



Shore Acres State Park
Before Friends - 1986



Shirley Bridgham

How Friends of Shore Acres Happened

In 1986, the Communication Arts Group at Southwestern Oregon Community College decided to tell the story of Shoreacres and Shore Acres State Park by creating a multi-image slide show to be shown at the 5th annual Multi-Image Festival in September. After the Festival, Shirley Bridgham asked Andy LaTomme, manager at Shore Acres State Park, if the park wanted a copy. He said yes. Not long after, Andy asked Shirley and her husband David if they would like to help start a Friends group – a non-profit corporation in association with state parks. They said yes.

An organizational meeting was held on December 4, 1986 at 7:30 pm in Room 12 of Sumner Hall on the campus of Southwestern Oregon Community College. In attendance were Andy LaTomme, John Bergen, Mike Bodkin, David and Shirley Bridgham, John Garner, Marty Giles, George Guthrie, Dick Hansen, Ron Hjort, Tony Mason, and Karen Wuethrich. On that important night, Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. in cooperation with Shore Acres State Park began a long journey of success.

The Shore Acres Story was shown in slide format to thousands of visitors for years, then transferred to VHS tape for easier showing. In 2006, it was transferred to DVD. In 2013, it was transformed again, this time with additional photos courtesy of Caitlin Day, James McDermott, Sunset Bay State Park and the Coos Historical and Maritime Museum. Special thanks goes to Phillip Bridgham for rescuing the original sound track.

The program is about Asa Meade Simpson and his son Louis Jerome and the history of the magnificent estate that Louis called Shoreacres. It continues with what Shore Acres State Park was like in 1986 when the slide show was created. ■



Ward Robertson

Aerial and Gardens — 1986



Shirley Bridgham



Shirley Bridgham

About the Friends' Albums

by Shirley Bridgham - 2014

It's time to preserve the Friends' photos and clippings using the following:

- Epson Expression 11000XL Scanner
- Adobe PhotoShop CS-3
- Adobe InDesign CS-3.
- Epson Presentation Paper - Matte
- Epson Premium Photo Paper - Glossy
- Epson Stylus Photo R2000 Printer

I will also save the album pages as PDF files. ■



Ward Robertson

Aerials - 1986



Ward Robertson

Note from Shirley Bridgham - September 2014



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.

What an amazing journey it has been for David and me since 1986. Little did we know when we, the Friends, decided to bring more attention to Shore Acres State Park, by stringing some lights to celebrate Christmas in 1987, we would begin an awesome adventure that continues to this day.

So many volunteers, so many supporters, so many visitors, such a great board of directors, and always so much excellent cooperation from park managers, rangers and staff - all combine to make Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. one of the most successful non-profit Co-ops in the state of Oregon.

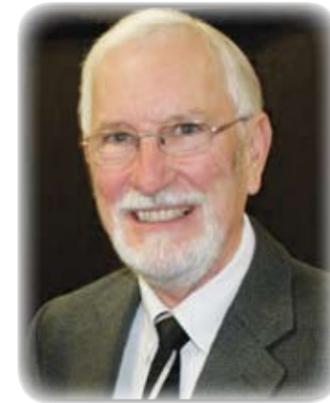
All these years, Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. has been truly blessed to remain an all-volunteer organization. It has made it possible to accomplish so many interpretive and physical development projects at Shore Acres. Visit our Information & Gift Center and pick up one of our membership brochures and you will find an extensive list.

I've been privileged to create and produce our slide shows, DVDs, and Newsletters and Journals. Not to mention, designing the lights display and seeing it come together like theater every season. Yes, it's a lot of work, but it's also a lot of fun. David has the challenge of designing and producing new sculptures and maintaining the old ones. When we read the comments in the guest books, we always get enthused to start the next season.

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. ■

Note from David Bridgham - September 2014



The following pages (and Albums) are a chronology of the efforts of Friends of Shore Acres, Inc., but even more than that, tell the tale of the enormous support that the Friends have enjoyed from our regional communities.

This was a movement whose time had come. The Oregon State Legislature had passed "Enabling" Legislation allowing non-profit 501(c)3 organizations to adopt a specific State Park to provide educational and interpretive services to its visitors. Well that's the dry legislative speak for find a core user group that loves that park and let it nurture and care for it.

Shore Acres State Park, 13 miles from town, is the touchstone that we all bring our friends and visitors to when we want to show off the beauty of the Oregon south coast. There was a built-in and pent-up desire to shower this special place with community pride and needed TLC. Outreach to our communities started with the planning sessions with FOSA Board members and volunteers. Dreaming of what could be, planning on now and the future.

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. ■

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

Founded December 4, 1986



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

FoSA Bylaws

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Friends of Shore Acres
December 4, 1986
Minutes - page 2

A meeting was held on December 4, 1986 at 7:30 pm in room 12 of Sumner Hall on the campus of Southwestern Oregon Community College. In attendance were Andy LaTomme, John Bergen, George Guthrie, Karen Wuethrich, Marty Giles, Ron Hjort, Mike Bodkin, John Garner, Shirley Bridgham, David Bridgham, Dick Hansen and Tony Mason. Andy LaTomme opened the meeting by giving background information about the establishment of non-profit corporations in association with state parks.

Mike Bodkin reviewed the legal steps necessary to establish a corporation and to certify it as tax-exempt under federal and state laws: fees to be paid, legal liability of corporation members and the formation of an initial board of directors.

Discussion followed on the details of the above presentations. The group agreed that a preliminary date of June, 1987 was a goal for establishing the tax-exempt status of the organization and that the group should forego any solicitation of funds until this status has been obtained.

Those present introduced themselves to the group and completed a sign-up sheet with their names and addresses. Each person was asked if he or she desired to serve on the initial board of directors. All except Andy LaTomme, Ron Hjort, Karen Wuethrich and Mike Bodkin responded "yes."

Some discussion followed about the number of state park employees to be allowed to serve on the board at any one time. It was generally agreed that no more than 1/4 of the board should be composed of state park employees, however formal action on this was deferred until bylaws are adopted. It was agreed that the Sunset Bay State Park district manager would serve as a non-voting member of the board. There was some discussion about this and it was understood and agreed that the group would not undertake any projects without the approval of the district park manager or his designee.

Nominations were opened for chairman. Dick Hansen and John Bergen were nominated and declined. John Garner was nominated and unanimously elected. He conducted the balance of the meeting.

A motion to name the organization the "Friends of Shore Acres, Inc," was proposed, seconded and passed.

Mike Bodkin was named to act as legal agent for the Friends of Shore Acres (hereafter referred to as the "Friends") and was thanked for his work thus far. Discussion followed regarding the purposes of the Friends as required for the incorporation papers.

Mike Bodkin stated that he would use wording from a similar organization's application and that he expected the incorporation papers would be returned by the next meeting.

It was decided the scope of the organization would be discussed when bylaws were presented for adoption at a later meeting.

There was discussion about membership in general, voting vs. non-voting membership and graduated membership fees. Action on this was deferred until a later meeting.

A collection was taken to cover the cost of the incorporation fee. A total of \$13.00 was collected from the group.

It was proposed and approved that Mike Bodkin act as initial incorporator for the Friends.

Additional discussion about the purpose of the Friends took place. It was felt that the purposes stated in the articles of incorporation should be broad enough to allow the group to participate in a broad range of activities, including physical development in the park.

The agenda for the next meeting was discussed. It was decided that bylaws and the setting of goals for the group would take up most of the meeting. The board was asked to be prepared to discuss possible goals and committee assignments for that meeting. Dick Hansen was selected to lead the discussion on bylaws.

Andy LaTomme was asked to bring a copy of his park's master plan to assist in coordinating the goals of the Friends with those of State Parks. He was also asked to prepare a draft set of bylaws, based on those used by existing cooperating associations, to be mailed to board members before the next meeting.

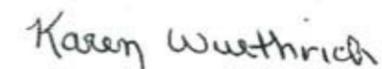
Andy LaTomme was asked to prepare a press release announcing the formation of the Friends with special mention of Mike Bodkin's contribution.

Karen Wuethrich was asked to prepare minutes of the meeting.

The date for a second meeting was set for January 13, 1987. Shirley Bridgham was asked to arrange for a meeting room at SWOCC. The suggestion was made that the board consider a fixed meeting date, e.g., the second Tuesday of each month. It was felt that this was a good idea, but no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Wuethrich

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

Annual Year - September 1, 1999 - August 31, 2000

Annual Meeting - September 14, 1999 Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Conference Room Highlights of the Minutes – (Original on File)

President David Bridgham, called the annual meeting to order at 7:31 PM. Introductions were made and David opened the meeting by going over and highlighting some of the Friends' and park's accomplishments for the past year: Lights in the new parking lot; a successful Governor's Conference; Fountain dedication; installation of Memorial Wall; Rose pergola funded by Merriel Stinchfield built; Kitchen remodel planned; Garden House painted; Photos of the past 13 years sent to OPRD Co-op Conference.

