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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



FROM THE EDITOR . . .

By Shirley Bridgham



Where to start . . . so many stories in this edition of the annual Journal, we are calling it historical.

Who would have expected the majestic Monterey Cypress near the Information & Gift Center to simply fall over? It was a beautiful sunny summer morning with no wind. (*Story and photos, pages 10-11*)

Then we finally have the wonderful recovery of the Japanese lantern, now returned to its proper place at the lily pond. (*Story and photos, pages 18-19*)

Of course we always share plenty of Holiday Lights photos and stats, which were especially amazing in 2017.

With so little rainfall during the season, a problem of traffic backups and possible emergencies now has to be solved.

Several solutions are being worked on:

- A lighted sign near the main Sunset Bay State Park entrance sign with info about distance and **\$5 parking fee, cash or check only – Credit cards are not accepted for state park parking pass purchases at the booth entrance**
- Possible shuttle transport from Sunset Bay parking on busy weekends
- Adding more parking spaces at Shore Acres in 2019.

This information is also going on our website at www.shoreacres.net

Since we like to keep you up to date on our activities, David and I decided it was time to tell you about the Archival Albums project that we started in 2014. It has required a lot of scanning of print photos and great publicity pieces, followed by desktop publishing using Adobe InDesign CS-3. Being able to use current technology to have complete printable pages to use in the large format albums, then being able to save them as Adobe PDF files for electronic viewing, is quite rewarding. Each album begins with the same introductory pages so the viewer gets the "why it was done" no matter which album is being viewed. The albums are a wonderful and memorable journey back to 1986 when we were fortunate enough to be part of the formation of Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. (*Story and photos, back page*)

As we've said many times before, we are so fortunate to have such a fantastic park, great board and members, wonderful volunteers, financial supporters, and a cooperative relationship with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department that is unmatched anywhere. ■

Note About Membership - Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

membership year runs from January 1 thru December 31 and renewal notices are mailed the end of November. *However, you may join any time of the year.* A form is included in the Membership Brochure, which is available at the park, on our website www.shoreacres.net, or by calling 541-756-5401 or e-mailing bridgham@epuerto.com. Members receive discounts on the OPRD annual parking permits, a 10% discount in the Information & Gift Center, the annual Summer Journal, many volunteer opportunities and – always – the satisfaction of belonging to one of the best state park co-ops in Oregon. ■



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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Lou Kolkhorst, President 2017-18



It's always a pleasant experience to be president of Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. Each time is a fun new experience with the current fellow directors. This year has been a very

new experience because we have new staff and park rangers. We will miss Ellie Kinney-Martial and Pam Stevens and their dedication and hard work they have given us for years to make us the best park in Oregon. *At least that is what I always tell the other Friends groups.*

However, in their place, we have a new dedicated group led by Park Manager Denice Hardy and her staff led by Park Ranger 3, Audrey Mills.

Last year, we added the long awaited Shore Acres entrance sign. We have a new

sign over the front door of the Information and Gift Center (IGC). This year we have replaced the front entrance deck because of a deteriorating under structure. All in all, it has been a very busy year.

The Information and Gift Center (IGC) has had a fantastic year again, thanks to the dedication of the OPRD park hosts and the local volunteers who make it happen. As you know, all net funds raised through sales are used to provide Shore Acres State Park staff extra resources to keep the park beautiful for the enjoyment of all. It would not happen without the many hours given by our volunteers.

THANK YOU!

When I was at the last OPRD Friends Co-op meeting, I was very proud to report that we have 1,600+ volunteers to make our park and especially the Holiday Lights the

spectacular place and event enjoyed by visitors world wide. Most Friends groups were bemoaning that they were having problems getting volunteers to help.

Holiday Lights is a very creative event started in 1987 by the Friends and coordinated by David and Shirley Bridgham ever since. It's an event that continues to grow each year, doing much for the park, the community and providing enjoyment for all who visit the extravaganza between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve. It is unbelievable that we had an estimated 74,392 visitors last season.

Again, I've been very proud to serve as your FoSA President this past year and looking forward to helping our incoming President Dennis Netter in September to make his year just as memorable. ■



a "Powerful Partnership" since 1986



FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

By Dennis Netter, President-Elect, 2017-18



Oregon recognizes Shore Acres State Park as one of its foremost all-season shoreline garden attractions. The local community and the Friends of Shore Acres membership has long been dedicated to making a visit to the Shore Acres garden an outstanding experience with its multidimensional sensory palate, activities, events, and learning experiences that can be shared by people with a variety of interests.

Each year has enjoyed significant landmark accomplishments with the coordinated effort of Oregon State Parks and the Friends of Shore Acres support group. Recently the entry deck by the Information and Gift Center and ornamental lantern in the pond

have been rejuvenated. A concrete walkway to the AARS Rose Display Garden as well as other safety work has already been completed. This year anticipates improvement in parking and traffic flow for times when congestion is high. Maintaining valued traditions and facilities along with attractive changes help to create an interesting visit.

Working with the Friends of Shore Acres is a healthy, productive experience where one can contribute in a variety of ways to help the many extremely dedicated and talented people who create and maintain the garden and nearby parks. Everyone appreciates and is inspired by the help and support of local businesses and organizations. Many thanks are offered to these volunteers. ■

— YEARLY TRANSITION EACH SEPTEMBER — HOW IT WORKS

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. was founded on December 4, 1986.

1st annual year Dec. 4, 1986 - Aug. 31, 1987

1st Birthday - Dec. 4, 1987

1st Christmas Lights - Dec. 11, 1987

2nd annual Year - Sept. 1, 1987 - Aug. 31, 1988

2nd Birthday - Dec. 4, 1988

... and so on. *The annual year runs from September of one year to the end of August of the next year.*



Note from Kathi and Dennis about the September meeting, which they will miss. Dennis will get the President's gavel at the October 16th meeting.

"We are going to the American Prairie Bison Reserve near Malta, Montana to improve habitat for the native bison that are being re-introduced to the preserve and also working to increase other historically plentiful wildlife such as prairie dogs, foxes and antelope. Mostly it's grunt work, re-positioning barbed wire fencing to be compatible with all the species but it is special to watch and hear the bison in the evening. "Oh give me a home where the buffalo (bison) roam and the deer and the antelope play . . . k&d"

Holiday Lights 2017 — An Estimated 74,392 Visitors

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

Cities and Towns: 243 Oregon • 146 California • 71 Washington • 226 cities and towns from other states

Albany, OR - Favorite place on earth
 Allyn, WA - Amazing Breathtaking, Thank you!
 Arcata, CA - After 20 + years still uplifting
 Atlanta, GA - Came here by accident – so glad I did!
 Austin, TX - Love this place. . . thank you!!!
 Bandon, OR - What a great day to be alive!
 Beaverton, OR - “How do I love thee?”
 Bellevue, WA - Awesome place to visit
 Boise, ID - Absolutely beautiful! Thank you!
 Bridge, OR - Love this tradition
 Brookings, OR -Thanks so much for a lovely tradition
 Buenos Aires, Argentina - Amazing! So creative!
 Casper, WY - Love it!
 Central Point, OR - A perfect tradition
 Chico, CA - Holy Cow! Beautiful
 Coos Bay - Love the Teddy bear room

Gleneden Beach, OR - “Best in the Northwest”

Newport, OR - “Bucket List (check)”

New York, NY - “So beautiful!”

