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Friends of Shore Acres

Annual Journal - Summer 2010



Luis Velasquez

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



David Bridgham

Shore Acres Lights - "Beautiful - the sunset too!"

by Shirley Bridgham

An estimated 53,172 visitors attended the 23rd annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park. Those who signed the guest books included visitors from 31 countries, 47 states and Washington D. C. With only 4.5" of rain, and only one week of frigid temps (see fountain photo page 13), it was a sensational season. "Beautiful, the sunset too!" wrote someone from Vancouver, Washington. A visitor from San Diego wrote, "Traditional annual visit!" And from no city named - "This was on my Bucket List!!" •

A favorite lights sculpture is the 45' gray whale sparkling at sunset.

Gardens Above the Waves . . .

Whether you enjoy tulips, rhododendrons, roses, dahlias, annuals, perennials, or the *always green* gardens, there's something for everybody at Shore Acres "Gardens Above the Waves."

The Information & Gift Center is open all year, giving park visitors excellent shopping opportunities, as well as providing information and many interpretive brochures. Look for two updated brochures in full color with excellent photographs — "Roses at Shore Acres" and "Simpson Reef & Shell Island - Wildlife Viewing at Its Best" — both full of great information for your reading pleasure.

While Shore Acres is *all abilities* accessible, wheel chairs are available for loan at the IGC. •

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"Shore Acres"

Shirley Bridgham

Dazzling dahlias in late summer and autumn.

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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

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



RECYCLING AGAIN!

by Shirley Bridgham, Editor

David and I have been part of the Friends since the first Founders meeting on December 4, 1986. We've both been president more than once in the past 24 years and truly appreciate the privilege.

As we approach next year's 25th anniversary and 25th annual Holiday Lights we can't help but look back on what the Friends have accomplished in cooperation with Shore Acres State Park and the Sunset Bay Management Unit. It's been more than gratifying and it could not have been done without our members, financial supporters, in-kind supporters and the help and support of *thousands* of others whether for the holiday lights, the annual flower days and garden concert, or staffing the Information & Gift Center.

Lately we have been asked (more than once) how long we will continue on the board and co-chair the holiday lights. *Good question.* Answer: At least through the 25th year, and probably longer in some capacity. And we are sharing more of the holiday lights load with some great folks who share our passion for the event and all it demands.

Some accomplishments since the 2009 Journal:

- Found a new and better supplier for Gifts and Memorials nameplates.
- Completed the first phase of the web cam project (see page 16).
- Established Wildblue internet access for Shore Acres offices.
- Built a 24' x 60' storage building to share with the park.
- Repaired pond wiring and replaced path lights with electrical outlets.
- Installed original style small windows front and back at Garden House.
- Got the Garden House painted inside and out
- Replaced gravel paths with pavers (see page 7)
- New brochures "Roses at Shore Acres" and "Simpson Reef & Shell Island - Wildlife Viewing at Its Best"
- A very successful 23rd annual Holiday Lights (see pages 8-11)
- Web site maintenance, board meetings, flower days, etc.

This publication, which began a long time ago as a simple black and white quarterly newsletter on Nov. 30, 1987, has evolved to a full color Journal, which we publish once a year. My thanks to all who contribute the many stories that tell the Friends' and park's history. Watch for a very special anniversary issue in December, 2011. •



President David Bridgham accepts gavel from Past President Robynn Reed at the annual meeting, Sept. 8, 2009.

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Remembering a Friend . . .

Kenneth E. (Kenn) Kennedy - May 12, 1941 - Feb. 27, 2010

by David Bridgham, President

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. has lost a leader. Someone who could with humility gracefully serve as FoSA President as well as be one of its best workers under anyone's directions.

Kenn Kennedy joined the Friends' board in 1998 and served as president for 2000-2001, after which he continued serving on the board and volunteering for the Friends' many activities.

Kenn took on some of our more arduous tasks year in and year out. He would come early and leave late, come back on "off days" and charge on. Kenn's greatest joy was to complete a big job, and do it well. He was well known for his easy smile and quick laugh that always made you feel great just being there.

Kenn is also missed in our larger community. He was a court appointed mediator for Coos County, involved in RSVP, a member of the Bay Area Bonsai Society and the South Coast Wood Carvers. In recent years, he and Betty served as State Parks campground hosts.

Kenn will be missed, but not forgotten. •

Memorial Service for Kenn Kennedy -
Sunday, August 29 - Noon
Shore Acres Garden House & Pavilion
Potluck - Everyone Welcome



Kenn Kennedy

Always a smile . . .

whether helping place frogs in the pond for holiday lights, or serving sundaes at the Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert, or volunteering with his wife Betty in the Friends' Information and Gift Center.



Friends sell sundaes at the Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert. Front: Betty Kennedy, Vee Elliot, Kenn Kennedy Back: Kathi Netter, Joan Clifton, David Bridgham, Barb Taylor, Dennis Netter, Jack Gilham

Annual Events at Shore Acres Gardens



Ginger and Bingo Sawyer serve refreshments at Dahlia Day 2009.

