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Summer 2015**

# Friends of Shore Acres

December 4, 2015

## ***Shore Acres - Summer, "Lights" and Winter***



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**Founded  
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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



Each summer, our annual Journal highlights the preceding year's many activities and projects that fulfill the Friends' mission. Our Board of Directors and members, the success of our Information and Gift Center (IGC), the support of the Holiday Lights and other Friends' activities, and our cooperation with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department make it all possible.

### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS SINCE LAST SUMMER –

New redwood benches, new artificial turf at the pavilion, replacement of cedar at the pavilion, new exposed aggregate walkways at the south end of the garden (PG 5)

### INTERPRETIVE/EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS SINCE LAST SUMMER –

Art in the Park grants awarded (PG 6)

New brochures - Sculpture Displays • Boxwood Blight

Updated brochures and rack cards - History and Membership • Garden Map • Roses • Gifts and Memorials • Holiday Lights

Shoreacres Historical Postcards Colorization Project (PG 9)

### ANNUAL EVENTS SINCE LAST SUMMER

Shore Acres' Holiday Lights - Thanksgiving thru New Year's Eve (PG's 10-14)

Bonsai, Orchid and Dahlia Days - August and September, 2014 (PG 15)

Rhododendron Sunday/Mother's Day and Rose Sunday/Father's Day (PG 16)

Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert (PG 16)

The Holiday Lights event – this year is our 29TH – continues to be a rewarding experience, not only for David and me, but for all the wonderful and exceptional people who share in its creation each season.

If you want to have a fun time, just come out and string some lights, share a chili and hot dogs lunch and enjoy some great company. We work rain or shine from 10 AM to 3 PM on Saturdays and Sundays, beginning October 17TH.

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

**29TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS**  
**At least 325,000 LED LIGHTS**  
**THANKSGIVING - NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
**NOV. 26 – DEC. 31, 2015**  
**4:00 PM - 9:30 PM (EVERY NIGHT)**

Look for new lighted sculptures in the entrance and in the Undersea Garden. 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. 17TH**  
**To help: 541-756-5401**  
**bridgham@epuerto.com**

**Sad News** – Long time volunteer and Friends' board member Jack Gilham passed away on October 20, 2014 (*see story, pg 4*). Park host Pete Guldenzopf passed away on April 2, 2015 (*see story, pg 8*). They will be missed. ■

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Sharon Kolkhorst, President 2014-15



The support provided by volunteers for our State Park is truly amazing. In a day and age where people rarely have time to look up from their electronic devices to cross a street or answer the person speaking to them, we have over 1,600 volunteers helping make Shore Acres memories.

As I look around the table during monthly board meetings, I see dedicated individuals working together with park staff to help make Shore Acres a lifelong experience. We want our visitors to return to our park each year and encourage them to visit at different times to see the ever changing gardens and the Holiday Lights.

Members of the FoSA Board, like most volunteers, dedicate their time not to just one activity but to multiple organizations and activities. I like to call our board a "working board." We all have pieces of the various activities that it takes to complete our mission each year. Each member reports on the status of his or her responsibility. We are always moving forward with a purpose. The financial support of the park is reflected each year in the projects listed in our annual budget.

We are fortunate to be able to work together with Oregon Parks and Recreation Staff and thank Oregon State Parks for having the foresight to purchase the Simpson site for the park system and save this area for the recreational enjoyment of future generations.

It has been another great year, with many thanks to each of our volunteers. ■



Dahlia "Shore Acres"

- The Friends' annual year for officers and board members runs from September of one year to the end of August the next year.
- Board members serve a 3-year term and may be re-elected. At each annual meeting, the Friends' Board elects a President-Elect, who becomes President at the next annual meeting.
- This year's annual meeting will be Tues., Sept. 15 at 7 PM at the Shore Acres Garden House.
- The annual meeting will be followed immediately by the regular Board meeting.
- Members and supporters are welcome. If you plan to attend, please telephone 541-266-8300 or email [sumpter42@charter.net](mailto:sumpter42@charter.net)

## Congratulations B & B Winners!



Noel and Paul Porter

Robynn Reed

### THANK YOU! OUR STORY –

Wonderful stay! The lights are so beautiful! Paul and I had our first anniversary on January 1, 2015 and winning this made it so special.

Paul had been planning to propose for some time but because of his illness (Crohn's disease) he had not had the chance.

Originally he wanted to propose on top of Mt. McLoughlin. Instead, he proposed a few days before

Christmas 2013 at the restaurant where we had our first date. We decided at that moment to get married January 1, 2014. Paul had been in and out of the hospital for a couple of years and we thought what a great way to start 2014 by getting married! So with the help of family we put together a small ceremony in a week!

Well . . . a week later Paul was in the ICU so the honeymoon never happened. It was a very scary time. 2014 was a year of recovering and dreaming of things to come for our future. So when we received the call we had won the B&B stay at Shore Acres, it was with great excitement!

Our first anniversary was so special and we will always remember this special place! Thank you to all who make this park so great! ■

Breakfast donated by The Pancake Mill- Gary Goodson and Beverly Rice

2015 Tickets on Sale Now at the Information & Gift Center

## FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

by Kathy Metzger, President-Elect 2014-15



**G**reetings! I can't believe it's August already, where has the year gone?

Last summer when David Bridgham talked to me about taking on the President-Elect's role, I was more than happy to say yes.

I'm a "behind the scenes" type of person and like to get in there and get the job done!

I first started working with the Friends by helping put up the holiday lights, which I still do as much as I can and then was brought on to the Board by Kenn Kennedy more than a decade ago. Shirley Bridgham asked if I would take on coordinating the Hosts during the Holiday Lights several years ago – a job that can be challenging but lots of fun!

I look forward to working with the Board, the State Parks staff and all our volunteers this year. While many projects have been completed there are always new ideas, which help make Shore Acres State Park the gem of the South Coast. ■



# A Tribute to Jack Gilham – a Wonderful Man

by Joan Clifton



Jack Donald Gilham was born on September 18, 1934. He died on October 20, 2014 after a battle with leukemia. He turned 80 one month before he passed away.