Portland, OR - “An Oregon Masterpiece”

Wasilla, AK - “Great Christmas Spirit

Corvallis, OR - Beautiful from start to finish
 Coquille, OR - Thanks for the memories!
 Costa Mesa, CA - So festive!
 Council Bluffs, IA - Beautiful!
 Eugene, OR - Fantastic people and lights
 France - A real fairy tale!
 Germany - Absolutely shining!
 Gresham, OR - Wow! Beautiful – worth the trip
 Houston, TX - Fabulous

Ketchikan, AK - Great job - Amazing!!
 Klamath Falls, OR - Lovely! Thanks for hard work!
 Los Angeles, CA - Wow – Wow – Wow
 Merlin, OR - Thank you . . . Superb in every way!
 Missoula, MT - Absolutely beautiful - Thank you!
 North Bend, OR - Beautiful house! I’m completely in love!
 North Platte, Nebraska - Can’t wait to come back next year.
 Omaha, NE - This is Awesome! Thank you.
 Ottawa, Canada - Glad to be here for the holidays!
 Port Orford, OR - Absolutely beautiful! So creative.
 Reedsport, OR - Beautiful, a fairy wonderland
 Rio Dell, CA - Warmed my heart
 Sacramento, CA - Makes our hearts happy!
 Salem, OR - Love, love, love it
 San Diego, CA - Just magnificent! Unreal!
 Sebastopol, CA - Great animations-beautiful lighting!
 Springfield, OR - 1st time! Amazing – New tradition!
 Tuscany, Italy - Magnifico!!
 Westlake, OR - Wonderful hospitality
 Winnemucca, NV - God Bless Volunteers
 Yachats, OR - Lights up my life!
 Yoncalla, OR - Thank you for this wonderful experience!

More Comments and Stats at www.shoreacres.net

THANKS, **LED LIGHTS*** PLEDGE SUPPORTERS 2017!

- 7,000* *The Mill Casino Hotel and RV Park **
- 5,600* *Abel Insurance Agency - Harry and Francie Abel **
- 4,000* *Nasburg Huggins Insurance **
- 3,800* *Portside Seafood Restaurant, Joe Tang and Family **
- 2,800* *Jim and Diane Verger **
- 2,667* *Barbara K. Mills **
- 2,520* *Prudential Seaboard Properties **
- 2,100* *Captain John’s Motel - Paul Tang **
- 2,000* *Pacific Corp/Pacific Power **
- 1,800* *Michael A. Gordon, CPA (Not Your Basic Bean Counter) **
- 1,750* *Dave’s Pizza **
- 1,667* *Coastal Paper & Supply - Bob and Johanna Dillard **
- 1,500* *Cornelia and Don Barnhart **
- 1,400* *Azalea Acres, Inc. - Richard, Betty, Steven and Wesa Liles **
- Best Western Holiday Motel **
- David and Shirley Bridgham * Martha Butler **
- Coos Bay Grocery Outlet - Patricia and Sven Backman and Crew **
- J. W. White Painting-Jay and Melody White **
- Miller’s at the Cove Sports Bar and Grill * Umpqua Bank **
- 1,125* *Coos Bay Fire Department **
- 834* *Dennis and Jo Lynne Roberts **
- 807* *Tom’s Lock & Key-Steve Clark and Brooser Clark **
- 700* *Art Connection **
- Cheslock Optical - Dr. James and Rhea Cheslock **
- James and Archina Davenport **
- Edgewater Inn Motel, Coos Bay **
- Betsy Groben * Honda World * Kinnee’s Gifts N’ Shells **
- North Point Inc. * Nancy Robinson **
- Pauline Vierra - In Memory of Ron Vierra **
- 420* *Bonnie Fritz - In Memory of George Fritz and Pete Guldenzopf **
- 400* *Charleston Harbor Inn - In Memory of John A. Castro **
- High Tide Cafe LLC - Carol Rodde and Steve Raplee **
- 360* *Cedar Electric & Construction, Inc. **
- 350* *Gold Coast Truck Repair - Butch and Jacque Shields **
- Crystal & Gene Shoji - Shoji Planning, LLC **
- Donald and Priscilla Zobel **



SPECIAL THANKS - 2017

- **Fred Meyer - 26th year** providing 147 cases of frozen apple juice for hot apple cider, 20 cases of frozen lemonade for punch and generous discount on cookies
- **Vend West - Lou Leberti and Terry Clinton - 29th year** - Food Storage & Delivery
- **Roto Rooter- Jim and Mike Collatt - 24th year** of providing “Santacans” at a substantial discount.
- **Day Ship Supply - Bruce Day - 20th year** - Cookie Storage and Delivery

Holiday Lights - Some Favorite Scenes



Reflections in the Lily Pond



45' Gray Whale - Frame refinishing and all new rope lighting added by David Bridgham in 2017



L. J. Simpson's Western Shore created by Ray Daniels in 2010



Amanita Mushrooms Sculpture frame redone in aluminum by Ray Daniels with new rope lighting by David Bridgham in 2017



Lighthouse created by Ray Daniels in 2013

Congratulations B & B Winners!



Leslie and Dale Dani of San Francisco won the Ultimate Bed & Breakfast with ticket #82.
Breakfast donated by The Pancake Mill Gary Goodson and Beverly Rice
 2018 Tickets on Sale Now at the Information & Gift Center



Holiday Lights - Valiant Volunteers and Supporters



Cryptomeria Tree

Charleston Fire and Rescue (L-R) Chris Owen, Daryl Kemmerle, Don Marr, Rusty Shield; Kneeling: Bo Schoenberg - *not pictured* - Chief Mick Sneddon
Besides stringing the lights on the Cryptomeria tree, they also put up the four Butterfly Sculptures.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS & LIGHTING DESIGN DAVID & SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM CO-CHAIR SINCE 1987

LIGHTS STRINGERS -

David Barnhart, Shirley and David Bridgham, Shirley Champagne-Harris, Stephen Clark, Joan Clifton, Karen Coulter, Ray Daniels, Bill Davis, Russell and Vickie Earl, Susie Evers, Susan Ferguson, David Forkner, Edith Forkner, Steve and Kathy Greig, Amy Greig, Andy Greig, Linda Hill, Kimberly Humbert, Judy Mikowski, Mike Perkins and Carol Ventgen, Layne Phillips, Preson Phillips, Timm and Bob Etta Slater and Family, Pam and Larry Stevens, Dell Willis

