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Friends of 25 Shore Acres



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Shore Acres Lights - "Happy Memory"

by Shirley Bridgham

An estimated 49,028 visitors attended the 24th annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park. Those who signed the guest books included visitors from 29 countries, 44 states and Washington D. C. Our new ship sculpture was a big hit, as well as the 300,000 lights (almost all LED). And as beautiful as the holiday lights are, visitors are awestruck by the landscape lighting on the huge trees that shelter the gardens and the pond. "Happy Memory!" wrote someone from Bandon. A visitor from Pompano Beach, Florida wrote, "Fantastic addition to the holidays" And from Coos Bay - "Best ever!" and "Love the ship!" •



Cody Cha



"Western Shore" debuts in 2010

Sometimes referred to as the Oregon Clipper, the *Western Shore* was designed by Asa and Robert Simpson, and built by John Kruse, North Bend. Launched in 1874, the *Western Shore* was the only Clipper ship built on the west coast. It was the flag ship of Captain Asa Mead Simpson, father of Louis J. Simpson of Shore Acres. The lighted sculpture of the *Western Shore* was designed and fabricated by Ray Daniels, welding instructor at Southwestern Oregon Community College. It was lighted and set up by Friends' volunteers David Bridgham, Ray Daniels, and Dell and Roberta Willis. •



Roberta



Dell, David and Ray

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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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Timm Slater

It's hard to believe another year has passed. Once again it was my honor to serve as President of the Friends of Shore Acres. We all know what a gem Shore Acres and the surrounding parks which made up the Louis J. Simpson estate, are. What you probably don't know is what a gem your Board of Directors is. This is a year round working board. They make sure the flower days, the concerts, the Information & Gift Center and certainly Holiday Lights are successful and memorable. They freely donate their time for all of our enjoyment. Their dedication is an inspiration to me.

While I've always loved Shore Acres for its spectacular beauty, Holiday Lights is what drew me to the Friends. Holiday Lights is special to me and my family. I love the sense of community it creates. You must agree as many hundreds of you are involved in it each year. While Holiday Lights is wonderful, the Friends of Shore Acres do that and so much more.

We live in a beautiful part of the country, both due to our wonderful sea coast and the quality of our people. Thanks again for the chance to serve. •



EDITOR'S NOTE

by Shirley Bridgman

I have to echo President Timm Slater's sentiments. Where has another year gone? This publication is about a month later than usual and lights stringing is just around the corner.

We've had our usual flower day events and music festival concert. As you will see in our 25 year highlights, every year has been busy and productive for FoSA and Shore Acres. We look forward to completing the interpretive panels project at the Observation Building and garden entrance, as well as many projects planned for the future.

A special thanks goes to my daughter Robynn Reed and her husband Mike for their expertise and dedication in decorating the Garden House for the Holiday Lights Display. Also, a big thanks goes to photographer Cody Cha for sharing his 2010 holiday lights photos with us. To see more of Cody's photography, go to www.codycha.com.

The Friends' goals are realized because of the excellent support of our members, volunteers, state parks staff, the community, and you.

Thank You! •

• MORE INFORMATION •

Please visit our web site - www.shoreacres.net. You will find a link to our Facebook page and our live web camera photo which you can refresh on your computer. Also, you will find links to past Journals and more photos and names of folks who help and support the holiday lights and many of the Friends' activities. •

• LIGHTS SETUP •

Starts Oct. 22
To help: 541-756-5401

Information & Gift Center - 541-888-2472 • 1-866-888-6100
Shore Acres State Park - 541-888-3732 * Sunset Bay State Park - 541-888-3778

www.shoreacres.net

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. (FoSA) - a 25 year perspective

by David Bridgham, Founder and PastPresident

1986 - This was before:

I pad/I phone

Facebook / Twitter

Google/e-mail

and before the wide use of personal computers.



This was a quieter time and a slower pace of life. Shore Acres State Park has always been a place where you can step back in time and reflect on a bygone era, over 100 years ago — whether it's the actual site of the Simpson's first mansion and its mystique or a walk through the formal gardens that portray the elegance and beauty of this special place we call Shore Acres.

A sense of place and time tells the Shore Acres story and is key to the supporting role Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. plays. From the beginning, 25 years ago, FoSA set the direction to stay consistent with who we are and where we're at - the Shoreacres history, the beautiful Oregon coast, and the enchanting gardens. The Holiday Lights display contains sculptures of floral elements, birds and mammals found at our coast, and marine creatures that live in our environment. The patterns of L.E.D. lights strings on bushes in the gardens interpret the symmetry of the formal gardens and the serenity of the Oriental style garden. The garden house is decorated and furnished to take you back in time to the Simpson's era. One of our newest sculptures, the ship - "Western Shore" is an important historical connection to the powerful shipping and shipbuilding trade the Simpsons based much of their fortune on. We hope our visitors will leave with a greater sense of place and time. Over time, we have built upon the consistent effort to create what we believe is very uniquely who we are and where we're at - Shore Acres State Park.

