world without trying to mentally compare it to Shore Acres and the Southern Oregon coastline; I don’t think any will ever rank as high in my mind. ~

*All the best to the Nelsons. They will be missed!*



# Holiday Lights 2004 - Best Yet



Luis Velasquez

View from upstairs window of Garden House.

## 2004

An estimated 54,000 visitors  
28 Countries from Australia to the U.S.  
47 States and the District of Columbia  
(missing Kentucky, Louisiana & New Hampshire)

### CITIES & TOWNS:

210 Oregon; 178 California; 73 Washington  
261 cities and towns from other states

### COMMENTS:

"Been waiting for this all year - wonderful!" - Boise, ID  
"I'd move to Oregon." - Los Angeles, CA  
"We came special from Hawaii for this. Beautiful!"  
"A memory for a lifetime." - Magalia, CA  
"Came from Sacramento to see this!"  
"I love this place." - Coos Bay, OR  
"More beautiful than the Oregon Zoo lights!" Clackamas, OR  
"Spectacular! Moving exhibits exceptional!" Homestead, FL  
"This was worth traveling all the way from Australia to see."  
"Unbelievable!" - Eureka, CA  
"We read the AAA Via and had to come!" - Davis, CA  
"Worth the ride from Portland." - Portland, OR  
"Great Christmas gift to the community." - Coquille, OR  
"Magical - a real fairyland!" - Medford, OR  
"Awesome!" - Nashville, TN  
"What a wonderful gift to the public." - Vancouver, WA  
"Even in the rain, spectacular." - Portland, OR  
"Perfect! As wonderful as promised." - Lake Oswego, OR  
"Stunning!" - Eugene, OR  
"Thanks! This puts us in the spirit each year!" - Reedsport, OR  
"Such a great legacy!" - Klamath Falls, OR  
"Outstanding display!" - Depoe Bay, OR  
"Beyond belief!" - Portland, OR  
"Was worth the trip." - Reno, NV  
"We love to bring our guests!" - North Bend, OR

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# “Imagine . . . an empty house . . .”

Robynn Reed - FOSA Director and Garden House Decorating Chair

**I** magine an empty house with a fascinating history placed in a beautiful setting. Add in a delightful holiday season and willing volunteers. Combine all of these ingredients and you would be standing in the Garden House at Shore Acres a few short years ago.

Today I enjoy the same combination with a few great changes. When we started decorating the garden house this year it still looked like a home. This was due to the gracious acceptance of the park manager Larry Becker and the Shore Acres staff who allowed the Friends to leave the house furnished for visitors to enjoy year ‘round.



Gregg Nelson

A “must” and a favorite, Santa in the tub!

I quickly learned that some things must NOT change! Santa makes a mandatory visit each year and parents will ask the hosts if he is there before taking their little ones upstairs! He is a fun permanent tradition.

I am a great “recycler” and try to accomplish a “new” look each year with a lot of the same stuff! Decorating the Garden House is my “creative endeavor” each year and I look forward to the time spent doing it. (I get to create something beautiful which does not include dishes, mail or laundry!)

Carl Siminow and I have worked out a great system. Ellie Kinney-Martial and George Guthrie are always available and a great help. Cappy Klein and Maxine Johannesen give a helping hand along with the Andy Wolf’s Shutter’s Creek inmate crew as needed. Each year we attract a few new volunteers who are greatly appreciated.

I “borrow” ideas from other places and keep my eyes open all year for new “things” to use. Please call me at 404-6223 if you’d like to come join the fun! ~



Gregg Nelson

A Teddy Bear’s Tea Party in 2004.



Luis Velasquez

In 1991, Adam and Robynn Reed helped with lights stringing when Adam was a baby!

