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# Friends of Shore Acres



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



Shirley Bridgham

New large landscape lights on west side trees.



Luis Velasquez

Brilliant L.E.D. lights illuminate large Christmas trees.



Shirley Bridgham

Moonrise on a cold clear night rivals the lights.

## “M M M M M!”

by Shirley Bridgham, Holiday Lights Co-Chair

**H**oliday Lights at Shore Acres State Park drew an estimated 44,560 visitors from far and wide. Comments in the guest book included: M M M M M! - Grants Pass, OR; “Better than Butchart Gardens - Medford, OR; and “The Griswold’s would be envious!” - Lake Tahoe, NV.

Weather is always a factor and it was a wetter-than-usual season with more than 16 inches of rain and one closed night because of no power. However, some beautiful clear moonlit nights in the middle of the season drew lots of visitors and helped improve the numbers.

According to guest book compilations by volunteer Al Aslakson, those who signed the guest books (*not everyone did*) included visitors from 37 countries and 46 states. Towns and cities included 160 California; 198 Oregon; 56 Washington; and 271 towns and cities from other states.

New additions included brilliant L.E.D. lights on all the large Christmas trees, two lighted puffin sculptures designed by Don McMichael and more large landscape lights that illuminated the huge trees on the west side of the garden. Of particular interest at the entrance was an animated display of sea gulls and red crabs designed, fabricated and installed by Southwestern Oregon Community College students and instructors (*see story page 9*).

In the beautifully decorated Garden House, visitors celebrated the season with hot cider, punch, coffee and cookies served by dedicated volunteer hosts. In the Pavilion, entertainment was provided by dozens of community, school and church groups. Generous donations and wonderful comments reflected the visitors’ high level of satisfaction. Hanging scrolls of names in the house were a tribute to the more than **1500** volunteers, park staff, and financial supporters who make it all possible.

Mike and Debby Metz of Depoe Bay won the B&B overnight stay for New Year’s Eve, but because of a road closure north of Reedsport, they could not get to Shore Acres. They have a “rain check” and will stay one night at the beginning of the 2006 season.

The lights are all put away, the house is furnished for summer and planning has already begun for the **20th annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park**, which will run from Thanksgiving thru New Year’s this coming season. ~

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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 December 4, 1986

### Dear Readers,

by Shirley Bridgham, Editor

*I have been doing this publication for almost as long as we've been a Friends co-op. The first issue, November 30, 1987, was a simple black & white newsletter with just text and graphics. It evolved to a larger Journal with black & white photos; then to a version with a 4-color front & back cover. Photos have evolved from b/w prints to scanned slides and high quality digital photos. This is our first full-color Journal, which we hope will be a keepsake for our members and supporters -- and do justice to our beautiful park.*

*I would like to thank George Guthrie, Charlie Kocher, Carl Siminow, Dave Fedukowski and Kathy Schulz for their great stories in this issue and Luis Velasquez for his beautiful slide photos. Also, a big thank-you to Al Aslakson for the holiday lights stats. You will find his complete detailed report in a PDF file at [www.shoreacres.net](http://www.shoreacres.net).*

*It seems to me that we can never thank the park staff, our members, and supporters enough. The Friends' support system is unprecedented. You all make our efforts to help the park both possible and worthwhile. As we approach our 20th birthday in December, we look forward to the upcoming events at Shore Acres, culminating with the 20th annual Holiday Lights from Thanksgiving thru New Year's.*

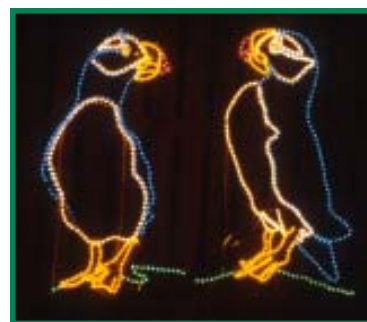
*On a sad note, we send our condolences to Frank A. Smith, whose wife Donna passed away last August and to the family of Georganna Casey, who passed away just recently. Donna was a long-time volunteer with the Friends, always there to help with the lights, especially when it was stormy and she thought nobody else would show up. Georganna was a member of our board and served as secretary for many years. Both will be missed. ~*

**20th annual**

## Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park

**Nov. 23, 2006  
thru Jan. 1, 2007  
4 PM to 10 PM**

**Garden House Open  
Hot Cider, Punch,  
Coffee & Cookies!  
Entertainment in the Pavilion**



Luis Velasquez

New Puffins in 2005 - Sculptures designed by renowned marine artist Don McMichael with fabrication and lights by the Bridgham's

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# Shore Acres Pond gets “base” lift

by George Guthrie, Head Gardener, Shore Acres Gardens

Since Louis Simpson first created it, the lily pond has been the scenic centerpiece of the gardens at Shore Acres. The calm waters, colorful aquatic plants, and the twin bronze cranes eternally admiring their reflections have pleased visitors for many years. As many of our readers already know, the pond — like the rest of the garden — has gone through many changes. During the early years of state park administration, the pond was filled in and used as a “sunken garden” because of leaks in the original base. It was not until the “great make-over” of 1973 that the area was fully repaired and turned back into what we see and enjoy today.