This has been possible with the generous help of our community. The tremendous effort has matched the enormous job it is to mount this display each year. Volunteers from throughout our communities, and beyond, have captured the vision and spirit of this truly community event that the Holiday Lights display has become. Time and time again guest book entries have complimented and shared their admiration for what our community has done together and for our visitors.

Something very special has evolved over these 25 years with just the right blend of dedicated, capable, volunteers who accomplish specific roles to put up the display each year. A large portion of our community businesses and organizations decorate the 26 large trees specially placed for the lights display and help host in the Garden House, joining the growing list of entertainers at the Pavilion throughout the event

At the very foundation of FoSA's efforts and success is the supporting role that State Parks plays. It is truly a co-operative relationship. Just as FoSA provides educational and interpretive services for park visitors, state parks, in turn, provides supportive services to FoSA. This wonderful working partnership marks one reason FoSA is one of the best Co-ops in Oregon.

Shirley and I have been—and continue to be—privileged to be a part of this great partnership since its inception 25 years ago and feel the success of our efforts has been due to the wonderful people who we've been fortunate to work with. •



Garden House - 1986 - Photo from *The Shore Acres Story*, the multi-image slide show that inspired the formation of Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. on Dec. 4, 1986.



Garden House - 1987 - First Lights display had 6,000 miniature lights and one Christmas tree, but the house was decorated and open with hot cider, punch, coffee and cookies!

25th Birthday and 25th annual Holiday Lights - December 2011

Andy's prediction . . . positive and prophetic!



Story from the 1st
Friends' Newsletter

VOL. I, No. 1 Quarterly Newsletter November 30, 1987

Park Notes from Andy LaTomme, District Park Manager

In September, I had the chance to attend the National Association of State Park Directors' Conference in Sacramento, California. One of the purposes of my attendance was to gather information about how California and other states use volunteer groups. It was a great conference and I returned with a whole bunch of ideas about how the Friends of Shore Acres could make a positive impact on the community.

For example, we learned about the Gilroy Garlic Festival — a volunteer run effort that produces over a quarter million dollars for local charities. We got to see the Sacramento Railroad Museum. After a volunteer run train ride, we were hosted by their "friends" to a fine dinner in the Round-House Museum. The Calaveras Big Trees Association folks hosted a luncheon and showed us the interpretive center and bridge they had built. The cooperating association in the gold rush town of Columbia put on a nice show by dressing in period costumes and welcoming us into town. The co-op at Sutter's Fort in Sacramento not only dressed in period costumes, but gave us a living history demonstration — quite a show.

So, home I come to find that the Friends of Shore Acres have been planning an event to top their already successful summer tours. I believe that "Christmas at Shore Acres" will be one of the best seasonal events to come to "Oregon's Bay Area." Judging from the level of interest and enthusiasm, it looks like you've got a hit — one that will be around for a long time.

I'm sure that this event is just the type of thing the 1985 Legislature had in mind when they passed Senate Bill 865, which enables groups like the Friends to enter into agreements with state parks to provide educational and interpretive services. As we look forward to the future with guided walks, book sales, increasing membership, development projects and seasonal events, there is no doubt in my mind that, one day, park managers from other states will come to Shore Acres to see just how a cooperating association works.

Congratulations on a great year past and best of luck in the future.

*Friends of Shore Acres
Organizational Meeting*
— Minutes - Dec. 4, 1986

Flashback

A meeting was held on Dec. 4, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. in room 12 of Sumner Hall on the campus of Southwestern Oregon Community College. In attendance were Andy LaTomme, John Bergen, George Guthrie, Karen Wuethrich, Marty Giles, Ron Hjort, Mike Bodkin, John Garner, Shirley Bridgham, David Bridgham, Dick Hansen and Tony Mason.

Mike Bodkin was named to act as legal agent for the Friends of Shore Acres. A collection was taken to cover the cost of the incorporation fee. A total of \$13.00 was collected from the group. •

*Friends of Shore Acres
Board Meeting*
— Minutes, Oct. 12, 1987

John Bergen made a motion that the Board Officially sponsor the Christmas "Open House," Dec. 11-27, 1987 at Shore Acres. David seconded the motion, the measure passed unanimously. •

The rest is history . . .