## Thanks and more thanks!

### Garden House - Chair - Robynn Reed

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Cindy Hough, Jim Hough, Marcia Jensen, Monita Johnson, Dick  
McMahon, Renee Middleton, Rick Middleton, Andy Nasburg, Friends  
Volunteers

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Bernhisel, Don Harms, Marty Kulick, Howard Swick, Friends  
Volunteers

**Pavilion Yard - Weyerhaeuser-** Lee Bialozynski, Alex & Mallory  
Crane, Brady & Marissa Esch, Riann Hickman, Marcia Jensen,  
Jura Pinnell, Bob Etta & Timm Slater, Grant, Shannon, Stuart, &  
Valerie Stein, Carol & Stevens, Donna & Joe Stoneburg and Friends  
volunteers

**Lights Take-down:** Friends volunteers - Shirley Bridgman, Kathi  
Netter, Dell & Roberta Willis, Kenn Kennedy, Shirley Champagne-  
Harris, Dick & Irene Sund, Fred Ehrman, Maxine Johannesen, Cappy  
Klein, Jo Longendyke, Rotarians David Bridgman, Alan Henrickson,  
Mike Gillespie; Park staff Ellie Kinney-Martial, George Guthrie; Andy  
Wolf and Shutter's Creek Inmate Crew



Shirley Bridgman

Dusk is the favorite time for many who visit.

**Special Thanks to the "heavy lifting" crew: Andy Wolf and The Shutters Creek Inmate crew.** They put up the sculptures, plant the large holiday trees, pound in the hedge stakes, install the white chain fences, and a myriad of chores. Then when the season is over, they help take it all down. *We could not do it without them and our great park staff who make it happen!*

Artistic Expression; Pole Supports - Industrial Services; Rope Lights - David Bridgman

**"Schooling"** - Design - Don McMichael; Fabrication - Eric's Artistic Expression; Rope Lights - David Bridgman

**Sea Lions** - Design - Don McMichael; Rope Lights & Installation - Fred Ehrman & David Bridgman

**Squirrel** - Design & Fabrication - Eric's Artistic Expression, Rope Lights - David Bridgman

**Undersea Garden** - Fabrication - David Bridgman & Frank Smith; Rope Lights - David Bridgman; Frame - Larry Becker & Maurice Wray; Setup & Animation - Frank Smith, Mike Perkins, Carl Siminow

**Whales** - Design - Don McMichael; Construction - Industrial Services; *New spout on Gray Whale in 2004* - Fabrication - Eric's Artistic Expression; Animation - Tom Kyle; Rope Lights & Installation - David Bridgman, Gregg Nelson, Travis Nelson, Fred Ehrman

## Holiday Trees donated by Dave Hannah- Dave's Christmas Trees -Lots at Farr's True Value Hardware and North Bend

AM-VETS Post #10

ASi Services - (formerly Alan Spjut Insurance)

Bay Area Hospital

Bonneville Power Administration

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Coos Bay Elks Lodge, B.P.O.E. #1160

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H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group)

Mid Coast Mustang & Ford Club

O.M.I. (Operations Management International)

Pacific Coast Corvette Club

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South Coast Cruisers Car Club

Southwestern Oregon Community Action

Southwestern Oregon Street Rods

Sunset Classic Chevys

Western Rivers Girl Scouts



# Thanks, volunteers and supporters!

## Host Teams

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Bay Area Optimist Club  
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Bay Area Bonsai Society  
Bay Area Hospital  
Boy Scouts - Troop #156  
Chinook District Boy Scouts  
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Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary Club  
Coos Bay Yacht Club  
Coos County Extension Service  
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Coquille High School Key Club and Kiwanis  
Harley Owners Group  
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Southwestern Oregon Community Action  
Southwestern Oregon Rose Society  
Southwestern Oregon Street Rods  
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Sunset Classic Chevys  
The Bay Area Rotary Club  
The Gorse Society  
Umpqua Discovery Center  
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XI Gamma Omega  
Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area



Pavilion at dusk. Notice the uplighting on huge trees. Look for more landscape lighting in 2005 as we continue "framing" the garden.

Shirley Bridgham



Susan Massey directs the NB First Presbyterian Church Choir, a group that has performed each season since 1987.

