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Celebrating 30 Years of Magical Milestones



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**Founded
December
1986**

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



FROM THE EDITOR . . .

By Shirley Bridgham



Can it really be 30 years?
Time does fly . . .

Each summer, this annual Journal highlights the many activities and projects that fulfill the Friends' Mission.

Our Board of Directors and members, the success of our Information and Gift Center (IGC), the support of the Holiday Lights and other Friends activities, and our cooperation with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department make it all possible.

Every year Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. does an annual plan that often contains more physical development programs than we and the park can get done. One project completed this year is a much needed new exterior sign for the Observation Building.

A big project for this Fall is the Observation Building paths. An archeologist is scheduled to be here to observe at the end of this month.

Future projects include a new sign at the Cape Arago Highway entrance to the park and more work on the Garden House that includes removing paint from the shingles/lead abatement and replacing the double doors.

Meanwhile I will continue to produce brochures, postcards and DVDs available only at our Information & Gift Center so capably run by Volunteer Managers Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst. And the Friends will continue to provide funding for Interpretive/Educational Programs and the Annual Events at Shore Acres and Sunset Bay.

The Holiday Lights event – this year is our 30TH – continues to be a rewarding experience, not only for David and me, but for all the wonderful and exceptional people who share in its creation each season.



If you want to have a fun time, just come out and string some lights, share a chili and hot dogs lunch and enjoy some great company. We work rain or shine from 10 AM to 3 PM on Saturdays and Sundays, beginning October 15TH.

And whether you can help or not, be sure to come and **See the Lights!** ■



30TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS
At least 325,000 LED LIGHTS
THANKSGIVING - NEW YEAR'S EVE
NOV. 24 – DEC. 31, 2016
4:00 PM - 9:30 PM (EVERY NIGHT)

Look for a new lighted sculpture in the Undersea Garden and another animal on the "EXILE GATE" behind the Pavilion. And as always, the beautifully decorated Garden House, welcoming hosts with hot cider, punch, coffee and cookies, and live entertainment in the Pavilion.

LIGHTS SETUP starts Oct. 15TH
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Kathy Metzger, President 2015-16



Another summer is drawing to a close and with that my year as the FoSA President.

The word that sums up this past year for me is partnership. I am grateful for our partnerships with park staff, board members and volunteers who give

many hours to make Shore Acres the jewel of the south coast.

This year provided the FoSA group and State Parks an opportunity to partner through a grant with the Coquille Tribe to restore a canoe that was unearthed and make it available for all park attendees to see.

We continue our yearly partnerships with local businesses, service groups, schools, community non profits and volunteers to bring art, theater, music and the holiday lights.

As we continue to move forward with new ideas and projects we will undoubtedly create new partnerships which will allow Shore Acres to shine for many years to come! ■



REPLICAS OF L. J. SIMPSON'S HERONS IN THE SHORE ACRES LILY POND

– Changing of the Guard in September –



Congratulations to Kathy Metzger for an excellent year as President 2015-16 and welcome Ray Daniels, President 2016-17.

NOTE: This Journal and all past Newsletters and Journals are also posted on our website.

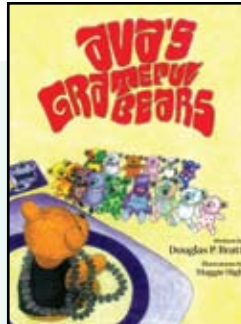
Congratulations B & B Winners!

Note to Lou Kolkhorst, Volunteer Manager, Information & Gift Center

"Lou - The author of this book wants the couple who wins the bed & breakfast drawing to have this as a gift. He said the story will become a movie with Tom Hanks as one of the characters or narrator. - Thanks, Lorie Bunyard"



NOE DE LA CRUZ AND MONA RIVAS, BERKELEY, CA



To the Happy Couple sleeping in the cottage at Shore Acres on New Year's Eve - Have a grateful journey together!

Big Bear Hugs,
Doug Bratt - a Grateful Man
12/31/15
Happy New Year!

Breakfast donated by The Pancake Mill
Gary Goodson and Beverly Rice

2016 Tickets on Sale Now
at the Information & Gift Center

FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

By Ray Daniels, President-Elect 2015-16



Greetings from the New Guy on the Friends of Shore Acres Board. Although I am a native of Coos County, born and raised in Myrtle Point, I have really only been *actively* involved with FoSA since I created the Ship sculpture in 2010. I was involved in a couple of projects that go back further than that but I'm really a *newcomer* when you look at the dedicated people on the FoSA Board of Directors. This is the 30TH year for Friends of Shore Acres and when I interact with the other members of the board I am always amazed at the amount of time

and dedication these board members have given to FoSA. Shirley and David Bridgham are my biggest heroes among this group, as the original visionaries who saw the potential and the need to form Friends of Shore Acres and 30 years later dedicate ever more hours every year to see our mission through to fulfillment. So, when David came around and asked if I would consider the President-Elect position for the upcoming year, I couldn't say No!

So here we go, embarking on another year of "Participating in Interpretive, Education, and Physical Development Programs with the Sunset Bay State Park Management Unit" as our Bylaws state. It's going to be a bit of a challenge as my involvement has always been primarily in the Holiday Lights aspect of our many endeavors, but we all need new challenges to keep us *young*. So I'll try my best to be active and involved in the activities FoSA offers year-round at the park.

