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# Friends of Shore Acres

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Luis Velasquez

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

## Holiday Lights - "Best in the Northwest"

*by Shirley Bridgham*

The 25th annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park saw an estimated 57,768 visitors as compared to 49,028 last season. Weather is always a factor and Coos Bay-North Bend had less than 2 inches of rain during the lights season as compared to nearly 12 inches the previous season.

The hummingbird and fuchsia flowers sculptures drew rave reviews as did the 300,000 LED lights. And as beautiful as the holiday lights are, everyone is always awestruck by the landscape lighting on the huge evergreens around the gardens and the pond. Welcoming host teams and refreshments in the beautifully decorated garden house and excellent entertainers in the pavilion completed a perfect picture of this very successful *community tradition* on Oregon's Adventure Coast.

Some comments from visitors: *Another wonder of the world!* - San Francisco; *Love the hummingbird, whales, flowers and frogs* - Beaverton; *Perfection!* - Seattle; and *Best in the Northwest* - Gleneden Beach, Oregon. ■



## Summer and Autumn at Shore Acres - Ravishing Roses and Dazzling Dahlias



This front rose circle contains Playgirl in front, then Nicole; the trees roses are French Lace and Moonstone.



The "Shore Acres" dahlia is one of the highlights in the dahlia squares.

# FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES, INC. an all-volunteer organization

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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."

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

FoSA Bylaws



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Shirley Bridgham

This issue of our annual Journal highlights our Friends' Board and some of the magic behind the Friends' activities . . . and more.

First, a reminder of the Friends' year, which 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 is set for Tues., Sept. 11 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 541-756-5401 or email [bridgham@epuerto.com](mailto:bridgham@epuerto.com).



Shirley and David Bridgham, Founders and Board members since 1986, and Co-Chair of the Holiday Lights event since 1987.

Anne Matthews

## MEMBERSHIP

Enclosed with this issue of the Journal is the new membership brochure. If you are not a current member, please consider joining Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

In addition to the Journal, you will have the satisfaction that comes from belonging to one of the best Friends' Co-ops in the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), as well as a discount in the Information and Gift Center (IGC) and a discount on the OPRD Annual Pass.

As you can see on the Past Presidents list, FoSA does a good job of re-cycling presidents, and David and I and others have had the privilege of serving more than once.

We have always had such wonderful board members, volunteers and park staff to help with all the Friends' projects that have been accomplished. *Just in case you are wondering, we're writing a reference book for the future*, but right now we are planning for the 26th annual Holiday Lights, which will be here before we know it.

I have the pleasure of creating most of the Friends' brochures and this Journal, which we are able to print in full color thanks to the success of our Information & Gift Center, and the support we get for the Holiday Lights and other Friends' activities. Look for the new membership/history

brochure, a new rhododendron brochure, and a brochure entitled *Sunset Bay, Special Places, and Secrets*. A special thanks goes to Ellie Kinney-Martial and Preson Phillips for their help with the content. Thanks also to Dell and Karen at Wegferd's Printing & Publishing for their technical assistance. Speaking of Wegferd's, our condolences to Karen and her family for the passing of her mother, Edi last November. Edi was a wonderful lady and she will always be missed. ■

## MORE INFORMATION

Please visit our web site - [www.shoreacres.net](http://www.shoreacres.net). You will find 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.

## Bed & Breakfast Winner 2011-

Sandy and Jeff Ward of Bandon, Oregon bought 12 tickets and won. They wrote the following note on New Year's Day: "Thank you all for such a wonderful experience - Happy New Year! We'll be back. - The Wards"

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# DENNIS NETTER TO BECOME FRIENDS' PRESIDENT FOR 2012-13

by Shirley Bridgham

Dennis and Kathryn (Kathi) Netter joined the Friends' Board in 2001. Kathi served as President in 2004-05. Both have served as Co-Secretary and Kathi currently is serving as Secretary and Membership Chair.

Dennis enjoys a lifelong interest in plants, gardening, parks and the outdoors. "Shore Acres is an impressive park and garden," he says. "The Friends support group consists of a fantastic group of volunteers with a common goal - to support the garden. It is nice to be a part of that." Kathi agrees. "It is a community based and community benefitting organization that promotes, protects and actively participates in Shore Acres State Park activities year-round. It's good for our citizens and good for the Park."

Together, Dennis, Kathi and several Friends, take care of the Friends' "secret spice society" making the cider spice for the Holiday Lights.



Kathryn (Kathi) and Dennis Netter - Dedicated community volunteers and members of the Friends' Board of Directors since 2001.

Dennis helps with parking and Kathi provides raspberries for and helps with the sundae sales at the Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert in July.

Both have extensive volunteer experience with community organizations. Dennis serves as a liaison for foreign exchange students through AFS. Prior to joining the Friends' Board, Kathi served on Coos Bay's Historic Design Review Board and was secretary, chaperone and "zipper repair specialist" for Friends of the Marshfield Pirate Band. They are members and supporters of the Oregon Coast Music Association, hosting, ushering and feeding musicians during the annual summer festival. Dennis and Kathi also work as Wilderness Volunteers and are hosts at the U. S. National Forest Service Fire Look-Out at Lake of the Woods. ■

## MEET THE REST OF THE FRIENDS' EXCELLENT AND DEDICATED BOARD



Barb Taylor, Board member since 1996, does an excellent and invaluable job as the Friends' Treasurer. She also volunteers in the IGC, helps with flower day events, and sundae sales at the Garden Concert in July.



Timm Slater, Board member since 2002, enjoys helping with the Holiday Lights and other Friends' special projects. Timm is the Executive Director of the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, which keeps him very busy promoting our area.



Dell Willis, Board Member since 2009, and his wife, Roberta, focus their efforts on the Holiday Lights - from

making all the holiday buttons, to greasing every light set, to stringing lights (especially on the Pavilion and the tall shrubs), and repairing lights.