His growing up years were spent mostly with his paternal grandparents. They moved a lot around South Bend, Washington. His grandmother passed away when he was 16 and his Aunt Clara and her husband "Cotton" Coma became his guardians.

He married his high school sweetheart, June, when they were 18. My husband Ben Johnson and I met them when we were expecting our first child and their son Steven was a tiny baby. Jack and Ben worked together in the oyster industry in Washington outside of Aberdeen.

In 1957, after the oyster plant closed, Jack and June and their two sons Steven and Thomas moved to Aberdeen, Washington. Later, they moved to Tacoma where Jack went to mechanics school. When he graduated, they took a trip down the coast looking for a good place to raise their sons. They decided they liked North Bend and Jack got a job with Weyerhaeuser as a heavy duty mechanic in the woods. Very hard work. Under trucks and heavy machinery in the hottest days of summer and the coldest and snowiest days in winter.

They built their home in North Bend, piece by piece. Later, they bought property at Lakeside and built a summer cabin on the lake. There were no roads to their place, so they towed rafts of lumber and materials to build their cabin.

Meanwhile, Ben and I had divorced when our youngest was two and I had remarried Bob Clifton. He helped me raise my four children and we had our daughter, Tiffani. We were married 34 years before he passed away in 2003.

June and I, sporadically, wrote back and forth for about 45 years, mostly at Christmas time.

Christmas of 2003 – I sent a Christmas card to Jack and June and told them that Bob had passed away in September. Jack wrote back to me in January and told me that June had passed away in October. He then asked me for my phone number and asked if he could call me. In February I decided it would be fun to talk to an old friend. Besides, he was in Oregon and I was in Oklahoma, so what could it hurt? We used to go to each other's houses for dinner and cards while the kids slept. So, I wrote back and gave him my number. We talked every week for a while, and then it was twice a week and then before long, it was every night. All this time I was going through breast cancer, surgery and radiation and was afraid to tell him.



Jack and Joan placing the LED flower cluster lights they created and LED green lights on a rhododendron bush.

In June, Tiffani was ready to have her 4th boy so the day after my last radiation, I was on the plane to Sacramento. I stayed with Tiffani, Jon and the boys for a week and then I took a bus trip up to Eureka where Jack and I had mutual friends from the oyster plant in Washington. We visited with them for a while and then drove up to North Bend. We did a lot of talking and planning and the day before I was to go back to Sacramento, he said, "I'm not going to let those Okies have you!" and took me to Harry Ritchie's and bought me a ring. He also bought me a plane ticket back to Sacramento because he didn't

want me to take another bus trip and a week later, I was back in Oklahoma telling everybody that I would be moving to Oregon.

By September, I was here, lock, stock and barrel. We had a lot of discussions as to what to do next, after we got settled. Jack and June had a family trust set up and I didn't feel I should be a part of it after all the years they had saved for it, so we opted not to marry.

In one of our long discussions, we decided we needed to have some sort of volunteering to do to fill up some of our time and Friends of Shore Acres had an ad in the newspaper asking for volunteers. The next best thing we ever did was to answer that ad and find some of the most fulfilling things we ever did together. We also volunteered at Pacific Cove Humane Society, and the North Bend Senior Center. I still work there every Monday for the lunch crowd.

Jack was a man who never let the grass grow under his feet. He kept himself busy all the time. If he didn't have something to do, he would invent something to do. He was always helping friends with their cars, trucks, cutting down trees, whatever.

For 20 years, every Tuesday and Thursday, he picked up day-old bread and pastries from Safeway and delivered them to the Senior Center. He called dime Bingo on Tuesday afternoons at the Senior Center for years. Then when they started the evening Bingo, he called every weekend until he got burned out on it and finally decided he wanted to do something else on weekends.

He loved to go salmon fishing, clam digging and crabbing. We ate a lot of sea food.

He was a man you could trust with anything. His ethics were beyond compare. He was a wonderful man and I miss him dearly. ■

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** When Tiffani Clifton Mooney found out Joan was doing this story she said, "Oh Mom, can I send in a note and tell my take on you and Jack?" Joan said yes. Below is part what Tiffani wrote.

"... Now, when I talked to mom she was busy. Every day they walked or hiked went to the beach. Her life sounded so fun. She had a renewed life. In April of 2005 for Easter we went to Jack and mom's house. I was excited to meet the man who swept mom off her feet. I did not plan to really like him personally. I liked him because he made mom so happy. I met Jack when we arrived in the evening. He seemed really nice. Very reserved, quiet, I could not read him very well. What I could see was how they looked at each other. Wow, they were so in love. Is that possible to have such a beautiful love at such an older age? I too fell in love with Jack. I was surprised by that. I grew to love him so much. Not just because he made mom happy but because he was so awesome. He very quickly became Grandpa Jack to my kids. They all loved him. For three of my kids he is the only grandpa they know with grandma.

Before Jack was diagnosed with leukemia he wanted to plan a surprise party for mom for her 80th birthday. He told me he was sending her to Norway for her birthday gift. I planned the party and he kept her busy. He was diagnosed with leukemia during the year. He scheduled his chemo around the trip to California for her party. It was a rough year for them. The party was fabulous. A lot of friends and family came. All year Jack was in and out of the hospital. Just a week before Mom was to leave on her three week trip to Norway, Jack was in the hospital. He still insisted that she go. She decided at the last minute she would go. He was home and doing well for the moment. She came back and got to share with him all the wonderful experiences she had on her trip.

He passed away in October 2014. He was 80. They had exactly 10 years. The honeymoon did not end till he was gone. I loved him more than I ever could have imagined. I thank God for the wonderful years mom got to have with him. I feel blessed to have been a part of this very sweet love story." ■



# NEWS FROM THE GARDENS

by Ellie Kinney-Martial, Park Ranger III

Most notably known for the Holiday Lights display at the gardens, Friends of Shore Acres Inc. supports the park in many other ways. The net revenue from sales at the Information and Gift Center provides funds for many of the projects at the gardens. These are just a few of the improvements in the past year that have been funded by the Friends.