AREAS BY GROUPS -

Bay Area Kiwanis
and Salvation Army Cadettes,
Coos Bay Garden Club,
Coos Bay/North Bend Rotary,
Marshfield High School Key Club,
North Bend High School Key Club,
Ocean Boulevard Veterinary Hospital,
Southwestern Oregon Community College
Softball Team



HOLIDAY TREES - Donated by Dave Hannah - Dave's Christmas Trees - Lots at Farr's True Value Hardware and near Pony Village Theaters

Tree Decorating Coordinator - Dawn Buxton

TREE DECORATORS

Bay Area Hospital Auxiliary Volunteers
Bay Clinic LLP
Bonneville Power Administration
CH2M Hill
Chappelle Enterprises
City of Coos Bay
Coos Bay Elks Lodge #1160
Coos County Radio Club
Cutting Edge Hair Designs
Down N' Dirty Truck Club
Girl Scouts of Oregon and SW
Washington
H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group)
Kairos NW
Les' Sanitary Service Inc.
Mid Coast Mustang and Ford Club
Oregon Coast Community Action
Pacific Coast Corvette Club
Pigeon Point Dairy Queen
Ruby Tuesdays Red Hat Society
SCUUF - South Coast Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship
South Coast Cruisers Car Club
South Coast Education Service District
South Coast Office Supply
Southwestern Oregon Community College
Subzero Motorsports

Thanks!



Little (5'2") Shirley Champagne-Harris uses a long bamboo pole to string lights on a very tall Christmas tree.

SCULPTURE DISPLAYS - SETUP

David Bridgham, Ray Daniels, Bill Davis, Mike Perkins, Shutter Creek Correctional Officers and Work Crews



Lights on Garden House - Coos Bay Fire Department

(L-R) Mark Anderson, Michael Wright, Evan Johnson, Frank Kaiser, Tyler Brown, Brandon Amaral, Jake Attebery, Tessa King, Zach Breitkrutz, Della McDermitt, Nick Holder w/ Averle Herzog (on shoulders), Walter Herzog w/Aubrie (under blanket) and Josh Mendoza



Avery Bridgham (David and Shirley's granddaughter) and her dad Phil (David's son) while visiting from Sacramento, got to help with the Undersea Garden's newly lighted sea urchin.



Ruby Tuesday's Red Hat Society

Holiday Lights - Valiant Volunteers and Supporters

INSTALLATION OF LARGE SCALE SCULPTURES, large Christmas trees, hedge stakes, path chains, etc - Shutter Creek Correctional Officers and Work Crews

LUNCHES AND SNACKS FOR VOLUNTEERS - Shirley Bridgham, David Barnhart, Stephen Clark, Dora Daniels, Roberta Willis, Chili Discount - Wendy's Old Fashion Hamburgers

ELECTRICAL & LIGHTS - GENEROUS DISCOUNTS - Cedar Electric and Construction, Farr's True-Value Hardware - Jay Farr, Kyle Electric - Tom Kyle, Platt Electric - Kevin Owens

OREGON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT - Sunset Bay State Park, Shore Acres State Park, Larry Becker, Denice Hardy, Janet Sobczak, Ellie Kinney Martial, Pam Stevens, Garrett Albiston, Asa Miller, Sandy James, Rick Ripley, Zach Hammerle, Val Augustine, Irisa Taylor-Lang, Mary Sue Wheeler

PARK HOSTS - 2017 - Barb and Steve Brown, Arthur and Janette Carr, David and Marty Coffey, Don and Joyce Dirks, Pieter and Margie Du Toit, Susan and Wayne Johnson, Dennis and Jo Lynne Roberts, Julie Schwarze and Gary Meineken, Jean and Bob Sneed, Rose and Doug Thompson, Gary and Mary Kay Van Hooser



Carol Ventgen and Mike Perkins



Edith Forkner and David Forkner



David Barnhart and Kimberly Humbert



David Forkner and Stephen Clark

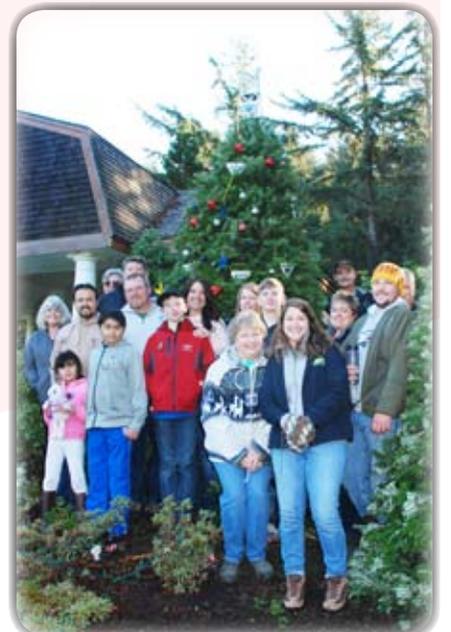
Thanks!



Preston Slater, Timm Slater and Bob Etta Slater



H.O.G. Harley Owners Group



Bonneville Power Administration
(L-R) Two volunteers names NA, Scott Wirth, Joel Reyna, Mikayla Reyna, Andy Crosby, Meghan Wilson, Emilio Reyna, Tyler Wilson, Julee Wirth, Brayden Wirth, Don Kauffman, Tracey Frederick, Sam Frederick, Aaron Sumbury, Bev Kauffman and Jessica Sumbury



(L-R) David Forkner, Dell Willis, David Bridgham



Bill Davis

Holiday Lights - Valiant Volunteers and Supporters



Cider Spice Making 2017 - (L-R) Karen Crosby, Peter Crosby, Dennis Netter, Kathi Netter, Joan Clifton; Not pictured: Mahnoor Banuri, Sierra Bell, Ryan Bell, Ruth Bell and Jason Bell