Betty Kennedy, Board member since 1997, volunteers in the IGC and helps get other volunteers for the IGC and the flower day events. Betty also is a lights stringer for the Holiday Lights.



Vee Elliott, Board member since 2005, volunteers in the IGC and helps get other volunteers for the IGC and flower day events. Vee also helps get the lunches ready for the Holiday Lights set-up crews.



Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst, Board members since 2001, are our volunteer managers of the Information and Gift Center (IGC). Their dedication and excellent work contributes enormously to the Friends' ability to help the park.



Joan Clifton and Jack Gilham, Board members since 2006, volunteer in the IGC, make our famous flower cluster lights, work on sculptures, string lights, and prepare the Garden House for the hosts. Jack also helps with construction and repair projects.



Robynn Reed, Board member since 2002, is our house decorator extraordinaire for the Holiday Lights and year-round. With help from her husband, Mike, and a few volunteers, Robynn creates the beautiful traditional theme in the Garden House.



Kathy Metzger, Board Member since 2008, coordinates the Host Teams, strings lights and helps direct other lights stringers during set-up. Kathy also is Co-President of the Oregon Coast Music Association.

### Past Presidents

1986-87 - John Garner  
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2009-10 - David Bridgham  
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2011-12 - Shirley Bridgham

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# FRIENDS' INFORMATION & GIFT CENTER (IGC)

An all-volunteer operation managed by Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst

by Lou Kolkhorst, IGC Co-Manager



Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst



Rena Frenette, Betty Kennedy, Barb Taylor



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This all volunteer operation is a primary source of funding for many of the Friends' activities. All proceeds go back into the park. We as volunteers get to meet people from all over the world and share our area with them. It's fun and informative.

- New items are arriving weekly. Please come and see them.
- We carry garden items, bird books and feeders, stained glass look items, night lights, vases, picnic items, puppets, jams, tiles, educational items, playing cards, puzzles, walking sticks, canes, umbrellas, bamboo shirts (Bamboo? yes, Bamboo). You have to see these great items. Jewelry, clothing, caps, books of local history, Oregon history, gardening, cookbooks, clippers for pruning . . . and the list goes on. Please come and see the gift headquarters for the Bay area, and Coos County and wherever you are from.
- DVD's: "Gardens Above the Waves at Shore Acres State Park" (includes Holiday Lights scenes) and "The Shore Acres Story" (the history of Shore Acres).
- New Shore Acres mugs, bookmarks, playing cards, ruler and magnets with scenes from the park and Holiday Lights
- SCREEN SAVERS and Mouse Pads and matching coasters or use them for doll house rugs.

We hope you will enjoy the gardens and visit us often! ■

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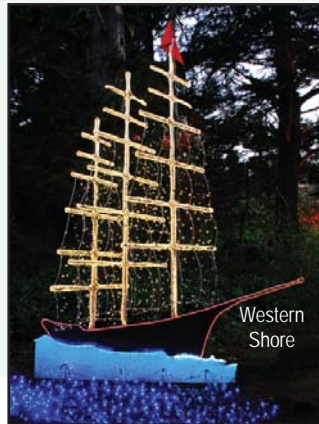
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**SHORE ACRES AND SIMPSON REEF/SHELL ISLAND POSTCARDS EXCLUSIVE AT FRIENDS' IGC**



Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park

**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 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. •

**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



Simpson Reef and Shell Island



Simpson Reef and Shell Island



South View from Shore Acres



# CUSTOM MADE BIRD HOUSES AT THE IGC

by Joan Clifton, Board Member



Joan Clifton

Cleo Simmons makes bird houses. He turned 93 on his last birthday. Cleo was born in Princeton, Idaho. His family moved to Snoqualmie, Washington, where he met his Marjorie while serving in the military.

They moved to Coos Bay in 1952 and he went to work for Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. as a tree topper. That is when he began his love affair with wood. He made himself a shop to

"play in" and started making many things from wood, including trucks with loads of logs, planters in the shapes of animals, light houses, picture frames, little red wagons, and all shapes and sizes of bird houses.

Since retiring, he mostly makes bird houses and he gives them away to anyone who wants one. He makes his own logs and shingles for his bird house log cabins, complete with windows and doors. Cleo loves working with wood, but has been slowing down for a while now, due to his health. The last bird houses he made, he donated to Shore Acres. Cleo and Marge live in Eastside. ■



Shirley Bridgahm

## MORE POSTCARDS EXCLUSIVE AT THE IGC



Shore Acres "Wave"