Benches throughout the formal garden were installed during the renovation in the mid 1970's and at that time they were made of redwood. In the 1990's the benches were in need of repair and the redwood material was replaced with cedar. Last year we were faced with repairing the benches again and the decision was made to return to the original redwood. These were installed by Seasonal Ranger John Sperling with the assistance of the four man work crew from Shutter Creek.



Unless otherwise identified, photos by Ellie Kinney-Martial



Pam Stevens

The artificial turf on the west side of the pavilion was first installed in 2005. Ten years and over 2 million visitors later, it was time for replacement and the new and improved version was installed last March.



Repairs were also made in the Performance Pavilion where the original cedar was showing signs of wood rot. All rotting cedar around the columns was replaced thanks to the *Friends* and the expertise of retired Park Ranger Bob Dixon.



Shirley Bridgham



David Bridgham

Improvements on the south end of the garden began last fall when the exposed aggregate walkway was extended to the east pond trail. Early this spring that project continued, bringing the exposed aggregate to the entrance of the south rose garden – a vast improvement over the heaving asphalt and gravel paths that it replaced. ■

*Thank you Friends of Shore Acres for another wonderful year.*

# "ART IN THE PARK" COMING TO A PARK NEAR YOU!

by Kristin Hovenkotter Greco, Ranger Assistant



Jilian Echlin

Earlier this year, Sunset Bay and Shore Acres State Parks took advantage of a wonderful opportunity provided by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department – the Art In Parks grants program. Manager Preson Phillips, Ranger Stephanie Miller, and I put together grant applications for the two parks with each park receiving \$1,000 to bring special events with an artistic focus to the parks.

with the potential to draw large numbers from the local public to our park. "SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK" is a well-known and much-loved annual performing art event in many cities and towns. I am working closely with Logos to coordinate a fabulous show, which may bring together many members of the several local theatre groups in town to participate in a fun event for the community. The dates are tentatively scheduled for May 7-8 and 14-15.

Sunset Bay's grant will go toward hosting a PLEIN-AIR PAINT OUT day, inviting local watercolor artists to come participate in painting the gorgeous landscapes within our park to celebrate State Parks Day, June 4, 2016. In conjunction with this, we will organize some local individuals to provide basic watercolor instruction for the public. I am working with the Coos Art Museum to form a partnership that will assist with contacting local painters as well as loaning the park materials for the public to use.

Both grants offer excellent opportunities to bring new people to our parks so they can appreciate the natural beauty both Shore Acres and Sunset Bay have to offer, and to help foster appreciation of the arts in our community. Everyone at the parks is very excited about these opportunities, so be sure to come take part in our Art In the Parks events! ■

*Congratulations,  
Preson, Stephanie and Kristin!*

For Shore Acres, the park will be working with a local acting group to present a SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK event in late spring of 2016. Logos Players, a local theatre group, which works to raise money for area non-profit organizations, will perform two weekends of Shakespeare. The play — or quite possibly, scenes from several different plays — will be selected to fit the outdoor, seaside setting of Shore Acres Gardens, and will be a lighthearted comedy or Shakespearian Romance to ensure that it is family friendly. The public will be welcomed to come experience a fun afternoon of the performing arts in a pastoral park setting. This could possibly become an annual event similar to the Oregon Coast Music Festival concert,

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*Members make a difference!  
Thanks!*

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# NEWS FROM SUNSET BAY MANAGEMENT UNIT

by Preson Phillips, Park Manager



I can hardly believe its time again for the annual newsletter. Where did the past 12 months go?

The adage that "time flies when you are having fun" must apply. Each day, this past year, has seen small or large accomplishments by staff and volunteers towards the common goal of providing and protecting Shore Acres State Park for the enjoyment and education of present and future generations.

We continue to plan for future upgrades and renovations to infrastructure while performing the day to day tasks that make it all seamless to our visitors.

The Friends of Shore Acres are truly 'friends' of the park and its larger community. The service provided and the respect shown to our visitors is immeasurable.

Thanks to each of you. ■

## Welcome Jasper Ryan Krug



Kristin Hovenkotter

Stephanie Miller, Park Ranger, Sunset Bay State Park and her son Jasper Ryan Krug, born on June 3, 2015, visit the Interpretive Center at the Sunset Bay Campground.

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*Thanks for your support!*

# Pete Guldenzopf will be greatly missed!

## E-MAIL NOTE FROM LESLIE GULDENZOPF

Attached is one of our favorite pictures and a copy of Pete's obituary.

Pete and I began our hosting career in October of 2002 at the Deschutes State Park. This is where we always vacationed every September. Pete loved to fish!

We hosted at 10 different state parks returning to many each year. We also worked the Oregon State Fair. We both have 12,000 hours of hosting experience.

In 2005, when we won Host of the Year, we were very proud. To this day, I'm still giving park guide books to people I come in contact with. We always promoted State Parks and volunteering.

Pete always loved coming back to Shore Acres especially during the holiday season. It was his favorite of all the parks.

Guldenzopf, Pete – March 27, 1946 - April 2, 2015 – Pete, age 69, died peacefully in his sleep April 2, 2015, at home. Pete was raised in Eagle Creek and graduated from Estacada High School. He was a master painter at Freightliner for 34 years. In his 13 years of retirement, Pete and his "glitzy" wife, Leslie, were full-time camp hosts with the Oregon State Parks system, dividing most of their time between the Deschutes and Coos Bay. Pete was an avid fisherman and crabber who was known as a gruff old codger with a heart of gold. Pete is survived by his loving wife, Leslie; son, Jeff; daughter, Amy; and a multitude of family and friends. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. At the family's request, donations may be made to Friends of Shore Acres, P.O. Box 1172, Coos Bay, OR 97420.