Christmas at Shore Acres

LIGHTS in the GARDENS and OPEN HOUSE
at the Gardener's Cottage
December 11 - 27, 1987 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

antique furnishings
Christmas lights and music
refreshments

Tree Lighting Ceremony • Friday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m.

A community event coordinated by
The Friends of Shore Acres

The first poster was designed by Phyllis K. Love, graphic artist at Southwestern Oregon Community College. All the posters were hand colored by volunteers.

25th

Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park

Thanksgiving thru New Year's Eve
Nov. 24 - Dec. 31, 2011 * 4-9:30 PM

A "Community Tradition" since 1987
More than a Quarter Million Lights!

Sponsored by Friends of Shore Acres & Shore Acres State Park, Coos Bay, OR 97420
541-888-3732 or 541-756-5401
www.shoreacres.net

Vehicle Parking Fee - \$5 or Current Pass

Win the Ultimate B&B Tickets at the Info & Gift Center
541-888-2472
1-866-888-6100

25th Poster, by Shirley Bridgham, is available at the Information & Gift Center and at www.shoreacres.net



Parks + Friends & Community = Success



Electrical



- 1988 - Underground wiring in formal garden
- 1991 - Underground wiring in pond area
- 1996 - Landscape Lighting project started
- 2005 - Landscape Lighting added west side

Facilities



- 1999 - New rose pergola *in memory* of Al Stinchfield
- 2007 - Water system booster pump
- 2008 - New gate northwest of garden
- 2010 - Paver paths near Garden House and Pavilion
- 2010 - New gate southwest of garden
- 2010 - New fencing around garden
- 2011 - More fencing and new gates southeast
- 2011 - New entry to Greenhouse

Parking



- 1988 - First parking lot lights
- 1995 - Doubled existing parking
- 1995 - More parking lot lights
- 2000 - 50 space overflow parking lot

Oriental Garden



- 2005 - Resurfaced base of 100' lily pond

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Performance Pavilion



- 2001 - The Performance Pavilion, *in memory* of Al Stinchfield and partially funded by Menasha Corporation, is a year around facility for weddings, concerts and Holiday Lights entertainment.



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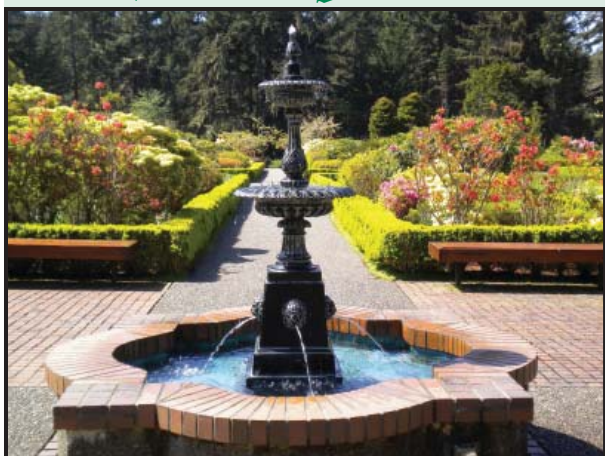


Information & Gift Center



- 1988 - Garden cart and garden "sitters" for sales
- 1989 - Information & Gift Center (8'x8')
- 1992 - Information & Gift Center (24'x24')
- 2003 - New entrance and Information & Gift Center (32'x48')
(reminiscent of L.J. Simpson's first mansion & rose arbor columns)
(See page 8 for more)

Memorial Fountain



- 1996 - Memorial Fountain, designed by Mike Vaughan
- 2004 - Memorial Resource Library established
- 2005 - Memorial Fountain Display redesigned & built
- 2006 - Gifts & Memorials Display created
- 2010 - Memorial Fountain renovated by Mike Vaughan



Memorials Display

Gifts and Memorials Display

Simpson Reef/Shell Island Overlook



- 2003 - New parking lot, viewing platform and displays

Interpretation



- 1990 - Plant I.D. signs
- 1993 - "Gardens Above the Waves" Viewbook
- 1995 - "Gardens Above the Waves" video
- 2005 - "Gardens Above the Waves" video on DVD
- 2006 - "The Shore Acres Story" video on DVD
- 2006 - New brochure rack at entrance
- 2008 - Brochure rack waterproof covers



Ongoing - Dozens of Interpretive Brochures and Physical Development Programs as needed.