- Bonsai Day - April
- Rhododendron Sunday- Mother's Day - May
- Rose Sunday - Father's Day - June
- OCMF Concert - July
- Dahlia Day - September
- Orchid Day - October
- Holiday Lights Thanksgiving thru New Year's Eve



Next Dahlia Day - Sept. 25, 2010

All About Andy . . .

Courtesy of Frank Howard - FYI815 - A weekly OPRD Bulletin

Andy LaTomme, who officially retired March 31, 2010 ended his 38-year parks career in a fitting manner—on special assignment.

Andy led OPRD's first Field Manager Academy, a training he helped develop. The assignment, says OPRD Director Tim Wood, gave Andy still another chance to add to a legacy that "has left the agency better off for it. If there is a more meaningful legacy than that, I don't know what it is."

Tim added that Andy's legacy, like those of other OPRD senior managers, promises to pay future dividends. He cited his work on the department's recent field position reallocation as an effort that helped create a clear career path for park employees.

Another assignment took him to the State Fair in 2006 to assess OPRD management options for handling the fair and fairgrounds. He also has left a lasting mark on the department's safety culture, leading the Safety Review Board to codify OPRD's Safety Cornerstone.

Since 1994, the headquarters demand for Andy's experience drew him away from his work as the "Southwest Oregon Region Manager," the title he used when answering the phone for 16 years. "Numbers tend to change," he says, pointing out that Region 3 had been Area 4 when he moved into his office near Sunset Bay.

Andy's first special headquarters assignment came in 1976, after working for four years as a park manager assistant at Fort Stevens. That work included developing park brochures and serving as the department's legislative coordinator during the 1977 session. "I had the great good fortune of meeting a lot of staff and visiting a lot of parks around the state during that time," he recalls. "The legislative work gave me a chance to look at the whole agency and realize it was involved in a lot more than just campgrounds and picnic tables."

Andy moved to the north end of the coast after his first six months at Parks, working as park manager assistant at Harris Beach in 1972. After 18 months in Salem, he began working his way back south, briefly serving at South Beach and at Devil's Lake as park manager assistant before returning to Harris Beach. Soon after, in 1978, he was chosen as the park's manager.

Andy considers his first 10 years as "a special time. We were building stuff, like campgrounds, bike trails and handrails along the trail up Saddle Mountain," he recalls. "We also were building a sense of pride in our parks."

After serving as park manager at Nehalem Bay from 1979-1982, Andy returned to the south coast for good, assuming the managerial reins at Sunset Bay. He served as park manager there for 12 years before becoming the Area 4 ... er, Southwest Oregon Region manager.

Andy cites many technological improvements over the years, but is also impressed with OPRD's progress in taking care of its natural resources. "We're better stewards now than when I started," he says. "We were still acquiring lands and buildings before 1980, but we often didn't know the best ways to take care of them. We're doing a much better job protecting those resources, and each other." •



Preson Phillips

Father of the Friends. . .

by David Bridgham, President, Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

The inspiration for Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. — Andy LaTomme — retired from state parks at the end of March, 2010. As I look back to the first organizational meeting with nine people sitting around a table, dreaming of what a "Friends" group could accomplish, Andy was the inspiration. But it did not end with that first spark. Andy has been there all along the nearly 25 years of the Friends, encouraging and helping in any way he could. You can sense his pride in what his inspiration has accomplished.

It was a piece of Oregon legislation the "allowed" 501(c)3 non-profits to associate themselves to specific state parks by providing educational and interpretive services for their visitors.

This sounds dry and unassuming, but it meant to Andy that people who live nearby and have an attachment to Shore Acres, love the park, always bring their family and visitors there, can participate directly in helping the park.

Andy's storied career with OPRD has many chapters. Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. is only one. He is without a doubt one of the most accomplished senior staff members with one foot still in the "field" and the other in the other part of the park system - Salem headquarters. His area of responsibility encompassed part or all of 6 counties in southwest Oregon; along the Oregon Coast from the Lane/Lincoln County line on the north to the California border south, and Rogue and Umpqua River regions of southern Oregon. Wow! That's a lot of parks, waysides, staff, and politics. Also, he is the go-to guy for large, complicated and special projects when OPRD needs someone with vision and critical thinking. The large task of converting the State Fair over to a State Parks operation was given to Andy. The transition was as smooth as could be hoped due to his insight on problem solving and his talent for complex planning.

One unwritten chapter, literally, is what we hope will be a published book on the comprehensive history of Oregon State Parks. It's been many years since the last chronicle and many great things have happened to our state parks system since. Anyone who knows Andy, knows he is a great story teller and writer. He has lived the contemporary life of the parks system and knows the people who made the foundation of our parks. It truly would be wonderful to see this story told by a great story teller who has been part of the drama and excitement that is one of the nation's best state parks systems - the people and the times.

Andy will be sorely missed in his capacity of leader and visionary in the Friends movement and in State Parks, but will be enjoyed by all of us, exclusively, as volunteer and friend. We wish Andy and his wife Sue the very best and will always regard him as the *Father of the Friends of Shore Acres*. •



Best wishes for a wonderful retirement!