Shore Acres' Gardens Above the Waves



Marine Terrace North of Shore Acres



Shore Acres' Gardens Above the Waves



Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park



Shore Acres State Park-Dazzling Dahlias



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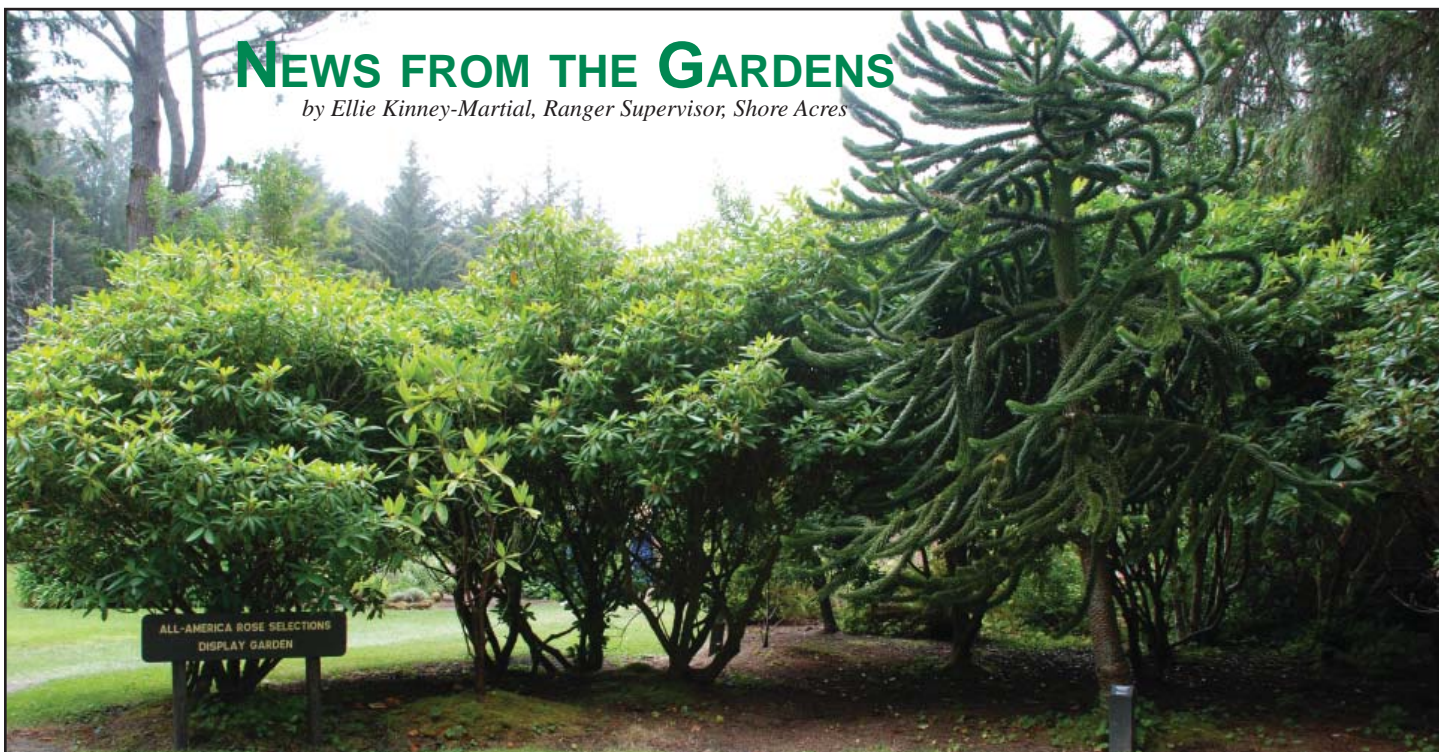


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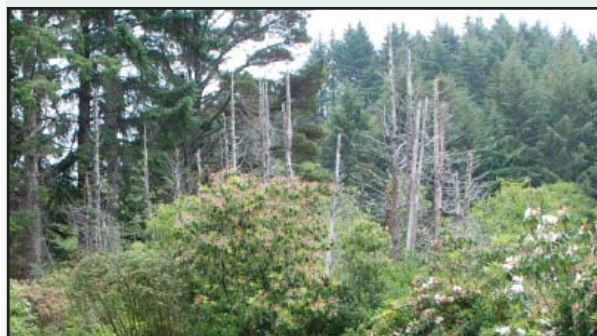


# NEWS FROM THE GARDENS

by Ellie Kinney-Martial, Ranger Supervisor, Shore Acres



A quiet place to stop and “smell the roses”



Snags, aka dead trees, valuable to wildlife



“Dick Clark” - Grandiflora - AARS 2011



In the southern end of the garden after you walk past the Monkey Puzzle Tree and around the corner you find yourself in an intimate rose garden. This garden, designated as an All-America Rose Selections (AARS) Display Garden, was established in 1977 under the direction of former Superintendent, Dennis Johnson. For the past 35 years Shore Acres has received the newest introductions of AARS roses. After the AARS roses were selected and tested they would be sent to display gardens for public viewing. Each year the garden would receive a gratis shipment of roses from AARS featuring the winning rose selections for the succeeding year. This would allow rose enthusiasts to get a sneak peak at new varieties that would be available the following spring. In 2011, the All-America Rose Selections sent a letter to public display gardens which stated that “All-America Rose Selections (AARS) made the decision to make a major shift in the direction of the organization to better serve home gardeners and the rose industry at large. . . . Due to our reorganization AARS will be discontinuing the public garden program after the 2012 growing year. “

Though this garden will no longer hold the designation of an All-America Rose Selections Display Garden, we will continue to exhibit these favored plants in a setting that allows a person to get up close and literally stop and smell the roses.

Growing roses on the coast is a challenge, to say the least. Anyone who takes on that challenge knows that two basic requirements are sunshine and good air circulation. In order to provide a more conducive environment for the roses, we selectively removed several trees to allow more sunlight into this garden. After a closer look you may ask yourself “Why did they leave those dead trees?”

The snags, aka dead trees, are valuable to wildlife for many reasons. They provide nesting habitat for small mammals and birds, perching and roosting areas and are a source of food for woodpeckers, who feed on the insects that populate these decaying trees. You can frequently hear the sounds of pileated woodpeckers visiting these trees, and if you’re lucky you may catch a glimpse of them.

The next time you visit Shore Acres remember to take some time to enjoy this treasured spot: the sights, smells, and sounds that make this such a special place. ■



# INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES AT SUNSET BAY, SHORE ACRES, SIMPSON REEF/SHELL ISLAND AND CAPE ARAGO

*Pelicans at Cape Arago*

*by Stephanie Miller, Park Ranger, Sunset Bay Management Unit*

**T**his year brings a new face to the interpretive team with the Friends of Shore Acres funded Rocky Shores Naturalist position. Katie Jacobson joins returning Seasonal Park Ranger Assistant Kristin Hovenkotter-Greco and Interpretive Park Ranger Stephanie Miller. Katie comes to us with a diverse background in education and strong natural history knowledge. Besides spending time in the tidepools, Katie will also be leading guided walks through the gardens as she shares the rich history of Shore Acres.