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Observation Building



- 2005** - New wiring and path lights
- 2006** - New path near Observation Building
- 2010** - New windows
- 2011-12** - New Interpretive Displays
- 2011-12** - Remodel inside for new displays

Storage Buildings



- 1993** - First Storage Building (24'x24')
- 2002** - First Storage building doubled in size
- 2009** - Second Storage Building (pictured) for Friends & Park

Internet

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- 2001** - Friends' web site created - www.shoreacres.net
- 2009** - Wildblue Satellite Dishes Installed
- 2009** - Web camera, west side - installation
- 2010** - Web camera, west side - pictures on web site

Garden House



- 1993** - New wiring, lights, paint
- 1998** - New carpet
- 1999** - Kitchen remodel
- 2000** - New foundation & ceilings
- 2006** - New interior doors

- 2008** - Restoration of front windows
- 2009** - Installed original style small windows
- 2009** - Painted inside and out
- 2011** - New dining room windows

FRIENDS' INFORMATION & GIFT CENTER (IGC)

... from a garden cart full of postcards to info and gifts galore ...

An all-volunteer operation managed by Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst

by Lou Kolkhorst, IGC Co-Manager



1988 - Garden Cart, David Bridgham and "Garden Sitter" John Bergen



1989 - Information & Gift Center (IGC) (8' x 8')



1992 - 2003 - IGC (24' x 24')



2003 - IGC moved to Sunset Bay Campground for a new interpretive center.

As we promised in the last Journal, we are constantly looking for new and "Green" items. The IGC has now expanded into more products using recycled paper and fibers as well as postcards printed locally featuring photos of Shore Acres State Park that are available ONLY in our Information and Gift Center.

We have added mugs, bookmarks, magnets, keychains, playing cards and more featuring Shore Acres scenes. We even have our own Christmas ornaments featuring hand painted and brass designs of the park. This year we will also be carrying new items dedicated to our 25th year celebration of Holiday Lights including a great poster.

- We still have our penny "smasher" that flattens pennies and imprints designs of the pond, Garden House, Cape Arago Lighthouse and the OPRD logo.
- Our night light selection has been expanded and we've 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.
- Our Scout patches are designed by the local Scouts, who also offer Holiday Lights entertainment each year.
- The Jewelry lines include Lost Mine Silverworks (made in Florence, OR), Silver Forest, and Annaleece to name a few.
- We are constantly upgrading our youth lines and supplies that are used for fun, entertainment and home schooling. Look for children's jackets, too.
- Come in and see our new books, bird and hummingbird feeders and moth traps.

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



2003 - New Entrance and IGC (32' x 48') reminiscent of L. J. Simpson's first mansion and rose arbor columns

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

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. •

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 2010 — An Estimated 49,028 Visitors

CITIES AND COMMENTS

Agness, OR - Beautiful!
 Aguanga, CA - What a treat !!!
 Akron, OH - Wonderful!
 Alberta, Canada - Fantastic, worth the trip!
 Anderson, CA - Making this a traditional visit, it's great!
 Ashland, OR - This is our second wonderful year.
 Australia - Amazing!
 Baker City, OR - Jaw Dropping
 Bandon, OR - Happy Memory
 Boise, ID - Awesome!
 Butte, MT - Thanks for all the Memories.
 Charlotte, NC - Fabulous !! Beautiful tradition. Thank you.
 Chincoteague Island, VA - Beautiful Display!
 Coeur d'Alene, ID - Wonderful - I'm glad we got to see this.
 Columbia, MD / Atlanta, GA - Spectacular!
 Coos Bay, OR - Always good. Loved the ship!
 Coquille, OR - Sparkling!
 Corvallis, OR - Incredible - beautiful - love the frogs!
 Eagle Point, OR - There are not enough beautiful words.
 Eugene, OR - Speechless
 Everett, WA - Beautiful!!
 Falls Church, VA - Outstanding!
 Florence, OR - Lovely inside and out!
 Fortuna, CA - Incredible!
 Fountain Valley, CA - The Simpsons would be amazed.
 Frankfurt, Germany - Such a great idea!
 Fresno, CA - Makes Christmas become Christmas.
 Georgia - Unreal - Simply gorgeous
 Gold Hill, OR - Thank you for all the years.
 Grants Pass, OR - Over the top! Awesome!
 Gresham, OR - Simply the Best!
 Houston, TX - Fabulous!
 Kirkland, WA - Best we've ever seen!
 Klamath Falls, OR - Beautiful, worth getting rained on!
 Lakeside, OR - What a Beautiful Art Work of Lights!
 Lansing, MI - Bucket list item - check!
 Las Vegas, NV - Awesome!
 Lincoln City, OR - Yes!!
 Los Angeles, CA - F-A-B-U-L-O-U-S!
 Medford, OR - Upstairs - out of a storybook - Thank You!
 Mill Creek, WA - 14 years and counting . . .
 Mt. Angel / Molalla, OR - Fabulous!
 Myrtle Point, OR - This is the best ever!
 Nine Mile Falls, WA - Beautiful
 North Bend, OR - I like the Santa in the tub!
 Olympia, WA - Thank you for all your efforts.
 Palmer, AK - Fantabulous! !!
 Philomath, OR - Absolutely lovely!
 Pompano Beach, FL - Fantastic addition to the Holidays.
 Port Orford, OR - Awesome!
 Portland, OR - Stunning! Bless All Your Work!
 Reedsport, OR - Loveliest garden I have ever seen.
 Roseburg, OR - The very best yet!
 Salem, OR - Absolutely Beautiful!
 San Diego, CA - Spectacular!
 Santa Fe, NM - Blessed Forever
 Seattle, WA - Gorgeous!
 Shady Cove, OR - Traditions, We Love It Here
 Springfield, OR - Amazing beyond words! Worth the trip!!
 Switzerland - Very beautiful!
 Tucson, AZ - Amazing!
 Tulelake, CA - Part of our Thanksgiving tradition!
 Vancouver, WA - Beautiful. Thanks for the memories!!
 Veneta, OR - Wow Wow Wow
 Walterville, OR - What a Blessing!
 West Hollywood, CA - Spectacular! !
 Woodburn, OR - Gorgeous - defies description!
 Yachats, OR - Fabulous! ! !