What many may not know is that for the last 10 years or so, we park staff have been struggling with a new round of leaks that slowly but surely were draining the pond. During the summer we could see the effects of the leaks by the “bathtub ring” around the edge of the pond exposed by the retreating waters. The by now almost 30 year old pond base was cracking here and there and allowing water to seep out. This was mainly due to normal deterioration but probably also due in part to unavoidable wear and tear of our annual “brush and flush” cleaning of the pond. Nevertheless, in the last several years, we felt that we had the leak situation under control but each time we cleaned the pond, we would look for obvious cracks and repair them with various spot treatments (including a concoction whose name in the pond repair biz is “moose milk”!) which themselves stood out as off-color patches and blotches. Add rusting exposed rebar (part of the original reinforcement for the pond base) and we eventually realized that at some point we would have to consider a complete brand new resurfacing of the pond base.

Over a period of several years, the park (mainly through the efforts of assistant gardener Ellie Kinney-Martial) and the Friends of Shore Acres (FoSA) explored various options (materials and application methods) to achieve this goal. Originally, we



Shirley Bringham

thought the best way would be an application of “shotcrete” (a spray-on concrete-like substance used in swimming pools) but further research indicated that the weight of a new layer of such material might actually lead to further cracking of the underlying original “gunnite” surface material and possibly more leaks down the line.

Eventually, we heard (courtesy of Mike Shott of LTM, Inc.) about a sealing material called “Tamosal” which could be applied much thinner than the 2” or so required for the shotcrete while still providing the water-proofing we needed plus repairing the unsightly flaking of the old surface and rust stains. FoSA would generously buy the needed materials (some was also kindly donated by Mike and LTM), and we could use inmate crews from the Shutter Creek

Summit Program to help Ellie and Bob Dixon (a long-term seasonal employee with formidable construction skills) to make this thing happen. We had the money, the materials, and a plan of action but as it turned out one vital thing was lacking — dry weather. The material had to be applied to a clean and dry surface.

We could clean the base just as we did every year but keeping it dry was to be a real problem considering the fact that this spring turned out to be one of the wettest in recent memory — rain every day and when it held off for a few days and the surface seemed to be

drying off enough to work, it would then rain again — big time frustration!

We had planned for about a week’s worth of work but with various rain delays, it took almost a month to do the prep work (grinding down the exposed rebar to bare steel, putting rust-inhibitor on it and then covering the repair with concrete to bring the treated area up to grade) plus 2 complete applications of the Tamosal (applied with brushes and brooms with at least a 24 hours drying time between each application) to the entire pond base. We are happy to say that it was worth the wait and the work.

The pond base surface looks uniformly smooth and lovely, we came in under budget, and (believe it or not) no leaks! ~

## Tip of the Ranger Hat

Visitors who pause to look over the “herb rock garden” near the entrance to the AARS Rose Display Garden will see some interesting, attractive, and useful plants and now thanks to **Joan Goodman-Fox** some equally nice signs that identify said plants. About a year ago, Joan volunteered to create some ceramic signs to replace some of the temporary hand written plastic signs we were using. The ceramic would obviously be more durable and weather resistant plus the design would allow space for a few words explaining the significance of a particular plant — enhancing the interpretive aspects of the garden. With the help of some other local craftspeople at **Nadine’s Ceramics** in Coos Bay, the signs were made last winter and we installed them last spring — very nice! Very sincere thanks and a tip of the ranger hat to Joan and friends for their very kind assistance.

Also sincere appreciation and thanks to: the hard-working members of **“The Gorse Society”** for on-going help pruning, deadheading, and fertilizing our roses as well as serving as “experts” answering questions during Rose Sunday and the fine and friendly folks of the **South West Oregon Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society** for their kind assistance providing information to visitors during Rhododendron Sunday. ~

# 10 Ways to enjoy the hidden beauty of Cape Arago State Park

by Charlie Kocher

**B**ecause it's off the well-toured path of Highway 101, and devoid of commercial developments, Cape Arago is often called the hidden treasure of the Oregon Coast. Yet even those who discover the treasure miss some of the real gems of this crown jewel.