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Leslie and Pete Guldenzopf at Shore Acres Holiday Lights

## E-MAIL LETTER ABOUT PETE, DECEMBER 2014

Dear Shore Acres State Park,

*I want to say THANK YOU to some special people for their recent assistance!*

*My mom and I drove down from Salem Oregon to visit the Holiday Lights display Saturday, December 27, 2014, for the first time. While viewing the Koi Pond, I dropped my cell phone into the water where it quickly sank out of site and reach. I immediately accepted the fact that all my photos and data from the visit were lost. Thinking there was nothing to be done about it, we stopped in the gift shop to at least leave our contact info in case the phone was retrieved and turned in someday. Everyone was terribly busy in the store but the volunteers and park employees still took the time to listen to my sad tale.*

*One volunteer in particular, Pete, even offered to go the extra mile. He arranged to meet us the next morning with his fishing net to try to scoop up my phone on from the murky pond. He was successful on the very first try! The phone was quite dead, but the media card and SIM card inside were unaffected by the water. So we were still able to extract all our lovely photos from the evening and to recover important phone number data and info! Pete and the other volunteers could easily have told me there was no reason to even try to recover the phone and not wasted any time with me. But they didn't, and I love them for it.*

*I work at the City of Salem Senior Center and I know the value of caring volunteers and passionate employees so I want to make sure YOU all know what a terrific group of folks you have working at Shore Acres State Park!*

*If you have a volunteer of the month program, I nominate Pete.*

*Please pass on my gratitude to everyone and I look forward to visiting the park many more times in the future.*

*Best,*

*Kim Baker and Judy Harrison*



Pam Stevens

Besides working in the Information and Gift Center in December, Pete found time to help a couple of holiday lights visitors. **SEE E-MAIL LETTER ➡➡**

The memorial gathering to honor Pete was held at Shore Acres Garden House on Sunday, June 7, 2015. Leslie and Pete's immediate family and many friends were in attendance to share great memories and stories of Pete. Refreshments were provided by Friends of Shore Acres. ■



# FRIENDS' INFORMATION & GIFT CENTER (IGC)

AN ALL-VOLUNTEER OPERATION MANAGED BY LOU AND SHARON KOLKHORST

**OPEN HOURS** ♦ Jan. THRU Feb. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM ♦ Mar. THRU Thanksgiving Eve - 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
Thanksgiving thru New Year's Eve - 3:30 - **9:30** PM ♦ 541-888-2472 ♦ 1-866-6100

## HISTORICAL PHOTOS COME TO LIFE

by Sharon Kolkhorst, Co-Manager

Postcards have always been big sellers in the Information and Gift Center.

About 5 years ago, after looking at cards in other gift shops and restaurants along the coast, we noticed that we were all selling the same cards. Even the Holiday Lights cards were the same. *With all the beautiful and unique views at Shore Acres, why were we not making our own postcards that would only be sold at Shore Acres?*

This started our 'Postcard Project' and the use of Shore Acres, Sunset Bay, and Cape Arago photographs. Our postcards are printed by Wegferds' Printing and the pictures are part of the Shore Acres archives managed by Shirley Bridgham. Many of the current pictures are by Shirley and her husband, David. Our iconic "Wave" photo was taken by Luis Velasquez. With the ever changing gardens and Holiday Lights scenes, we retire and add new cards each year.

While attending the OPRD Co-op Conference in John Day we were given an opportunity to talk with other Friends groups to exchange ideas. Friends of Vista House had started reprinting their historic cards in color. When we returned from the conference we discussed the possibilities with our board. Our historical cards were in black and white and we knew that, with new technology, they could be improved upon.

We were off and running as soon as Shirley was able to free up a lot of her time to focus on the project. She located a company in Texas and contacted them for information. Our original packet contained 12 historical cards that we have been selling for more than 25 years. In July we finished the Shoreacres Historical Postcards *Colorization* project. Each set of Shoreacres Historical Postcards contains 25 different scenes and the sets are now available in the IGC. ■



Shore Acres 1976 – Colorized 2015

## RESEARCHING COLORIZATION

by Shirley Bridgham, Editor

What do you suppose the odds are that I would get the following email from an inquiry to a colorization company I found on the internet?

"Shoreacres! I grew up in North Bend . . ." Well, that's the reply I got after emailing the sepia toned photo of the first mansion to see if it would be a good candidate for colorization.

One thing led to another and the next thing I knew I was deep into a project to produce 25 colorized postcards for the Information and Gift Center.

After the project was completed, I contacted Mike McCarty and asked him for a bio and a photo of himself. He responded with both. ■

## TOP HAT PHOTO REPAIR

by Michael McCarty, Owner/Producer

I was born and raised in North Bend until my family moved to the Portland area in 1998 when I started middle school. Every year since I can remember my family would go and see the lights at Shore Acres. It was always one of my favorite holiday traditions. I continued to go while I still lived in Oregon. I live in Texas now.

I am self taught in Photoshop, having started using it in high school. At some point around 2009 I started restoring and colorizing some old family pictures. I realized that I had an ability and enjoyed doing it a lot. In 2011, I started doing more pictures for friends and family, and started a website to promote my work. I started Top Hat Photo Repair in 2012. Since then the business has grown but I still do most of the Photoshop work myself. I was so happy to see the pictures from Shore Acres and be able to contribute to the project. ■



L. J. Simpson's First Mansion – Sepia Tone



L. J. Simpson's First Mansion – Colorized 2015

### — SPECIAL THANKS —

- Top Hat Photo Repair - Photo Colorization Discount
- Wegferds' Printing & Publishing - Production Discount
- Proofreading: Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst; David Bridgham; Ellie Kinney-Martial and Valerie Augustine

### VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO HELP US IN THE IGC

If you really want to have fun and have a spare Saturday during the year, please call Lynn at **541-267-0693** and tell her you would like to volunteer. The Information and Gift Center phone is **541-888-2472** or toll free **866-888-6100** if you just have a question for us.