Friends' Information & Gift Center (IGC)

An all-volunteer operation managed by Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst

by Lou Kolkhorst, IGC Co-Manager

At the last market in Seattle, we concentrated on not only finding new items for you, but also U.S. manufacturers to help the economy. We also looked for more items that would show off our great Gardens and fantastic Holiday Lights Display. We are having items designed and arriving here all year long as they are developed.

We are continuing our "Going Green" Campaign in several areas. We have expanded our bamboo shirt line and recycled material socks. We have added a line of seeds that come in recycled rice pots that can be used up to 3 years as they are biodegradable. We have expanded our books to cover "Going Green" in the youth area.

We have added a new case for carrying your flattened pennies. It is designed for Oregon and has a free penny sample integrated in the cover.

We have expanded our night light selection and added new displays to show them off. Also new lamps and wall sconces.

Come in and check out our walking sticks and canes. We have some great medallions to go on them too.

We have Scout patches designed by the local Scouts, who also perform at the Holiday Lights entertainment programs each year.

We have added jewelry lines and camping supplies.

We are constantly upgrading our youth lines and supplies that are used for fun, entertainment and home schooling.

We have lots of new items for the gardens and yards like: windchimes, thermometers, decorative wasp traps, hummingbird feeders, decorative bird houses, solar hose guides . . . and the list goes on.

If you just want to stop and ask questions, we have great hosts and volunteers who can provide or find the information you need.

If you really want to have fun and have a spare Saturday during the year, please call Vee at 541-888-5447 or Betty at 541-267-7597 and tell them you would like to volunteer. •



Night Lights Selection Expanded



Canes, Walking Sticks and Medallions



Popular Penny Smasher

OPEN HOURS

Jan. 4 thru Feb. 28
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Mar. 1 thru Nov. 24
10:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Thanksgiving thru
New Year's Eve
3:30 - **9:30** PM

The Information and Gift Center phone is 541-888-2472 or toll free 866-888-6100 if you just have a question for us. •



Great Volunteers (L-R) Judy Dotson, Margaret Moosic, and Scheduler Betty Kennedy

NEW INTERPRETIVE PROJECTS UNDERWAY

by Stephanie Miller, Park Ranger, Sunset Bay Management Unit



Stephanie

This summer brings the start of my fourth year here and as always, many exciting opportunities. One of those opportunities is taking shape as Friends of Shore Acres Inc. teams up with State Parks. I have been assigned the lead on a project that will be redesigning and replacing interpretive signs at Shore Acres. The project will

replace the old signs in the observation building as well as add a new sign for the garden.

This project will be worked through in the 3 phases found in State Parks "How to get Interpretive Projects Done" guidelines. The first phase, the vision phase, has been submitted for approval to Jamie Little, the statewide interpretive coordinator. With the help of park staff and David and Shirley Bridgham, I will be moving forward with the next phase, the concept phase. Then finally, our ideas, messages, and images will come together in the design phase.

As summer approaches, the interpretive season is also coming together. This summer there will be a wide variety of program types and topics offered. We will have guided tidepool walks during most low tides. Other guided walks offered include a native plant walk as well as a Simpson history stroll through the gardens. We also offer Junior Ranger programs daily, as well as other daytime programs for the whole family. And finally, we have evening programs four times a week. For more information on programs and program times, you can stop by the Interpretive Center located in the Sunset Bay Campground, or call 541-888-0982. •



Observation Building



Historical Displays to be redesigned and replaced.



Tidepool Walks offered by Sunset Bay Campground

Newest Park Ranger at Shore Acres



Pam

Pam Stevens, Shore Acres' newest Park Ranger, celebrated her one year anniversary on May 11, 2010. Pam started her career with OPRD in 1980 at Umpqua Lighthouse and William Tugman State Park. In 1989 she had the opportunity to work at the gardens as part of developmental job training at Sunset Bay. That small block of time spent at the gardens held fond memories for her as a favorite place to work. She transferred to Bullards Beach State Park in Bandon and worked there for 19 years as a campground and interpretive ranger before her promotion to Shore Acres. She was delighted to be able to return here full time last year. There is a huge variety of jobs to learn in caring

for the gardens and she is glad to have such a capable teacher as Ellie Kinney-Martial to show her the way. •



Pam opens valve at reservoir.

NEWS FROM THE GARDENS

by Ellie Kinney-Martial, Ranger Supervisor, Shore Acres



Ellie

Though the Friends of Shore Acres are well known for the annual Holiday Lights display and flower day events, many other projects are made possible due to funding provided by the Friends.

Last year we completed the installation of the webcam on the west side of the garden. This year we have installed brick pavers in the gravel paths near the garden house and the memorial fountain has been refinished.

In the upcoming year the Friends of Shore Acres have provided funding for the replacement of the interpretive panels in the observation building. Sunset Bay Interpretive Ranger, Stephanie Miller, will lead this project with the assistance of Shore Acres Ranger, Pam Stevens.

While visiting the park this summer you may have an opportunity to join a tide pool walk or attend an evening program led by a Rocky Shores Interpreter, a position funded by the Friends of Shore Acres.

Friends' funding will also allow us to move forward with our plant replacement plans and to increase the number of plant identification labels.



Jack Gilham has restored one of the original Simpson heron sculptures that was returned to the park.