Finding the cape for the first time presents the obvious: Smell the roses of Shore Acres, wonder at the antics of barking sea lions on Simpson Reef, enjoy the calm of Sunset Beach and watch whales from the end of the cape. If you've tired of these routines, try hunting for some of these extra magic moments:

1. The best place for a summer weenie roast is the beach of South Cove. Sir Frances Drake hid from the summer winds here in 1579, and you can do the same. Park in the last spaces on the loop of Cape Arago State Park, and hike down a quarter-mile-mostly-paved trail to the beach.
2. A small remnant of modern history is hidden in the woods above Shore Acres State Park. Head up a path across the road and south of the Shore Acres entrance and you'll find the shell of a World War II outpost, where sentries watched for offshore threats. Hike further up that hill and you'll find a rarely-used picnic table with an eagle's eye view of Simpson Reef.
3. There might not be much in the way of oceanside dining at restaurants in Coos County, but there are picnic tables within the spray of the waves on the north edge of Cape Arago State Park. Wander to the right from the main parking area. It's open seating, so you might share space with gulls and rabbits.



Shirley Brighnam

4. Some summer months on a minus tide, forego the clam digging expedition and head for Sunset Bay. The tide pools on the north end of the beach are cradled in the eroded upthrusts of geologic history. The magic of a tide pool is not just the initial glance; get down close and watch for a few moments. The critters who were scared into hiding by your shadow will crawl back soon.
5. If you don't like the urban-style camping of Sunset Bay State Park and Bastendorff Beach County Park, there is an alternative hidden in the woods of Cape Arago State Park. A group camp, a quarter mile from the parking lot, is available by permit. It doesn't offer a view, but you can hear the surf as you fall asleep.
6. Want to see a different side of the former Simpson Estate? Park at the viewpoint north of the Shore Acres entrance - where you can see the Cape Arago Lighthouse - and hike on the Coast Trail through a little bit of

rain forest into Shore Acres. You'll pass by the moss-covered gate posts of the original entrance to the Estate.

7. And once you're into Shore Acres, don't forget to go beyond the garden. Go down to Simpson Beach and do two things:

1) Imagine timber baron Louis Simpson throwing full-service dinner parties down on the beach.

2) Take a close look at the "sand" on the beach. Unlike the fine silica sands of the dunes, it's mostly ground bits of sea shells - and the mix changes at different times of the year.

8. Beyond Simpson Cove - up the hill to the south - is another pleasant hike through coastal forest. The joy here is take along a kite. The trail breaks out onto a level bench that is high above the waves and extends beyond the appetite of kite-eating trees.
9. Need a quiet moment away from the crowds at Sunset Bay on a sunny day? Wander back into the group picnic area and hug the hill on the south. You'll find a monument to one of Forbes' follies - the launching site of a cross-county balloon trip.
10. Does anyone dip smelt anymore? There's a small cove between Bastendorff Beach and Lighthouse Beach where the smelt run in the late spring. Ask the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for details like season and limits, and then plan a fish fry. ~

Charlie Kocher is a past board member of the Friends' and currently is the Publisher of the *Curry Coastal Pilot*, Brookings, Oregon. This story was published originally in the *Friends of Shore Acres Journal Summer/Fall 1996*.

**Editor's Note:** As we go to press, our condolences go to Charlie, his mom Kathy and all the family on the recent death of his dad Ken. At his Portland home, Ken spent many years fixing used lights for our holiday display. He and Kathy loved square dancing and being active in their community. ~

**10-17-05**

**DEAR FRIENDS: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A HARBOR SEAL AND A CALIFORNIA SEA LION? DO THEY BOTH MAKE A BARKING SOUND? IS IT TRUE IN OREGON IT IS NOT LEGAL TO KEEP A STARFISH? HAS ANYBODY EVER EATEN ONE? IF SO DO THEY TASTE LIKE FISH OR CRAB? I KNOW OCEAN COD FISH TASTE VERY GOOD AND SOME LIKE CRAB MEAT, NOT ME . .**

**— SINCERELY,  
DEAN TUTTLE, COOS BAY, OREGON**

## The Friends get a letter . . .

### Kathy Schulz, OPRD Interpretive Coordinator, has answers!



Kathy Schulz

Shirley Bridgham



Shell Island at Simpson Reef

Shirley Bridgham

Hi Dean,

My name is Kathy and I am a ranger with Oregon State Parks. The Friends of Shore Acres asked me to answer your letter. Thanks for all your great questions.

Well, to start, there are a lot of differences between a Harbor Seal and a California Sea Lion. To start with, one is a seal and one is a sea lion. Seals have short stubby flippers. These make it hard for them to walk on land. They move like a giant caterpillar. Sea Lions have long, flexible flippers. They are the ones you may have seen at Sea World playing with a ball. Seals also don't have ears that you can see. They have little holes in their heads. Sea Lions have ears like you and me. The California Sea Lions are also MUCH bigger than Harbor Seals. And only the California Sea Lion barks. People who study seals and sea lions think that Harbor Seals make the least noise of all the seals and sea lions.