Mary Novak was recognized for her time on the board.

Gregg gave his Nominations Committee report: Shirley Bridgham, Chuck Lembke, Winnie Pitsenberger, Barbara Taylor and Kay Valois for re-election; Shirley Champagne to complete Mary Novak's term. David opened the floor to nominations for the two open board positions: Ellie Kinney-Martial and Shirley Champagne. MSP. Gregg nominated Kenn Kennedy as President-elect for the year 2001. MSP. All were unanimously elected.

The past year was reviewed and the annual meeting adjourned at 7:46.

Respectfully submitted, *Betty Kennedy*, Secretary

Directors Present: David Bridgham, Shirley Bridgham, Barbara Taylor, Dick Van Natta, Winnie Pitsenberger, Kay Valois, Kenn Kennedy, Betty Kennedy, Gregg Nelson, Chuck Lembke, Carl Siminow, Terry Richards, Bob and Betty Renner. No directors absent as Mary Novak has resigned.

Guests: Larry Becker and Ellie Kinney-Martial - OPRD; Shirley Champagne, Rosalie Wilson and Merriel Stinchfield - FoSA volunteers

Holiday Lights 1998 - More Stats in Album 12 44 States and Washington D.C. * 140 Cities CA * 99 Cities OR * 68 Cities WA

- The most beautiful light display we've ever seen!!! - Chicago
- Brings back the child in you - Spokane
- More beautiful than ever! - Redmond, WA
- Nothing like this in So. Calif. - San Juan Capistrano
- Great way to spend our honeymoon - Provo, UT
- Very beautiful & imaginative - St. Paul, MN
- Remembering Christmas as a child - Boise
- Made trip to see family a better experience - Sacramento
- One of a kind in Oregon - Beautiful - Grants Pass



Board Meeting - September 14, 1999 Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Conference Room Highlights of the Minutes – (Original on File)

Following the Annual Meeting, David Bridgham, called the Board meeting to order at 7:47. Same directors and guests present.

Election of Officers: President-Shirley Bridgham; Immediate Past President-David Bridgham, President-Elect-Kenn Kennedy Treasurer-Barb Taylor; and Secretary-Betty Kennedy. All were unanimously elected.

- **Minutes of July 13, 1999** were reviewed and with on spelling correction, approved.
 - **Financial Report:** Total Cash Assets as of August 31, 1999 - \$72,614.47 plus IGC fund
 - **Proposed Budget from July approved unanimously.**
 - **Information & Gift Center (IGC):** Shirley reported it's doing great with new products coming in. Discussion about credit card machine problems and the need for a revised IGC procedures manual.
 - **State Parks Report:** Larry Becker reported on the painting of the Garden House and decks; dry rot on the roof; chimney repairs estimate \$6500; kitchen cabinets ordered; volunteer camp host sites being installed at Shore Acres; new Gazebo plans sent to Salem (Merriel Stinchfield responsible for Menasha's \$25,000 donation to build Gazebo)
 - **Old Business:** Review of the Fuchsia Frolic; upcoming events Dahlia Day, Sept. 25 and Orchid Day Oct. 2; Co-op Conference will be in Bend with the Kennedy's, Terry Richards, Carl Siminow, Andy LaTomme, Larry Becker and Calum Stevenson attending.
 - **New Business:** Shirley Champagne will be the cookie master for the cookie bakes on Sept. 25 and Oct. 2 at North Bend and Marshfield High Schools. Fifty lights pledges, including \$500 from Georgia Pacific have been received. Lights stringing starts on Oct. 30. Bed & Breakfast tickets have been printed. One couple bought a second night for \$1,000 (will be allowed only one time)
 - **Other New Business:** Kenn suggested having paintings from our "Artist in the Gardens" and historical photos in the Garden House. Shirley is looking for frames. Carl reported a negative news item about the pond in The World newspaper. Larry has responded to the letter. David was asked to get info about fixed cameras for a proposed wave cam.
 - There being no further business, David passed the gavel to Shirley and the meeting adjourned at 9:03.
 - Next Board Meeting - Oct. 12, 1999 at 7:00, BLM Conference Room
- Respectfully submitted, *Betty Kennedy*, Secretary

Album 13

*Dazzling Dahlias Attract Pat Weaver,
“Artist in the Park” – January thru December 1999*



Autumn Dahlias at Sunny Shore Acres Gardens

It's Time . . .

THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - September 27, 1999

Sweet Endeavor

SHORE ACRES
COOKIE BAKERS
BEGIN THEIR HOLIDAY
PREPARATIONS

By PATTI RICHTER
Staff Writer

The heavenly smell of chocolate chip cookies wafted out the cafeteria door and into the parking lot at North Bend High School Saturday morning while inside volunteers were rolling dough and stacking the freshly-baked treats.

Ten volunteers began early in the morning making the creations for 13th-annual Holiday Lights and Open House at Shore Acres this winter. The cookies, along with hot cider, punch and coffee, will be served every day at the park from Nov. 25 to Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000.

Shirley Champagne said the cookie-baking efforts of 10 volunteers produced 10,400 chocolate chip cookies on Saturday. Champagne, who is coordinating the volunteer baking effort for the first time this year, said the volunteers hope

to make that same amount this Saturday when the group takes over the kitchen at North Bend again. In two weeks, Champagne and her volunteers will assume command of the two kitchens at Marshfield High School for a day and to produce 16,000 snickerdoodles.

"These are all our experts," Champagne said with a wave of her hand to the volunteers busy rolling balls of gooey cookie dough. "We need a minimum of 10 people to keep this assembly line going."

Each batch of dough makes about 300 cookies. The amount of ingredients needed for the treats is huge: Nine pounds of butter, seven and a half pounds of sugar and another six and a quarter pounds of brown sugar, plus nine pounds of chocolate chips and 15 pounds of flour.

See Cookie bakers, Page A8



World Photos by Justin Harris

Jan Burger, above, adds a tray of freshly rolled cookie dough to a rack ready to be baked as part of the more than 36,000 cookies to be distributed to guests of Shore Acres State Park during the Holiday Lights and Open House, to be presented between Thanksgiving and Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000. At left, Jane Gigler and her daughter, Johanna Bernstein, team up to roll chocolate chip cookie dough. More than 10,000 cookies were prepared this weekend, with another session planned in two weeks, at which snickerdoodles will be prepared by Friends of Shore Acres volunteers.

Cookies and Hot Apple Cider Top the List of Refreshments



"Cookie Captain" Shirley Champagne

Friends of Shore Acres begin holiday baking

Cookie bakers from Page A1

Many of the volunteers have been baking cookies for Shore Acres for years. While most volunteers said they have been doing it for four or five years, Tim Drechsel and his sister, Melissa, and friend Liann Why were some of the long-timers.

Tim Drechsel started rolling cookie balls seven years ago while he was still in high school, and Melissa and Why have been at it for six years. This year, the trio took a break from preparing to head off for Oregon State University and classes at Southwestern Oregon Community College to bake cookies for one of their favorite winter events.

"It's fun to bake cookies," Tim

Drechsel said, "and I like going out to the park to look at the lights."

"This is something that is unique and cool," Why said. "It's fun seeing the same people here each year."

Other volunteers Jane Gigler, a North Bend school board member, and her daughter, Johanna Bernstein, quickly filled trays and trays of cookie balls. The pair have also been volunteering for about six years.

"We both love to cook, and we both love chocolate chip cookies," Gigler said.

"This is a test of my willpower. I have vowed not to eat any of the dough, but I'm only human," Bernstein said with a laugh.

After all of the baking is done, the

volunteers will have made about 36,000 cookies, said Shirley Bridgham, one of the founders and current president of the Friends of Shore Acres.

"It's a ton of work they try to do," she said.

Bridgham said the reason the cookie-baking effort has been so successful is because of the "wonderful volunteers who dedicate their time."

"It costs about \$1,500 a year to make all the cookies," she said. "It would cost at least twice that if we had

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This is a test of my willpower.

Johanna Bernstein, volunteer baker on the temptation to taste the cookie dough

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to buy the cookies. Everyone seems to like the homebaked cookies.”

Volunteers are needed for the next two cookie-baking events at North Bend and Marshfield high schools. For information on volunteering call Champagne at 267-3458.



Cookie bakers at North Bend High School



Cider Spice Cooks: (Front L-R) Winnie Pitsenberger and Nancy Weybright; (Back L-R) Shirley Champagne, Betty Renner (chair) and Barbara Martin

36,000 Cookies!