Many members also volunteer their time to accomplish projects in the garden. Board member, Jack Gilham, took on the project of refurbishing one of the original heron sculptures that was returned to the park. Look for this piece of Shore Acres history to be displayed in the garden this summer. Board member, Dell Willis, has volunteered his time and expertise to make repairs to the cedar bench surround in the pavilion.

There are many ways that the Friends of Shore Acres support the garden and we are lucky to have in our community such a dedicated group of people who continue to enrich, enhance, and improve our parks. •

Garden Kudos . . .

A very special thanks to garden volunteers:

Helen Doving, Jay Dow, Ray Duskin, Helen Harris, Lee Littlefield, Tom Fuller, Shirl Schmidt, Barbara Swanson, and to the Coos Head Garden Club for a very generous donation. - Ellie Kinney-Martial



New brick pavers replace the gravel paths near the Pavilion and the Garden House.



Rose Sunday 2009 - Rose experts Ellie Kinney-Martial, Helen Doving, Jay Dow, Ray Duskin, Helen Harris and George Guthrie



Thanks to Bob Dixon for the new posts and rails made from the old entrance, another excellent example of recycling.

Thanks, Lights Pledge Supporters 2009!

LED Lights *



View from Southwest corner of the garden



Uplighted giant Monterey cypress frame the LEDs.



Dragonfly is another favorite sculpture.

- 5,000* Shinglehouse Auto & Salvage
- 4,200* Abel Insurance Agency-Harry & Francie Abel;
Captain John's Motel-Hong-Chi Teng & Jan Lin
- 2,800* The Portside Seafood Restaurant-Joe Tang
- 1,750* Dave's Pizza
- 1,666* Huggins Insurance-Bob & Janet Huggins;
The Mill Casino-Hotel
- 1,500* Hargens Construction Co.-Gary & Rody Hargens;
Cornelia & Don Barnhart
- 1,400* Azalea Acres Inc.-Richard, Betty, Steve & Wesa Liles;
Best Western Holiday Motel; David & Shirley Bridgham;
Coastal Paper & Supply-Johanna & Bob Dillard;
Edgewater Inn Motel-Coos Bay; Nancy Robinson;
J.W. White Painting-Jay & Melody White
- 1,125* Coos Bay Fire & Rescue
- 1,050* Michael Gordon, CPA-"Not Your Basic Bean Counter"
- 1,000* This Olde House Bed & Breakfast Inn-Sally White
- 833* The Portrait Place-Jessica & Kevin Fellows
- 807* SC & AGE, Inc. Tom's Lock & Key
- 700* Art Connection; Audio Video Specialists, Inc.;
Benetti's Italian Restaurant-Joe & Tricia Benetti;
Bob's Appliance-Bob & Gayle DePeal;
Cheslock Optical-Dr. James & Rhea Cheslock;
Coos Bay Grocery Outlet-Patricia & Sven Backman
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and Berneice Lange; Ron & Kathy Metzger;
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- 360* Cedar Electric & Construction, Inc.
- 350* Betty Kay Charters-Margery & Bill Whitmer;
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Gold Coast Truck Repair-Butch & Jacque Shields;
Betsy Groben; Honda World;
House at Lighthouse Beach-Stan & Janet Thompson;
Kinnee's Gifts N' Shells; Marineau & Associates;
North Bend Lanes-Bob, Mark & Marianna Mattechek;
Shoji Planning & Development-Crystal & Gene Shoji;
Slippery Slope Soap Shop-Ron & Pauline Vierra
- 266* Donald & Priscilla Zobel
- 166* Paul & Marlene Haugland

Special Thanks to Fred Meyer -

18th Year of donating 100 cases of frozen apple juice for hot apple cider and frozen lemonade for punch and discounts on cookies.

Holiday Lights 2009 — More than 53,000 Visitors

*Throughout the guest books – beautiful, awesome, gorgeous, WOW, etc. (not sure which one wins out)
plus “love the LEDs” over and over.*

VISITORS, COUNTRIES & STATES

An estimated 53,172 visitors
31 Countries from Africa to Wales
47 States and Washington D. C.

CITIES AND TOWNS

211 Oregon; 138
California; 70
Washington; 199 Other

CITIES AND COMMENTS

Long Island, NY – Just stunning!

Scottsburg, OR – Fun to re-visit year after year!
Missoula, MT – It takes my breath away. Thnx!
Moscow, ID – Magnificent job!
Las Vegas, NV – Very, very, very nice!
North Bend, OR – We love the lights and the house is so cute!
Bishop, CA – Well worth the 700 mile drive!
Cheyenne, WY – Worth the drive! Stunning!
Rogue River, OR – Still the best light show ever!
Medford, OR – Nice to be back! Thanks for converting to LEDs.

(No city) – This was on my Bucket List!!!

Discovery Bay, CA – Awesome - Beautiful Effect
Coos Bay, OR – More beautiful each year!
Corvallis, OR – What a blessing! Thank you!
Tulsa, OK – Thanx so much!
Eugene, OR – Lovely! Thank you!
Scotland – This place is amazing!
San Diego, CA – Traditional annual visit!
Eugene, OR – How Fun! Love the animation!
Houston, TX – Nice ! ! !
Elko, NV – Wonderful - Love it.
Milan, Italy – Always our favorite light display!
Woodland, WA – Thank you for the wonderful light display!
San Diego, CA – Memorable and precious.
Coos Bay, OR – Purple and white - awesome!
Roseburg, OR – We come every year. It is always beautiful!!!