I look forward to working with the Board to see the Visions and Projects brought to us by the State Parks Staff through to fruition. I also want to thank all of the volunteers, all total there are about 1,600 of you, who help make Shore Acres State Park the gem of the South Coast, by contributing your time and support to FoSA.

STORM OR SHINE, COME OUT AND ENJOY THE PARK. ■

Holiday Lights 2015 — An Estimated 49,228 Visitors

30 Countries (Other than the U.S.) • 43 States and Washington, D.C.

Cities and Towns: 201 Oregon • 126 California • 57 Washington • 185 cities and towns from other states



NEW ANIMATED SEAGULLS IN THE ENTRANCE

Auckland, New Zealand - Exceptional lighting display
 Barnstable, MA - Magical - Uplifting community effort
 Bend, OR - Every year it takes my breath away
 Boise, ID - Gorgeous, we love coming every year
 Brookings, OR - Epic!! Worth the drive
 Burlington, Iowa - 1st time -Amazing!!
 Cave Junction, OR - Our after Christmas tradition
 Charles City, IA - Beautiful
 Clackamas, OR - So cool, we come every year
 Coos Bay, OR - Beautiful, love the bear room!
 Deschutes, OR - Splendiferous!
 Dublin, Ireland - It's grrrrreat!
 Eugene, OR - Great designs!
 Fair Oaks, CA - Gorgeous! Worth the trip!
 Gleneden Beach, OR - Best in the Northwest!
 Gold Beach, OR - We are mesmerized!
 Lakeside, OR - Wonderful! Great gift shop
 Littleton, NH - Beautiful - Wicked pretty
 Los Angeles, CA - Beautiful! Love the theme :)
 Modesto, CA - Best house in Oregon!!
 Newport, OR - Beautiful wonderland of lights
 North Bend, OR - Beautiful tree in the living room!
 Oakland, OR - A yearly family tradition!!
 Oregon City, OR - Beautiful day or night
 Portland, OR - Worth every mile
 Rancho Murieta, Sacramento - Love the animals!!!
 Reno, NV - Wish we had one, Amazing!!
 Roseburg, OR - Beautiful memories!!
 Sacramento, CA - Inspires Joy and Holiday Cheer
 Salem, OR - Better than Disneyland!
 San Diego, CA - Beautiful decorations
 Seattle, WA - This is so special
 Springfield, OR - Beyond expectations, spectacular
 Stockton, CA - Sensational
 Sutherlin, OR - Love the lights, perfect family outing
 Troutdale, OR - Great Brass Ensemble
 Tucson, AZ - Breathtaking
 Yachats, OR - 1st of many trips
 Yreka, CA - Always love it!

Gorgeous! Every detail great. - Fort Collins, CO
 Never miss the magic! - Charleston, OR
 Mesmerizing! Lakeside, OR
 Perfect! - New York, NY
 Amazingly beautiful! Sioux Falls, SD



Thanks, Lights Pledge Supporters 2015!

LED Lights

- 5,600* Abel Insurance Agency—Harry and Francie Abel *
- Prudential Seaboard Properties *
- 3,334* The Mill Casino Hotel and RV Park *
- 2,100* Captain John's Motel—Hon-chi Teng and Fang-chuan Lin *
- Edgewater Inn Motel, Coos Bay * The Portside Restaurant *
- Jim and Diane Verger *
- 2,000* Coastal Paper and Supply—Bob and Johanna Dillard *
- Barbara K. Mills *
- 1,667* Cornelia and Don Barnhart * Nasburg Huggins Insurance *
- 1,400* Azalea Acres, Inc.—Richard, Betty, Steven and Wesa Liles *
- David and Shirley Bridgham *
- Coos Bay Grocery Outlet—Patricia & Sven Backman and Crew *
- J. W. White Painting—Jay and Melody White *
- Miller's at the Cove Sports Bar & Grill *
- Pacific Corp/Pacific Power * Nancy Robinson *
- 1,334* Oyster Cove LLC—Martha Butler *
- 1,125* Coos Bay Fire Department *
- 1,050* Michael A. Gordon, CPA (Not Your Basic Bean Counter) *
- 1,000* Best Western Holiday Motel *
- 807* Tom's Lock & Key—Steve and Cathy Clark *
- 700* Art Connection * Bob's Appliance—Bob and Gayle DePeal *
- Cheslock Optical—Dr. James and Rhea Cheslock *
- Ray Gapp * Honda World * Dennis and Jolynne Roberts *
- Ron and Pauline Vierra—Slippery Slope Soap Shop *
- Windermere / North Point Inc. *
- 667* This Olde House Bed and Breakfast Inn—Sally White *
- 500* James and Archina Davenport *
- 434* High Tide Cafe LLC—Carol Rodde and Steve Raplee *
- 400* Charleston Harbor Inn in memory of John A. Castro *
- 360* Cedar Electric and Construction, Inc. *
- 350* Gold Coast Truck Repair—Butch and Jacque Shields *
- Betsy Groben *
- Crystal and Gene Shoji – Shoji Planning, LLC *
- Donald and Priscilla Zobel *