Deb Taylor packs Snickerdoodles.



Cookie bakers at Marshfield High School's Harding Building



Dan Gordner at Marshfield



Kay Valois puts a batch in the oven.



Shirley Champagne takes a moment from packing cookies into her van to pose for our photographer Luis Velasquez.

State Parks Co-op Conference – Oct. 15-17, 1999

by Gregg Nelson, FoSA Board Member and Past President

The Annual State Parks Co-op Conference for 1999 was held in Bend, Oregon. So what is a co-op conference, and why is it important to the Friends of Shore Acres?

I'm glad you asked . . .

Several state parks have "Friends of ..." groups that help support the park with volunteer efforts. Without the thousands of hours of help, plus the additional funds donated to maintain and improve some of the parks, the quality of the experience for visitors would suffer. There just isn't enough funding to do what the local support groups would like to accomplish at their local state park.

Take Shore Acres for example. Friends of Shore Acres (FoSA) runs the Information and Gift Center, which provides a funding source for projects. Additional funds come from memberships and donations. The Friends also provide thousands of volunteer hours. All this time and money goes towards improving the park with more parking spaces, painting the inside of the house, adding new carpet and kitchen cupboards, cleaning the pond, adding a fountain, hosting monthly flower events, providing the holiday lights event, etc.

The Annual Co-op Conference is an opportunity for FoSA to share experiences and information with other volunteer groups, and for them to teach us what works and what doesn't work at their state parks. It's a chance to brag about our accomplishments and tell everyone how wonderful FoSA is. State parks staff also attend and relate how important their Friends group is to their park.



FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES AT THE 1999 CO-OP CONFERENCE
(Front L-R) Gregg Nelson, Calum Stevenson, Larry Becker;
(Back L-R) Kenn Kennedy, Carl Siminow, Betty Kennedy,
Terry Richards and Andy LaTomme

The conference in Bend was typical. We attended training sessions to learn more about coordinating volunteer efforts, watched slide shows highlighting the parks with Friends groups, talked with vendors showing us products we could sell in our gift shop, ate our meals together, listened to several presentations, greeted new attendees (there is a little ceremony to welcome first time attendees), and participated in both an oral and silent auction (the money is used to help defray the cost of future conferences). State Parks also give awards to outstanding volunteers.

As with past conferences, there were optional trips or events to enjoy. This year the group went to the High Desert Museum one afternoon and had an evening bonfire and sing-along under the stars.

Many of the current FoSA board members have attended past conferences.

Everyone who has ever attended agrees that it is a valuable and rewarding experience. ■



**"The Darker the Nights,
The Brighter the Lights"
In recognition of the
Friends of Shore Acres
1999 Co-op Conference
"2,000: A Park Odyssey"
Bend, Oregon**



CONFERENCE AWARD

Lights Setup – 1999

THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - November 15, 1999

Many hands make light work



Volunteers face the daunting task of stringing thousands upon thousands of holiday lights at Shore Acres State Park

Holding a glowing bunch of Christmas lights, volunteers Cindy Hough and Roger Dixon, above, string lights in a section of Shore Acres State Park Saturday to help prepare for the 13th-annual holiday lights display at the park. Dixon is president of the Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary Club, whose members volunteered Saturday and Sunday. The display will be open daily from 4 to 10 p.m. from Thanksgiving Day through Jan. 2, 2000. At right, holding a wire tie between her teeth, volunteer Shirley Champagne fastens lights to one of the new sculptures being readied Saturday for the annual Christmas light display at Shore Acres. Since the beginning of this month, volunteers have strung an estimated 200,000 lights and due to their efforts and good weather, the work on this year's display is close to being finished, said Shirley Bridgham, volunteer coordinator.

World Photos by Andy Porter



Shirley Champagne and Kenn Kennedy have set the standard for stringing lights at "their corner."



CB-NB Rotary Club President Roger Dixon and Cindy Hough, wife of Rotarian Jim Hough, string lights on tall rhodies in the Oriental Garden.

Friends and Community Volunteers Make It Happen



Long time volunteers Ginger and Bingo Sawyer still enjoy stringing lights. They also get the house ready for host teams two nights a week.



A popular change was the new location of the giant animated Orca whale display designed by Don McMichael. A new controller programmed by Tom Kyle kept it working perfectly all season.

New tree sponsor in 1999 – Mid-Coast Mustang and Ford Club – decorated with unique ornaments including golden spark plugs.



Shirley,
Thanks so much for letting our club do a tree. It was so much “fun.” Our club really does enjoy our time out there at Shore Acres. The hosting is the best time – meeting people from all over the country and hearing the praise for our Area and this beautiful site, and to be part of this gives our club so much “pride” – Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Mid-Coast Mustang and Ford Club

A Huge Thanks To Everybody!



Dave Barnhart traveled from Gleneden Beach, Oregon to help string lights.



Fred Ehrman and David Bridgham haul one of the lighted herons to its spot in the garden.



Bridgham's grandson Adam Reed hauls everybody's favorite frog.



Oregon National Guard volunteers (L-R) Timm Slater, Brian Sullivan and Luis Gomez string lights on tall shrubs on the west side.



Coos Bay Fire and Rescue volunteers (L-R) Jay Ringo, Jon Eck, Tina Eck, Stan Gibson and Steve Schneiderman



Steve Schneiderman sets pelican on the chimney.

For more details on the lights setup, go to www.shoreacres.net and click on the Newsletter/Journal tab - Winter/Spring 2000 Journal, Vol. 12 No. 1

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The Southwester

The Southwestern Oregon Community College Student Newspaper

Shore Acres at night, Christmas 1997, photos by T. John McKeown



**Looking for something to do
for the next few weekends?**

Help turn Shore Acres State Park into this winter
wonderland. **SEE THE ARTICLE ON PAGE 4.**

Shore Acres' holiday lights extravaganza arriving soon

by T. John McKeown
Forum Editor

Cover story

It's that time of year again. No, it is not Halloween nor is it Thanksgiving I am writing about, it is the thirteenth annual showing of the Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park. I talked to Friends of Shore Acres Inc., Co-chair, Shirley Bridgham, and she told me they are going to present more than 200,000 clear and colored miniature lights at the park this year. They will also have all their usual colorful light sculptures of whales, flying birds, and other critters, some of which are designed by, non-other than renowned marine artist, Don McMichael. Eric's Artistic Expressions builds McMichael's designs into the artwork we see at the park.

McMichael volunteers his talents for this project and has designed a new addition to the show this year, but it is a secret and Bridgham said you would have to go to the show to see what new marvel he has designed. All the old favorites, from the pelicans to whales, will be there once again. The Friends have added electricity to another flower box down by the pond and that section will be lit this year also. If you are bored and want some fresh air, the Friends are looking for volunteers to string lights and help decorate the cottage in the formal garden. All you need is a willingness to help and the ability to follow directions. Bridgham said this is a community project and stringing lights is only one part of what goes into making it a suc-

cess.

Bridgham said the cookie volunteers had baking parties in September and October, wherein they made 36,000 cookies for this year's show, and that part of the production is finished. They were able to use the kitchens at North Bend and Marshfield High

schools, which are the only places where you could cook this many cookies in just three weekends. Shirley Champagne was the head of this committee and did an outstanding job, Bridgham said.



Illustration by Phyllis Love

Another way to volunteer on this project is to be a host when the park is open each night. Hosts serve coffee, spiced cider, and the cookies that were baked earlier. They also help inform the guests

about the park and the lights. Bridgham said the host list is full this year and it usually fills up early. The Friends also have musical groups perform at the park. Bridgham said that they need many more acts to perform at the park this year and if you are interested, you should contact Gregg Nelson at 269-7978.

The Friends of Shore Acres is a non-profit group dedicated to the preservation of Shore Acres State Park. They were formed in 1986 and started a "community tradition"

in 1987 when they lit the park with 6,000 miniature lights, all white. The first year they drew a crowd of approximately 9000 guests. They now string more than 200,000 lights and attract between 40,000 to 65,000 guests, depending on the weather. In 1998 they had visitors from 27 countries, six Canadian provinces, 44 US states, and 199 Oregon, 140 California and 68

Washington towns and cities. Bridgham said that people from all over the world enjoy the lights. If one reads the guest book he or she will see quotes from people like, "Nothing like this back home," Queensland, Australia, or maybe one from St. Paul MN, "Very beautiful and imaginative." Then there is the one from Spokane WA which says it all, "It brings back the child in you."