HOST TEAMS 2017 - COORDINATOR - KATHI METZGER

A.B.A.T.E. * Aging and People With Disabilities * Am-Vets Post #10 * Avamere Rehabilitation Center * Banner Bank * Bay Area Bonsai Society * Bay Area Hospital * Bay Area Kiwanis * Bay Eye Clinic * Baycrest Village * Bayside Coffee * Bayside Terrace * BNT * Boy Scout Troop # 156 * Boys and Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon * Bykes for Tykes * Coos Bay Fire & Rescue * Coos Bay Lions Club * Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary * Coos Bay School District * Coos Bay Yacht Club * Coos County OSU Extension * Coquille Friends * Coquille H.S. Key Club and Kiwanis * Cutting Edge Hair Designs * DHS Foster Care & Adoption Program * Doric Chapter #53 * First Call Resolution Community Alliance Team (C.A.T.) * Friends of Shore Acres Board * Giddings Boatworks * Grange Co-op * H.O.G. – Harley Owners Group * Hauser Citizen Patrol * Hauser Dune Riders 4-H Horse Club * Job's Daughters * Johnson Rock Products * July Jubilee Princesses * Les Sanitary * Life Care Center * Life Change Church * Marshfield High School Student Council * Metzger's Minions * Michael Gordon CPA * Mid Coast Mustang & Ford Club * Miss Coos County Scholarship Pageant * New Year's Revellers * North Bend School District * North Bend High School Key Club * One Big Happy Family * Oregon Coast Community Action * Oregon Hunters Association * Over the Hill Gang * Pacific Coast Corvette Club * Pacific Home Health and Hospice * Prudential Seaboard Properties * Shoreline Community Church * Soroptimist International of Coos Bay * South Coast Cruisers Car Club * South Coast E.S.D. * South Coast Singles * South Slough Estuarine Reserve * Southwestern Oregon Community College * Southwestern Oregon Rose Society * Star of Hope * Sunset Classic Chevys * The Beauty Bar * The Mill Casino and Hotel * The Queen's Court * TRIO * Umpqua Discovery Center * United Way

ENTERTAINMENT-COORDINATOR - KATHI AND DENNIS NETTER

(In Order of Performance) * LTOB Opry Singers & Dancers * S'Western Oregon Community College Vocal Jazz Ensemble * Hillcrest School Choir * Gold Coast Barbershop Chorus * Pacific Community Church * Charleston Community Church * Salvation Army Church Singing Group * Christ Lutheran Church and School * Lighthouse School Choir * North Bend Middle School 8th Grade Band * Joyful Noise Children's Choir * Sea Breeze Harmony Choir * Kingsview Christian School * Bay Area Concert Band * Saints n'Aints Square Dance Club * Gloria Dei Lutheran Church * Bay Area Four-square Church * Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints * Side of the Tide (Morris Dance Group) * Cape Blanco Ringers *

Thanks!

THANKS ALSO TO: Bay Area Chamber of Commerce; Charleston Information Center; Coos Bay/North Bend Promotions Committee; Coquille Valley Sentinel; Friends of Shore Acres Members and Board; KCBY TV; KMTR; KOBI TV - Matt Jarvis; KHSN//KOOS / KBBR /KACW; KMHS; KOBI TV; KSHR/KWRO/KBDN; Phyllis Love; Myrtle Point Herald; News Review-Roseburg; North Bend Information Center; Oregon Coast Magazine; Register Guard; The Oregonian; Seattle Times; The World- Beth Burback; Bethany Baker; Luis Velasquez; VIA Magazine; Wegferds' Printing & Publishing- Karen, Linda, Dell and Staff

AND ANYONE WHOSE NAME WE HAVE MISSED!

TAKE-DOWN ARTISTS - JAN. 4-18

Bay Area Kiwanis, David and Shirley Bridgham, Shirley Champagne-Harris, Charleston RFD, Christmas Tree Sponsors, Stephen Clark, Coos Bay Fire & Rescue, Karen Coulter, Ray and Dora Daniels, Bill Davis, Russell and Vickie Earl, Susan Ferguson, Mike Perkins and Carol Ventgen, Frank Smith, Dell and Roberta Willis

LARGE SCULPTURES, CHRISTMAS TREES, STAKES, WHITE POSTS & CHAINS, LANDSCAPE LIGHTS, EXTENSION CORDS, SIGNS, ETC: Shutter Creek Correctional Officers and Work Crews

GARDEN HOUSE DECORATIONS - During this time, Robynn and Mike Reed and Melony Hjelmstrom worked on various days and evenings taking down the holiday decorations and redecorating the house for the new year.

Coming Soon . . .

32ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS
At least 325,000 LED LIGHTS
THANKSGIVING - NEW YEAR'S EVE
Nov. 22 – Dec. 31, 2018
4:00 PM - 9:30 PM (EVERY NIGHT)



Look for many surprises 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. 13
To help: 541-756-5401
bridgham@epuerto.com

SHORE ACRES HOLIDAY LIGHTS 2018

by Robynn Reed, Garden House Elf

Greetings to all,



As I write this, it is a beautiful sunny afternoon on the Oregon Coast. There is a light breeze, not the “turbo” force winds of summer as the inland areas heat up to scorching summer temperatures. (Yes, in Oregon, 90-100+ is scorching). We on the coast enjoy 55-65 degrees with a “breeze” explaining why the “warm weather” people head to the Oregon Coast to cool off!

How did July arrived so quickly?!

The Holiday Lights event is just around the corner as my Facebook counts the weeks ‘til Christmas. The Garden House is always a great creative endeavor to finish the year amidst sparkle and glitter. I have realized you can never have too much of either! Looking at the wonderful archival albums, which Shirley Bridgham (mom) is creating – see the story on the back page – I realize how much “stuff” is at my disposal now to create compared to the very little I had when asked to become the house elf many years ago. Each year I “add” to the collection and each year people tell me how much better it is, amazing coincidence?

I’m very fortunate to have this opportunity and have enjoyed a wide variety of fellow elves over the years. People come and go with the tide, their lives change, and we enjoy creating together while it fits into their lives. I have many fun memories with many great people.



Last year was the first gingerbread house I had ever built! It was so much fun and everyone resisted sampling it (almost) to the end of the season . . .

I feel the creative ideas stirring and find myself pondering which

room to start in this upcoming season . . . I never know ‘til I pull out the first box of ornaments or stumble across the perfect idea! As you read this I will be actively making that decision and hope everyone continues to enjoy the results.

I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season! Take a moment to tell those close to you that you love them! Make every day special because each day is a gift!

Remember- you can never have “too much” when layering your decorations, lol!

Take care and join us at the “Best in the Northwest” holiday lights display. ■



New addition in the kids’ bedroom



Santa – always a “must.”



More Gingerbread in the kitchen

GARDEN HOUSE THANKS 2017

HEAD ELF - ROBYNN REED; HELPER ELVES - Melony Hjelmstrom, Andrea Stratton, Michael and Adam Reed, Ellie Kinney-Martial, Garrett Albiston, Dora Daniels, Roberta Willis, Shutter Creek Correctional Officers and Work Crews;
DONATED ITEMS - Bookcases & Louvered Screen - Butch & Kathy Hutchinson * Victorian Houses - Caroline & Bob See * China Figurines - Debbie Webb * Radio - Dayton Hughes * Radio Light - Ray Daniels * 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 * Lanterns - Jack Gilham & Joan Clifton * Antique Clock - Jim & Mary Ann Howard * Colorful “Ornament” Mittens - Marlene Davis * Antique Sled and Toboggan- Cecilian Family; **LOANED ITEMS -** Ship’s Wheel- John McKeown * Misc. Items - Mike, Robynn & Adam Reed

MAJESTIC SENTINELS By David Bridgham, Founder and Board Member



BEFORE

Shirley Bridgham



The Monterey Cypress on the edge of the garden path has fallen.