Special Thanks - 2015

- Fred Meyer - 24TH year providing 100 cases of frozen apple juice for hot apple cider, 12 cases of frozen lemonade for punch and generous discount on cookies
- Vend West - Lou Leberti - 27TH year - Food Storage and Delivery
- Roto Rooter- Jim and Mike Collatt - 22ND year of providing "Santacans" at a substantial discount.
- Day Ship Supply - Bruce Day - 18TH year - Cookie Storage and Delivery
- Dave's Trees - Dave Hannah - 15TH year - Outdoor Christmas Trees

More Comments and Stats at www.shoreacres.net

Garden House 2015

By Robynn Reed, Chair, House Decorating

Last season we had a few special additions to our long list of community volunteers who help make the annual Holidays Light display possible. We were excited to have Miss Holly Yovino's fourth grade students from Millicoma School participating. They created hand made ornaments to help decorate two trees in the "kids" room of the Garden House. Thank you to Sierra A., Jake B., Kris C., Johnny D., Lillian D., Aspen E., Willow E., Wyatt G., Karli K., Braedy K., John L., Brett M., Dylan M., Alexis O-M., Morgan P., Adrian P., Ethan R., Hope S., Kendra S., Cameron T., Hailey T., Orion T., & Marley U.

- We also had colorful "ornament" mittens created by Marlene Davis from Bandon to add to the theme.
- Myrna Epperson added her knitting skills to contribute child size scarves for our theme this year. These colorful scarves were to be given to the young artists after the Holiday Lights event.
- Ann Mintonye loaned Norman Rockwell plates again.
- Jim and Mary Ann Howard loaned a couple of "old" clocks and a unique planter.
- Melisa Hovey loaned a patriotic wreath for the display.

As the 'House Elves' Chloe Eberlein and I were excited to have these artistic contributions and remind visitors to always take a peak upstairs! Also, it is never too early or too late in life to volunteer in our community!

We appreciate these contributions to this wonderful holiday celebration and hope you will visit- rainy or dry, warm or cold! ■

Thanks!



GARDEN HOUSE CO-CHAIR - CHLOE EBERLEIN * MICHAEL AND ADAM REED, ELLIE KINNEY-MARTIAL * PAM STEVENS, SHUTTER CREEK CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND WORK CREWS

DONATED ITEMS - LANTERNS - JACK GILHAM AND JOAN CLIFTON * BOOKCASES & LOUVERED SCREEN - BUTCH & KATHY HUTCHINSON * CHINA FIGURINES - DEBBIE WEBB * DECORATIVE LADDER - DOUG EBERLEIN * RADIO - DAYTON HUGHES AND FAMILY * ENTRANCE TABLE AND ROLL TOP DESK-MARSHFIELD BARGAIN HOUSE-STEVE SCHNEIDERMAN * ANTIQUE DOLL - HEADLANDS COUNTRY MERCANTILE * CROCHET LACE DOILIES - SARAH KIMBALL * NEEDLEPOINT SANTA PICTURE - SHARY BRAMS * LOANED ITEMS - B&B BED - SHARY BRAMS & GREG HORNING * CORNER CABINET AND SHIP'S WHEEL- JOHN MCKEOWN * MISC. ITEMS - MIKE, ROBYNN & ADAM REED

A WHALE OF A SPLASH

By David Bridgham, Co-Chair Holiday Lights



DAVID - REPAIRING THE ORCA DISPLAY IN 2015

The Orca whale sculpture display goes back to 1995 when Don McMichael, renown marine artist, drew the sequence on graph paper for our lights display.

I recreated the 5 sequences to scale on a large net. Thru these years we have dealt with various amounts of rope light repairs - due to wind load on the net and resulting breaks in the light circuits.

For some reason last year was unusually hard on the display. Daily repairs became the proverbial last straw. After failing to convince my Co-Chair, Shirley, that it might be time to "retire" the Orca, my new solution became to recreate the incredibly complex, scaled to life size, sculpture

on ridged metal. This construction will be similar to our Sea Lions display which is flawless and reliable.

I was smart enough to ask a true craftsman in metal fabrication, Ray Daniels, for his help on this project. A scaled grid was created on many sheets of plywood. Materials were assembled (50 pieces of 15' long 1/2" square aluminum stock. Hours of detailed plotting and measurements - inch by inch were transferred to the grid.

Let the bending begin!

Ray is a master at teasing every detail out of metal - just look at the sailing ship he made for the display. I tried to help where I could, but I was primarily helpful in holding up each long piece of aluminum stock as it was being coaxed through the bending process.

When you see the Orca, once again, leaping in this year's display - please look past the shining lights to the awesome metal work that Ray has done for the lights. The Orca will be leaping for years to come. ■



RAY WELDING ALUMINUM - AUG. 2016



HALF-WAY DONE - SEPT. 5, 2016 - THIS ALSO MARKS THE TRANSITION TO A NEW SOLID-STATE, DIGITAL CONTROLLER, ALLOWING THE ORCA TO LEAP INTO THE 21ST CENTURY.