COUNTRIES & STATES

29 Countries from Africa to Venezuela
 44 States and Washington D. C.

CITIES AND TOWNS

216 Oregon; 120 California;
 44 Washington; 195 Other



Spouting gray whale is a favorite of many visitors.



The west rose pergola is covered with green LED lights and gold LED lights clusters, thanks to Shirley Champagne-Harris, Joan Clifton and Jack Gilham. Lights clusters are another favorite of visitors.



Myrtle Creek, OR - "Shore Acres, Thank you for getting our N.Y.'s off to a bright and beautiful beginning! With gratitude, Cindy McSperitt and John McGurn" - winners of the Ultimate Bed & Breakfast

Cody Cha

David Bridgham

Shirley Bridgham

TRADITIONS AND THE SEASONS OF YOUR LIFE

by Robynn Reed, Decorating Elf



Tulips and Hino crimson azaleas every spring.



1987- First "Christmas at Shore Acres"



Sundaes and lemonade every July at the Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert. Servers for 2010 included (L-R) Kathi Netter, Betty Kennedy, Charles Serlis, Helen Thompson, and Mike Taylor.



David Bridgham, Joan Clifton and Jack Gilham put new LED rope lights on the Gray whale for 2011.

Traditions are the threads that bind the generations together, just as the seasons in a garden have threads that tie them together. We build our lives with familiar habits, patterns and things we do that shape us into the people we are. In the garden of life we are born wobbly and tiny; just as the plants in the garden emerge weak and wobbly reaching for the sunlight as we reach for the ones who love and nurture us. The plants grow quickly as the seasons are short but predictable, as we toddle and grow quickly we too feel the seasons passing quickly and are in a hurry for the next to start. Each building block helps recreate what the generations before us treasured; just as the plants know how to reproduce the stunning display as each season repeats itself.

Just 25 short years ago a tiny idea was born. It was a tiny bright spot in a windy wet winter landscape where all was quiet while the rain fell, the wind blew and the waves crashed. As families enjoyed their traditional family rituals they ventured out to see this new bright spot. The parking lot lighting was nonexistent but while the event was small it was a beautiful thing. Volunteers had planted a seed and the public helped nurture and grow what was created.

Flower days evolved to celebrate the seasons of the garden and from a small garden cart things kept growing and the public kept nurturing what was offered. Daffodils bobbing their bright sunny heads and tulips and rhododendrons rustling in the spring wind (and rain), were followed by the glorious (windy) days of summer with ravishing roses and dahlias standing proudly and majestically. Summer visitors wandered through the welcoming Information and Gift Center onto the pathways which offer opportunities for family photos. Each camper/visitor or local community member passed on a bit of themselves to the next generations with memories meant to share and activities meant to be repeated. Families gather on the lawn each summer to visit and picnic while small children dance and whirl to the musical notes from the annual music festival concert. The well loved tradition of lemonade and raspberry/ice cream sundaes continues thanks to the wonderful volunteers available to dish them up.