# Holiday Lights 2014 — An Estimated 45,558 Visitors

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

Cities and Towns: 199 Oregon • 126 California • 67 Washington • 162 cities and towns from other states



CHILD'S BEDROOM IN THE GARDEN HOUSE

Albany, NY - *Awesome*  
 Alexandria, VA - *Love it!*  
 Ashland, OR - - *THE BEST* - -  
 Bedford, VA - *Fantastic!*  
 Billings, MT - *Awsome!*  
 Boston, MA - *Stupendous!*  
 Cathlamet, WA - *Always worth the trip!*  
 Chiloquin - OR - *Extraordinary*  
 Coos Bay, OR - *Extremely well thought out*  
 Eagle Point, OR - *Best Ever, Love It!*  
 El Paso, TX - *Gorgeous!*  
 Eugene, OR - *This made my Christmas!*  
 Eureka, CA - *Magical - Thank You!*  
 Gleneden Beach, OR - *Best in the Northwest!*  
 Glide, OR - *Treasure this beautiful experience!*  
 Grand View, ID - *Impressive*  
 Grass Valley, CA - *Beautiful house!*  
 Grizzly Flats, CA - *Thanks!*  
 Houston, TX - *Amazing, we love it!*  
 Iowa City, IA - *Fantastic*  
 Kenai, AK - *Wonderful!*  
 Leavenworth, WA - *WOW!*  
 Lumberton, TX - *Very Beautiful*  
 Logan, UT - *Worth the trip. Wow!*  
 Los Angeles, CA - *Wonderful!*  
 Marysville, KY - *Thank You!*  
 McMinnville, OR - *Amazing - Incredible*  
 Missoula, MT - *Wonderful*  
 Modesto, CA - *SPECTACULAR!!!!*  
 Mt Shasta, CA - *Unbelievable!*  
 Mt Vernon, WA - *Awsome!*  
 North Bend, OR - *Perfect like always*  
 Pittsburgh, PA - *Love it*  
 Redding, CA - *Excellent*  
 Roseburg, OR - *An annual event of joy!*  
 San Francisco, CA - *Best year ever!!*  
 Scottsdale, AZ - *Awsome!*  
 St. Helens, OR - *Family Tradition*  
 Vancouver, WA - *Simply Amazing*  
 Vancouver Island, Canada - *Beautiful - Unique*  
 Weed, CA - *FAN - tastic!*  
 Winston, OR - *Beautiful! Amazing Experience!*  
 Zephyr Cove, NV - *Incredible! Thank you!*

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



More Comments and Stats at [www.shoreacres.net](http://www.shoreacres.net)

## Thanks, Lights Pledge Supporters 2014!

### LED Lights

**5,450** Abel Insurance Agency-Harry and Francie Abel  
**4,667** Barbara K. Mills  
**3,334** Shinglehouse Auto and Salvage  
**2,667** Hough, MacAdam, Wartnik, Fisher and Gorman, LLC  
**2,100** The Portside Restaurant  
**2,000** Coastal Paper and Supply-Bob and Johanna Dillard  
**1,667** Cornelia and Don Barnhart  
 Huggins Insurance-Bob and Janet Huggins  
**1,400** Azalea Acres, Inc.- Richard, Betty, Steven and Wesa Liles, David and Shirley Bridgham  
 Captain John's Hotel-Hong-Chi Teng and Fang-chuan Lin  
 Coos Bay Grocery Outlet- Patricia and Sven Backman and Crew  
 Edgewater Inn Motel, Coos Bay  
 J. W. White Painting-Jay and Melody White  
 Miller's at the Cove Sports Bar and Grill  
 Oregon West Management-The Graves Family  
 Pacific Corp/Pacific Power  
 Prudential Seaboard Properties  
 Nancy Robinson  
 Jim and Diane Verger  
**1,125** Coos Bay Fire and Rescue  
**1,050** Michael A. Gordon, CPA (Not Your Basic Bean Counter)  
**807** Tom's Lock and Key-Steve and Cathy Clark  
**700** Art Connection  
 Best Western Holiday Hotel  
 Bob's Appliance-Bob and Gayle DePeal  
 Cheslock Optical-Dr. James and Rhea Cheslock  
 Ray Gapp  
 Honda World  
 James and Ellen Montalbano  
 Northwestern Mutual-Dick and Jan Vigue  
 Ted and Carolyn Terry  
 Windermere / North Point Inc.  
**667** Oyster Cove LLC-Martha Butler  
**500** This Olde House Bed and Breakfast Inn-Sally White  
**400** Charleston Harbor Inn in memory of John A. Castro  
 High Tide Cafe LLC-Carol Rodde and Steve Raplee  
**360** Cedar Electric and Construction, Inc.  
**350** James and Archina Davenport  
 Gold Coast Truck Repair-Butch and Jacque Shields  
 Betsy Groben  
 Shoji Planning, LLC-Crystal and Gene Shoji  
 Slippery Slope Soap Shop-Pauline and Ron Vierra  
 Donald and Priscilla Zobel



### Special Thanks - 2015

- Fred Meyer - 23RD year providing 100 cases of frozen apple juice for hot apple cider, 12 cases of frozen lemonade for punch and generous discount on cookies
- Vend West - Lou Leberti - 26TH year - Food Storage and Delivery
- Roto Rooter- Jim and Mike Collatt - 21ST year of providing "Santacans" at a substantial discount.
- Day Ship Supply - Bruce Day - 17TH year - Cookie Storage and Delivery
- Dave's Trees - Dave Hannah - 14TH year - Outdoor Christmas Trees



# Holiday Lights - A Major Undertaking by David Bridgman

What started as . . . "let's put out some Christmas lights and see if anyone will come". . . has evolved over the years. We had our issues with a lack of infrastructure for this kind of night time lighting display. No lights in the parking area – a lack of sufficient parking – reliable underground wiring – what were we thinking?

We were determined to interpret the beauty of the gardens at night with lights and invite the community to share it with their holiday visitors. So early on we dug up our beautiful gardens to put outlets in every flower bed, expanded the parking three fold, and installed path lights into the parking areas. The big "WE" are Friends' members and volunteers, State Parks staff and Shutter Creek Correctional officers and work crews. I'm glad to say this cooperative effort continues today.

Starting with a modest 6,000 lights, we essentially doubled the number of lights each year until we maxed out at 250,000 lights that our extensive lighting system could handle.