Vancouver, WA – Beautiful - the sunset too!

Corvallis, OR – We enjoyed it so much! SLAM DUNK!!!
Salem, OR – It was awesome!
Los Angeles, CA – Incredible!
McAlester, OK – Mesmerizing, very festive, beautiful!
Port Orford, OR – Breathtaking.
Springfield, OR – Thank you - what a blessing!
Beijing, China – So creative and great.
Austin, TX – Brilliant! Very “bright” idea! Nice people. THNX
Mapleton, OR – 5th year - we bring new people every year. We love it!
Gold Beach, OR – Our Christmas tradition - thank you!
Fordville, ND – Beautiful

Eugene, OR – Great addition to our honeymoon!

North Bend, OR – Love the rooms upstairs!
San Francisco, CA – What a lovely fairyland!
Ashland, OR – We keep coming back - magical!
Elmira, OR – Beyond “Awesome”
Coquille, OR – Thanks, volunteers for this wonderland!
Florence, OR – Spotlights on trees are awesome! LED lights are vivid!
Black Diamond, WA – Like a fairyland!
Denver, CO – Mesmerizing!

Portland, OR – Many thanks for the lovely tradition!

Sixes, OR – Wonderful Eye Candy
Vacaville, CA & Bandon, OR – We got to be kids again for one night -
enchanting! (Gretchen and Bob Ash, B&B winner)



Full moon enhances LED lighting.



Entrance to the pond - a favorite for photographers.



Awesome reflections at the pond.

TO SEE THE DETAILED REPORT, GO TO WWW.SHOREACRES.NET AND CLICK ON “HOLIDAY LIGHTS”

DECORATING THE GARDEN HOUSE

by Robynn Reed, Decorating Elf



New glass corner windows and beautiful lace curtains.



New paint job in 2009.



Flocked tree "smothered" in unusual ornaments and lights.

As I take a few minutes to write this, it's spring and I am listening to the "never ending" rain patter on the metal roofing of the building I am in. It is weather very similar to the time of year when I begin my annual creative endeavor at Shore Acres. Decorating the Garden House fullfills my need to take on a huge project with a short time line and a different theme each year to keep our guests inspired (and happy). The Oregon Parks & Recreation Department is always happy to work with us and continues to perform the work needed to keep the Garden House in excellent condition. From windows to paint there seems to be some sort of project each year to keep the Garden House in visitor ready condition. Usually these projects are started after the busy summer season and before the Holiday Lights event—exactly when I am decorating! It always works out with everything completed and decorated before the lights are switched on for the season.

I "borrow" inspiration whenever I travel and love to peruse decorating magazines for new ideas. I use the many storage tubs of beautiful decorations in a recycled "new" way each year. I also have the opportunity to purchase new items as needed and for the 2009 season it was new curtains for the entire house. What an intimidating thing it was to push the order button on my final choice! I wanted something to compliment the inside — in keeping with the era of the house — while adding something to the outside view. I took a deep breath and hit enter— my choice was mauve (or pink to some people) then waited on pins and needles to get feedback about the choice I'd made. Luckily the curtains look beautiful and everyone likes them. (*sigh of relief*)

Each year I'm inspired to START decorating in a different area and never know where that will be. This past season it was the flocked tree in the living room which I smothered with hundreds of ornaments. I felt true joy when I found people were taking their family group photos in front of it, making the many hours it took to create worth every minute. I love the variety of lights available to use and had fun with the blue and white theme in the kitchen/dining room area. There are so many shapes, sizes and colors in the inventory and with the LED technology I can use lots of strings! Keeping in mind the master plan in the garden.

Santa in the bathtub is a perennial favorite and I believe people send their little ones under the cording for that annual picture! Santa doesn't seem to mind. The outside view is absolutely stunning and I feel the house is a warm backdrop



Favorite fireplace for family photos.



Comfy bed for B&B winners.



A perennial favorite - Santa and friends.

to that splendor. I have fun visiting with the hardy individuals who work "outside" in the ever changing weather while I stay warm and cozy.

I appreciate the fun opportunity to be creative each year and look forward to creating something new each season. And I have encouraged my spouse to enjoy this endeavor with me. He is a great sport and a huge help. *Thanks, Mike!*

My motto is "You can never have too many ornaments!" Happy decorating to all — wishing you all a wonderful summer, fall and holiday lights season! •

HOLIDAY HELPERS AND HIGHLIGHTS



OUTSIDE CHRISTMAS TREES - Every year since 2001, Dave Hannah of Dave's Trees has supplied and delivered hundreds of large Christmas trees to the Lights Display. They are uniquely decorated by 26 different groups and organizations. •

UNDERSEA GARDEN- Long time volunteer Mike Perkins took care of setting up the Undersea Garden near the entrance in 2009. Brilliant blue LEDs enhanced a new arrangement of the sea creatures in the display. •