With summer camping season upon us, interpretive programming at the park is in full swing. A variety of interpretive opportunities continue to be offered throughout Sunset Bay Management Unit. There is something for everyone with programs offered daily; from guided walks and evening presentations at the amphitheater to Junior Ranger activities and campground programs.

Other opportunities include exploring the Interpretive Center (*the old Friends' Information & Gift Center*) in the campground or visiting Simpson Reef Overlook. During the summer, Shoreline Education for Awareness Volunteers are at Simpson Reef with spotting scopes helping visitors learn more about the diverse wildlife that can be seen along our coast. For more information on any of these interpretive opportunities, please call 541-888-0982. ■



*S.E.A. Interpretation at Simpson Reef*



*Seals and Sea Lions at Simpson Reef/Shell Island*



***Coming this fall - new interpretive panels in the Observation Building at Shore Acres***

## **Kudos from visitors . . .**

*October 16, 2011 - Attn: Sunset Bay Office - Pam Stevens and Ellie--Shore Acres' Ranger and Contact People:*

*As we make our final report about the Idaho Airstream Caravan to your area a few weeks ago, we are reminded of the wonderful experience we had at Shore Acres. We especially appreciated your willingness to work with us and guide our group through the park.*

*It was truly an informative and breathtaking excursion, particularly when you shared your knowledge about the variety and care of the beautiful award-winning roses. One of the most touching moments of the tour was when one of our members saw a tree similar to one at the Japanese home she left so many years ago. That really was a "picture" moment. Touring the gardener's house was also a special treat.*

*Thank you for helping to make this such a memorable occasion for our group.*

*Darrell & Maureen Ostyn, Airstream Caravan Leaders---Idaho Unit*







First lights sculptures of the cranes (herons) made by David Bridgham and Frank Smith were originally done in miniature lights, then in standard rope lighting, then LED rope lighting.



"Western Shore" designed by Ray Daniels in 2010. Flag made by Joan Clifton and blue lights added in 2011

## Magic Behind the Sculptures

*by David Bridgham, Holiday Lights Co-Chair*

After 25 years of the Holiday Lights display, it's time to recognize the ever growing number of lighted sculptures. Each year there is great anticipation for the new sculpture, "what's new?" is often asked. We've learned that each element is expected to be displayed every year and each sculpture is someone's favorite. This means that after 25 years there's a lot of elements to the sculpture display. We have been extremely fortunate to collaborate with some very talented people to help make our lighted sculptures creatively unique and memorable.

Internationally recognized marine artist, Don McMichael, has worked with us on some of our biggest displays, right from the beginning. Not only designing - but often telling a story. Don designed a life-size gray whale that spouts. Then a life-size Orca, jumping and rolling in a very realistic way, followed by a pair of sea lions, one male the other female, with the male showing off to an un-impressed female. Don has artistically designed 4 pelicans in stages of flight - landing on the garden house chimney, as well as a pair of puffins that occupy space on the southwest fence. Another favorite display is his "Schooling" salmon. When we asked Don to design a frog leaping across the pond, he told us this was a great departure from his usual subjects, but our leaping frog remains one of the all time favorites during the display.

When we asked Ray Daniels, recently retired SWOCC welding instructor, to design and create the "Western Shore," the Simpson's flag ship of their historic shipbuilding and lumbering era - he said "sure." This was not an easy assignment, but Ray was able to artistically portray the only schooner built on the west coast in metal and lights that makes an important statement about Shoreacres history.

I've had the great fortune to work on all of the sculptures through the years and had much help from Friends' volunteers who enjoy this creative and enjoyable expression.

We've stayed true to our themes of marine and botanical and garden critters. This has kept the Holiday Lights display unique, the lighted gardens - fantastic, and the coastal location - *Shoretacular!* \* Guest Book entry from a San Diego visitor 2011

### Note from Shirley Bridgham, Holiday Lights Co-Chair

As of 2012, the lights display will have 48 main sculptures, some of which contain multiple parts. Besides the large displays designed by Don McMichael and Ray Daniels, the rest have been designed and fabricated by David Bridgham with help from Frank Smith, Dell Willis, and Jack Gilham. They include: the sea creatures in the Undersea Garden, the four major flowers, the squirrel, the bugs, the butterflies, the dragonfly, the fuschia flower and hummingbird, and this coming season, the Koi carp in the pond. In recent years, David has enlisted the help of Joan Clifton and Jack to light the largest sculptures with LED rope lighting. Jack and Joan also have created the rhodie, azalea, and hydrangea cluster flowers. This season, the lights on the dahlia, the octopus and the Orca whale will be replaced. ■





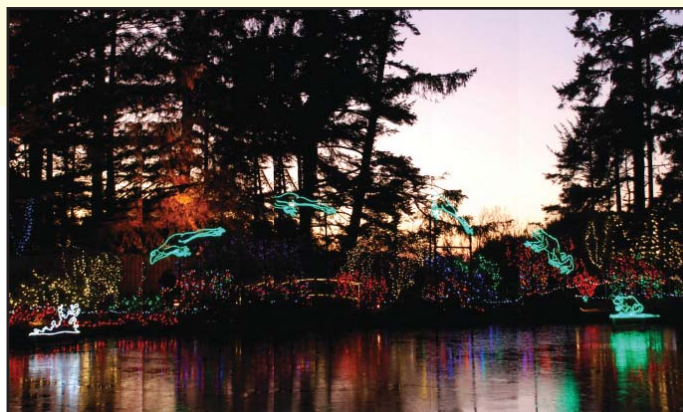
Often, I have thought that we could re-do the “12 Days of Christmas” someday — well here goes:

- On the **1<sup>st</sup> night** of Holiday Lights we lighted just for you . . .  
1 Gray whale, spouting
- On the **2<sup>nd</sup> night** of Holiday Lights we lighted just for you . . .  
2 Cranes standing and one gray whale spouting
- On the **3<sup>rd</sup> night** of Holiday Lights we lighted just for you . . .  
3 Pelicans flying . . . 2 Cranes standing and 1 Gray whale spouting
- On the **4<sup>th</sup> night** of Holiday Lights we lighted just for you . . .  
4 Major blooms flowering . . . 3 Pelicans flying . . . 2 Cranes standing and 1 Gray Whale spouting
- On the **5<sup>th</sup> night** of Holiday Lights we lighted just for you . . .  
5 Frogs a-leaping . . . 4 Major blooms flowering . . . 3 Pelicans flying . . . 2 Cranes standing and 1 Gray Whale spouting
- On the **6<sup>th</sup> night** of Holiday Lights we lighted just for you . . .  
6 Sea lions a-playing . . . 5 Frogs a-leaping . . . 4 Major blooms flowering . . . 3 Pelicans flying . . . 2 Cranes standing and 1 Gray Whale spouting
- On the **7<sup>th</sup> night** of Holiday Lights we lighted just for you . . .  
7 Butterflies, puffins, and dragonfly a-flying . . . 6 sea lions a-playing . . . 5 Frogs a-leaping . . . 4 Major blooms flowering . . . 3 Pelicans flying . . . 2 Cranes standing and 1 Gray Whale spouting
- On the **8<sup>th</sup> night** of Holiday Lights we lighted just for you . . .  
8 Garden critters munching (*worm, grasshopper, 2 turtles, snail, 2 frogs croaking, and 1 squirrel*) . . . 7 butterflies, puffins, and dragonfly a-flying . . . 6 sea lions a-playing . . . 5 Frogs a-leaping . . . 4 Major blooms flowering . . . 3 Pelicans flying . . . 2 Cranes standing and 1 Gray Whale spouting
- On the **9<sup>th</sup> night** of Holiday Lights we lighted just for you . . .  
9 Hydrangea flowers shining . . . 8 Garden critters munching (*worm, grasshopper, 2 turtles, snail, 2 frogs croaking, and 1 squirrel*) . . . 7 butterflies, puffins, and dragonfly a-flying . . . 6 sea lions a-playing . . . 5 Frogs a-leaping . . . 4 Major blooms flowering . . . 3 Pelicans flying . . . 2 Cranes standing and 1 Gray Whale spouting
- On the **10<sup>th</sup> night** of Holiday Lights we lighted just for you . . .  
10 Rhodie flowers a-glowing . . . 9 Hydrangea flowers shining . . . 8 Garden critters munching (*worm, grasshopper, 2 turtles, snail, 2 frogs croaking, and 1 squirrel*) . . . 7 butterflies, puffins, and dragonfly a-flying . . . 6 sea lions a-playing . . . 5 Frogs a-leaping . . . 4 Major blooms flowering . . . 3 Pelicans flying . . . 2 Cranes standing and 1 Gray Whale spouting
- On the **11<sup>th</sup> night** of Holiday Lights we lighted just for you . . .  
11 Undersea Garden creatures swimming . . . 10 Rhodie flowers a-glowing . . . 9 Hydrangea flowers shining, 8 Garden critters munching (*worm, grasshopper, 2 turtles, snail, 2 frogs croaking, and 1 squirrel*) . . . 7 butterflies, puffins, and dragonfly a-flying . . . 6 sea lions a-playing . . . 5 Frogs a-leaping . . . 4 Major blooms flowering . . . 3 Pelicans flying . . . 2 Cranes standing and 1 Gray Whale spouting



Life-size (45') Gray Whale designed by Don McMichael

- On the **12<sup>th</sup> night** of Holiday Lights we lighted just for you . . .  
12 Azalea flowers lighted . . . 11 undersea garden creatures swimming . . . 10 Rhodie flowers a-glowing . . . 9 Hydrangea flowers shining . . . 8 Garden critters munching (*worm, grasshopper, 2 turtles, snail, 2 frogs croaking, and 1 squirrel*) . . . 7 butterflies, puffins, and dragonfly a-flying . . . 6 sea lions a-playing . . . 5 Frogs a-leaping . . . 4 Major blooms flowering . . . 3 Pelicans flying . . . 2 Cranes standing and 1 Gray Whale spouting
- . . . and all this without including: 1 Pelican sitting (on the Garden House chimney) . . . 2 mushrooms growing . . . 5 Orcas jumping . . . 1 Ship a-sailing . . . 1 hummingbird fluttering . . . and the new sculpture for this year - 3 Koi Carp in the pond.



Leaping Frog display designed by Don McMichael



# Holiday Lights 2011 — An Estimated 57,768 Visitors

## — Garden House — Traditional and Magical



Robynn Reed - "House Decorator Extraordinaire" - at the new dining room windows in 2011. Robynn's helpers included Michael and Adam Reed, Kathy Hutchinson, Jeri Malone, Ellie Kinney-Martial, Pam Stevens, Larry Becker, Al Gardner, the Shutter Creek Work Crew and the SWOCC Softball team.