Holiday Lights - Making Magic

**DAVID AND SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM
CO-CHAIR SINCE 1987**

LIGHTS STRINGERS – 2015

Cheryl Baldwin, David Barnhart, Laura Beth Barton, Bruce Beauchamp, Shirley & David Bridgham, Dawn and Stewart Buxton, Shirley Champagne-Harris, S. Clark, Joan Clifton, Ray Daniels, Bill Davis, Russell Earl, Susan Ferguson, David Forkner, Edith Forkner, Dawn Hughes, Kimberly Humbert, Allen King, Joanie Lawrence, Kathy Metzger, Sharon Miller, Mike Perkins, Carol Ventgen, Dell & Roberta Willis, Coos Bay Garden Club - Henry Johnson, Linda Johnson, Mary Kerr, Mary Robertson, Elizabeth Robertson, Michi Sherwood, Sharon Tedrow, Char Young, Southwestern Oregon Community College: - Baseball Team and Softball Team

Garden Areas - Bay Area Kiwanis - Bill McCaffree, Roxanne McCready, Mike & Beth Gipson, Mert Greif, Oscar Johnson, Marty Kulick, John Lemos, Allison Richards, Ellen & Dan Thompson, Scott Traylor, Patrick Varga



CRYPTOMERIA AND BUTTERFLIES - CHARLESTON FIRE & RESCUE - CAPTAIN RUSTY SHIELD, CHRIS OWENS, JENNIFER POWERS, ED RHODES, AND FRIENDS' VOLUNTEER DELL WILLIS



DAVID BRIDGHAM AND BILL DAVIS PUT UP THE NEW ANIMATED SEAGULL SCULPTURES IN THE GAZEBO ENTRANCE TO THE GARDENS.



COOS BAY GARDEN CLUB 2015 - L-R CHAR YOUNG, MARY ROBERTSON, ELIZABETH ROBERTSON, LINDA JOHNSON, HENRY JOHNSON, MICHI SHERWOOD, MARY KERR AND SHARON TEDROW

Thanks!

HOLIDAY TREES - Donated by Dave Hannah - Dave's Christmas Trees - Lots at Farr's True Value Hardware and Next to Pony Village Theaters, North Bend *

Tree Decorating Coordinator - Dawn Buxton

* AM VETS Post 10 * Bay Area Hospital Auxiliary * Bay Clinic LLP * Bikers for Christ, Coos County Chapter * Bonneville Power Administration * CH2M Hill * * Chappelle Enterprises * City of Coos Bay * Coos County Radio Club * Cutting Edge Hair Designs * Girl Scouts of Oregon & SW Washington * H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group) * Kairos NW * Les' Sanitary Service Inc * Mid Coast Mustang and Ford Club * Oregon Coast Community Action * Oregon State Parks Volunteers and Staff * Pacific Coast Corvette Club * Pigeon Point Dairy Queen * Ruby Tuesdays Red Hat Society * South Coast Cruisers Car Club * South Coast Education Service District * South Coast Office Supply * Southwestern Oregon Community College * South Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship * Subzero Motorsports *

SCULPTURES - SETUP - David Bridgham, Ray Daniels, Bill Davis, Mike Perkins, Carol Ventgen, Dell Willis, Shutter Creek Correctional Officers & Work Crews

LIGHTS ON GARDEN HOUSE - COOS BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT Jason Guenther, Gabe Ouellette, Walter Herzog, Yolonda Lawes, Frank Kaiser, Danielle Espinoza, Tyler Leman, Wayne & Roxanne Steward, Cody & Amber Carlson, Jonathan Hagerly, Brandon Amaral, Brooke Spencer, Travis Martin, Jeff Adkins, Jason Guenther, Andoni Amuchastegui, Ben Rolicheck



BILL DAVIS



COOS BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS HIGH UP ON THE GARDEN HOUSE - L-R JASON GUENTHER, ANDONI AMUCHASTEGUI AND BEN ROLICHECK

MORE THAN 60 LIGHTED SCULPTURE DISPLAYS

- DESIGNED TO REFLECT OUR COASTAL SETTING
- SCULPTURE BROCHURE AVAILABLE AT THE IGC

ALSO AVAILABLE ON LINE AT WWW.SHOREACRES.NET



INSTALLATION OF LARGE SCALE SCULPTURES, LARGE CHRISTMAS TREES, HEDGE STAKES, PATH CHAINS, ETC — SHUTTER CREEK CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND WORK CREWS

Holiday Lights - Making Magic



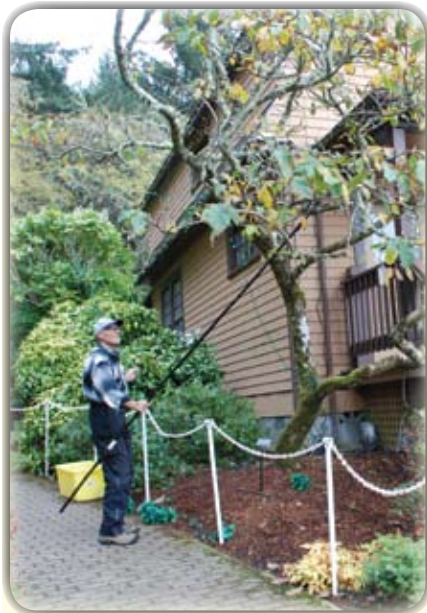
KATHY METZGER AND DAWN BUXTON



ANIMATED RED CRABS
JOINED THE POPULAR
UNDERSEA GARDEN



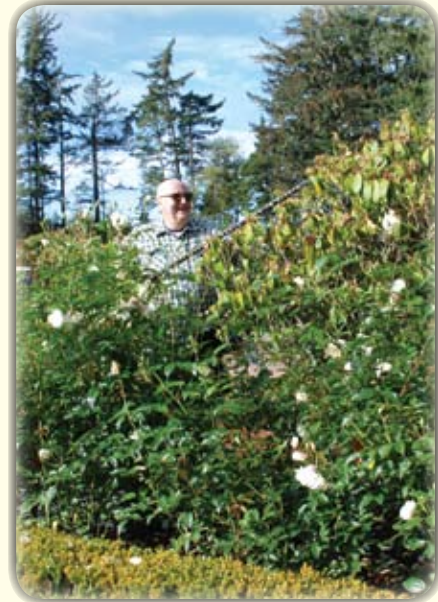
SHIRLEY CHAMPAGNE-HARRIS



DELL WILLIS

Thanks!

— OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS — APPLE JUICE FOR HOT APPLE CIDER & LEMONADE FOR PUNCH - FRED MEYER DONATED 120 CASES * COOKIES - FRED MEYER, DONNA KOSKI - SUBSTANTIAL DISCOUNT * CIDER SPICE - KATHI & DENNIS NETTER, JOAN CLIFTON, ANDREW NETTER, KAREN & PETER CROSBY, PATRICIA STOECKLI (FROM SWITZERLAND) * FOOD STORAGE AND DELIVERY - DAY SHIP SUPPLY - BRUCE DAY * VEND WEST SERVICES - LOU LEBERTI, TERRY CLINTON * LUNCHEONS AND SNACKS FOR VOLUNTEERS - ROBERTA WILLIS, SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM, DAVE BARNHART, JOAN CLIFTON, CHILI DISCOUNT - WENDY'S OLD FASHION HAMBURGERS * HOUSEKEEPING - SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM, JOAN CLIFTON, KAREN CROSBY, KATHI AND DENNIS NETTER, ROBYNN REED * BUTTONS - DELL AND ROBERTA WILLIS * POSTER DISTRIBUTION - BARB TAYLOR



DAVID BARNHART



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**GARDEN AREA SOUTH OF PAVILION
NORTH BEND HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB**

BACK ROW: ELLA HUTCHERSON, OLIVIA WEE, ALISSA MCCORD, JORNEY BALDWIN, JOSE GARCIA, GINNY GONZALES, SARA FRINGS, HUNTER BIERCE, BRODY STEELE, TYLER HARPER, BRYCE SHELTON, NICOLE GROVER, MEAGAN MORLAN, KARL STUNTZNER-GIBSON * **MIDDLE ROW:** ALICE KEATING, ATHENA RODRIGUEZ, THOMAS MITCHELL, CLAIRE WEST, ALLIE WEST, WHITNEY CRAWFORD-DECKER, ELIZABETH SALATHE, DREW DIEFENBAUGH, PAM ROMANKO, BOB ROMANKO * **FRONT ROW:** ETHAN SALATHE, SETH FRINGS



HARLEY OWNERS GROUP - L-R TERRY PETTY, GEORGE WOOLCOCK, TONY DUB, MARYANN DUB, NANCY GALBRAITH, JOHN GALBRAITH, STEPHANIE SPINELLA, ROY HARRIS AND TERRY HARRIS



Thanks!

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COOPERATIVE MILESTONES



1988 - INSTALLED PERMANENT WIRING THROUGHOUT THE FORMAL GARDENS FOR THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS DISPLAY THAT WOULD HELP FUND SO MANY FUTURE PROJECTS FOR THE FRIENDS AND THE PARK



1995 - DOUBLED EXISTING PARKING, ADDED PARKING LOT LIGHTS



1996 - MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN BUILT



2001 - NEW PERFORMANCE PAVILION

30 YEARS

By David Bridgham



Shore Acres State Park and Friends of Shore Acres are woven into the fabric of our Bay Area's culture.

A beautiful public place on the Oregon coast with unique gardens at the ocean's edge. The rugged coast line is spectacular, with the iconic Shore Acres wave, in your face geology and unparalleled viewing of marine wildlife. This is a place for quite meditation, memorable celebrations like weddings, or just a picnic.

Over the last 30 years, the Friends have fulfilled exactly what was hoped a community based volunteer force could do to enhance our visitors' experience in the park. Shore Acres is the go-to spot for most local/regional residents to bring friends and family. There is such a deep sense of ownership – as there should be – in our State Park. It's close, it's beautiful, and it's ours.

Our 30-year cooperative relationship with Shore Acres and Sunset Bay State Parks has never been better and has always been a strong model throughout Oregon. Our success has been nurtured through the years by both sides of the partnership. Our professional partners are called upon to support the Friends' activities, which in turn fulfill both of our goals, to enhance the visitors experience.

THE FRIENDS HAVE HOSTED MANY ANNUAL EVENTS OVER THE YEARS:

- The garden concert during the Oregon Coast Musical Festival. Although there is variety in music each year - one constant is the raspberry sundaes our concert picnickers have grown to anticipate.
- Flower exhibits in the Garden House and out in the gardens. During the seasonal blooms of rhodies, roses and dahlias, experts show their best and answer visitors' questions.
- Local Bonsai experts show their plants and talk to visitors in the Garden House.
- We have developed a number of informative brochures. A trail map, Sunset Bay to Cape Arago and every thing in between with point to point distances, as well as plant-specific brochures.



2003 - SIMPSON REEF OVERLOOK - NEW PARKING LOT, VIEWING PLATFORM AND INTERPRETIVE DISPLAYS



2003 - NEW INFORMATION AND GIFT CENTER AND GARDEN ENTRANCE



a "Powerful Partnership"
since 1986



Nature
HISTORY
Discovery

AN INFORMATION AND GIFT CENTER BUILT IN A SIMILAR LIKENESS OF L. J. SIMPSON'S FIRST MANSION.