While the garden shows its summer glory to the visitors the busy bees (volunteers) led by Shirley and David Bridgham restore sculptures as needed — powder coating is a wonderful thing — lights are ordered, arrive, get checked in, tagged and greased. Buildings are built, maintained and renovated. The Garden House is updated and maintained as needed. Time marches on and the summer season comes to a lingering close on the coast; or as locals we feel summer actually starts in September, October and maybe November with great, sunny weather! The wind slows for a short time waiting for the first winter storms to come blowing back in with a vengeance. The cliffs await the next season of awe inspiring waves, breaking in huge towering showers high above the cliffs.

Children are born, kids head off to kindergarten and college, families get geared up for the holiday season, grandparents share their stories and their time and the dedicated group of volunteers get ready . . .



Robynn Reed

October arrives and the extension cords start appearing, the sculptures start going up and the smell of chili and hot dogs is in the air. Maxine is operating a tight ship in the garden house kitchen and the volunteers know they will be well taken care of.



Maxine Johannesen

The lights plan is checked and rechecked, lights go out into the garden and the experienced crew passes their knowledge onto the new recruits. The garden house starts to evolve although it looks hopeless with tubs of bright objects covering every surface, naked trees waiting for inspiration and garland waiting to be covered with beautiful baubles.

Somehow Santa arrives in the bathtub on schedule, all of the rooms create themselves and the house becomes a humble backdrop to the stunning display waiting outside the windows. Not everyone ventures upstairs



but when the season begins on Thanksgiving the people who do, enjoy a beautiful aerial view from above. Children whisper loudly wanting to know if Santa awaits them in the bathtub, young adults wander around on their first dates- those who are ready have been known to propose! (Not on a first date) Grandparents enjoy time spent with their younger generations and families slow down a bit to enjoy the moment with them, looking at the beauty they may be in too much of a hurry to notice otherwise, in their busy lives. Everyone gobbles up the cookies, punch, coffee, and famous hot apple cider; patiently waiting in a long line for the next goodie which will create a lasting memory.

The weather changes each year just as the seasons and people change. . . Rain, wind, snow, crisp clear evenings- we have them all to offer the people who come from all over the world to enjoy our little slice of heaven. Hug your kids, kiss your spouse, hug your parents and grandparents- tell EVERYONE you love them and enjoy this wonderful journey we call life! Share your traditions and enjoy the seasons of your life! •

Thanks, Lights Pledge Supporters 2010!

LED Lights *

- 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 • Thomas & Sons Distributors •
- 1,750*** Dave's Pizza •
- 1,666*** Cornelia & Don Barnhart •
Coastal Paper & Supply- Bob & Johanna Dillard •
Huggins Insurance-Bob & Janet Huggins •
The Mill Casino-Hotel •
- 1,500*** Hargens Construction Co.- Gary & Rody Hargens •
- 1,400*** Azalea Acres, Inc.-Steve, Wesa, Betty & Richard Liles •
Best Western Holiday Motel • David & Shirley Bridgham
Edgewater Inn Motel-Coos Bay • Evens, Havel, Starfyr •
J. W. White Painting-Jay & Melody White •
- 1,333*** Nancy Robinson •
- 1,125*** Coos Bay Fire & Rescue •
- 1,167*** Prudential Seaboard Properties, Inc. •
- 1,050*** Michael A. Gordon, CPA (Not Your Basic Bean Counter) •
Honda World •
- 706*** SC & AGE, Inc. -Tom's Lock & Key •
- 700*** Art Connection; Audio Video Specialists, Inc. •
Benetti's Italian Restaurant •
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Jerry & Shirley Champagne-Harris •
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& Crew • Ray Gapp • Kevin & Diane Keiser- in memory
of Heidi Nerbovig & Berneice Lange •
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Special Thanks to Fred Meyer -

19th Year of donating 100 cases of frozen apple juice for hot apple cider and frozen lemonade for punch and discounts on cookies.

THE SHORE ACRES FAMILY

by Preson Phillips, Park Manager, Sunset Bay Management Unit



Preson and Layne Phillips had fun stringing lights.

The Shore Acres community continues to add success stories and accomplishments to an already stellar list. The summer of 2011 finds staff busy completing the regular detail-oriented tasks of planting, weeding, irrigating (well, soon anyway), pruning, hedging, sweeping, and washing. Along with this considerable workload, Ellie has orchestrated the completion of multiple projects funded by Friends grants.

The repaving of the parking lot has made it worthy of being adjacent to such a wonderful garden. Thanks to all of you who handled complaints during construction and for being flexible with the construction closures. The Sunset Bay Management Unit was just awarded its 3rd consecutive All-Star Park Award. Many of the requirements needed to become eligible for consideration are supported or completed by the Friends of Shore Acres.