**25 Countries** from Argentina to Viet Nam  
**42 States & Washington, D.C.**

**Cities & Towns:** 205 Oregon; 123 California

58 Washington; 164 cities & towns from other states

*Albany, OR - Awesome, been here every year!*

*Anchorage, AK - Beautiful/unique.*

*Ashland, OR - Amazing, absolutely Amazing*

*Boise, ID - Amazing! Glad we came!*

*Carson, NV - We will make this a holiday tradition!*

*Citrus Heights, CA - Worth the trip!*

*Cloverdale, CA - Love the sea creatures!*

*Coos Bay, OR - Great house and beautiful lights!*

*Crescent City, CA - Amazingly Awesome!!*

*Denver, CO - Fantastic!!!*

*Eagle Point, OR - What an amazing work of art.*

*Edmonton, AB, Canada - Beautiful displays, thank you!*

*Florence, OR - Beautiful! - A holiday must*

*Germany - It's so amazing*

*Gig Harbor, WA - Magical!*

*Hillsboro, OR - Loved the handbell choir.*

*Houston, TX - Wonderful - really enjoyed it.*

*Kendrick, ID - As beautiful as we have heard!*

*Kodiak, AK - This is really Beautiful!!!*

*Las Vegas, NV - Fabulous!*

*Lincoln City, OR - Stunning!!*

*Mariposa, CA - Gorgeous lights... really spectacular!*

*Maui, HI - We love coming here every year!*

*Medford, OR - I'm overwhelmed!*

*Milan IT - Bellissimo*

*Milpitas, CA - Great job and we will be back*

*Montana - Fantastic! - Nothing like it elsewhere.*

*New Zealand - It's the boon-diggity*

*North Bend, OR - Love the new hummingbird!*

*Olympia, WA - Very beautiful & creative*

*Oregon City, OR - Beautiful! Can take it off my "bucket list"*

*Panama - It's incredible, you need to be here to believe it!*

*Paris, France - Beautiful!*

*Pensacola, FL - Thanks for letting us make memories*

*Pismo & Fresno, CA - The best place on earth*

*Portland, OR - Breathtaking, we'll be back next year!*

*Salem, OR - A yearly treasure!*

*Salt Lake City, UT - Amazing and incredible and breathtaking!*

*San Andreas, CA - Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!*

*San Diego, CA - Shoretacular!*

*San Francisco, CA - Another wonder of the world!*

*Scappoose, OR - Great, will be back to see the gardens in the daylight*

*Seattle, WA - Perfection!*

*Sonora, CA - First time! So excited! It's beautiful!*

*Syracuse, NY - What a magical place! So glad we found it while traveling!*

*Trinidad, CA - Such clever animal depictions!*

*Walnut Creek, CA - We drove 10 hours to see the lights, well worth it!*

*Waterford, VA - Magical! - Love the hydrangeas*

*Wilsonville, OR - Amazed at reflection on the pond.*



**More cities, comments, and stats at [www.shoreacres.net](http://www.shoreacres.net)**



# Holiday Lights 2011 — Another Successful Season

## Thanks, Lights Pledge Supporters 2011!

### LED Lights \*

- 4,466\* Abel Insurance Agency-Harry & Francie Abel
- 3,333\* Cornelia & Don Barnhart \*
- Shinglehouse Auto Wreckers \*
- 2,800\* The Portside Restaurant \*
- 2,000\* Coastal Paper & Supply-Bob & Johanna Dillard \*
- 1,666\* Huggins Insurance-Bob & Janet Huggins \*
- 1,400\* Azalea Acres, Inc.-Steve, Wesa, Richard & Betty Liles
- Best Western Holiday Motel \* David & Shirley Bridgham \*
- Coos Bay Grocery Outlet-Patricia & Sven Backman & Crew
- Edgewater Inn Motel, Coos Bay \* Evens, Havel, Starfyr \*
- J. W. White Painting-Jay & Melody White \*
- The Mill Casino-Hotel \*
- 1,333\* Nancy Robinson \*
- 1,260\* Prudential Seaboard Properties, Inc. \*
- 1,125\* Coos Bay Fire & Rescue \*
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- Slippery Slope Soap Shop-Pauline & Ron Vierra \*
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### Special Thanks to Fred Meyer -

**20th Year** of donating 100 cases of frozen apple juice for hot apple cider and 10 cases of frozen pink lemonade for punch and discounts on cookies.

## — Garden — Some Favorite Scenes



Puffins on the Southwest corner



Undersea Garden at the entrance



Whimsical Sea Lion display tells a story.



Tulips, Rhododendron, Rose, and Dahlia



# Set-up and Take-Down

by Shirley Bridgham



Lights stringers (Clockwise from upper left) Dale Herring, Marsha Roberson, Ray Daniels, Kathe Leaf, Shirley Champagne-Harris, Mike Perkins

Every season, the best lights stringers in the world put the lights up and take them down . . . just for some Wendy's chili, hot dogs and lots of goodies . . . and the satisfaction of creating the best lights display on the West Coast!

We recognize their efforts on the many scrolls that hang on the walls in the Garden House during the event and really can't thank them and all of our supporters enough for their help.



Vee Elliott is ready with goodies!



Greg Aldridge, Bailey Aldridge, Rosalie McGarity, Shay Chavez and Lucinda DiNovo

For 2011, lights stringers included: Bailey Aldridge, Greg Aldridge, David Barnhart, Shirley and David Bridgham, Dawn Buxton, Shay Chavez, Shirley Champagne-Harris, Christine Coles, Ray Daniels, Lucinda DiNovo, Edith Forkner, Debra Gerritsen, Jack Gilham and Joan Clifton, Dale Herring, Betty Kennedy, Kathe Leaf, Rosalie McGarity, Kathy Metzger, Mike Perkins and Carol Ventgen, Marsha Roberson, Charles Serlis, John & Lynn Sollers, Dell & Roberta Willis, and Ryan Woods.

Several garden areas were done by Coos Bay Kiwanis, 4H Rock N Riders, 4H Straight Shooters, and the North Bend High School Key Club.

The outside lights on the Garden House were put up of by Coos Bay Fire and Rescue - Stan Gibson, Dennis James, Michael Archer, Corbin Cline, Donovan Kauffman, Lindsey Batch, Abby Wilson, Jason Wilson, Raef Owens, Howard Owens, Erin, Ben Rolicheck and Nate McCormick. ■



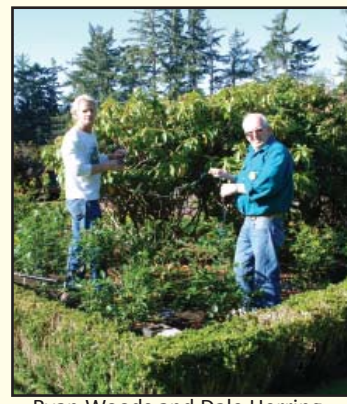
Ray Daniels and Dell Willis



Charles Serlis and Shirley Champagne-Harris



North Bend High School Key Club directed by David Barnhart



Ryan Woods and Dale Herring - great new volunteers in 2011

## Take-Down: Just as Important as Set-Up!



Jack Gilham and Joan Clifton take down the flower cluster lights that they create and put up each season.