A hundred+ years in longevity, posing in iconic form, has born witness to the love and affection of countless visitors who have experienced the beauty and grandeur of L. J. Simpson's Shoreacres . . . and later Shore Acres State Park.

At first it seems a tragic loss – and it is – but with foresight and planning this garden icon will live on in its historical importance with future projects to be enjoyed by visitors.

Its massive trunk has been milled on site into huge eight foot planks and smaller dimension lumber. Taking six grown men to lift and carry out of the garden, the planks have been stored along with the lumber in Sunset Bay State Park's maintenance shop, taking up an entire shop bay. This drying/curing time could take at least two years.

The future could hold a time when the creative talents of those who care about the past and believe in sharing stories will honor the significance of one of Shore Acres' Majestic Sentinels. ■



UNBELIEVABLE!

David Bridgham



David Bridgham

THE FALLEN CYPRESS TREE ALSO BROKE OFF THE TOP OF THE WEST GRASS TREE, SO IT AND THE EAST GRASS TREE HAD TO BE CUT BACK TO POSSIBLY RESPROUT.



AFTER

Pam Stevens



David Bridgham

STEVE HOLMES TREE SERVICE, HELPED BY SHUTTER CREEK OFFICERS AND WORK CREWS, WORKED HARD FOR SEVERAL DAYS CLEANING UP.

MORE PHOTOS AT WWW.SHOREACRES.NET - FACEBOOK LINK, CYPRESS VIDEO

THE CLEANUP By Denise Hardy, Park Manager, Sunset Bay Management Unit



The clean-up process took longer than it usually takes to clean up a fallen tree due to several key factors. Initially there were indications that a specific root fungus was present in the area and may have caused the failure. To make sure the surrounding trees weren't affected by the fungus and to investigate the failure, we called in the OPRD tree specialist and the state tree pathologist to test and evaluate. Luckily, the fungus was not present in the remaining Cypress trees. That was the first delay. The second factor was that because of the historical significance of the tree, the decision

was made to have as much of the Cypress milled to use for special projects at Shore Acres. The last factor was the weight issue and removal of the milled slabs and pieces. We were unable to remove any of the wood with equipment so it was good old fashioned brawn and muscle. Some of the pieces took 6 men to move. However, we are happy to report that we have the usable pieces tucked away in a covered area so it can cure and we can start planning projects to use it. *I personally would like to thank the Friends of Shore Acres for all of their support in helping us to complete the clean up of this beautiful tree and have part of it to use for projects to carry on the history and legacy of Shore Acres State Park.* ■

TREE FAILURE RECORD

- Location: Approximately 20 feet to the west of the main garden entrance. Right off the south deck of the Information and Gift Center
- Date of Failure: 4/16/2018
- Tree occurring: Alone (at least one crown diameter apart)
- Class of Mechanical Failure: Root, including uprooting
- Presence of Tree Defect: Root or butt rot
- Approx. age: 100+
- Contributing Factors: Fungus; No wind at time of failure
- Consequences: Cleanup work only required
- Injuries: None
- Had tree previously been inspected and rated? No



Lou Kolkhorst

The failed Monterrey Cypress tree was inspected on April 26, 2018 by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Arborist, Craig Leech, and State Pathologist, Sarah Navaro. The suspected cause of failure was due to the fact that all the roots were rotted on the south side of the tree. The rot on the decayed roots is suspected to be varying species of white rot which indicates the roots

have been dead and dying for many years. The underlying cause of the root decay was the shallow water table in that location which lead to root degradation. The tree still had many fine roots and anchor roots on the north side of the tree which kept the tree in a healthy full crown condition. The root structure could no longer support the tremendous weight of the full crown and very large and heavy tree bole and subsequently the tree buckled and fell due to the overwhelming amount of weight on that side of the tree. Several Scheinitzil conks were found 25 feet to the west of the tree however, those conks were associated with an old spruce stump and none of the surrounding cypress trees in the immediate vicinity. Roots were check/drilled on the adjacent cypress tree leaning toward the gift center. No evidence of root decay was found on that tree. ■



STEVE HOLMES' MILLING MACHINE

Pam Stevens



David Bridgham



Pam Stevens



HISTORY ON DISPLAY

David Bridgham

OREGON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

ELLIE KINNEY-MARTIAL, SHORE ACRES' RANGER SUPERVISOR RETIRES



Ellie Kinney-Martial

When Ellie Kinney-Martial, Ranger Supervisor at Shore Acres, retired on December 1, 2017, she left a large legacy to fill. Ellie began her career with OPRD in 1990 as a Ranger and worked the majority of that time at the Gardens. Before moving to Oregon, she had worked at Western Illinois University as the greenhouse manager for the Department of

Biological Sciences. In November of 2008, she was promoted to Ranger Supervisor, the position formerly known as Landscape Maintenance Superintendent, a position held by George Guthrie, Jr. who retired after 34 years of service with Oregon State Parks.

Ellie took on some big projects at the gardens including renovation of the boxwood hedges, many replacement plantings, and extensive work on the AARS Rose Display Garden. She was a key player in the development of better pathways and walkways in the gardens. Ellie was always involved with all the preparation provided by the park for the annual Holiday Lights event. No small task! And last, but not least, she designed and oversaw the installation of the entrance signs at Shore Acres and the sign over the front door of the Information & Gift Center.

But that's not all. Now that she has time, she has become a Friends' volunteer for the Holiday Lights. **Welcome to the Friends' team, Ellie!** ■

AUDREY JO MILLS, NEW PARK RANGER 3 AT SHORE ACRES AND SUNSET BAY MANAGEMENT UNIT

Audrey Jo Mills recently moved to the Oregon Coast from her home in North Central Washington to work as the Park Ranger 3 at Shore Acres and Sunset Bay Management Unit. Prior to joining the team at Shore Acres, Audrey spent the last two years working as the Field Station Manager at Palmyra Atoll National Marine Monument for The Nature Conservancy in conjunction with US Fish and Wildlife. At Palmyra she oversaw a remote research facility consisting of over 60 buildings, a large solar array, marine diving and boating operations, and a crew of as few as 3 and as large as 60 people all in support of marine and island research and conservation.

Before working with The Nature Conservancy, Audrey worked for 10 years in the Antarctic and Arctic in cargo and logistics support roles for the United States Antarctic Program.

Prior to her move to warmer climates, she managed the largest logistical and transport hub and research station in Greenland as Kangerlussuaq Site and Facility Manager for Polar Field Services.

Her work in these remote places supported both American and International scientists in a variety of scientific fields and these projects have often led to our current understanding of climate change.