- Treasures for our traveling visitors to bring home to remember what a special place Shore Acres is.
- A great place for locals to shop for friends and relatives who live somewhere else.
- A wonderful kids corner filled with thought provoking activities and toys.

HOLIDAYS LIGHTS AT SHORE ACRES. THIRTY YEARS OF MAKING MEMORIES.

- Multi-generations of memories and traditions have been inspired by the breathtaking light display.
- A place where families come together to share a special holiday experience that stands the test of time. Many keep coming back year after year to re-capture the magic.
- The historic Garden House decorated in a time long past touches a nostalgic spot in everyone.
- The lights display is unique. A walk-through display where we become part of the experience.
- Sculptures that are true to who we are and where we're at; marine, garden and historically related. All in all, it's very Shore Acres and makes this a one of kind.
- Our volunteers (1,500 in all for the Holiday Lights) come from our communities - with just a few exceptions that travel from out of the area to be a part of something we all feel is very special.
- If you read our guest books, which you can in our holiday lights brochure, or on our web site, you will feel the real passion that our visitors share. I also glimpse an amount of community envy from visitors who only "wish we had one of these" back home.

The Friends have carefully crafted something very special over the years. It's created by our communities – for our communities and all of our visitors to enjoy. What a wonderful holiday gift. ■



2006 - SECOND GIFTS AND MEMORIALS DISPLAY CONSTRUCTED



2011 - GARDEN HOUSE - RESTORED DINING ROOM WINDOWS

COOPERATIVE MILESTONES



2012 - NEW INTERPRETIVE PANELS IN OBSERVATION BUILDING



2012 - NEW INTERPRETIVE PANEL AT THE GARDEN ENTRANCE



2012 - NEW STORAGE BUILDING FOR INFORMATION AND GIFT CENTER



2015 AND 2016 - NEW DOORS AND SIGN AT THE OBSERVATION BUILDING

Holiday Lights - More Magic by Volunteers



1994 - 45' GRAY WHALE SCULPTURE DESIGNED BY DON McMICHAEL

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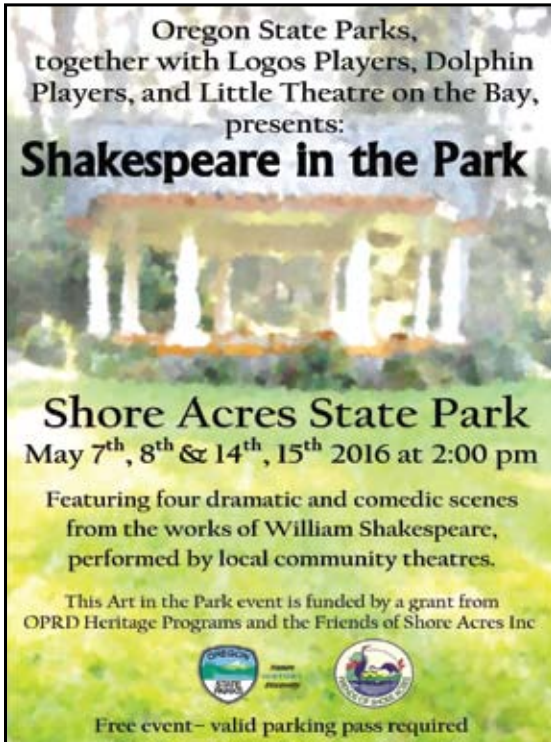
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Condolences - Park Host and Friends Member George J. Fritz passed away on May 29, 2016. He and his wife Bonnie started volunteer hosting at State Parks in 2010 and were with us for Holiday Lights 2014 and 2015. Our best to Bonnie and family.
 On behalf of the Friends and Shore Acres State Park, Shirley and David Bridgham ■

*Thanks for
 your support!*

Art in the Park Events – 2016 – Shore Acres

By Kristin Hovenkotter Greco, Ranger Assistant



Shore Acres State Park hosted a Shakespeare in the Park event with actors from area theatres. This was the first of two Art in the Park events at Shore Acres and Sunset Bay. We applied for and were approved to receive grants from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Heritage Fund designed to bring artistic events to our State Parks.

Fifteen different local thespians from three different community theatre groups (Logos Players, The Dolphin Players, and Little Theatre on the Bay) took part in this free event, performing two monologues and four scenes from a variety of William Shakespeare's plays. These scenes were performed once each day, and took place in two different locations within Shore Acres Gardens.

The Friends of Shore Acres were instrumental in putting on this event, funding the rental of chairs for the audience, as well as the tent and stage for the Rose Garden location. Volunteers from the friends also had the Garden House open each day, with cookies and juice for the spectators, who attended in numbers over 80 every day. The total amount of attendees for the event over the four days was approximately 280 people who got to experience the amazing works of William Shakespeare in the beautiful outdoor setting of Shore Acres Gardens.

The community seemed to fully support this endeavor, and we hope it can become an annual event at Shore Acres. All feedback has been excellent, and all the volunteer participants had wonderful things to say about the experience and want to take part again in the future. Look for our next Shakespeare in the Park event to be a full play, taking place in September of 2017. ■



SHAKESPEARE NEAR THE ROSE GARDEN



SHAKESPEARE IN THE PAVILION

MORE THAN ONE TASK . . .