Did you know that we also have Elephant Seals and Stellar Sea Lions here? Stellar Sea Lions don't bark, they roar. And Elephant Seals make lots of different sounds. Sometimes they squawk like a parrot, or whimper like a puppy, or grunt like a pig.

Let's see, you also asked about star fish. (We also call them sea stars since they aren't really fish.) In some places in Oregon it is illegal to take a sea star. In other places you can take them. But before you do, please ask yourself, why are you doing so? A sea star taken from its home will die. Even if you just pull a sea star off the rock to look at, it may not be able to survive. If its feet are damaged, it won't be able to hold onto the rocks anymore and could die. I've never heard of people eating sea stars. Their skin is spiny and there is not a lot of meat on them. Not too many animals eat sea stars either. One animal that does eat sea stars is the sea gull. I saw that happen this summer; it was pretty amazing! So, we usually ask people to let the sea stars live, and leave them for other people (and sea gulls) to enjoy.

Well, I hope this answered your questions! I like ocean cod too, and crab. And I really like our tide pools and the rocks at Simpson Reef. I'm glad that you do too. Come back and see us again some time. ~

## SUCCESSFUL "HAM" RADIO EVENT

by Carl Siminow, WA6JOW

Our Coos County Radio Club was involved in the Shore Acres Holiday Lights Display on December 10 and 11, 2005 in the Observation Building overlooking the beautiful Oregon coast.

Nationwide, the amateur radio hobby has the opportunity to set up a "Special Events Station," licensed by the FCC to further the role of amateur (ham) radio activities and to promote local projects throughout the United States.

Our club members set up to contact amateurs around the world promoting the Shore Acres activity and our coastal area. They took messages to send to friends and loved ones throughout the world.

Information about amateur radio and our county's disaster radio RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency System) was discussed, as well as information on how it pertains to our local disaster plan.

Operators made about 100 contacts even though the ham bands were not in good condition. Many of the newly licensed hams had the chance to operate and people who are thinking or waiting for the next class to start had the opportunity to get on the radios. Our thanks to Larry Becker, OPRD and the Friends for allowing us to participate in this activity at Shore Acres. ~

# Holiday Lights 2005: 1,582 Volunteers - 7,950 Hours

Co-Chair & Lighting Design since 1987 - David & Shirley Bridgman



Shirley Bridgman

Volunteers for the H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group) tree were undaunted by the rain. (L-R) Yanna Lemmons, Tony Dub, Mary Ann Dub, Evelyn Brown, Jacob Dub, Christiana Greenway, Jerri Statham, Dick Bentley, Marie Philbin (Gordon Brown hiding behind tree)

## OUTSIDE SET-UP & TAKE-DOWN 332 Volunteers, 4,142 Hours

**Japanese Garden & Pond** - CB-NB Rotary Club - Jan Bartleson, David Bridgman, Cindy Hough, Jim Hough, Steve Kridelbaugh, Scott McClure, Renee Middleton, Rick Middleton, Gretchen Hough, Lisa Prinz, Timm Slater, and Friends Volunteers

**Garden East of Pond** - Bay Area Optimist Club - Bob Miller, Beth Palmer, Marty Kulick, Dan Smith, Norma Frost, Pam Wilson, & Friends Volunteers

**Lights Stringers** - Marion Babcock, David Barnhart, Carol Bender, David & Shirley Bridgman, Shirley Champagne-Harris, Joan Clifton, Janeen Davidson-Cox, Fred Ehrman, Shannon Eversole, Jay Flaxman, John Fletcher, Edith & David Forkner, Jack Gilham, Bob Golden, Jim & Cindy Hough, Sally Jaeggli & Nat Jaeggli, Maxine Johannesen, Chris Jones, Cappy Klein, Steve Kridelbaugh, Chuck Lembke, Mike Perkins, Frank Smith, Tyler Summa, Marie Sweet, Ralph Thomas, Carol Ventgen, Dell & Roberta Willis, Pam Wilson

**Flower Bed #3** - See Photo

**Flower Bed #12** - Faith Lutheran Church-Coquille - Bob Kimball, \* Tom Wentworth, Billie Wentworth, Don & Mary Carlton, Vettia Maggard

**Lights on Pavilion** - David Barnhart, Dell Willis

**Lights on Garden House** - Coos Bay Fire & Rescue Volunteers - Stan Gibson, Donna Weidemiller, Dean & Michelle Martin Family, Mike & Chris Seldon, Howard, Jeanette, & Raef Owens