Shore Acres State Park is located south of the campus on the Arago Highway out past Charleston and Sunset Bay State Park. It was once part of the estate of Louis J. Simpson who - where the observation building now sits today - in 1906 built a mansion as a Christmas present for his wife Cassie. After that mansion burned to the ground in 1921, Simpson and his second wife build another mansion from the wreckage of the schooner Brush. In 1932 they gave the Cape Arago portion of the estate to the State and in 1942 they sold the rest to the state for \$29,000.

If you are bored and looking for something socially beneficial



Photo by John McKeown

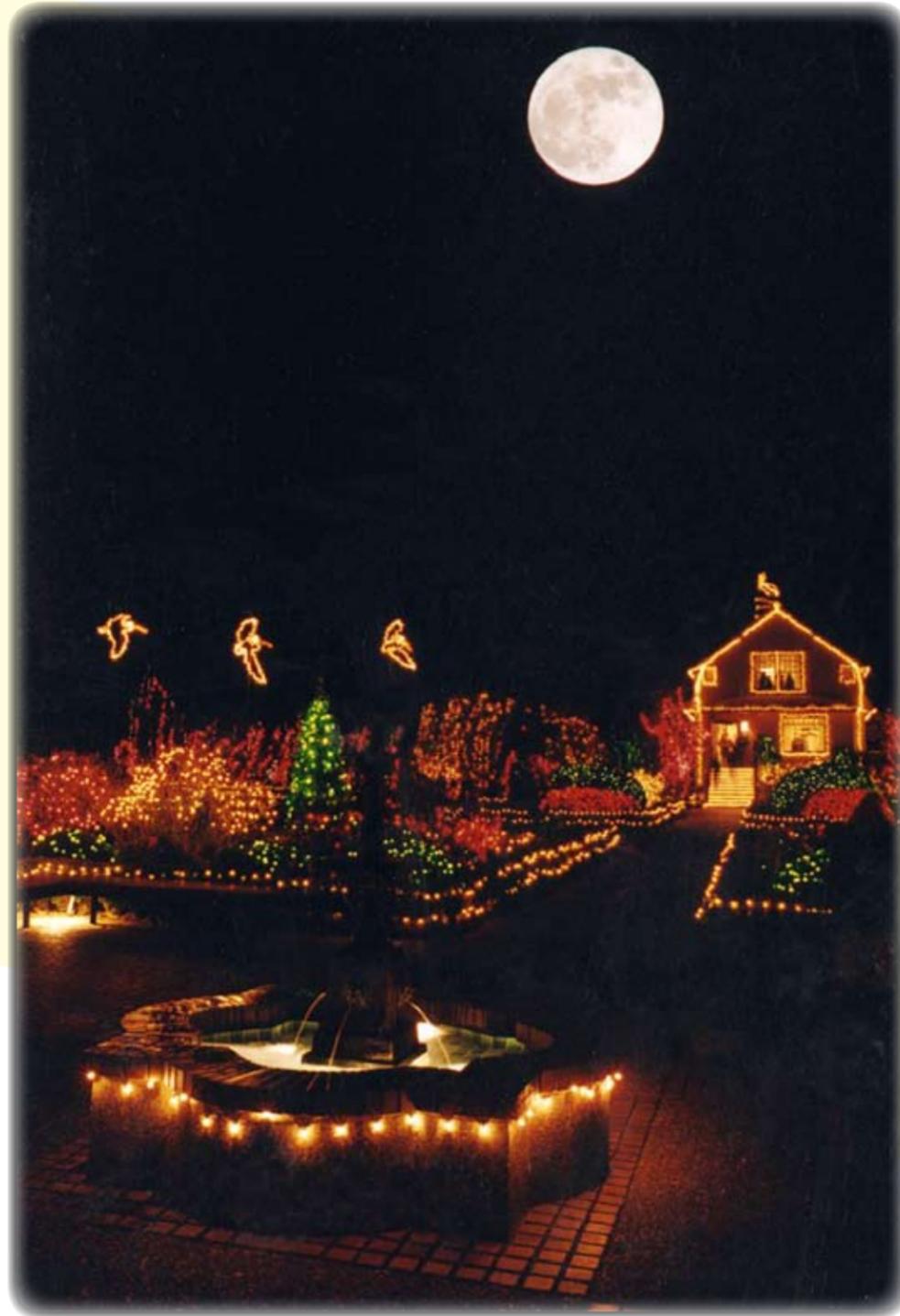
View from the Oriental pond.

to do on the upcoming weekends Shore Acres may hold the key for you.

This show is a "must see" even if you have to walk all the way to Cape Arago. There are no other lights at the park other than in the parking lots, and it is just incredible to see all the colors and designs in lighting up the formal gardens. There is plenty of lighted parking and is handicap access to the majority of the park.

T. John McKeown is Shirley Bridgham's son, who is attending Southwestern Oregon Community College, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Night Scenes



Double exposure - Photos by Luis Velasquez



Landscape lights transform the giant Monterey Cypress.

Special Sparkling Scenes



Salmon "Schooling" designed by Don McMichael

Garden House Theme: "Shore Acres - A Timeless Treasure"



The upstairs study is a favorite of many visitors.



Robynn Reed, chair of house decorations, and her new kitty take a moment to pose for photographer Luis Velasquez.



Each year, "kids" young and old alike look forward to seeing Santa in the bathtub.

The Friends completed a major kitchen remodeling project in 1999. All new cabinets, new floor, vinyl, dishwasher, microwave, range, and lighting made the kitchen a very pleasant place to be during the holiday lights. Substantial discounts by Lumbermen's, Farr's and Kyle Electric plus the hard construction work by Larry Becker, Greg Foster, Dave Esch, Calum Stevenson and Karen Wuethrich made the project possible. A big thanks to all! ■



Bed & Breakfast winners sleep in this bed.

Shore Acres Garden House - An Essential Part of the Holiday Lights

Happy Hosts and Excellent Entertainers



Western Bank's Karen Kime greets visitors.



Western Bank's Dana Blaser serves hot cider, cookies, punch and coffee.



Marshfield High School Carolers (L-R) Tina Saling, Jo Boatright, Aaron Huff, Danielle McFeron, Shannon Eversole, Vanessa Loper, Janet Morrison and Lindsay Nyseth.



Carolers from the Bay Area Foursquare Church are led in song by Pastor John Anna McCulla on the guitar.

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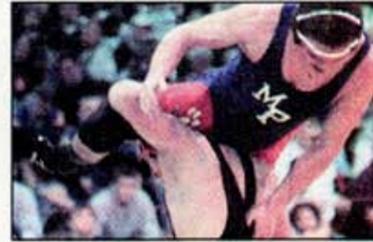
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SENIORS TAKE IN HOLIDAY LIGHTS

North Bend group takes annual tour of Shore Acres botanical gardens.

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NEWBERG WINS COAST CLASSIC

Myrtle Point's Brennan Corbett is only local champion at tournament.

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WEATHER



*Partly cloudy, highs 50s.
North wind to 10 mph.
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A tradition in lights

Sandra Coughlin, left, walks with Eugene Bach through the annual Christmas lights display at Shore Acres State Park near Charleston on Thursday. Bach was among a party of 50 people who traveled from the North Bend Senior Center to the light display that night. According to organizer Mary Coughlin, the traditional visit, now in its seventh year, was started when she heard a senior saying she wanted to visit the display, but was too old to drive out at night. "It just started with a few people, then it got bigger and bigger," Coughlin said. Below, Mary Hulton and David Coughlin lead the procession of area seniors through the light display. Afterward, the seniors returned to the senior center for treats and entertainment by The Music Makers band.