My family and I are nearly to our 4th anniversary of joining the Shore Acres family. Wow, time flies when you are having fun! We enjoy the regular interaction with such a dedicated and accomplished group. The benefits each of you provide to the greater community are too numerous and diverse to count.

I am proud to serve with each of you. - *Preson Phillips*

INTERPRETIVE PANELS PROJECT IN FULL SWING

by Stephanie Miller, Park Ranger, Sunset Bay Management Unit

Shore Acres Interpretive Panels project has come into full swing since last summer. Over the winter, project expectations were created within a scope of work and the project was opened to companies to bid. Six proposals were evaluated and scored by four members of the panel project team. After references were checked on the top three companies, the project was awarded to Lodestar Studio, from Portland, Oregon.

At the end of May, Deb White and Sharon Smith of Lodestar Studio came to the Oregon Coast for a site visit. They spent the day meeting with the panel team and touring Shore Acres, Cape Arago, and Sunset Bay. Excitement was evident between the panel team and Lodestar Studio as stories were told, ideas exchanged and questions were answered about the area and the progress of the project.



Lookin north from the Observation Building. Besides the historical Shoreacres story, the new panels in the Observation Building also will provide geologic and wildlife interpretation. An interpretive panel also will be located at the entrance to the formal gardens.



Looking south from the bluff at Shore Acres.

During the next few months, panel development will continue. Lodestar Studio will be developing text, choosing images, and designing the layout of ten interpretive panels.

After reviews and adjustments by the panel team, the final design should be ready by the end of September. From there, the team will move forward with fabrication and installation of ten new interpretive panels for Shore Acres State Park. •

NEWS FROM THE GARDENS

by Ellie Kinney-Martial, Ranger Supervisor, Shore Acres

Another year has passed and we continue our projects in the gardens at Shore Acres.

The boxwood hedges have undergone phase 3 of the size reduction project. You may remember that phase 1 began with the circle beds in the front rose garden. These hedges underwent the most drastic reduction and are all the better for the severe pruning. Phase 2 was the hedge around the square beds in the large lawns. These were reduced last year and they too are recovering well. Keep this in mind as you walk through the garden and see the results of phase 3, which was reduction of height of the hedges surrounding the Formal Garden beds. This season we tackled the height and next year we will reduce the width. This strategy should give the plants a chance to recover from the severe pruning.

Other changes you may notice as you stroll through the gardens are the new plantings around the perimeter of the back rose garden. We have removed the struggling Arborvitae trees and replaced them with Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*) and Portugal Laurel (*Prunus lusitanica*). Patience is the key here, as it will take several years for these plants to create a sizable hedge. There is a beautiful specimen of Mountain Laurel that is planted on the east side of the rock garden, for those of you who are interested in a preview of what's to come.

Another noteworthy project is the replacement planting taking place in the Oriental Garden. This is another area to be watched that will improve with age. Some of the new plants you will see include 'Blue Balloon' Cedar, several different Rhododendron varieties ('Fabia' and 'Cherries & Cream'), dwarf Mountain Laurel ('Minuet'), and 'Sagittarius' and 'Silver Sword' Azaleas, to name a few.

We have replaced much of the fencing around the perimeter of the garden, to include the porcupine-deterrent fencing that was originally installed by Jay Dow and Mike Kelly. Yes, that is the chicken wire that is installed on the bottom of the fence. And, yes, it seems to work. Who knew that porcupines love roses? To eat, that is.

In these challenging economic times we are able to move forward in our efforts to improve, protect and rejuvenate the gardens because of the support provided by the Friends of Shore Acres. From funding plant labels to interpretive panels from providing plants to funding a seasonal Rocky Shores Interpreter position, you, "The Friends", are the driving force that makes all of this possible.

Thank you, to each of you, for your unending support. •



Phase 1 - Circle bed hedges have recovered nicely. Ravishing roses are much easier to see!



Phase 2 - Square bed hedges have also recovered. Dahlias in June will be dazzling in late summer!



Phase 3 - Formal Garden bed hedges lowered to 19" Annuals will be blooming until Holiday Lights.

Garden Kudos . . .

Thank You Garden Volunteers: George and Paula Cooper, Helen Doving, Ray Duskin, Helen Harris, Lee Littlefield, Shirl Schmidt, Barb Swanson • Thank you, once again, for your generous donations: Jim and Carole Lorenz of Coach House Restaurant, Dave Hannah of Big Tent Rents & Events, and Coos Head Garden Club - *Ellie Kinney-Martial*

Lights Display: What goes up must come down and more prepared every season.