## SCULPTURES

**Garden Bugs and Turtles** - David Bridgman, Frank Smith, Gary Simmons \* **Hérons and Flowers** - David Bridgman & Frank Smith \* **Leaping Frog in Pond** - *Design* - Don McMichael, *Fabrication* - Eric's Artistic Expression, *Animation* - Tom Kyle, *Lighting & Installation* - David Bridgman, Fred Ehrman, *Concrete bases* - Bracelin & Yeager, *Funding* - Coos Bay Volunteer Firefighters and FoSA \* **Mushrooms and Butterflies** - David & Shirley Bridgman \* **Pelicans** - *Design* - Don McMichael, *Fabrication* - Eric's Artistic Expression, *Pole Supports* - Industrial Services, *Rope Lights* - David Bridgman, *Installation* - Shutter's Creek Inmate Crew \* **Puffins** - *Design* - Don McMichael, *Fabrication & Lights* - David & Shirley 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, Shutter's Creek Inmate Crew \* **Squirrel** - *Design & Fabrication* - Eric's Artistic Expression, *Rope Lights* - David Bridgman \* **Gray Whale** - *Design* - Don McMichael, *Construction* - Industrial Services, *Animation* - Tom Kyle, *Rope Lights & Installation* - David Bridgman, Fred Ehrman, Shutter's Creek Inmate Crew \* **Orca Whale** - *Design* - Don McMichael, *Construction* - Fred Ehrman, *Animation* - Tom Kyle, *Rope Lights & Installation* - David Bridgman, Fred Ehrman, Shutter's Creek Inmate Crew \* **Undersea Garden** - *Fabrication* - David Bridgman & Frank Smith, *Rope Lights* - David Bridgman, *Frame* - Larry Becker & Maurice Wray, *Setup & Animation* - Frank Smith, Mike Perkins, Carl Siminow, Shutter's Creek Inmate Crew

**Holiday Trees (20)** - Cultured Trees donated by Dave Hannah- Dave's Christmas Trees - Lots at Farr's True Value Hardware & North Bend

**Tree Decorators** - AM-VETS Post #10 \* ASi Services \* Bay Area Hospital \* Bay Area Hospital Auxiliary \* Bonneville Power Administration \* Camp Fire U.S.A. \* Chappelle Enterprises \* Chinook District Boy Scouts \* Christ Lutheran School \* H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group) \* Mid Coast Mustang & Ford Club \* O.M.I. \* Pacific Coast Corvette Club \* South Coast Office Supply \* SCUUF \* South Coast Cruisers Car Club \* Southwestern Oregon Community Action \* South Western Oregon Street Rods \* Sunset Classic Chevys \* Western Rivers Girl Scouts



Shirley Bridgman

Rock 'n Riders 4-H Club decorated flower bed near house. (Front L-R) Cayla Newman, Marissa Esch, Nick Esch (Back L-R) Lisa Esch, Pat Newman, Don Esch, Alishia Newman, Athena Morrow, Melissa Herman

**Lights Take-Down** - Marion Babcock, Carol Bender, David Bridgman, Shirley Bridgman, Shirley Champagne-Harris, Joan Clifton, Vee Elliott, Jay Flaxman, Kelly Fletcher, Jack Gilham, Clare Gove, Don Harms, Maxine Johannesen, Jim Johnson, Kenn Kennedy, Cappy Klein, Marty Kulick, Wayne Murray, Mike Perkins, Dallas Petenbrink, Lucas Real, Mike Reed, Robynn Reed, Carl Siminow, Howard Swick, Dell Willis, Roberta Willis, Pam Wilson (Continued page 8)

## Thanks, Lights Pledge Supporters 2005!

**4,722 Lights** - Abel Insurance Agency-Harry & Francie Abel  
**4,444 Lights** - The Mill Casino-Hotel  
**4,000 Lights** - Dick & Donna Frank \* Life Care Center of Coos Bay  
 \* The Portside Restaurant  
**3,333 Lights** - A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.-South Coast Chapter  
 \* Jim & Cindy Hough  
**2,422 Lights** - Prudential Seaboard Properties-Earlene Brown  
**2,222 Lights** - BELFOR USA Group Inc. \* Lon Samuels Architecture & Planning \*  
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**1750 Lights** - Menasha Forest Products Corporation  
**1,500 Lights** - Dave's Pizza \* Molly's "The" Pizza Parlor  
**1,388 Lights** - Cornelia & Don Barnhart  
**1,344 Lights** - Tom's Lock & Key - Steve & Cathy Clark  
**1,111 Lights** - Beta Delta Chapter-ESA \* Dr. James & Rhea Cheslock- Cheslock  
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**Fred Meyer** - 100 cases of frozen apple juice for hot apple cider  
 and Discounts on cookies & frozen lemonade for punch  
**Weyerhaeuser** - \$1,000 Grant for Landscape Lights

## Holiday Lights 2005



Shirley Bridgham

### VISITORS, COUNTRIES & STATES

An estimated 44,560 visitors  
 37 Countries from Afghanistan to Whales  
 46 States (missing Delaware, Mississippi, Vermont,  
 West Virginia)