In addition to writing the grant and organizing and coordinating the event, Kristin Hovenkotter Greco played *Bottom* from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in the Logos scene that closed the show.

This scene was a compilation of the players being assigned their parts for a play to be performed at the Duke's wedding as well as the actual play-within-a-play itself, the famous "Wall Scene."

Bottom, an arrogant and obnoxious person, is cast as Pyramus, a mythological lover whose story is reminiscent of Romeo and Juliet, wherein he "dies most gallant for love" in a very drawn-out and hilariously over-dramatic manner. ■



KRISTIN, AS *BOTTOM* REFUSES TO DIE PEACEFULLY.

LISA PHILLIPS

Art in the Park Event – 2016 – Sunset Bay

By Kristin Hovenkotter Greco, Ranger Assistant

The other Art in the Park event was a free watercolor painting day at Sunset Bay on June 4th, State Parks Day. We held an instructional session that morning, two teachers from the Bay Area Artists' Association came in to do watercolor painting lessons for adults, and then in the afternoon, the local Plein Air painters and members of the public participated in a "Paint Out" where supplies were provided to anyone who wanted to sit and paint outside at Sunset Bay. ■



TWENTY-ONE PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN THE 2-HOUR WATERCOLOR INSTRUCTIONAL SESSION LED BY MEMBERS OF THE BAY AREA ARTISTS ASSOCIATION.



SHAYLA VAN TASSEL HOLDS UP HER WORK FROM THE MORNING INSTRUCTIONAL SESSION. SHAYLA ALSO PLAYED JULIET IN A SCENE DURING THE SHAKESPEARE EVENT.



Bay Area Plein Air Painters

PARTICIPANTS PAINTING "EN PLEIN AIR" OUT IN NATURE DURING THE AFTERNOON PAINT OUT SESSION. FIFTY-ONE PEOPLE PARTICIPATED, CREATING WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS OF SUNSET BAY IN THE BEAUTIFUL SUNSHINE.

Thank you, Friends of Shore Acres, for helping bring fantastic art events to our community!

To see some of the work created at the Paint Out, visit <https://bayareaartistsassociation.com/>

Thanks to all who participated!

NEWS FROM THE SUNSET BAY MANAGEMENT UNIT

By PRESON PHILLIPS, PARK MANAGER



RANGER GARRETT ALBISTON BEGINS THE FIRST OF MANY TABLE RESTORATIONS AT CAPE ARAGO STATE PARK.



NORTHWEST YOUTH CORPS TEAM MEMBERS STRETCH BEFORE ANOTHER DAY OF BUILDING THE EAST LOOP TRAIL.



PARK RANGERS PAM STEVENS AND ELLIE KINNEY-MARTAL INSTALL THE NEW TRAFFIC COUNTER LOOP AT SHORE ACRES.



FIRST ONE DONE!



THE TIDE POOLS AT SUNSET BAY ARE ALIVE WITH SEA CRITTERS AND FAMILIES DURING A MINUS TIDE.



NEW TRAFFIC CONTROL FENCING SOUTH OF SIMPSON REEF OVERLOOK

Friends' Spring and Summer Events 2016

Rhododendron Sunday | Mother's Day - May 8



SW OREGON CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY - L-R - MARJENE MACINTYRE, BOB MACINTYRE, LIZ HULTIN, TOM HULTIN, DAN NICKELL, JACK HACKETT, RAY LEE

Rose Sunday Father's Day - June 19



ROSARIANS STEVE PENNINGTON AND LOU KOLKHORST ANSWERED QUESTIONS AND OFFERED SOME TIPS FOR GROWING BEAUTIFUL, HEALTHY ROSES.



THE SOUTHWESTERN OREGON ROSE SOCIETY DISPLAYED DIFFERENT TYPES OF ROSES WITH A RAINBOW OF COLORS AND FRAGRANCES.



DARRELL AND CAROL SANDERS

Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert - July 23



RAY DANIELS, DELL WILLIS, CARL SIMINOW, DENNIS NETTER, AND DAVID BRIDGHAM HELPED DIRECT AND PARK CARS.



A BEAUTIFUL SETTING FOR THE OCMF GARDEN CONCERT SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES.



SHARON FRANK, ART CAR, NORMA DAVIS, AND JANETTE CAR SELL SUNDAES AND LEMONADE. KATHI AND DENNIS NETTER PROVIDED THE RASPBERRIES THAT FOLKS HAVE COME TO EXPECT.

Bonsai Day with the Bay Area Bonsai Society - August 20



MIKE WAHLBERG, BETTY KENNEDY AND JESSICA MORRISON



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THE SOCIETY'S 75-YR OLD MASCOT TREE, PICTURED AS PART OF THE LOGO ON NORM'S SHIRT.

"A GATHERING OF FINCHES" AUTHOR JANE KIRKPATRICK SPEAKS AT SHORE ACRES - JUNE 26, 2016

The author signed her books, made a presentation and remained to chat with visitors. Friends of Shore Acres served refreshments.

INSPIRATION FOR THE BOOK:

Twenty years ago Coos Bay residents Ken and Nancy Tedder brought their relatives Jane and Jerry Kirkpatrick to Shore Acres State Park. What followed was the acclaimed book *A Gathering of Finches* (1997) by author Jane Kirkpatrick. That visit to the park led to her journey to discover the story of Cassie Hendricks Stearns Simpson for whom Louis Simpson designed this now jewel of a state park.