Set-up Photos 2010

(UL) Betty Kennedy, Shirley Champagne-Harris, (UR) Mike Perkins, (LL) 4-H Kids and Kathy Metzger, (LR) Charles Serlis

Take-Down Crew - January 2011

David and Shirley Bridgham, Jack Gilham, Joan Clifton, Shirley Champagne-Harris, Kathe Leaf, Maxine Johannesen, David Barnhart, Kathy Metzger, Mike Perkins, Carol Ventgen, Ray Daniels, Archi Davenport, Charles Serlis, Dell and Roberta Willis, South Forks Livestock 4H-Carrie, Coos Bay Kiwanis-Marty Kulick, Don Harms, Shutter Creek Crew

Lights Unpacking Crew - August 2011

David and Shirley Bridgham, Jack Gilham, Joan Clifton, Mike Perkins, Ray Daniels, Charles Serlis, Dell and Roberta Willis, Vee Elliott, Ralph and Carolyn Duddles

HISTORICAL FRIENDS' ACTIVITIES



1990 - Shore Acres was the site of a very special Memorial Day, commemorating the United States Coast Guard's 200th Birthday. Hundreds of visitors enjoyed helicopter demonstrations and many other activities.



1992 - A one and only Shore Acres Biathlon was held on May 9. Erik Hanmer, Nick Furman and the South Coast Running Club organized the event which was staged from Shore Acres to Cape Arago and back. It included a 5K run, 20K bike, and 5K run. Also helping with the event were the Coos County Sheriff's Office Reserves and the Coos County Radio Club's ham operators.



Nick Furman holds up the commemorative Biathlon T-shirt. David Bridgham still has (and wears) the one he received for helping with the event.

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Since 1987, besides special one time events, the Friends have sponsored the annual Holiday Lights display, annual "flower day" events and many activities that help Shore Acres. We are still an "all volunteer" organization with an outstanding relationship with the staff of Shore Acres and the rest of the Sunset Bay Management Unit.

Want to Volunteer?

Betty Kennedy - 267-7597

Vee Elliott - 888-5447

Kathy Metzger - 751-9848

Shirley Bridgham - 756-5401

HISTORICAL FRIENDS' ACTIVITIES



1997 - Stephen Dow Beckham, in cooperation with Henry Kunowski of Oregon State Parks and the State Historic Preservation Office, completed a report entitled *"The First Simpson House, 1907-1921: Shore Acres State Park."* Dave Brauner of Oregon State University directed an archaeological dig of the site in July of 1997.



The OSU students found the second mansion's footprint and the top steps of the basement stairs.



1999 - Oregon Governor's Conference on Tourism was held at Shore Acres on April 11-13. It was well attended and enjoyed by all, who also got to see a portion of the 1998 Holiday Lights display that was left up for this special occasion.



MEMBERSHIPS 2011

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A Very Special Place

New Aerial Photos of Shore Acres taken in July, 2010, by Memo Jasso, North Bend



Postcards of these two views and many other Shore Acres scenes are available exclusively in our *All-Volunteer Information & Gift Center* at Shore Acres.

IT ALL STARTED WITH A SLIDE SHOW . . .

by Shirley Bridgham, President-Elect



An early interpretive activity - Presenting the multi-image slide show in the Garden House.

David's and my 25-year adventure with Shore Acres started with "The Shore Acres Story" multi-image slide show created by our Communication Arts Group at Southwestern Oregon Community College in 1986. The show premiered at the South Coast Multi-Image Festival and a copy was made for

Andy LaTomme at Shore Acres State Park. Andy invited us to help form a Friends co-op, we accepted and — as they say — the rest is history.

In this Journal, we are highlighting just a glimpse of what has been a very exciting and fascinating journey. So many volunteers, such wonderful support, all kinds of worthwhile activities, always a great board, lots of *Friends*, plus the excellent cooperative relationship with the park, add up to a very gratifying experience.

We still have a "to do" list that will keep us involved with Shore Acres for some time in the future, but we are also grooming some folks who are capable of continuing the Shore Acres traditions.

We are looking forward to our "Community Tradition" - the 25th annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park. This season promises to be better than ever. Hope to see you there! •

25TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS
300,000 LIGHTS (ALMOST ALL LED)
THANKSGIVING THRU NEW YEAR'S EVE
NOV. 24 - DEC. 31, 2011
4:00 PM - 9:30 PM (EVERY NIGHT)

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Look for more cluster lights, a new Fuchsia flower sculpture, and a new hummingbird sculpture that flutters. And as always, a beautifully decorated Garden House, welcoming hosts with hot cider, punch, coffee and cookies, and live entertainment in the Pavilion.



Blue Hydrangea cluster lights made by Joan Clifton and Jack Gilham were another favorite of visitors in 2010.