Audrey has a BA in Physical Anthropology and started coursework for her Master's degree in the same field. She's

currently enrolled in an MS program for Project Management and has recently started flight school in order to earn her private pilot's license.

She is the founder and owner of a small woman owned business in Winthrop, WA: North Cascades Mountain Hostel.

In her personal time Audrey enjoys being in the mountains, thru-hiking, trail running with her pup "Sausage Biscuit," enjoying PNW IPA's and Sours, and embracing her new role as Auntie to lots of little nephews and nieces.

"I fell in love with the Oregon Coast after thru-hiking the Oregon Coast Trail in 2012. After that hike I knew that I wanted to make the coast my home. I am excited for the opportunity to work with OPRD at such a spectacular and renowned park."

Welcome to the Shore Acres/Sunset Bay Team, Audrey! ■



Audrey Jo Mills at Marble Canyon, AZ

PAUL REILLY IS THE NEW PROGRAM COORDINATOR, COASTAL REGION, FOR OPRD



Paul Reilly

Paul Reilly has been the Interpretive Park Ranger for Jessie M. Honeyman Memorial State Park since 2015. Prior to coming to OPRD, Paul was an Environmental Educator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Inland Northwest Refuge Complex. While he worked, he also earned a Master's Degree in Ethnobiology from Eastern Washington University.

In starting his new position Paul said, "It's exciting to have the opportunity to showcase the amazing work that's occurring throughout our agency. Additionally, I hope to strengthen relationships among staff, volunteers, guests, and partnering agencies through meaningful conversations and shared experiences." In his personal time, Paul enjoys spending time with his family, preferably in the backcountry or on the ocean shores, foraging, hiking and sharing his love of the natural world with those around him.

You can reach Paul at paul.reilly@oregon.gov, his work cell 541-272-7394 or at his desk 541-563-8500 x42.

Welcome to OPRD's Coastal Region, Paul! ■

FRIENDS' INFORMATION & GIFT CENTER (IGC)

AN ALL-VOLUNTEER OPERATION MANAGED BY LOU KOLKHORST



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VOLUNTEERING AT FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES' INFORMATION AND GIFT CENTER (IGC)

by Pam Stevens, local IGC Volunteer Coordinator.

Volunteering at the Information and Gift Center (IGC) offers a great opportunity to get involved with the Friends of Shore Acres. I recently retired from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) in May of 2017 after working 37 years as a Park Ranger, 8 of them at Shore Acres. It is a fantastic place to work! Since that time, I have been volunteering at the IGC along with my now retired husband Larry. We have lots of fun working with our store visitors and making sales that will help finance projects at Shore Acres State Park. It is very satisfying work to say the least. I am also the local volunteer coordinator for the IGC and would love to speak with you about joining our cadre of volunteers.

The volunteer position is for people who enjoy working with visitors of all ages and cultures. They come from all parts of the world to enjoy the beautiful gardens at Shore Acres and shop for some great mementos to take home. We are looking for volunteers in the Coos County area who enjoy working in retail and visitor services. The desired qualities for this position are good customer service skills, ability to use a computerized cash register for sales and to be able to balance your end-of-shift report. Duties also include restocking the store with back-stock, light cleanup and store trash removal.

Our dedicated local IGC volunteers supplement the OPRD's Park Host Program by working Saturdays for most of the year and both Saturdays and Sundays from Thanksgiving through February and includes evening work during Holiday Lights. Each shift is 3 to 4 plus hours long depending on the time of year. We like our volunteers to commit to working once or more per month and you are required to take a yearly background check through OPRD. All store training is provided and everyone works in teams of two during their shift. In appreciation of your volunteer work you get a 10 percent discount on merchandise purchased at the IGC.

If you would like to experience volunteering at our fabulous Information and Gift Center, please call or text Pamela Stevens at 1-541-551-1290 or email plwarnerstevens@gmail.com. ■



LARRY AND PAM STEVENS

Jess Hayward

The IGC carries a variety of items for all. *For hikers* – walking sticks, energy bars, sunflower seeds and candy bars. *For historians* – many books related to our area. *For students* – books and science project kits. *For bird watchers* – binoculars, feeders, and books about care or identifying our local birds. *For many* – information and houses for bats. *For kids* – a wide range of puppets, toys, puzzles and activities. *For great memories* – DVDs of park history, Holiday Lights and screen savers. *For your fashion needs* – jackets, sweatshirts, T-shirts, jewelry, purses and more. *For fun* – soaps and pine baskets. *For decoration* – sculptures, night lights and glassware . . . **and the list goes on.** Many of these products are made in the USA, Oregon and locally. ■



EVER POPULAR NIGHT LIGHTS AND MORE

Shirley Bridgham

ROCKY SHORES NATURALIST 2018



Tara Dunn

A new face joined the Sunset Bay Interpretive team in June of 2018. Tara Dunn, a recent Oregon State University graduate, began working at Sunset Bay, Shore Acres, and Cape Arago state parks as the Rocky Shores Naturalist.

Tara graduated from Oregon State University on a sunny Saturday in June and the very next day she packed up her bags and moved down to North Bend so she could start her new job on Monday exploring the tide pools, historic gardens, and magnificent forests of the Southern Oregon coast.

At OSU Tara studied Natural Resources with a focus on Recreation and Tourism Management. Having grown up in Oregon, many of Tara's

fondest memories have been enjoying the great outdoors: hiking, camping, rafting, and kayaking with friends and family. The Rocky Shores Naturalist position allows Tara to combine her passion for all things outdoors with her knowledge of Oregon's many fascinating and intriguing natural resources. Although Tara had never been to the Southern coast before she was excited to explore and quickly realized that this area of Oregon is a complete and utter gem. Tara has learned a great deal during her first few weeks giving guided hikes and campground talks at the parks.

One of Tara's favorite programs is an evening program about the secret lives of bats where she debunks the many myths about our furry, flying, and bug hungry friends of the night sky. During Tara's first Bat evening program she had over 80 people in attendance! Many attendees took home instructions for making a bat box for their own backyard so they can do their part to support the bat populations in Oregon.

Tara also enjoys working with the Junior Ranger program and inspiring kids to go out and explore nature and become tomorrow's stewards. Another wonderful program that Tara does is the *Sensational Simpson Stroll*. Tara says she loves this program because it transports people back in time and deepens people's appreciation and understanding of the Shore Acres gardens and the Simpson family.



Tara at the Interpretive Center, located at the Sunset Bay Campground. The building is the former Information & Gift Center that was located at Shore Acres.

When Tara is not out guiding hikers or presenting information about the many wonders of Sunset Bay, Shore Acres, and Cape Arago you can find her at the Sunset Bay Campground Interpretive Center greeting and talking with visitors about all the fun adventures that await them out in the parks! *To reach the Interpretive Center, please telephone 541-888-0982 and leave a message.*

Welcome to the Interpretive Team, Tara! ■

Editor's Note: The Rocky Shores Naturalist program is funded by Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. as part of the Friends' Educational and Interpretive Mission.