LIGHTS SETUP

Starts Oct. 23

To help, call:

541-756-5401



CIDER SPICE - (L-R) Karen Crosby, Jack Gilham, Joan Clifton, and Peter Crosby helped Kathi & Dennis Netter create the frozen cider spice mix that makes the Shore Acres hot cider so flavorful. The original recipe was created by Karen and Peter in 1988. •

SHORE ACRES LIGHTS ON "GRANT'S GETAWAYS", KGW-TV-PORTLAND

Thanks to Grant McOmie and Jeff Kastner for visiting and doing a wonderful story! Go to www.shoreacres.net and click on the link. •



Video camera for dusk to dark transition - the "Magic Time" for many visitors. •



Shirley Bridgham shows Grant and Jeff the tags that go on every shrub that will be lighted. •



ENTERTAINMENT - More than 40 groups and individuals provided live entertainment in the Pavilion in 2009. Entertainment schedulers Dino and Cindy Coolen do a terrific job! To schedule for 2010, call 541-756-2428. •

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MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN HISTORY & RENOVATION PROJECT

by Mike Vaughan, ASLA Landscape Designer



Memorial Fountain - 1996

Luis Velasquez

Shore Acres Garden at Shore Acres State Park has changed over the years since Louis Simpson first created his estate and will probably continue to evolve into even more of an attraction with the vision and energy of Friends of Shore Acres. The cast iron fountain from Robinson Iron in Alabama is but one of many the foundry has created for cities, parks and homes all over the world for over 60 years. It was designed specifically for this garden, combining the base and combination of tiers for the scale and feel of this wonderful community treasure.

In 1996 Friends of Shore Acres asked me to design and oversee the construction of a fountain for the formal garden at Shore Acres. My vision for the design came through the study of the history of gardens of the world in the Landscape Architecture Department at the University of Oregon, where I received my degree in 1992. The particular layout of axis, boxwood allees, plantings, lawns and architecture set up an opportunity for a classic courtyard at the intersection of paths as you enter the garden from the Information & Gift Center. Formal garden style evolved physically through agriculture in ancient Mesopotamia and philosophically from spiritual beliefs, notably the Koran.

The Persian Garden was laid out in four directions from a central water feature and according to Marco Polo in 1260 AD, the sheikh set out a garden with "four conduits, one flowing with wine, one with milk, one with honey and one with water. There were fair ladies there..." and he gave his men to understand that this was Paradise. At this time, the idea of heaven was symbolized by the square and the circle symbolized the sky, stars and the signs of the zodiac. The combination of the two geometric shapes as a central focal point with water represented perfection. These water features were built of terra cotta and glazed colored tiles and surrounded by formal gardens, creating an orderly agriculture of fruit, flower and shade in a hot and dry environment. In the Koran, it is stated that believers go after death to gardens which hold all the delights inhabitants of burning, desert regions would long for. Symbolically, formal gardens represented heaven on earth. It's just a lot of work to make and maintain.

*"It is a great pleasure to continue to be a part of the vision and evolution of Shore Acres Gardens, as our family has been associated with the site since my grandfather Bill Vaughan became Louis Simpson's bookkeeper in 1900.
- Mike Vaughan*



Inspiration for the Shore Acres Memorial Fountain - the Alhambra garden fountain with its 'circle-on-a-square' outline



Mike Vaughan

With the expansion of the Islamic culture, its architecture and landscape design first spread across Africa and Spain, then to Italy, France and England. As international travel became commonplace, each culture added its own twist on garden plans, and landscape design eventually became a profession to analyze, synthesize and develop garden spaces.

Renovation Project 2010

Friends of Shore Acres asked me to renovate the fountain this year, as the salt environment ate away at the finish and began to show some rusty spots and oxidation of the finish. It was decided to take the fountain to a local industrial marine yard, Giddings in Charleston, and sandblast it down to bare steel. It was then galvanized, as they do with various fishing gear, primed and finished with an epoxy type paint called Amershield, and hand rubbed with a verde gris antique finish the next day so they both cured together and bonded. This is the material that commercial fishing boats are painted with, which withstand the rugged conditions of the Northwest and Alaskan seas. All surfaces, inside and out were treated with the same coatings, allowed to cure, and delivered on time to the park, two weeks start to finish. With the help of the inmate crew and staff, the fountain was golf carted back in its place, before deadline, Mother's Day weekend. •

MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN - BETTER THAN EVER

by Pam Stevens, Park Ranger

One of the many projects this year at Shore Acres was the restoration of the fountain in the center walk. It was originally installed in 1996 and purchased by the Friends of Shore Acres through a fund raising memorial project. The Roman Minimus style cast iron fountain was manufactured by Robinson Iron of Alabama and installation and design was done by local landscape designer Mike Vaughan.

Always drawing a crowd for pictures and wishes, this beautiful fountain has been the center of attention when visitors first walk in the garden. There is something about a fountain that really makes people feel good, both young and old alike. It has also turned out to be a good source of donation money bringing in thousands of dollars over the years for the Friends of Shore Acres.