Then we discovered LED lights. The peak load of a 30 amp circuit (in each flower bed) was the limiting factor until we started converting to the new LED lighting. What was a 6,000 lights limit maxing a 30 amp breaker with the traditional lights, now measures only 4 amps. Shirley's response to this reevaluation was – "we can add more lights!" Now the limiting factor is the number and surface area of the landscaping. I continue to point out the virtues of negative space and *sometimes she listens.*

The number of lighted sculptures has grown over time. There's an expectation of a new sculpture each year – and it's not a good idea to leave any out of the display. I "retired" a sculpture once and was called up short for someone's favorite. I brought it back into the display right away.

Shirley and I have delegated major portions of the Holiday Lights event over the years as the complexity and workload has grown. What is now a year-round effort is shared with hard working, great volunteers – many are part of the Friends working Board.

– LIGHTS SETUP –

Starts Oct. 17, 2015

To help: 541-756-5401

- Robynn Reed has taken on the responsibility of planning and decorating the Garden House since 1997. Her husband Mike and son Adam and partner Chloe Eberlein also offer creativity, enthusiasm and help.
- Dawn Buxton has managed the 26 sponsored and decorated large trees in the gardens since 2011. She also keeps a waiting list of other groups waiting for an opening.
- A major undertaking of scheduling and managing the host teams for each night of the Holiday Lights is a job that Kathy Metzger has done since 2007. Kathy has increased the number of host teams in an effort to reduce the waiting list of groups and organizations that want to be a part of this great community tradition. We now have half-shifts most nights, over 50 teams, and a much smaller waiting list.
- The special flower cluster lights that are unique to Shore Acres have been grouped in LED lights by Jack Gilham and Joan Clifton since 2006. Jack passed away last October but Joan Clifton continues to work on this important project (*see story about Jack and Joan on page 4*).
- Dell and Roberta Willis grease both ends of each new set of lights with a dielectric grease to protect it in our harsh environment. Yes, every set – both ends! They also string lights and make at least 850 holiday lights buttons for the volunteers.



SHIRLEY AND DAVID BRIDGHAM,  
HOLIDAY LIGHTS CO-CHAIR SINCE 1987

But you don't have to be a board member to play a significant role.

- Cindy and Dino Coolen have done an excellent job of rounding up and scheduling live entertainment in the Pavilion for our visitors' delight since 2005.
- And many of our long time light stringers have specialized over time:
- Mike Perkins and Carol Ventgen do the Undersea Garden and also string lights in the garden.
- Then there is Dave Barnhart. He lives in Gleneden Beach near Salashan and drives down here each weekend to help us string lights. We also ask him to supervise youth groups in his school teacher manner that appreciates and encourage groups of kids in community service – thank you Dave.

- As you can see it takes an army of volunteers to make the Holiday Lights shine. It also takes a group of special dedicated volunteers to fill these unique roles. What brings us together each year is our shared vision. A vision of a magical place, Shore Acres, lighted in all its splendor and cared for by devoted volunteers.

- It's been Shirley's and my vision to give up much of what we did in the formative years to dedicated volunteers. In our 29th year of Holiday Lights at Shore Acres we continue to co-chair and provide guidance and continuity to this community tradition. Shirley works on the event – essentially year round – with lights inventory management and display design. She uses an extensive spreadsheet and bed-by-bed photos of the lights display to organize this enormous puzzle. I manage the continued support for the sculptures and admit to all that "Shirley is the brains of this outfit and I'm her number one *gofer*." ■

## David's New Sculptures - 2014



INSPIRED BY ROBYNN REED - A RACCOON,  
DEER AND RABBIT BEHIND THE PAVILION GATE



INSPIRED BY CAROL VENTGEN,  
A LADYBUG ON SHASTA DAISIES

- Recently retired Ray Daniels expertly places path lighting around the pond, rope lights under benches and rails and gets them up and working. Ray also generously helps with sculptures including some he has fabricated.
- Former board members and past presidents Kathi and Dennis Netter head-up making the cider spice concentrate. This closely held secret recipe goes way back to Peter and Karen Crosby, who still help to this day.



# Holiday Lights - A Major Undertaking



To prevent fuse failures, Dell and Roberta Willis inject dielectric grease into each plug end of the LED lights.

## THE 2014 DISPLAY – IN MEMORY OF VOLUNTEER JACK GILHAM

**LIGHTS STRINGERS** - Cheryl Baldwin, David Barnhart, Shirley AND David Bridgham, Shirley Champagne-Harris, Joan Clifton, Ray Daniels, Bill Davis, Susan Ferguson, Jamie Floyd, Kaye Floyd, David Forkner, Edith Forkner, Don Ivy, Allen King, Kathy Metzger, Joanie Lawrence, Tom Marshall, Mike Perkins AND Carol Ventgen, Southwestern Oregon Community College Softball Team, Dell and Roberta Willis

*Thanks!*



L-R – Carol Ventgen, Dave Barnhart, Ray Daniels and Kathy Metzger



Luis Velasquez

1999 – NEW SPONSOR MID-COAST MUSTANG AND FORD CLUB – DECORATIONS INCLUDED GOLDEN SPARK PLUGS.

*"Thanks so much for letting our club do a tree. It was so much "fun." We're already thinking of one for next year. 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, of 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*

Mid-Coast Mustang and Ford Club - 2014

**2014 - HOLIDAY TREES** - Donated by Dave Hannah - Dave's Christmas Trees - Lots at Farr's True Value Hardware and North Bend

**TREE DECORATING COORDINATOR - DAWN BUXTON** - AM-VETS Post 10 \* Ankeny Insurance Agency \* Bay Area Hospital Auxiliary \* Bikers for Christ Coos County Chapter \* Bonneville Power Administration \* CH2M Hill \* Chappelle Enterprises \* City of Coos Bay \* Coastal Corvettes Unlimited \* Coos County Radio Club \* Girl Scouts of Oregon AND SW Washington \* Harley Owners Group (HOG) \* KAIROS \* Mid-Coast Mustang and Ford Club \* Oregon Coast Community Action \* Oregon State Parks Volunteers AND Staff \* Pacific Coast Corvette Club \* Pigeon Point Dairy Queen \* Ruby Tuesdays Red Hat Society \* Shinglehouse Auto and Salvage \* South Coast Cruisers Car Club \* South Coast Education Service District \* South Coast Office Supply \* Southwestern Oregon Community College \* Subzero Motorsports \* South Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