Coos Bay Kiwanis - Mike Gipson, Mert Grief, Scott Traylor, John Lemos, Howard Swick, Marty Kulick, Bonnie Olson - take down the lights they put up.



Dale Herring rolls up lights.



# How does it happen?

by Shirley Bridgham

Following the lights take-down in January, we begin planning for the season by checking all the lights and doing inventory.

Next, I have the pleasure of completing the lighting plan and updating my "book" that contains the flower beds and garden areas with pictures and lists of the plants. The book is coordinated with a spread sheet. At the same time, David decides which new sculpture or sculptures he wants to create. Then I order lights - both replacement and new - by the end of May.

Early on, Dell and Roberta Willis make all the new volunteer buttons.

During the summer, David, Jack Gilham and Joan Clifton, work on the sculptures. For 2012, a major project is a new Undersea Garden frame made by Jack, lights panels made by David, and lights stringing by Mike Perkins and Carol Ventgen. Also for 2012, David has put new lights on the Octopus and the huge Orca whale display.

In August, we mail the annual Lights Pledge letters. This campaign helps fund new and replacement lights and is crucial in maintaining the display.

In late summer, the new lights are unpacked and de-tagged, after which Dell and Roberta Willis inject dielectric grease into the plugs on every set. Also, at this time, I update all the tags that tell our volunteers the plant name, lights color, lights style and number of lights for the plant.

Meanwhile, Robynn Reed has been planning the decorations for the Garden House that will be beautifully decorated in a traditional holiday theme. And Kathi and Dennis Netter coordinate the cider spice making.

In September, 100 cases of apple juice and lemonade - donated by Fred Meyer - arrive to be picked up and stored by Vend West. These are followed by Fred Meyer cookies that are picked up and stored by Day Ship Supply. Both companies donate delivery to the park during the event.

In October, the Undersea Garden frame and large sculptures are set up with the help of crews from the Shutter Creek Corrections Center. After Dave Hannah delivers the large holiday trees, the crews "plant" them in the garden. They also install the hedge stakes and white chain fences.

Then . . . we tag the plants and hundreds of lights stringers and tree decorators work for about 6 weeks to complete the display by Thanksgiving.

Once the event opens, it's time for lights checkers, house cleaners, host teams, entertainers and IGC holiday volunteers that include park hosts.

Total number of volunteers for the event - and estimated 1,500. ■

## THANKS TO ALL WHO HELP!

**26TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS  
AT LEAST . . . 300,000 LED LIGHTS  
THANKSGIVING THRU NEW YEAR'S EVE  
NOV. 22 - DEC. 31, 2012**

**4:00 PM - 9:30 PM (EVERY NIGHT)**

**[www.shoreacres.net](http://www.shoreacres.net)**

*Look for more new sculptures. And as always, a beautifully decorated Garden House, welcoming hosts with hot cider, punch, coffee and cookies, and live entertainment in the Pavilion. ■*

**LIGHTS SETUP starts Oct. 13, 2012  
To help: 541-756-5401**

## — Entertainment in the Pavilion —



Choir from the First Presbyterian Church, North Bend, a Holiday Lights tradition since 1987

Thank you to Dino and Cindy Coolen, who do a wonderful job coordinating all the entertainment at the Holiday Lights. In 2011 they scheduled 40 groups and they hope for even more in 2012. To volunteer, email at [dccoolen@frontier.com](mailto:dccoolen@frontier.com) or telephone 541-756-2428. ■



Dino and Cindy Coolen

## — Holiday Trees —



Thank you to Dave Hannah of Dave's Christmas Trees. Dave donates and delivers all the beautiful cultured trees. During the season, you will find Dave's Lots at Farr's True Value Hardware and at Pony Village. ■

Thank you to Dawn Buxton, who does an excellent job of coordinating 22 holiday tree decorators. She manages the waiting list and the set-up and take-down schedules. Dawn may be contacted 541-888-5214 or at [sdbuxton@frontier.com](mailto:sdbuxton@frontier.com). ■



Dawn Buxton

## — Holiday Hosts —



Kathy Metzger

Thank you to Kathy Metzger who manages all the host teams and the waiting list for those much desired host slots. Kathy may be contacted at 541-751-9848 or [rkmetzger890@gmail.com](mailto:rkmetzger890@gmail.com). ■

*Complete lists of entertainers, tree decorators and host teams at [www.shoreacres.net](http://www.shoreacres.net)*



# 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Friends of Shore Acres (FoSA) and the 25<sup>th</sup> Shore Acres Holiday Lights “Milestones and Memories”

by David Bridgham, Founder and Past President



Keynote speaker, Andy LaTomme visits with former FoSA board member, Kay Valois (L) and Shore Acres' Ranger Supervisor Ellie Kinney-Martial (R). Shore Acres' Park Ranger Pam Stevens is in the background.



Board member Betty Kennedy and her daughter Debbie Wygant visit with Friends' Treasurer Barb Taylor at the entrance.



The Mill Casino Hotel did a great job on the buffet dinner that featured Sirloin Roast, Au Jus, Breast of Chicken Florentine and Cheesecake topped with the FoSA Logo.



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

Many FoSA volunteers and supporters came together at the beginning of this year to celebrate the successes of our first 25 years. Yes, it's been 25 years of supporting events in the park – greeting our visitors with educational and interpretive information – and just plain friendly hospitality. The Friends have been fortunate with a 25-year long relationship with Oregon State Parks, specifically Shore Acres State Park, providing improvements to the park year after year. It's not the same park that it was 25 years ago and it continues to get better all the time.