Fourteen years on the Oregon coast left our fountain with faded paint and rust in many places. Mike Vaughan was called on once again for the restoration work. He contacted Robinson Iron to find out the correct paint formulas and the steps to take to bring it back to the original look. The metal was sandblasted and the rusted access doors were fixed before the paint was applied. Mike was able to complete the project and have it reinstalled just in time for Mother's Day.

We are very pleased with how nice the project turned out and we invite you to come out and take a look at our fountain makeover. *Don't forget to make a wish! •*



Pam Stevens

Frozen Fountain - 2009

The salty coastal environment and the occasional freeze took a toll on the cast iron.



Funding for the restoration was provided by Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.



The fountain gets reinstalled by OPRD staff and Shutter Creek work crew under the watchful eye of Mike Vaughan.

Renovation Project 2010



Mike Vaughan



Memorial Fountain - 2010

VOLUNTEERS AND PERFORMERS



"Charles of Charleston" - "Plein Air Painter"



Many visitors on Rose Sunday/Father's Day 2009



Kathy Hornstuen, Kathy Metzger & Ray Lee



Mary Luther and "Soulpie" at 2009 Garden Concert of the Oregon Coast Music Festival

MEMBERSHIPS 2010

LIFE (\$500)

Jim Arbuckle, Coos Bay
David & Shirley Bridgham, North Bend
Bruce's Street Rods- Bruce & Kittie Lou English, Bandon
Ann Evanow, Westlake
Rich & Jody Hamel, Bandon
Hargens Construction Co.- Gary & Rody Hargens, Coos Bay
Caroline M. Kindrick, Portland (in Memory of Lily Busick)
MJ Koreiva, Coos Bay
Alice & Jim Layport, Coos Bay
Diane Mathis, Coos Bay
Menasha Forest Products Corporation, North Bend
Dennis & Kathi Netter, Coos Bay
Prudential Seaboard Properties, Coos Bay
Wanda Pike Rees, San Rafael, CA
Dale Sause, Coos Bay
Jack & Carol Shinniger, Cottage Grove
Liz Tarrant, North Bend
Barbara Taylor & Steven Fowler, North Bend (New 2010)
Jim and Diane Verger, North Bend
Dick & Judy Wagner, North Bend
Dell & Roberta Willis, North Bend

SUSTAINING (\$250)

Michael & Carol Lucas, Concord CA
Ted & Carolyn Terry, Coos Bay

BENEFACTOR (\$100)

Abel Insurance Agency, Harry & Francie Abel, Coos Bay
Curtis & Eileen Adams, Coos Bay
George & Eva Ahuna, Coos Bay
Jerry & Shirley Champagne Harris, Coos Bay
Vee Elliott, Coos Bay
Virginia Grant, Coos Bay
Dick & Vicky Henschel, Concord, CA
Kent & Jill Hoddick, Portland
Don Larsen, North Bend
Bob & Jean Macy, Coos Bay
Ron & Kathy Metzger, North Bend
George & Betty Phipps, Coquille
Jim & Lorna Shivley, Bandon
JW White Painting, Jay & Melody White, Coos Bay
Richard & Sally Wilson, Bend

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Jean McNamar, North Bend
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North Bend Garden Club, North Bend
Mike, Robynn & Adam Reed, North Bend
Richard Ross, Central Point
Clair L. Shirey, Eagle River, AK
Timm & BobEtta Slater, North Bend
Teresa Stephens, North Bend
Michael & Barbara Taylor, North Bend
Dean R. Wilson, Beaverton
Larry & Patricia Zeh, Florence



Volunteers Needed

Information & Gift Center Clerks

Flower Day Hosts in the Garden House to serve refreshments.

Sundae sellers at the Oregon Coast Music Festival concert

To volunteer, call:

Betty Kennedy - 267-7597

Vee Elliott - 888-5447

Kathy Metzger - 751-9848

Shirley Bridgman - 756-5401

NEW SHOP FOR FRIENDS & PARK



Kudos to . . . Tom Benz and his Kubota for digging the ditch for the electrical line to the new shop that will be used for storage and working space. •



MEMBERSHIPS 2010

PATRON (\$25)

Marion Babcock, Charleston
Kathrine Barton, Coquille
Bud & Barbara Baumgartner, Sweet Home
Don Bock, Coos Bay
Sandy & Maxine Braulick, Coos Bay
Jackie Campbell, Charleston
Patricia Carpenter, Bandon
Ken & Imogene Chester, Coos Bay
Coos Head Garden Club, Coos Bay
Joe F. & Gwynn Decker, Florence
Helen Doving, Coos Bay
Jay & Joy Dow, North Bend
Ray & Rosella Duskin, Coos Bay
Shirley Eidswick, Medford
Anna Mae Ferry, North Bend
Carlin & Mark Johnson, Coos Bay
Dennis & Supaporn Johnson, Central Point
Monita Johnson, North Bend
Ron & Roberta Johnson, Norfolk, VA
Mike & Penny Kielman, Eagle Point
Stanley Klenke, Roseburg
Marietta Laws, Yreka
Jim & Nancy Lloyd, Coquille
Caroline McKemy, Coquille
Linda Moehl, Turner, OR
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Sid & Norma Norris, Coos Bay
Betty Ohman, North Bend
Barbara Olson, North Bend
Mary Paczesniak, Coos Bay
Dottie Rocheleau, Roseburg
Merle Ruggles, Lebanon, OR
Linda Ryer, Seattle
Alice Schmidt, Coquille
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Sonny & Helen Shefstad, Coos Bay
R. Georga Taylor, Coos Bay
Ron & Pauline Vierra, Reedsport
John Weibel, Staten Island, NY