FROM THE FRIENDS' ARCHIVES



2003 - A TIGHT FIT AT SUNSET BAY CAMPGROUND WATCHED BY ANDY LATOMME

In 2003, the current Friends' Information & Gift Center was built to replace the one built by the Friends and the park in 1992.

Instead of demolishing the old building, it was moved to the Sunset Bay Campground where it would be converted for use as a park resource interpretive center. Young campers have used it as the home of the popular Jr. Beaver, an Oregon State Parks program of outdoor education for boys and girls from age six to twelve. It's also the headquarters for the Sunset Bay Interpretive Team. ■

Dahlia Day - September 23, 2017



Dahlias and Black-eyed Susan plants at Shore Acres Gardens



Inside the Garden House, a dazzling display of cut dahlias provided by Paulette Woodward of the Southern Oregon Dahlia Society. Paulette has been part of this event for many, many years. The first "Dahlia Daze" was held September 24, 1995.



(L-R) Friends' volunteers Ethel and Louie German and Pamela Stevens pose with Paulette Woodward. Not pictured: Friends' volunteers Betty Kennedy, Sharon Frank and Deb Wigant, who served refreshments in the afternoon.

Rhododendron Day/Mother's Day - May 13, 2018



Display by the Southwestern Oregon Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. David Collier and Liz Hultin answered questions in the Pavilion. Other Society volunteers included Kath Collier, and Pete and Candy Baumer.

In the Garden House, Gary Larson (Shirley Bridgham's brother) and his wife Patsy from Sheridan, OR, enjoyed cookies and punch served by Friends' volunteer Ellie Kinney-Martial.



Thanks!

State Parks Day – June 2, 2018



Tide Morris Dancers

Photos by Pam Stevens

On a beautiful sunny Saturday, June 2, **STATE PARKS DAY** was celebrated at Shore Acres with gardening information, refreshments and entertainment. Members of the Coos Bay Garden Club and the Friends of Hinsdale Garden shared information about gardening and their respective organizations. In the Pavilion, the Hillcrest Elementary Marimbas Band performed at noon. From 1-2, the Tide Morris Dancers performed in front of the Pavilion and in front of the Information & Gift Center. In the Garden House, volunteers serving refreshments included David Rigsby, Betty Kennedy and Dell and Roberta Willis. ■

Rose Sunday, Father's Day – June 17, 2018



Lou Kolkhorst

While Canadian Geese flew north overhead at Shore Acres, Lou Kolkhorst and members of the SouthWestern Oregon Rose Society presented their annual and beautiful display of cut roses in the Garden House. They also – like always – answered the many questions that visitors had about growing roses, especially on the Oregon coast.

Friends volunteers Joan Clifton, Lynda Payton, Betty Kennedy and Deb Wigant served punch, coffee and cookies, the traditional refreshments that visitors have come to expect when the Garden House is open. ■

Thanks!



David Bridgham

These Canadian Geese will be headed south in October, just about the time we start stringing lights. It's always a treat to see and hear them!



David Bridgham

New view of the Information & Gift Center and yes, the roses will recover and plants will be restored. See story on pages 10-11.

Two more flower days in 2018: Bonsai Day, Aug. 18 and Dahlia Day, Sept. 29

- Memberships 2018 -

LIFE (\$500)

David and Shirley Bridgman, North Bend
 Bruce's Street Rods-
 Bruce and Kittie Lou English, Bandon
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 Joe and Allene DaPRON, Bellevue, WA
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 Diane Mathis, Fasley, SC
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 Coos Head Garden Club, Coos Bay
 Joe and Gwyn Decker, Florence
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 Monita Johnson, North Bend
 Supaporn Johnson, Central Point
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 Mike and Penny Kielman, Eagle Point
 Lou Kolkhorst, Coos Bay
 Bill and Sharon Lemoine, North Bend
 Lynda Mueller, Oregon City
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 Betty Ohman, North Bend
 Mike Perkins and Carol Ventgen, North Bend
 Ann Radford, The Dalles
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Abel Insurance Agency, Harry Abel, Coos Bay
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Curtis and Eileen Adams, Coos Bay
 George and Eva Ahuna, Coos Bay
 Dr. Melanie Bloom, Coos Bay
 George and Judy Buckingham, Chiloquin, OR
 Mike and Lois Burk, Portland, OR
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 Steven and Anna Craytor, Gresham, OR
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 Gail Mueller, Myrtle Point
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 Donna Rabin and Steve Richardson, Coos Bay
 Col. Clair L. Shirey, Eagle River, Alaska
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 David Barnhart, Gleneden Beach, OR
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 Ray and Lori Lee, Coos Bay
 Rick and Ellie Martial, Coos Bay
 Stephen and Lori Metschan, Black Diamond, WA
 Barbara and Bernie Metzger, North Bend
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 Cheryl Drumheller, North Bend
 Shirley Eidswick, Medford
 Donna Flammang, Coos Bay
 Jay Flaxman, Coos Bay
 Alice (Bridgman) Freeman, Fairfield, CA
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 Blair Holman and Ginny Tabor, Coos Bay
 Judy Kaplan, Brookings, OR
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 Christine M. Moffitt, Coos Bay
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 Mary Paczesniak, Coos Bay
 Bob and Shirley Pedro, Coos Bay
 Paul Poresky, Coos Bay
 Jim and Sandy Reeds, Deer Island, OR
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 Dennis and Jo Lynne Roberts, Vancouver, WA
 David and Brenda Slawson, Medford
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 Alice Schmidt, Coquille
 Richard Schmidt, Coquille
 Carl Siminow, Coos Bay
 Ruth Wood, Lincoln City

Members make a difference!
 Thanks!

- New Walkways at the Gardens -



Two aggregate walkways (L) replace asphalt near the Greenhouse with two new aggregate sections added at the entrance.

“Who you gonna call?”

by David Bridgham

Our all-volunteer organization is rich with folks with a vast amount of incredible skills and willingness to do the “almost” impossible for the benefit of our visitors.

Case in point, restore the broken and extremely heavy Japanese lantern that has been out of service for the last couple of years. Thanks to a recent out-of-town visitor – Lucinda Kay Weaver, Saint Louis, MO – who recognized the broken lantern as a long time fixture that her older sister had posed by in a childhood photo taken during a visit years ago, reached out to us with a generous donation in memory of that special time in her life.

No challenge is too great for our crew, especially if you have talents like: Ray - former shipbuilder and welding instructor, Mike - who knows his way around a shipyard and industrial size steel, and a couple of helpers (Bill and myself) whose primary assets were willingness to don chest waders, follow instructions, and if necessary - get wet.