World Photo by Andy Porter



More Positive Publicity

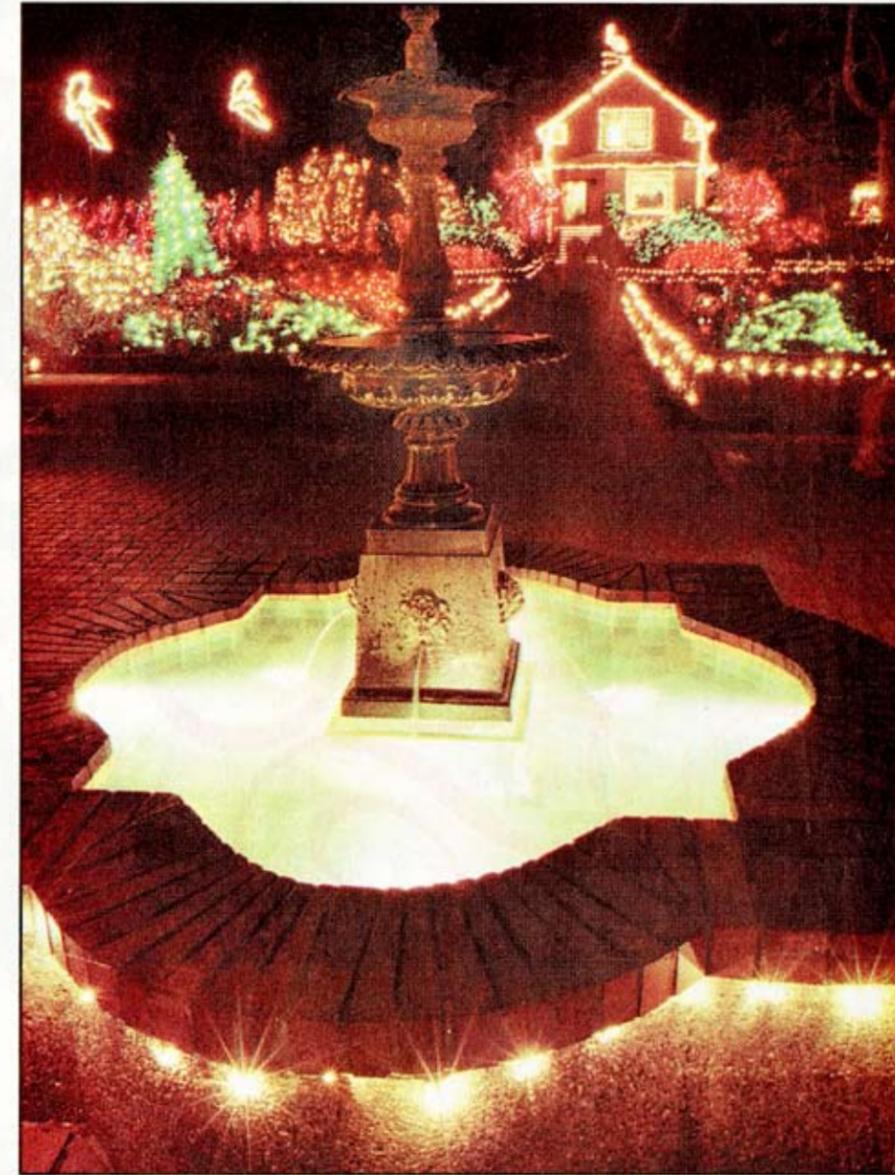
Tis the Season

During the hustle and bustle of Christmas and the New Year, be sure to take just a moment to stand back and fully appreciate all the wonderful sights and sounds of the season. May this holiday be the very merriest ever, with the joy and laughter of family and friends to keep you warm inside and out.

The World

THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - December 23, 1999

Ready for the holidays



World Photo by Lou Sennick
The switch has been flipped and the 13th-annual Holiday Lights and Open House at Shore Acres State Park Botanical Gardens is ablaze for the Holiday season. Turned on for Thanksgiving, more than 200,000 colored lights installed by members of the Friends of Shore Acres and other volunteer organizations will be lit daily from 4 to 10 p.m. through Jan 2.

Holiday Lights Nov. 25, 1999 thru Jan. 2, 2000

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Holiday Lights - "Better than Chocolate!"

by Shirley Bridgham, Holiday Lights Co-Chair

So wrote a visitor from Ashland. Another wrote, "Been to Benbow and Ferndale, California for the Christmas Lights. This is the most spectacular. - Newport. Single word comments included: "WOW!" - Yamhill, "Awesome! Omaha, "Fabulous" - Albany, "Magical!" - Reedsport, "Wonderful" - Portland. A visitor from Salem summed it up, "I get so proud of all your volunteers; this is awesome."

The comments in the guest books always revitalize and energize David and I for the next season. The "community" in our lights event is very apparent to our visitors who come and enjoy our extraordinary display and the wonderful area in which we live.

It was an outstanding season. We estimate 52,000 visitors in 39 nights. Excellent weather the two weeks before Christmas made up for some not-so-nice nights early on. All in all we had 21 clear or cloudy (no rain) nights. So . . . three thousand dozen cookies were gone by Christmas. We baked and bought another 9,000. The 100 cases of apple juice donated by Fred Meyer were also gone by Christmas. We bought 20 more.

Visitors were generous in their donations and the Information & Gift Center did a brisk business. That generosity combined with the excellent business and community support we are blessed with makes our event one of the most successful of its kind anywhere.

We know Holiday Lights 2000 will be another important milestone in the life of the "Friends" with the addition of another lighted garden and a total of **225,000 lights.** ■



Shirley and David Bridgham, Co-Chair Holiday Lights since 1987

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Holiday Lights at Shore Acres 1999-2000

Guest Book Analysis by Al and July Aslakson, Reedsport

Note: Not everyone who came to the park signed the guest book. Not everyone who signed did so legibly. Not everyone listed where they were from. And we probably missed some.

31 COUNTRIES FROM ARGENTINA TO THE WEST INDIES

45 STATES (630 CITIES) + WASHINGTON DC

CALIFORNIA 146 * OREGON 202 * WASHINGTON 60 * OTHER STATES 408

MISSING: DELAWARE, LOUISIANA, NEW HAMPSHIRE,
RHODE ISLAND, VERMONT

(Complete lists in the Winter/Spring 2000 Journal, Vol. 12 No.2 at www.shoreacres.net)

Holiday Lights Nov. 25, 1999 thru Jan. 2, 2000

Comments . . .

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- Guest Book Comments 1999:
- 5th Trip and it's better every time. Thanks to all - Lincoln City
- Great! We come every year! - Newberg
- We come every year - Melpetas, CA. Cloverdale, OR, Roseburg
- Great job, keep up the good work. - British Columbia, Canada
- This is a tradition for us! - Bend
- A treat, worth the drive! - Ashland
- Warm hospitality - Sisters
- Wish we had it at Golden Gate Park! - San Jose
- A sight to behold! - Corvallis
- Spectacular, better than description - Eugene
- Year #2 - Bravo! - Seattle
- I get so proud of all your volunteers, This is awesome. - Salem
- Well worth the trip over - Eugene
- Worth the four hour drive - Garibaldi
- Better than chocolate! - Ashland
- Getting better each year! Thank you. - Coos Bay
- WOW! - Yamhill
- Been to Benbow and Ferndale, California for the Christmas Lights. This is the most spectacular - Newport
- Fabulous! - Albany
- Wonderful lights, cheerful volunteers. - Florence
- Breathtaking - romantic! - Ashland
- We have never seen any more beautiful! - Salem
- Awesome! - Omaha
- Didn't think you could out-do last year -- you did! - North Bend
- As pretty in winter as it is in summer! - Lebanon
- Thanks for the memories - Los Angeles
- Amazing! Absolutely amazing! - Albany
- It's amazing how you can coordinate all the people and stuff needed to do this! - Eugene
- SUPER-DUPER! - Indonesia
- Always spectacular. - Coquille
- Magical! - Reedsport
- Beautiful lights and house! - Lebanon
- Gorgeous! Thanks - Grants Pass
- Have more lights and stay away from commercial figures and designs - Roseburg
- Splendid! - Monmouth and Sedona, AZ
- Thanks for our wonderful tradition! - Bandon
- Indescribable!! - Eagle Point
- Not Christmas without a visit here! - Los Angeles
- Wonderful as always! A family tradition to come. - Gold beach
- The amount of work that went into this is mind-boggling. - Albany
- Brightened our spirits. - San Francisco
- Beautiful. Love the whale! - Orem, UT
- Cookies were great, lights were spectacular!!! - Beaverton
- Wonderful! - Portland
- One of a kind! - Crescent City
- Outstanding, especially the whale sequence! - Cottage Grove
- Fantastic! Really enjoyed the walk! - Brisbane, Australia
- Yearly family tradition. Thank you. - Lorane, OR
- Wondrous, also much more than we expected. - Gresham
- Outstanding job. Will return - Gold Hill
- Thank you. Beautiful experience. - San Bernardino
- Love the library room - Salem
- This was worth the trip. Absolutely gorgeous! ! ! - Los Angeles
- 5 years in a row, great lights! - Bandon
- It takes time to sink in! Thank you. - McCall, ID
- Winter wonderland. Thank you. - Florence
- First class - great display - Medford
- Makes me proud to inform out-of-towners about this place. - Charleston
- I've told lots of visitors to come see the Gardens. This is my first with many more visits planned. - Newport

A New Year - Activities and New Projects

INFORMATION & GIFT CENTER (IGC) LUNCH MEETING - FEBRUARY 2B, 2000



Information & Gift Center Volunteers who attended lunch meeting - Front L-R) Dorothy Dinkins, Juanita Bay, Winnie Pitsenberger, Betty Kennedy, Kenn Kennedy, (Middle L-R) Kay Valois, Dona DeGraw, Gladys Ivy, Shirley Champagne, Betty Plant, (Back L-R) Ken DeGraw, Sharon Kolkhorst, Lou Kolkhorst, Genii Robeson, Bob Plant - *Not pictured: Shirley Bridgham*

Manager Shirley Bridgham congratulated the volunteers and park hosts on making 1999 such a successful year. All agreed they have a great time working at the Gardens. Some suggestions that came out of the meeting included having a phone available to park hosts at Sunset Bay Campground, self-closing hinge on IGC door, coat rack for volunteers, and public service announcements to media about flowers in bloom, etc. A big thanks to Lou Kolkhorst and Winnie Pitsenberger, who volunteered to do the PSA's.