### 50 LIGHTED SCULPTURE DISPLAYS

- DESIGNED TO REFLECT OUR COASTAL SETTING
- NEW BROCHURE CREATED IN 2014

AVAILABLE AT SHORE ACRES

AVAILABLE ON LINE AT [WWW.SHOREACRES.NET](http://WWW.SHOREACRES.NET)



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



# Holiday Lights - A Major Undertaking



Ray Daniels



Bill Davis



Mike Perkins



## GARDEN AREA SOUTH OF PAVILION - NORTH BEND HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB

**Back row:** Kace Rainsbarger, Seth Frings, George LaGessee, Rich Rigney, Tanner Henderson, Stewart Lyons, James Jordan, Bryce Shelton, Nathan Midyette, Sara Frings • **Middle row:** Jamie Decker, Tyler Harper, Hannah Schandelmeier-Lynch, Abbey Knight, Thomas Mitchell, Danielle Timm, Alyssa Monohon, Adrianna Campbell, Kadie Forderer, Lindsay Varga, Lacey Wagner, Kim Orchard • **Front row:** Bob Romanko, Pam Romanko, Emma Powley, McKenzie Edwards, Jordyn Wicks, Elizabeth Salathe, Emily Midyette, Lorien Deyo-Rivera, Drew Diefenbaugh

## COOS COUNTY EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT



Front left around to the right: Jammie Thompson, Cathy Thayer, Jennifer Coleman, Mary Coleman

*Thanks!*



David Forkner and Edith Forkner

**OTHER GARDEN AREAS** - Bay Area Kiwanis and Boys and Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon

**CRYPTOMERIA AND BUTTERFLIES** - Charleston Fire and Rescue - Assistant Chief Dave MacManiman, Captain Rusty Shield, Russell Shield, Janette Dunlop, Chris Owen, Ariana Partida, Melanie Teasley, Fred Miller

## LIGHTS ON THE GARDEN HOUSE COOS BAY FIRE AND RESCUE



Evan Johnson and Matt Sanders

**Others Helping:** Scott Besser, Michael Goirl, Andrew Slack, Jason Guenther, Andoni Amuchastegui, Jason Wilson, Ben Rolichcheck, Caleb Owens



# Holiday Lights - More Thanks!

HOST TEAMS 2014 -

COORDINATOR - KATHY METZGER

A.B.A.T.E. \* Aging AND People with Disabilities \* Am-Vets Post #10 \* Ankeny Insurance \* Avamere Rehabilitation Center \* Awesome Cuts \* Banner Bank \* Bay Area Sunrise Rotary Club AND Preceptor Alpha Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi \* Bay Area Hospital \* Bay Eye Clinic \* Bay Area Kiwanis \* Bay Area Bonsai Society \* Baycrest Village \* Bayside Terrace \* Beta Sigma Phi Laureate XI \* Bikers for Christ \* BNT \* Boy Scout Troop # 156 \* Coos Bay School District \* Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary \* Coos Bay Fire and Rescue \* Coos Bay Yacht Club \* Coos Head Garden Club \* Coos Bay Lions Club \* Coos County OSU Extension \* Coquille H.S. Key Club and Kiwanis \* Coquille Friends \* Cutting Edge Hair Designs \* Doric Chapter #53 \* Egyptian Theatre Preservation Assoc. \* Friends of Shore Acres Board \* Harley Owners Group (HOG) \* Hauser Dune Riders 4-H Horse Club \* Hauser Citizen Patrol \* Johnson Rock Products \* Juul Insurance \* Life Care Center of Coos Bay \* Life Change Church \* Marshfield Student Council \* Mid Coast Mustang and Ford Club \* Miss Coos County Scholarship Pageant \* Myrtle Point Care Center \* New Year's Revellers \* North Bend Education Association \* North Bend/Coos Bay Relay for Life \* One Big Happy Family \* Oregon Coast Community Action \* Oregon Hunters Society/Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation \* Over the Hill Gang \* Pacific Home Health AND Hospice \* Pacific Coast Corvette Club \* Prudential Seaboard Properties \* Soroptimist International of Coos Bay \* South Coast Cruisers \* South Coast ESD \* South Slough Estuarine Reserve \* South Coast Shopper \* Southwestern Oregon Rose Society \* Southwestern Oregon Community College \* Sunset Classic Chevy's \* The Mill Casino AND Hotel \* The Bay Area Rotary Club \* Tom's Bulldog Automotive \* Umpqua Discovery Center \* United Way

ENTERTAINMENT - CO-CHAIR -  
DINO AND CINDY COOLEN

IN ORDER OF PERFORMANCE- AS OF NOV. 24

LTOB Little Opry on the Bay Singers AND Dancers \* Willamette Christian Center \* Gold Coast Chorus \* Charleston Community Church \* Hillcrest Elementary School Choir \* North Bend Middle School 8th Grade Band \* South Coast Community Choir \* Sweet River \* Sea Breeze Harmony Chorus \* Kingsview Christian School \* Lighthouse Middle School Choir \* American Heritage Girls \* Centro de Fe \* South Coast Boy Scouts AND Girl Scouts \* Bay Area Foursquare Church \* Women's "Tree-O" \* Myrtle Point High School Show Choir Vibe \* Pacific Community Church \* Gloria Dei Church \* Bay Area Concert Band \* Tymberhaven Shire \* St. Monica Church \* Grinch AND Whoville Carolers \* Set Apart \* Cape Blanco Ringers \* Magnificent Seven Tuba Group



**GARDEN HOUSE** - Chair - Robynn Reed; Co-Chair - Chloe Eberlein; Michael and Adam Reed, Vee Elliott, Jeri Malone, Ellie Kinney-Martial, Roberta Willis, Pam Stevens, Shutter Creek Correctional Officers and Work Crews