### CITIES AND TOWNS

198 Oregon; 160 California; 56 Washington

### COMMENTS

Out of this world! - Medford, OR  
 Thanks for the memories - San Diego, CA  
 Stunning new L.E.D. lights. - Coos Bay, OR  
 Fantastic! - Las Vegas, NV  
 Beautiful, priceless - San Diego, CA  
**M M M M M!** - Grants Pass, OR  
 Breathtaking!!! - Reno, NV  
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 Wow! Worth the drive! - Spokane, WA  
 Impressive! - Eagle River, AK  
 Beautifully done. - Hayward, CA  
 One of our favorite traditions. - Madras, OR  
 Awesome! - Hesperia, CA  
 Fantasy Land! - Salem, OR  
 What a discovery! - Portland, OR  
 Awesome! - Italy  
 Magnificent! - Eagle Point, OR  
 House was done wonderfully! - Salem, OR  
 We never miss a year, thanks! - Myrtle Point, OR  
**Better than Butchart Gardens.** - Medford, OR  
 Seems more beautiful every year. - Astoria, OR  
 Excellent! - Martinez, CA  
 Love coming every year. - Lebanon, OR  
 Most beautiful I've ever seen. - Portland, OR  
 Worth the drive! - Keizer, OR  
 Come every year; gets better with age! - Coos Bay, OR  
 Wow! - Bakersfield, CA  
 No words can describe the magic. - Springfield, OR  
 Yearly tradition. - McKinleyville, CA  
 Wonderful fairyland. - Sutherlin, OR  
 It's a fairy tale. - Denmark  
 Altogether lovely! - Bandon, OR  
 Absolutely beautiful! - Nampa, ID  
 Love the bear tea party. - Edwards, CA  
 The lights! The ocean! Unbelievable! - San Jose, CA  
**The Griswold's would be envious!** - Lake Tahoe, NV

## GARDEN HOUSE INSIDE 7 Volunteers, 88 Hours(est.)

**Chair - Robynn Reed** - Mike Reed, Carl Siminow, Cappy Klein, Maxine Johannesen, Ellie Kinney-Martial, Shutter's Creek Inmate Crew, "Ophideus" aka Tree Climber Kitty \*  
**Upstairs Sewing Room** - Alice Trivitt \* Joe & Maria Neill-Electric Hospital \*  
 Lifestyle Portraits -Burl, Miladean and Julie Noggle

## MISC. HOLIDAY TASKS 30 Volunteers, 465 Hours(est.)

**Cider Spice** - See Photo

**Food Storage & Delivery** - Day Ship Supply-Bruce Day \* Vend West Services-Lou Leberti \* **Lunch**

**Preparation for Volunteers** - Cappy Klein, Maxine Johannesen, *Discount on Chili - Wendy's Old Fashion Hamburgers* \* **Housekeeping** - Ginger & Bingo Sawyer, Irene & Dick Sund, Robynn Reed, Cappy Klein, Maxine Johannesen, Pat Maidment, Joan Clifton & Jack Gilham, Shirley Bridgham \* **Photography** - Luis Velasquez, Shirley & David Bridgham \* **Holiday Buttons, Music Tape, and Stats Compilation** - Judy & Al Aslakson \* **Poster Creation & Distribution** - Shirley Bridgham & Robynn Reed

## ENTERTAINMENT 350 Volunteers, 350 Hours (est.)

**Co-Chair - Dino & Cindy Coolen**

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Shirley Bridgham

**Cider Spice Crew at the First Presbyterian Church, North Bend - Facilities available thanks to Pastor Dan Myers** - Front (L-R): Kenn Kennedy, Betty Renner (chair), Betty Kennedy; Back (L-R) Louise Hirai, Jackie McNeill, Jeannine Huffman, Theo Stanley, Virginia Stanley. *Working hard, but not available for photo: Bob Renner*

Tracy, Myrna Rose, Charlotte Peters, Daryl Peters, Jean Lindholm, Pat Deeringer, Jim Graves, Linda Allen; **New Year's Revellers** - Debbie Wright, Redgie Wright, Wendy Vandervelden, Murree & Ernie Wuethrich, Tammy & Jimmy Pederson; **Individuals** - David & Shirley Bridgham, Kenn & Betty Kennedy, Debbie Wygant, Ron & Kathy Metzger, Joan Clifton, Jack Gilham, Janene Davidson, Russ Cox

## REGULAR NIGHTS

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## Info & Gift Center 36 Volunteers, 480 Hours

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## New Decking Material -

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## Breakfast for B&B Winners