One of the engines that helps run our activities is the Information & Gift Center at the Gardens. Dedicated volunteers and park hosts work in the IGC. They do a super job! Visitors get good information and great opportunities to buy unique and interesting items, many of them locally produced. Best sellers include postcards, notecards, books, videos, and shirts.

SOME EXAMPLES:

- "A Gathering of Finches" by Jane Kirkpatrick
- "Gardens Above the Waves" Viewbook and DVD Video
- "Simpsons of Shore Acres" by Stephen Dow Beckham
- Dover books and other items for children
- Books on plants, birds, marine mammals, etc.
- Friends of Shore Acres mugs
- Oregon and Oregon Coast books, calendars, and video tapes
- Computer Screen savers - Oregon Coast, Whales, Lighthouses, Holiday Lights
- Vests, denim shirts and hats with our embroidered logo
- Weather sticks (they really work)
- Cape Arago Lighthouse key chains and magnets
- and much, much more!

A special thanks to Al Aslakson for developing the Holiday Lights screen saver. It's a winner!

AND THANKS TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEER IN THE IGC!

FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES – 2,000-2001 PROJECTS

- Operation of the Information & Gift Center
- Sponsor a variety of "flower days"
- OCMF Concert in the Park in July
- Interpretive coast trail brochure
- Interpretive panels for Simpson Reef & Shell Island Overlook
- Assist in the construction of a Gazebo on the east side of formal garden.
- Replace the exposed aggregate concrete and 2'x 6' decking material in the interpretive entrance.
- Complete the wiring upgrade of the formal garden.
- Complete the Memorial Display.
- Remove texture from ceilings in the Garden House.
- Repair chimney on Garden House.
- Remove, re-slope, and replace concrete walkway at the Garden Entrance
- Assist in the funding of an interpretive ranger position at Simpson Reef, Cape Arago, and Sunset Bay on intertidal education programs for the summer of 2000.
- 14th annual Holiday Lights & Open House at Shore Acres Nov. 23- Jan 1

Springtime Publicity

The Whole Shebang, March 1, 2000

Spring has arrived at Shore Acres!

by Tamara Scott

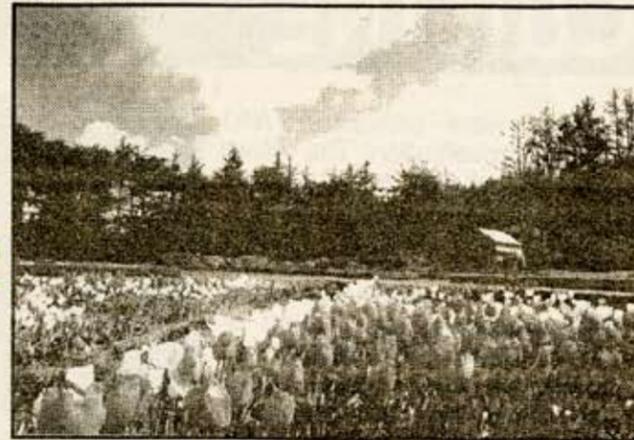


photo by A.J. Davenport

As a newcomer to the Coos Bay area, I was thrilled to have the opportunity to visit Shore Acres Gardens for the first time. I had heard of the sweeps of summer color that this garden was so well known for. I wasn't sure what to expect so early in the spring. It happened to be on one of those rare sunny late-February days that I made my visit to the garden, just south of Charleston. The mid-morning sun graced the tops of the trees surrounding the garden. I met with Head Gardener George Guthrie, who brought his 17 years of experience tending the facilities to our tour. I discovered that Shore Acres is a unique garden regardless of season. I also learned to enjoy the garden's spring delights.

From the exotic to the eclectic, Shore Acres offers what George calls a kaleidoscope puzzle of colors, shapes, textures and arrangements of foliage. George says that he has a preference for the unusual, keeping with the garden's worldly beginnings. Plant life comes from far-reaching places such as Japan with its maples, the South American monkey puzzle tree, and daisies from South Africa. My favorite was the Mexican weeping pine. I loved watching as the coastal wind swept through its branches, displaying the long needles in a dance of green and shimmering light. But Shore Acres offers much more than these simple pleasures. The grounds are wide and varied, offering intimate spaces for many visitors. The large formal garden offers geometrically designed spaces which contrast with the Japanese garden and its 100 foot lily pond which imitates natural settings along gravel paths and rock gardens.

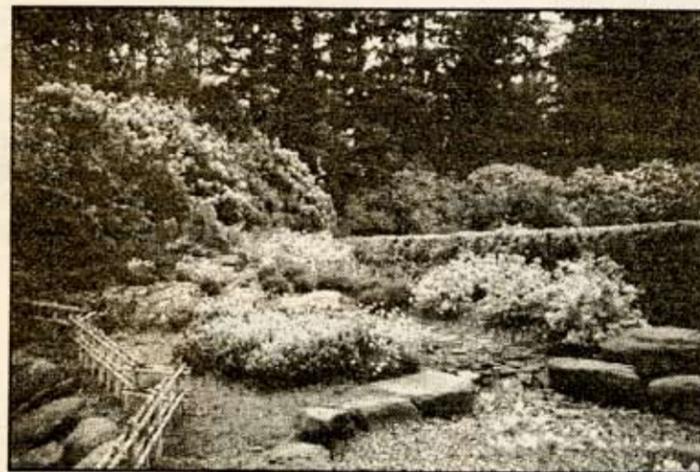


photo by Shirley Bridgham

Above: Colorful tulips dominate the foreground of this picture of the Gardener's House at Shore Acres.

Left: Colorful Rhododendrons and Azaleas in bloom

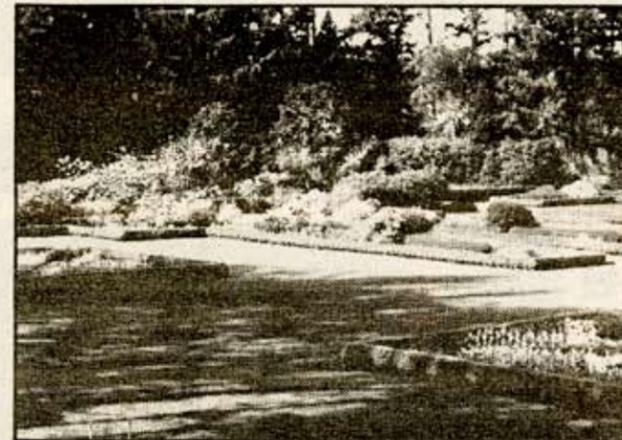


photo by Shirley Bridgham

yellow blossoms of the daffodils. English boxwood frames this composition, as it does in many other compositions in this five acre garden.

Yet spring is alive and well now at Shore Acres. Bright yellow daffodil blossoms proudly accent the lush foliage with the excitement of spring. Hundreds of flowering bulbs are preparing themselves for a showy bloom from now until early March. An eye-catching five thousand tulips will bloom from late March to April. These visual pleasures are showcased in the early morning and evening, Guthrie's favorite times of the day. The colorful blossoms and lavish foliage are highlighted by the lowered position of the sun in the sky. Even the plants without flowers have mystical glow on dewy mornings. During my visit, light refracted through dew drops which clung to dark green blades of grass and hues of gray, blue and green foliage.

The garden is also most quiet in the early morning and evening. It graciously offers intimate spaces which reveal the wind in the trees, birds singing, the ocean roaring below nearby cliffs, and sometimes the distant barking of California sea lions. Perhaps this is the most precious aspect of spring, as the early light and cool temperatures leave the garden in a peaceful rest, preparing it for the showy blooms of rhododendrons and azaleas in April and May.