Ray took charge in repairing the broken pieces of the lantern, figuring out the logistics of placing the lantern out over the pond, and supervising the whole operation. It was epic in scope and I was thrilled to be a part of it, and I didn't even get wet.

Everything came together just as Ray had envisioned it. The result is a restoration that will create many new memories for our visitors for many years to come. **Spoiler Alert** - I'm looking forward to seeing a lighted lantern for this year's Holiday Lights. ■

Editor Shirley Bridgham's Note:

While my job was to document the process, Barb Taylor watched from across the pond and used her new camera to take photos from that perspective. She got an especially good shot of Ray putting the roof on the lantern. Thanks, Barb.

JAPANESE LANTERN REPAIRED AND RETURNED TO ITS PROPER PLACE

by Ray Daniels

How many “Friends” does it take to install a Japanese Lantern? Well, on Friday the 13th of July we found that it takes a work crew of 4 “Friends,” plus a photographer or two to record it for the record books. But it's a lot longer story than that.



Ellie Kinney-Martial

About 2 years ago someone vandalized the largest of the Japanese Lanterns located at the pond at Shore Acres park. They toppled the Bowl, Light Box and Roof pieces into the pond, separating them from the support arm. This broke one corner off the roof piece, breaking it into 6 large pieces and several shards. It shattered the Light Box, breaking it into numerous pieces. The Bowl survived intact, but still had pieces of the Lantern ring epoxied to it.

Originally it was assumed the structure would have to be “restored” as opposed to just “repaired” as it dates to the time of the Simpson family. So, the Friends of Shore Acres budgeted a large sum of money to have the structure restored. However, the bid for restoration came in even higher than the Friends anticipated. But, in the meantime, it was determined the structure didn't have to be “Restored,” and in fact it had undergone several changes over the course of its lifetime at the pond as revealed by a review of photographs.



Photos by Ray Daniels

So, the Friends decided to entertain other options for getting the Japanese Lantern repaired and back in its proper place at the pond. The Light Box which was basically destroyed had been made of cast stone, so it was decided to research the possibility of having a new one made from Granite which is what the Bowl material is. Sure enough, West Coast Monuments agreed to take on the challenge and created a new Light Box out of 6 pieces of Granite epoxied together.

The next task was to repair the Roof piece. The Roof also was made of cast stone so sustained considerable damage with one corner completely broken off. The 6 or so larger pieces were epoxied back into place and then concrete patch material was colored to match and used to fill in the remaining holes and cracks where the missing shards had been.



Ray Daniels

Roof without the final patching compound

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The Challenging Move . . .

Lastly, the Bowl was cleaned up, removing the remnants of the old Light Box and the epoxy that held the two together and it was pressure washed to remove the accumulation of dirt and moss from several years at the pond. Perhaps the biggest obstacle with the Bowl is the fact that it is solid granite and weighs somewhere between 350 and 400 pounds. It would be a considerable task to mount it back on the support arm which is about shoulder high when standing in the pond.

The task then was to devise a method to reassemble the Japanese Lantern parts at the pond. The 4-foot-wide gravel pathway and limited access made the use of "heavy equipment" impractical.

It was determined that an A-Frame support on each end supporting a steel I-Beam with a Trolley and Lever Chain Hoist would be the safest option. All pieces of a size that could be carried to site by 1-2 people and assembled using step ladders. The park's gas-powered wheelbarrow could be used to get the 400-pound Bowl to the site.

So, despite the date of install being Friday the 13th, a total of 6 Friends restored the Japanese Lantern to its proper place, overlooking the Southeastern corner of the pond. ■



(L-R) David Bridgham, Mike Perkins, Bill Davis and Ray Daniels.



Mike drives the gas-powered wheelbarrow.



48 HOURS AND STILL STANDING
Photo in the sun by David Bridgham

Barb Taylor

Friends of Shore Acres Archives Project

Archivist - Shirley Bridgham

by David Bridgham

An archivist (AR-kiv-ist) is an information professional – or *in our case, a data and media savvy volunteer* – who assesses, collects, organizes, preserves, and provides access to records and archives determined to have long-term value. The records maintained by an archivist can consist of a variety of forms, including letters, diaries, logs, other personal documents, government documents, sound and/or picture recordings, digital files, or other physical objects.

This is a Wikipedia definition of what Shirley does with 30+ years of a collection of material: newspaper clippings, meeting minutes, first hand interviews and stories written by the people involved. Countless photos and accounts of personal interactions between people with a common purpose, expressing their care and support for a place they love, Shore Acres State Park.

This is an on-going saga, a story about the people and times of Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. It is placed in “original order” to time stamp and give context.

This is first and foremost a story about the people we’ve had the honor to know and work with. It is organized by year so that anyone with knowledge and experience of these times and place can check in and renew a remembrance that may be significant to them. It is our further hope that it may become a reliable basis for any future research on this slice of important time, place and culture.

Please enjoy your walk through time. ■

Note from David Bridgham - Sept. 2014

... *Holiday Lights at Shore Acres is a night time interpretation of the formal English style gardens and the reflecting pond at the oriental garden. Historically, the original Simpson mansion built on the bluff at the stone wall, was a Christmas present to Louie Simpson's wife Cassie. From the very first lighting event we recognized the importance to the communities to open the Garden House for our visitors and start building traditions. After 27 annual lightings it thrills me to hear from adults with their young family when they tell us they came to see the lights as kids and now they're bringing their families to grow the tradition.*

An important cornerstone to the Holiday Lights tradition is the consistency of our focus on major themes. We have stayed true to who we are and where we're at, interpreting the gardens with flower-lights, sculptures that are inspired by what's found in the gardens as well as many marine related sculptures. The Garden House is beautifully decorated with an old time (Simpson era) theme that fits this historic gardener's cottage.

There are those certainties in life - like the tide at our ocean's shore, the Bay and its tributaries - migrating geese, and the Holiday Lights at Shore Acres. When I see or hear a migrating flock of Canadian Geese I get an itch I can only scratch by stringing lights at Shore Acres.

You will see as you turn these pages that the secret sauce has always been to engage our community, give credit and ownership where deserved, and always try to improve this place that we all love. ■



Twelve albums have been completed since 2014. They have been saved as PDF files and are posted on our website at www.shoreacres.net. For more information, call 541-756-5401 or email bridgham@epuerto.com

Note from Shirley Bridgham - Sept. 2014

... *This year, I'm starting a project to preserve the Friends' archives in physical albums — this is the first album — backed up in a digital format for easy viewing by many. We have many photos, news clippings and other materials that will be included in the albums.*

As I've started going through the archives, I'm reminded of how FoSA has grown and prospered in order to help Shore Acres State Park, Sunset Bay State Park and Cape Arago State Park. What a great reminder of why we do what we do. Our hope is that in the future, others will experience and enjoy the same opportunities. ■