- The Pancake Mill-Gary Goodson and Beverly Rice \*

## Southwestern TEAM MEMBERS

**Art:** Skyler Denton, Theresa Ebner, Carina Felber, James Fritz (instructor), Sandy Lockett, Phil Schorr, Alissa Stoops, Lura Tresidder - **Electronics:** Braner Dantas, Dave Fedukowski (instructor), Bo Fisher, Manny Gonzales, Zhiqi Huang, Jason Iverson, Steven Knox, Nicole Le Tourneau, Brian Locke, Leo Martinez, Dallas Petenbrink, Paul Plough, Lucas Real, Scott Swindall, Jacob Tooley, Chris White - **Programming:** Linda Kridelbaugh (instructor), Nicole Le Tourneau, Brian Locke, Zhiqi Huang - **Structural / Wiring:** Ray Daniels (instructor), Bo Fisher, Manny Gonzales, Jason Iverson, Leo Martinez, Paul Plough, Scott Swindall, Jacob Tooley, Chris White

# An Unusual Final Exam

by Dave Fedukowski, Electronics Instructor, Southwestern Oregon Community College

**T**he Southwestern Oregon Community College Electronics 101 class of Fall 2005 was given an unusual final exam; “. . . design, construct, install, and troubleshoot a complex interactive light display for the main entrance area of the annual Holiday Lights Display at Shore Acres State Park.”

It was the students' opportunity to demonstrate how they had mastered the concepts and skills covered in the class. One of the conditions of this exam was that the class instructor would serve only in the roles of consultant and unskilled labor. The project would succeed or fail dependent on the students themselves. The class successfully rose to the occasion and other classes and departments at the college graciously offered their services and expertise and joined what became a multi-departmental design and construction team.



Scurrying crabs and blue and white waves.

The class decided to design a display with three main elements. The first element, consisting of 28 individually controlled seagulls, would reside under the roof of the main entrance gazebo. By sequentially turning individual birds on or off the birds could be made to appear as if they were flying across the ceiling in up to six different paths. The second element, of 20 red crabs, was placed in the land-scaped area immediately to the left of the main entrance. By sequencing these crabs, it was made to appear that there were four crabs scuttling around in the area. The third and final element was a sequenced line of eight blue and white waves which flowed back and forth around the scurrying crabs. All in all, the class used nearly 1000 feet of variously colored rope lights in the construction of the display. The 40 individual light groups were



Individually controlled seagulls overhead.

connected to the six BASIC Stamp controllers by over 2000 feet of parallel jacketed 18 gauge wire. The sensors were connected to the BASIC Stamps using Cat 5 networking cable with RJ-45 connectors.

The display was designed to respond to the presence of viewers. Different elements responded in different ways. Seagulls here on the coast tend to look at tourists as convenient sources of food, and so they will often swoop over as a group to check people out. Our seagulls were designed to fly toward people as they entered through the various sides of the gazebo. The students accomplished this by using cheap motion detectors from Wal-Mart (about 9 bucks each). This type of motion detector senses the infrared radiation given off by a warm body and is sensitive to over 30 feet. The sensor uses two matched elements. When the source of radiation changes bearing with respect to the detector, the readings on the matched sensor elements change with respect to each other and the circuit fires.

The programming was written so that when one or more of the five bird control sensors fired, the output pins controlling individual birds would go high in the desired sequence.

The crabs worked in a similar manner. As a viewer approached the crabs, a sensor would fire and the crab would run away. As the viewer passed by, a second sensor would be triggered and the crabs would run back.

The project worked as planned (after the expected troubleshooting). The project was both more involved and more fun than we had originally anticipated. Since all of our logic and control equipment was from Parallax, it all integrated smoothly and was both easy and fun to work with. Thanks to Parallax for a great product! ~

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# Thanks, Members - 2006!

(as of March 13, 2006)

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Shore Acres Gardens - Springtime Rhododendrons

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## Thanks Volunteers 2005 Spring, Summer & Fall Events



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Bay Area Bonsai Society (Back L-R) - Betty Kennedy, Virginia Stanley, Audie Foreshoe, Jim Shivley, George Ahuna, David Brokaw, John Bevans, Steve Montgomery (Row 2) - Eva Ahuna, Marion Lowden, Lorna Shivley, (Front) Theo Stanley. Not pictured Marian Tracy and the Friends' Carl Siminow

**Bonsai Day** - See photo

**Rhododendron Sunday-Mother's Day** - South West Oregon Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, Bay Area Artists Association, and refreshment servers Kenn & Betty Kennedy and Kathy Metzger

**Rose Sunday-Father's Day** - The Gorse Society, South Coast Wood Carvers, and refreshment servers Kenn & Betty Kennedy and Ron Metzger

**Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert** - Jennifer Edmondson, Roger Vines, Dennis & Kathi Netter, Kenn & Betty Kennedy, Barb Taylor, Vee Elliott, Chuck Lemke, Ann Collins, David & Shirley Bridgham

**Dahlia Day** - Southern Oregon Dahlia Society, and refreshment servers Kenn & Betty Kennedy and Bob & Betty Renner

**Orchid Day** - Pacific Orchid Society, and refreshment servers Joan Clifton, Jack Gilham, Carl Siminow and Kathy Metzger



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Last Summer - Samba Ja. This summer's concert is on **Friday, July 21** and will feature Bluegrass with Joe Ross.