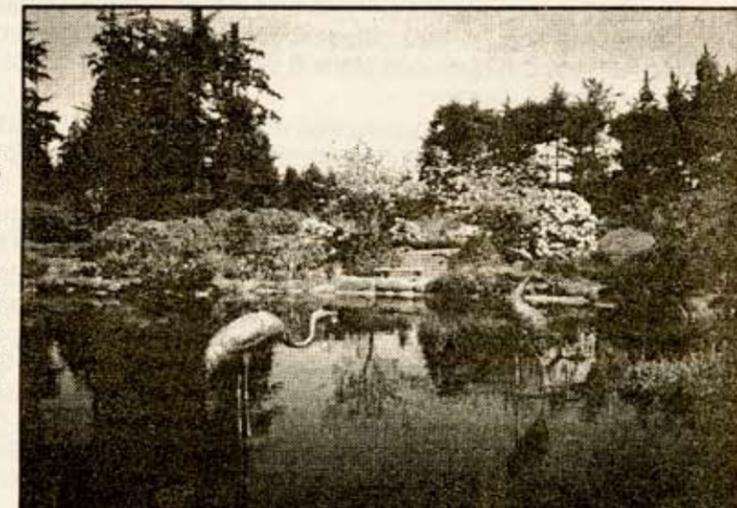


photo by Shirley Bridgham

Above: The large Formal Garden.

Right: The Japanese Garden with the picturesque lily pond.

I discovered that the broad sweeps of colorful blossoms were not the only appeal of this garden. In their absence, I gained a greater appreciation of gardening's aspects of subtlety and artistry. For example, the garden offers experiments of textures as well as color. In one setting, compact boxwood is blended with the looser blue fescue, and accented by the strong green stalks and

Spring Cleaning at the Lily Pond

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) AND FRIENDS VOLUNTEERS “BRUSH AND FLUSH”



News Coverage

THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - Monday, April 24, 2000

Brush & Flush

Bureau of Land Management volunteers come out for annual cleanup at Shore Acres lily pond

By PATTI RICHTER
Staff Writer

SHORE ACRES — Visitors to this state park were treated to a rare sight Saturday morning — an empty lily pond being scrubbed down by a cadre of volunteers.

"We call it the brush and flush," Gregg Nelson, a supervisor at the Bureau of Land Management, said with a chuckle. "The pond fills up with gunk and muck and gets really slimy from all the sediment in it."

The lily pond, which has a cement bottom, is naturally fed and in 25 years it would become a natural meadow if it was never cleaned up.

"All the sediment would build up and fill up the pond," he said.

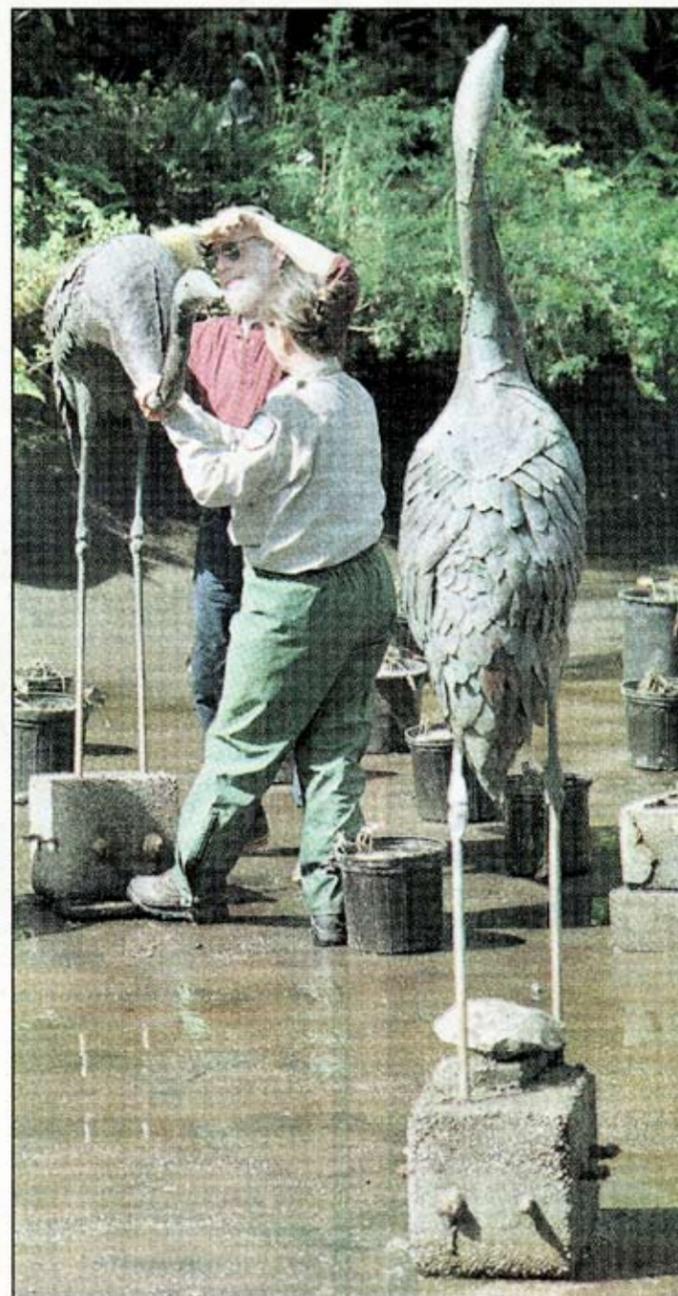
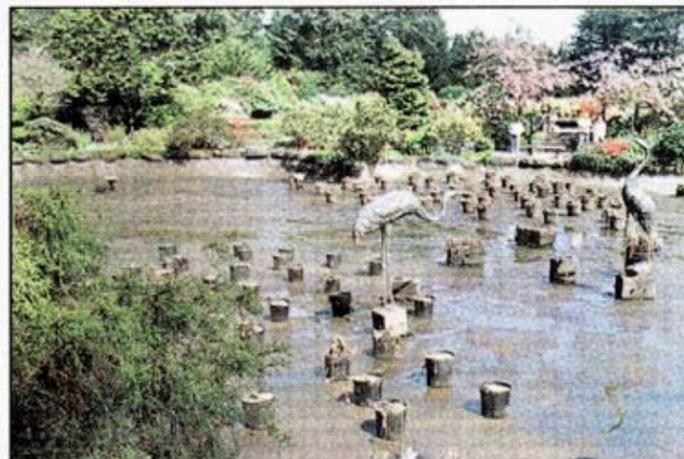
Nelson and about 20 other volun-

teers spent less than an hour draining and cleaning the pond for this year's annual event. Before the cleaning can begin, members of the Oregon State Parks catch the fish that live in the pond and place them in a holding tank. Then the pond is drained and volunteers begin scraping off the gunk collected on the cement walls. The pond is then hosed down with firehoses from a BLM fire truck.

Oregon State Park Ranger Ellie Kinney-Martial said the event is almost always held in April and it is usually the same group of people who turn out to clean the pond.

"They really care about Shore Acres and this cleanup is a way for them to be a part of it," she said. "I would be cleaning too, even if I didn't have to be here for work."

See Brush & Flush, Page A8



World Photos by Lou Sennick

Water plants in pots and bronze cranes, left, stand waiting for the water to return to the pond in the Japanese Garden at Shore Acres State Park. Volunteers from the Bureau of Land Management and family members gathered at the pond Saturday morning for the annual cleaning. They may have gotten it down to a science this year. They finished the job in about 40 minutes. Previously, it took all day just to drain the water, but work in the past years has made the job easier and quicker. The fish that normally swim in the pond were removed to a holding tank while work was going on. At right, as a final touch to the annual pond cleaning, Steve Samuels and Ellie Kinney-Martial clean the two bronze cranes that usually stand in the water in the Japanese Garden.

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BLM volunteers give to community with annual pond cleanup

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Even though it is not the height of the park's tourist season, many visitors will stop to watch the process and ask questions.

"They always want to know why we are cleaning it," Kinney-Marital said. "They are really interested in what we are doing."

Nelson said members of the Friends of Shore Acres used to clean the pond in the mid-'80s, but BLM volunteers have been cleaning it for the last 10 years. The process has undergone a few helpful changes in the last few years, he said.

One of the main changes was the installation of a new drain. The old drain was located about a foot high-

er than the pond's lowest point.

"It took forever to get it drained and then we had to haul out all the muck," Nelson said. "It was still never clean and it was back breaking work."

The drain was repositioned so the pond would drain faster with the help of Oregon State Parks.

"Now we have it down to an hour to drain and get it cleaned," he said.

Nelson, who has been cleaning the pond since 1988, said he enjoys the event because it's fun.

"I like putting back in the community. Shore Acres is a place that everyone brings their friends and relatives to when they visit here," he said.

"This is also a project that is really a community effort, and it's fun to

do especially on a gorgeous day like today."

Nelson said the project is also easy to do because the volunteers have the support of BLM.

"So many times BLM has partners that help us out on our projects," he said. "It is nice to have a project where we are able to help others."