David Bridgham

## Entertainment

North Bend Middle School Choir, Christ Lutheran Children's Choir, North Bend Church of God, First Presbyterian Church NB, Brownie Troop #495, Order of the Arrow Boy Scouts, Cub Scout Pack #314, North Bend High School Choir, Marshfield High School Band of Pirates, Lighthouse School Choir, Centro De Fey Choir, Ocean Crest Staff and Friends, North Bend High School French Class, Emmanuel Episcopal Choir, Community Band, Coos Bay Christian Fellowship Choir, Diamonds in the Rough, St. Monica's Choir, Gary Brink and Friends, College Park Community Choir, Charleston Community Church

## Information & Gift Center Volunteers

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*and anyone whose name we have missed!*

## Special thanks to holiday hosts

Friends of Shore Acres Board Members - *Preview Night*  
Friends of Shore Acres Volunteers - *Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve, New Year's*  
David & Shirley Bridgham, Joan Clifton, Jack Gilham, Kenn & Betty Kennedy,  
Ron & Kathy Metzger, Gregg, Connie, Erika, and Travis Nelson, Dick & Irene Sund  
Pacific Coast Corvette Club - *Thanksgiving*  
Oregon South Coast Single Friends - *Christmas Eve*  
Bay Clinic Bunch - *New Year's Eve*  
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians - *New Year's*

## “FLOWER DAYS” - Springtime *thru* Autumn



Regal rhododendrons on the west side.



George Guthrie answers garden questions.



Dazzling Dahlias in the Garden House

**D**uring 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 16 - Bonsai Day** with a exquisite display of bonsai plants by the Bay Area Bonsai Society.

**May 8 - Rhododendron Sunday/ Mother’s Day** with Bob MacIntyre and other experts from the Southwestern Oregon Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society on hand to answer your questions about rhododendrons. Also, artists from the Bay Area Artists Association hold a “paint-out” in the gardens this day.

**June 19 - 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. Artists from the Bay Area Artists Association also hold a “paint-out” in the gardens this day.

**September 24 - Dahlia Day** with a delightful display of cut dahlias by the Southern Oregon Dahlia Society and dahlia experts in the garden house.

**October 1 - “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!*



Joy Dow, Lou Kolkhorst, Sharon Kolkhorst



“Charles of Charleston” Edmunds, BAAA artist.



Orchids “Gems of the Rain Forest”

Oregon Coast Music Festival  
**GARDEN CONCERT**  
 Featuring  
**SAMBA JA**  
**Saturday, July 23 \* 12:30 PM**

**Another chance to volunteer!**  
 Friends’ volunteers help park staff park cars in the large field outside the gardens. Friends’ volunteers sell fresh raspberry and chocolate sundaes and ice cold lemonade. **Join the fun!**



Always a big crowd at the Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert in July.

**Summer  
 Car Shows  
 at Shore Acres**

Aug. 13 - Southwestern Oregon Street Rods Show & Shine

Sept. 18 - Sunset Classic Chevys Show & Shine



# Information & Gift Center

Hours \* March 7 thru Nov. 23 \* 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
Thanksgiving thru New Year's \* 4:00 - 10:00 PM



Information & Gift Center and new memorial display.



New memorial display at the left side of entrance.



Bob Dixon built the monument and attached the cast bronze plaque for the new memorial display.

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. ~



Park hosts Carole & Scott Groninger are working in the Information and Gift Center through the end of April. Their home bases are Albuquerque, New Mexico and St. Louis, Missouri. Before retiring Scott was an administrator for IBM and Carole was a secretary for an elementary school. They have been full time RVers for nine years.

## Want to Volunteer?

Please call 541-888-2472 or 1-866-888-6100.

Or call one of our volunteer coordinators:

Betty Kennedy, 267-7597

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](http://www.shoreacres.net)

## New Memorial Fountain Display Completed

The memorial fountain, funded by memorial contributions and designed by Mike Vaughan, was built in 1996, with a display of the memorial names placed in the entrance to the gardens.

When the Friends and the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department replaced the garden entrance and built the new IGC in 2003, the memorial wall of names was taken down to be replaced by a new design befitting the entrance and the park. In 2004, the Friends asked Russell K. Richards, Parks Designer of the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department to design a base for a 24" x 40" cast bronze plaque with the 96 names from the original display. Russell designed a "just right" aggregate rock monument and connected the Friends with JRT of Portland who produced the plaque based on a design by Shirley Bridgham. JRT produced a beautiful bronze casting giving us a rich looking display that should last for many years to come. The first part of March, the Friends contracted with Bob Dixon, retired park ranger, to build the monument, attach the plaque and complete the project. The project is done and Bob did a wonderful job! ~

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Shore Acres Gardens - All Abilities Accessible

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