Many chances  
to Volunteer!



### THIS YEAR'S DATES

**Bonsai Day**  
April 15  
11 am - 4 pm

**Rhododendron  
Sunday-  
Mother's Day**  
May 14  
11 am - 4pm

**State Parks Day**  
June 3  
Free Parking

**Rose Sunday-  
Father's Day**  
June 18  
11 am - 4 pm

**OCMF Concert**  
Friday, July 21  
12:30  
Bluegrass  
Joe Ross

**SW Oregon  
Street Rods  
Show & Shine  
Car Show**  
Aug. 12

**Sunset Classic  
Chevys Show &  
Shine Car Show**  
Sept. 17

**Dahlia Day**  
Sept. 23  
11 am - 4 pm

**Orchids "Gems  
of the Rain  
Forest"**  
Sept. 30  
11 am - 4pm

**20th annual  
Holiday Lights at  
Shore Acres  
State Park**  
Nov. 23 - Jan. 1  
4 pm - 10 pm



## Information & Gift Center



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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



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A new Edition DVD of "Gardens Above the Waves" includes 32 Holiday Lights Scenes!

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

### 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, 888-5447.**

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)

# What happened?!

## \* The Island at Sunset Bay State Park

by Kathy Schulz, Southwest Area Interpretive Coordinator, Sunset Bay State Park

*“What happened to the island, the trees, my friends?”* long-time visitors to Sunset Bay ask. Changes to the landscape usually happen gradually, allowing us to become accustomed to what we see. However, sudden changes can occur as well. Often these changes cause shock or dismay as a treasured view or a special place ceases to exist. At the same time, these changes also remind us that nature is dynamic and unpredictable.

The dead trees on the island off the entrance to Sunset Bay mark the return of the Double Crested Cormorant. Once decimated by the pesticide DDT, Double Crested Cormorant populations have recovered spectacularly over the past 20 years.

the Double Crested Cormorant is recognizable by its orange throat patch and the kink of its neck in flight.

While cormorants have been a source of controversy among fishermen for years, their growing numbers and geographic expansion have begun to earn the wrath of landlubbers as well. Although many Double Crested Cormorants nest on



Luis Velasquez

The island at Sunset Bay State Park soon may have a new name. The Oregon Geographic Names Board is recommending federal officials designate it as *Qochyax* (pronounced *Coke-yaw*) Island, in honor of Indian women and children who hid there historically in dangerous times.

offshore rocks or in ledges, others build their nests in trees. The acidic guano that they produce ends up killing the trees that they roost in. In other words, they foul their own nests.

Double Crested Cormorants began nesting on the island about ten years ago, according to Larry

Becker, Sunset Bay Park Manager. It's just in the last three years however, that the trees have noticeably begun dying.

### THE FUTURE OF THE ISLAND

Live trees will not grow again as long as the birds are present, and we don't know how long they plan to stay. As the forest structure breaks down, the cormorants may decide to leave. If they do, wind and other birds will eventually carry seeds to the island and new trees will begin to grow.

And who knows, eventually the cormorants may decide to move back to the island, starting the process over again and causing our great-great grandchildren to ask, “What happened to the island?” ~



Luis Velasquez

### DOUBLE CRESTED CORMORANTS

If you've been out near the water, you may have seen Double Crested Cormorants diving for fish or sitting on pilings with their wings spread out, sunning themselves. Like their cousins, the Pelagic and Brandt's Cormorants, Double Crested Cormorants are clumsy on land and when taking flight. When taking off from the water, they must run and beat the surface for many yards, before they finally rise into the air.

Double Crested Cormorants are found throughout United States; in fact, they are the only cormorant that lives in fresh-water environments. Here on the coast,

**Kathy Schulz** is the Area 4 Interpretive Coordinator, who works with the interpretive rangers along the coast from Reedsport to Brookings and over to Grants Pass and Shady Cove in the Rogue River area. Kathy began her position at the Sunset Bay Management Unit office in October of 2004. Before arriving on the Oregon Coast, she worked at Mount St. Helens. She has a Masters in Natural Resources and Environment and has lived in France, California, Michigan, Oklahoma and Portland, Oregon.

#### Resources

Larry Becker, Asst. Manager Area 4 Southwestern Oregon, Oregon Parks & Recreation Department; Dawn Grafe, Refuge Operations Specialist, Oregon Coast National Wildlife Complex, USFWS