FAMILY (\$15)

Jean Adamson & Allen Solomon, Coos Bay
John & Barbara Anderson, Coos Bay
Rhoda L. Beauchemin, Coos Bay
Melanie Bloom, Coos Bay
George & Judy Buckingham, Chiloquin
Don & Margaret Burdick, Coos Bay
Paul & Annie Comfort, Coos Bay
Peter & Karen Crosby, North Bend
William & Heidi Cummings, Coos Bay
Archi & Jim Davenport, Coos Bay
Chris & Donna Flammang, Coos Bay
Jay Flaxman & Carol Bender, Coos Bay
John & Rena Frenette, North Bend
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Ray & Jan Lee, Coos Bay
Dennis Marsh, Coos Bay
Rick & Ellie Martial, Coos Bay
Lisa Moravan, Fort Collins, CO
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Allen Solomon, Charleston
Pamela & Larry Stevens, Myrtle Point
Richard & Irene Sund, North Bend
CoCo Sutton & Mike Hoyt, North Bend
Ed & Judy Swenson, Bandon
Luis & Josefina Velasquez, North Bend
Carol Ventgen & Mike Perkins, North Bend
Karen McCarthy Walters, Medford

INDIVIDUAL (\$10)

Jay Anderson, North Bend
Marion Andrews, Coos Bay
Reese Bender, Coos Bay
Patricia Borchert, Coos Bay
Ken Border, Coquille
Alice J. Brown, North Bend
Opal Bryant, Coos Bay
George Button, Coos Bay
Clara Capron, Bellingham, WA
Rose Clark, Coos Bay
Bernd Craseman, Eugene
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Cathy Danielson, Coos Bay
Dorothy L. Dinkins, Redmond, WA
Shirley Gitchell, Coos Bay
Jackie Greene, Coquille
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Willard Hayne, North Bend
R. E. Helske, North Bend
Karen Hensler, North Bend
Kathy Hornstuen, Coos Bay
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Gladys Ivy, Coos Bay
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Judy Kaplan, Brookings
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Kenneth Lovell, Coos Bay
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Winnie Pitsenberger, Coos Bay
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Earline Rose, Coos Bay
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Carol Unser, Florence
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Live Web Cam at www.shoreacres.net

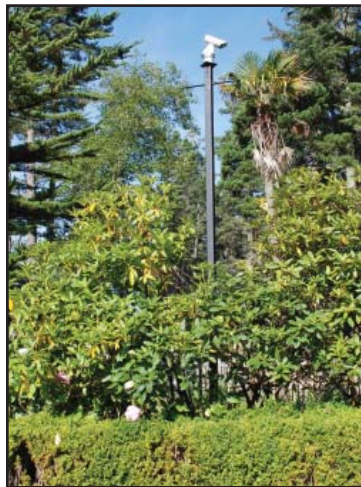
by Shirley Bridgham, Program Development Director

SOME OF WHAT IT TOOK TO GET THE JOB DONE:

- 450' Ditch from Pole to IGC - Shutter Creek Crew
- 25' Pole & Camera Mount - Kyle Electric
- 450' PVC and 450' RG-59 Coax Cable - Kyle Electric
- 1 Wildblue Satellite Dish
- 2 Expert Technicians (John Taylor and James Chilson, SWOCC ITS to figure out the camera programming)
- 1 Expert Web Designer (Allan Ledesma - EPUERTO)
- Shore Acres staff (Ellie Kinney-Martial, Pam Stevens, Bob Dixon) "beyond the call of duty" participation to get it done.
- Sunset Bay Management Unit (Andy LaTomme, Larry Becker, Preson Phillips) consistent cooperation.



Park Ranger Bob Dixon checked the view from the west side and took a picture of the Pavilion to select a location for the pole and web cam.



A Pelco camera and Wildblue satellite dish make the web cam possible. We look forward to improving technology.

James Chilson has been with SWOCC since the beginning of this year working as a programmer in the ITS department. He is originally from Dallas, Oregon and has his BS degree in math/computer science from Western Oregon University as well as his MS degree in computer science from the University of British Columbia. •



James Chilson and John Taylor, in the loft of the Information & Gift Center, program the camera.

John Taylor has been with SWOCC for 10 years. He originally was hired in 2000 as a computer technician until 2007. From 2007 until current he has been working as a network specialist. John was born in Crescent City and lived in Grants Pass until the age of 10 when his family moved to North Bend. •



"Birds eye" web cam views from the west side of the garden looking east. The web camera pans from Northeast to Southeast taking snapshots and sending them to our web server where they are transferred to the web site. We are limited to still photos (rather than video) due to the limitations of our satellite access. However, you do see the most current conditions at the gardens as each new snapshot replaces the previous one. If you are looking at night, the box will be black until holiday lights time, then we will see what we see?! •