FoSA isn't a faceless organization that has magically transformed aspects of the park. The magic lies in hundreds of volunteers and supporters. Our 25th Anniversary DVD - "Celebrating 25 Years of Success" - chronicled the years, the progress, and the theme was clearly the people who have been involved over the years.

The keynote speaker for our celebration was recently retired OPRD Southwest Region Manager, Andy LaTomme. It was fitting that this honor goes to Andy. He was instrumental in pulling together 10 or so community members to discuss the possibility of this new concept – a Friends group for Shore Acres. This clearly was his vision in the beginning, and Andy did something very important. In sharing his vision, he encouraged ownership - from the community and from the Friends' leadership. The community

has always loved Shore Acres. Now we feel it's an even more important part of all of us.

In a thoughtful and emotional address to the 100+ in attendance Andy admitted that his work with the Friends was the most rewarding part of what was a long and successful career in State Parks. This message was well received by a room full of grateful people for his service to State Parks and his support for FoSA.

So as we look forward to the next 25 years and beyond, we can only hope for as many achievements, great volunteers, and community support. We mark this milestone, recount these memories, and continue to make Friends.

## Celebration Dinner Kudos to . . .

Friends' Treasurer Barb Taylor for taking care of the entrance table; MC and Past President Timm Slater, who kept things moving, including presenting many door prizes provided by the Information and Gift Center; Friends' President Shirley Bridgham, who created and presented the 12-minute DVD; Sunset Bay Management Unit Park Manager Preson Phillips, who expressed his appreciation for the Friends; and to the Park's staff, Friends' members and supporters who helped celebrate this very special event. ■



## “Congratulations” Note from the Webb’s to the Bridgham’s

Hello again,

We want to thank you both again for the lovely celebration party. The generous price reduction was appreciated, the program and slides a wonderful trip down memory lane detailing each year of such creative growth directed by you two.

We commend both of you for your years of dedication, artistic talents and exnless energy to Shore Acres as “Friends” extraordinaire! Thank you!

Fondly, Debbie and Dean



Debbie Webb in 1995



## MEMBERSHIPS 2012 - THANK YOU!

### LIFE (\$500)

David & Shirley Bridgham, North Bend  
Bruce's Street Rods-  
Bruce & Kittie Lou English, Bandon  
Ann Evanow, Westlake  
Rich & Jody Hamel, Bandon  
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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, North Bend  
Dennis & Kathi Netter, Coos Bay  
Prudential Seaboard Properties, Coos Bay  
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Barbara Taylor & Steven Fowler, North Bend  
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Dick & Judy Wagner, North Bend  
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Shirley Eidswick, Medford  
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Helen L. Harris, Coos Bay  
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Curtis & Eileen Adams, Coos Bay  
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Vee Elliott, Coos Bay  
Virginia Grant, Coos Bay  
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Rhoda L. Beauchemin, Coos Bay  
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# PARDON OUR CONSTRUCTION

by David Bridgham, Founder and Past President

**D**ou may hear the buzz of saws and banging of hammers near the Shore Acres garden entrance and out on the bluff through the summer and fall.

Three big projects the Friends are sponsoring are:

- The long over-due storage facility for the Information and Gift Center (IGC) means no more treacherous trips up and down the steep attic stairs to the IGC loft.

More than just an out building, this addition designed by Stuart Woods, AIA, profiles the historic lines of our IGC and the original Shoreacres mansion once located on the bluff where the Observation is located.

Following the completion of the climate controlled and secured storage building, a new West door to the IGC will be used as a temporary entrance.

- This will mark the beginning of our second major project.
- The garden's main entrance deck is slated for replacement.

The decking will be replaced with Trex, synthetic, recycled materials, vinyl wrapped for durability and esthetics.

During the removal and construction, access to the gardens will be the path from the parking area to the back of the Garden House.

- The Observation Building is getting a make-over with all new interpretive panels describing the story of Shoreacres and Shore Acres State Park.

All three projects will be done by this fall.

The Friends are excited about these three large projects.

They are three more examples of our powerful partnership with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department – with Friends of Shore Acres Inc. providing financial support and OPRD staff helping with construction.

This is possible only by the ongoing support from our volunteers, visitors, and the success of the Holiday Lights and the Information and Gift Center. ■



New IGC storage facility

## Other Special Events at Shore Acres Gardens



Rhododendron Sunday / Mother's Day - May 13  
(L-R) Sven Blomquist, Alice Blomquist, Dan Nickell, Nora Roadman and Ray Lee

**IF** every year, you will find annual special events at Shore Acres Gardens sponsored by the Friends in partnership with Shore Acres State Park.

The season begins with Rhododendron Sunday on Mother's Day in May. The first Saturday in June is State Parks Day with free parking for all visitors. Rose Sunday is on Father's Day in June. In July, the Friends help sponsor the annual garden concert of the Oregon Coast Music Festival. Bonsai Day is in August followed by Dahlia Day and Orchid Day in late September.

During the "flower days" the Garden House is open from 11 AM to 4 PM with punch, coffee and cookies, compliments of the Friends. At the Music Festival Concert the Friends sell raspberry sundaes and pink lemonade. ■

*Thanks to all who help with these events!*



Rose Sunday / Father's Day - June 17 - Roses courtesy of the Southwestern Oregon Rose Society



Oregon Coast Music Festival Concert - July 21



Serving sundaes and pink lemonade at the garden concert - Barb Taylor, Roberta Smit, Betty Kennedy, Kathi Netter and Debbie Wygant



Bonsai Day - Aug. 11- Display and experts from the Bay Area Bonsai Society in the Garden House



Dahlia Day - Sept. 22 - Display and experts from the Southern Oregon Dahlia Society in the Garden House



Orchid Day - Sept. 29 - Display and Experts from the Pacific Orchid Society in the Garden House