"I kept trying to find out what kind of a woman would inspire this beautiful place," said Kirkpatrick. "My husband loves me very much but he gives me earrings. Who was this woman and why didn't we know more about her?"

With some trepidation she called on descendant of Cassie Simpson, Mrs. Peg Day, who enthusiastically joined her quest helping her uncover lost documents.

"The book has touched people from around the world," Kirkpatrick says. "I hear from descendants of Louie's brother and sister and from people who read the book and said they'd changed their lives because of it." The book was adapted into a stage production performed by North Bend's Waterfront Players led by Judy McDonald in the early 2000s. Kirkpatrick dedicated the book to her sister, Judy Hurlley, who died later that year.

Thousands of visitors each year enjoy the gardens and Kirkpatrick notes that people make the trek with family members to see for themselves this lavish estate that marked a great though tragic love affair. ■



NOTE FROM JANE: I received a lovely letter from a young mother that moved me in the way that I hope my novels move others: to consider the power of their own stories, their own home towns, their own families. History and story enrich our lives and between history and story lies memory. This young woman, now a mother, made memories. I couldn't be happier.

LETTER FROM ATTENDEE



Hi Jane,

Thanks again for speaking at Shore Acres today, and for taking a picture with me! I can't emphasize enough how much your book (and others, but particularly 'A Gathering of Finches') influenced me and made me fall in love with the history of my hometown.

My parents owned a charter fishing business in Charleston, OR so I spent most of my childhood on boats and at the beach. Growing up in that environment you don't quite realize how unique and special the Oregon coast is. And like many people that grow up in Coos County, I visited Shore Acres every December for the spectacular light display. I just had no idea that Shore Acres had such a history!

When I was in high school I read your book for the first time and my curiosity was insatiable. It blew my mind that you were writing about people in my own town, and mentioning places I had been to dozens of times. (I can still vividly remember your description of the Simpsons trying to get to the Shore Acres location, and to this day I cannot fathom how they built roads and traveled.)

Because I had a job shelving books at the public library, I started researching the Simpson family, Shore Acres, and Coos County. I dragged my mom and sister all over, trying to find historical markers. We hiked all over Shore Acres. I was able to recall important events in the book and really connect to the history. It was a great summer, and even when I went to college and brought friends home to visit I became a little tour guide for the history of Shore Acres. :)

Thank you again for helping me appreciate the history of my home! It was a pleasure to meet you and hear you speak.

Warmly, Brittany Daugherty

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"A Gathering of Finches" by Jane Kirkpatrick
"L J: The Uncommon Life of Louis Jerome Simpson" by Judy and Dick Wagner
"The Simpsons of Shore Acres" by Stephen Dow Beckham

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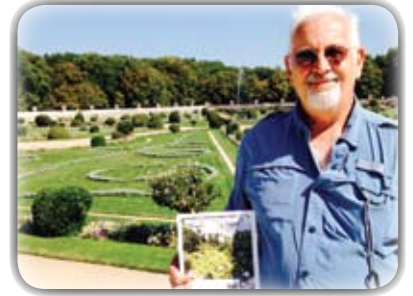
Friends and Journal Travel to France

By Carol Ventgen



While I'm in a catch-up mode, I'm attaching a photo of the Chateau de Chenonceau in the Loire Valley of France where Mike and I visited in 2013 and 2014, one of the most magnificent of many wonderful chateaus in France.

on top of Diane's bridge and created her own garden (**The photo with me**). It is filled with climber rose trees and has an alley of orange trees. There is a large cutting garden here, filled with flowers exclusively produced to grace the rooms of the Chateau.



The back story: Its construction began in 1513. King Henry II moved in at one point and in 1547 he gave the Chateau to his mistress, Diane de Poitiers. She added an arched bridge across the Cher River to access hunting grounds. She took a small, rustic garden established by the previous owner and turned it into a lovely formal garden divided into four large triangles set in impressive fruit trees, with strawberry plants and violets bordering the paths. The "Le Jardin de Diane" fountain she installed still sits in the center of the garden. (**Diane's garden is seen in the photo with Mike.**) She enjoyed the Chateaus and her garden until the king died of injuries sustained in a jousting tournament in 1559.

Upon his death, Henry's vengeful wife, Catherine de Medicis, unceremoniously kicked Diane out and into a much drabber chateau called Chaumont. Catherine added a three-story structure



Another interesting part of its history is that during World War I, the Grand Gallery served as a military hospital where more than 2,200 soldiers were cared for. During World War II, the Cher River that flows under the Chateau's Gallery was the border between the French State that had sovereignty over southern France, and Nazi-controlled northern France. Chenonceau saw many prisoner swaps, and also some prisoner escapes. ■

Editor's Note: Carol and her husband Mike Perkins are long-time dedicated Friends' members and holiday lights volunteers. They do most of the set-up of the Undersea Garden and help with the rest of the lights display, including take-down! ■

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

Three of the parks in the Sunset Bay Management Unit are Sunset Bay, Shore Acres, and Cape Arago.

This photo was taken at Cape Arago on Dec. 30, 2015 when visitors had the opportunity to see a glorious sunset.

Shirley Bridgham