The Owen family of Coos Bay are among those who donated their time to the brush and flush. Slowly but surely, Stafford Owen has been able to get each member of his family involved. First it was 15-year-old Kyle and then Jacob, 17. Next was 12-year-old Jessica. This year's pond cleaning was the first for his wife, Jennifer.

"I had never done it before," Jennifer said, "I had to be convinced to do this. I'm glad I did it though because it was fun. I'm definitely coming back to do it again."

During the cleanup, Jessica said she was picking up money that had been thrown into the pond while Kyle was running one of the fire hoses.

"This is a lot better than sitting around at home," Jacob said.

Stafford, who is also employed by the BLM, said cleaning the pond was something fun to do

"This is different from the normal family things. We love the outdoors and it's not a lot of time to spend out here cleaning the pond," Stafford said. "We love this park."

A PRISTINE POND AWAITS VISITORS.



Springtime Brings Blossoms and a New Artist in the Park

THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - Saturday, April 29, 2000

CHERRY BLOSSOMS AND THE NEW FOUNTAIN



Artist in the Park



World Photo by Lou Sennick

On a warm and sunny April Saturday, Terry Magill starts her year as the Artist in the Park at Shore Acres State Park. Magill is one of several artists who have had the official designation and will be working in the park at least one day a month through the fall. She said she is used to having an audience while she works as she also teaches at Southwestern Oregon Community College. Magill was at Shore Acres for Bonsai Day, the first of five "Flower Days" planned for this year by the Friends of Shore Acres. Future events will include Rhododendron Sunday on Mother's Day, May 14; Rose Sunday on Father's Day, June 18; Dahlia Day, Sept. 23; and a "Orchids: Gems of the Rain Forest," display on Oct. 7.

Rhododendron Sunday – Mother's Day, May 14, 2000



Visitors pause for a photo.



View from the upstairs window of the Garden House



George Guthrie, Shore Acres' Head Gardener answers visitors questions.



(L-R) Friends' volunteer and Friends' Board Member Kay Valois

Bay Area Artists Association has a “Paint-Out” on Rhododendron Sunday / Mother’s Day



BAAA “Charles of Charleston”



BAAA Pat Weaver

Rose Sunday / Father's Day - June 18, 2000

Southwestern Oregon Rose Society and South Coast Wood Carbers



(L-R) Rose experts - Helen Doving, Helen Harris, Jay Dow, Ray Duskin and George Guthrie, Shore Acres' Head Gardener



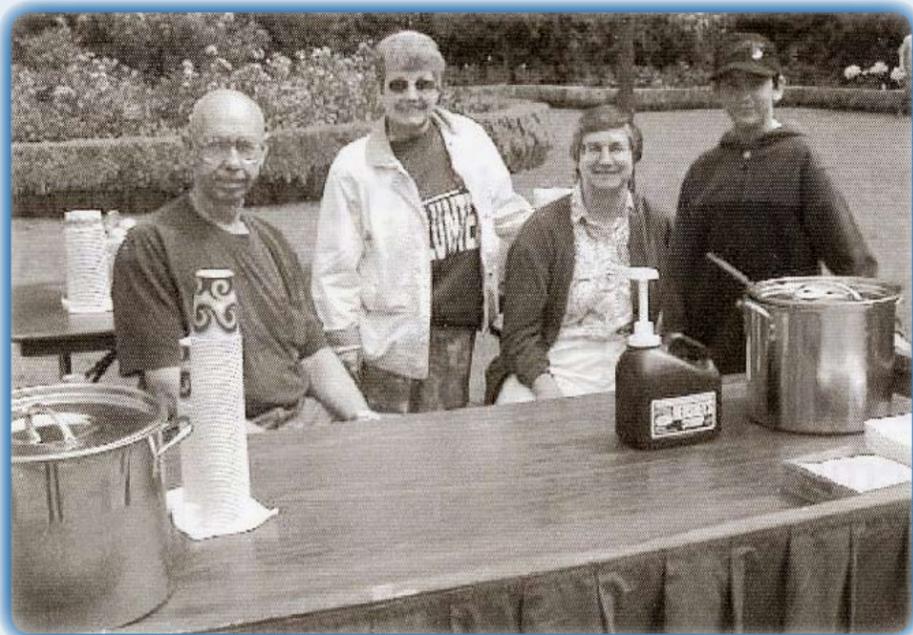
Friends Carl Siminow, Betty and Kenn Kennedy - Cookies and Punch



Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert - July 21, 2000



Klezmer Music was enjoyed by both listeners and dancers!



Friends' Chuck Lembke, Betty Kennedy, Barb Taylor and Jake Taylor are ready to sell raspberry sundaes and fresh lemonade.



As sure as Roses bloom . . . FoSA Year 1999-2000 ends Aug. 31

FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING. AUGUST 8, 2000

BLM CONFERENCE ROOM.

Minutes

DIRECTORS PRESENT: David and Shirley Bridgham, Winnie Pitsenberger, Kay Valois, Betty Kennedy, Ellie Kinney-Martial, Bob and Betty Renner, Barb Taylor, Chuck Lembke, Terry Richards, Greg Nelson, Dick Van Natta and Larry Becker of the Parks Department. Directors absent: Kenn Kennedy, Carl Siminow, and Shirley Champagne.

President Shirley Bridgham called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 11, 2000 board meeting were reviewed. After three corrections were made in the minutes and a motion to accept minutes as corrected was made by Barb and seconded by Ellie. Motion Passed.

Financial Report: Treasurer, Barb Taylor gave the balances of the accounts and stated that she moved about \$10,000.00 from Checking to the Money Market Account, and that our funds have increased by about \$4,000 since last meeting. **Balances as of July 31, 2000:** Security Bank MMA: \$52,579.05; Security Bank Checking: \$16,176.93; Gift Shop change fund: \$ 300.00; Total cash assets \$69,055.98

Information & Gift Center: Shirley stated we have new park hosts and they are just learning how to do things. Shirley would like to have more Park hosts next season so we can have the Information & Gift Center open from 10am to 5 pm. We need more volunteers for the weekends to do this too. Shirley said she would put that in the newsletter. The Information & Gift Center is such a good money maker this would increase the income. Winnie had a question about the Coast Permits. She asked if we should stop selling them after a certain time of the year. As long as the customer knows they are only good for the rest of that year and understands what they are getting it does not matter. If we run out of the permits, we need to send the customer to the Sunset Bay State Park Office. Betty asked if we will be getting any sweatshirts in the Information & Gift Center soon and Shirley said we will.

State Parks: Ellie reported that the greenhouse is almost done. We have new benches in the park. They are very nice. Ellie had some pictures to pass around. They also have gotten a new computer. The car show is Saturday August 12. Larry stated that the contractor has an injury and it is delaying work. They have several Boy Scout projects waiting to get started. The initial plan for the night lighting is in the works. The Observation Building will have to wait until next year.



“Showbiz” - AARS Selection 1985

Old Business: The Music Festival was not as well attended as it usually is. The sun came out and it got warm. We made a profit on the sundaes. All went great. David thanked everyone who helped with the Music Festival. Barb asked where the Friends' banner was that we usually have on the Sundae Booth. Shirley said it needs to be made narrower because it hangs down too far on the booth.

Shirley said our Artist in the Park, Terry Magill has some great new art work done for us. Cards and such. Shirley also reported that the memorial wall is being updated and the plant signs are in. She had a sample to show the board.

New Business: The next meeting is the annual meeting and elections. It will begin at 7PM this year. Gregg is our nominating chair person. Five people have terms that will expire. They are: David, Shirley B, Betty, Ellie and Terry. There was discussion about serving dessert at the meeting. We will be surprised. The October dinner and recognition that we usually do, David suggested we wait until next year and really celebrate since it will be the 15th anniversary of the Friends and the lights. He suggested we do something with the State Park in late September this year. It will be a week day, possibly the 22nd.

Holiday Lights: Shirley said it is moving right along. She met with Shirley Champagne about the cookie bakes. All will be held at North Bend High School this year. The dates are; 9/9, 9/23, and 9/30. Betty Renner will do the cider spice. The lights will come in during September. David has an idea for a new display for the garden. It is a half size replica of the tall ship called the North Bend that was built by Louie Simpson. It would be about 100 feet long. It would be placed along the road coming into the park on the left. Bob Renner asked what we are doing with the old lights, and if the Art Museum could have some clear ones.

Other New Business: Gregg brought an apparel catalog to show the board. He will bring samples next month to the meeting. The board wants to get vests or sweat shirts with the Shore Acres logo on it. Discussion!

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

The next meeting will be **September 12, 2000 at 7PM** in the BLM Conference room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Kennedy, Secretary

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

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