**CIDER SPICE** - Kathi and Dennis Netter, Joan Clifton, Andrew Netter, Karen and Peter Crosby  
**LUNCHES AND SNACKS FOR VOLUNTEERS** - Roberta Willis, Vee Elliott, Dave Barnhart, Joan Clifton; Chili Discount - Wendy's Old Fashion Hamburgers

**HOUSEKEEPING** - Joan Clifton, Vee Elliott, Kathi Netter, Robynn Reed, Chloe Eberlein, Shirley Bridgman

**BUTTONS** - Dell and Roberta Willis  
**POSTER DISTRIBUTION** - Barb Taylor

**ELECTRICAL AND LIGHTS** - Generous Discounts - Farr's True-Value Hardware-Jay Farr; Kyle Electric-Tom Kyle; North Coast Electric; Platt Electric, Kevin Owens



PACIFIC COMMUNITY CHURCH

# Other Friends' Major Undertakings

by David Bridgman

The Information and Gift Center (IGC) is the successful engine that drives the Friends' projects that fund the park improvements our visitors enjoy. With an all-volunteer IGC staff, we can ensure the maximum impact the Friends make at the park we all love. Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst have done a masterful job of managing the IGC since 2002. This includes buying sales items and displaying and creating a customer service culture that is all top notch. Transitioning into our current building has certainly benefitted from their creative process.

Barb Taylor, our treasurer for nearly 20 years, keeps our financial records in pristine order. For many years Betty Kennedy and Vee Elliott scheduled volunteers and park hosts to work in the IGC. Last year, they gave up this job to volunteer Lynn Danner and park ranger Pam Stevens. Betty continues getting volunteers for our other events while Vee manages membership.

*"One of the best experiences of my life! I love Shore Acres. I need people contact. I enjoy working in the Gift shop and the Garden House and I pull any weed I see as I walk by. My back is a mess and decorating is tough for me but whatever I can do that isn't too painful at Shore Acres and with the Friends I want to do!" Betty Kennedy*

## INFORMATION AND GIFT CENTER VOLUNTEERS

Brian and Billie Bergstrom, Joan Clifton, Jackie Cole, Jackie Cruse, Patty Curtis, Lynn Danner, Sharon Frank, Marcia Palen, Lynda Payton, David Rigsby, Darrell and Carol Sanders, Barb Taylor, Mike Taylor, Sue Thornton, Frank Wait, Debbie Wigant - **Park Hosts - Nov-Dec** - Mary and David Ballard; John and Violet Campbell; George and Bonnie Fritz; Stephen and Linda Edwards, Pete and Leslie Guldenzopf

*Thanks!*

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department - Sunset Bay State Park, Shore Acres State Park, Larry Becker, Preson Phillips, Janet Sobczak, Ellie Kinney-Martial, Pam Stevens, Garrett Albiston, Asa Miller, Stephanie Miller, Rick Ripley, Karen Wuethrich • Thanks also to: 1859 Oregon's Magazine; Bay Area Chamber of Commerce; Charleston Information Center; Coach House; Coastal Paper and Supply-Johanna and Bob Dillard; 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; North Coast Electric; Oregon Coast Magazine; Register Guard; Roto Rooter-Jim Collatt; Siuslaw News; The Oregonian; The World- Beth Burback; Lou Sennick; Luis Velasquez; VIA Magazine; Wegferd's Printing and Publishing- Karen, Linda, Dell and Staff

**And anyone whose name we have missed!**



# *Friends' Annual Events 2014*

*Bonsai Day • Orchid Day • Dahlia Day*  
*Refreshments in the Garden House - 11 AM - 4 PM*



VOLUNTEERS DEBBIE WIGANT, GEORGE AHUNA,  
 BETTY KENNEDY AND NORM HERNING



VOLUNTEERS BARB AND BERNIE METZGER

*Shore Acres'  
 Gorgeous  
 Gardens*



*Experts to  
 Answer  
 Questions*

## *Returning Again In 2015*

*Bonsai Day - Aug. 15*  
*Bay Area Bonsai Society*  
*"Exquisite Miniature Plants"*

*Orchid Day - Sept. 19*  
*Pacific Orchid Society*  
*"Gems of the Rain Forest"*

*Dahlia Day - Sept. 26*  
*Southern Oregon Dahlia Society*  
*"Dazzling Dahlias"*



# Oregon State Parks Day and National Garden Week - 2015



CHAR YOUNG AND CHERYL DRUMHELLER

Pam Stevens

Oregon State Parks Day and National Garden Week were celebrated on June 6, from 11 AM to 4 PM at Shore Acres State Park. The \$5 parking fee was waived and Friends of Shore Acres volunteers served refreshments in the Garden House. Also, the Friends' Information AND Gift Center offered a 10 percent discount on merchandise.

"Many stopped to talk with us in the Garden House saying how impressed they were of the gardens," said Cheryl Drumheller, President of the Coos Bay Garden Club.

Garden Clubs displaying "what they are all about" included Coos Bay, Coquille Valley and the Friends of Hindsdale Gardens in Reedsport.

Nineteen people stopped by the Coos Bay Garden Club table to craft their own greeting card using pressed flowers. When each masterpiece was completed, they were so delighted. One woman commented, "I remember seeing my grandmother do this." Another woman was mailing her creation to her mother that day. ■



PATTY CURTIS AND BILLIE BERGSTROM

Pam Stevens



SARAH SCHAPIRA AND TROY CAMERON

Cheryl Drumheller



NICK, MELISSA, ISABELA AND MEGHAN

Cheryl Drumheller

## Friends' Spring and Summer Events 2015

*Rhododendron Sunday | Mother's Day - May 10*



BEAUTIFUL SETTING FOR A DISPLAY AND EXPERTS FROM THE SOUTHWESTERN OREGON CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Shirley Bridgham

*Rose Sunday Father's Day - June 21*



ROBERTA WILLIS, LOU KOLKHORST, DELL WILLIS

Ellie Kinney-Martial

*Rose Sunday Father's Day - June 21*



DISPLAY BY THE SOUTHWESTERN OREGON ROSE SOCIETY

Shirley Bridgham

*Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert - July 18*



TOMMY HOGAN BAND - SPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES INC

David Bridgham