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Luis Velasquez

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



Springtime blossoms and Heron reflections at the Lily Pond

Shirley Bridgahm



LED Lights, Leaping Frog sculpture, underwater lights on the Herons and new lighted Koi Carp sculptures underwater drew wonderful reviews.

Shirley Bridgahm

Shore Acres – Day and Night “Shoretastic”

by Shirley Bridgahm

The 26TH annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park saw an estimated 47,336 visitors despite 7.49” of rain (5.77” more than 2011). Visitors came from 28 countries from Argentina to Yemen and 45 states and Washington, D.C. Oregon cities numbered 211; California cities numbered 120; Washington cities numbered 74; and cities and towns from other states numbered 201.

The new Koi Carp lighted sculptures underwater in the lily pond drew wonderful reviews as did the 300,000 LED lights, 48 lighted sculptures, 26 large Christmas trees and landscape lighting on the giant evergreens that surround the gardens and 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 of the wonderful comments from visitors: *I feel like I’m in a Christmas movie- so beautiful!* Alaska; *Looks like jewelry!* - Blue Ridge, Georgia; *A Miracle!* - Reedsport, Oregon; and *Shoretastic!* - Gig Harbor, Washington. ■

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**Founded
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Our Mission . . .

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



**Nature
 HISTORY
 Discovery**

FROM THE EDITOR . . .

by Shirley Bridgham



Anne Matthews

This issue of our Annual Summer Journal highlights the Holiday Lights, our President and President-Elect, the 2012 B & B winners, Memberships, the Information & Gift Center, Sunset Bay Management News, Living History, Valiant and Valuable Volunteers, Interpretive Panels Project, Annual Events, and Shore Acres, the Place for Projects. My thanks to David, Dennis, Dell, Lou, Preson, and Stephanie for their fine stories.

In the last few years, Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. has funded several big projects at Shore Acres – beginning with the Interpretive Panels in the Observation Building, followed by the construction of the Information & Gift Center's Climate-controlled Storage Facility, new Trex decking at the entrance, the Garden House deck and front porch, and replacement of the Pergola. In September, we will be repairing the upstairs front windows of the Garden House. Next year, we hope to install a large Shore Acres sign at the entrance to the park. The projects show our powerful partnership with the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD) - with the Friends providing financial support and OPRD staff helping with construction.

I have the pleasure of creating most of the Friends' DVDs, brochures and this Journal, which we print in full color thanks to our members, the success of our Information and Gift Center, and the support of the Holiday Lights and other Friends' activities. Early this year, I recreated *The Shoreacres Story* DVD with additional historic photos provided by Vickie Wiese of the Coos Historical and Maritime Museum and photos courtesy of Caitlin Day. *My sincere thanks to both!*

Also, I'm in the process of organizing the Friends' archives. Recently, I put all of the Journals/Newsletters going back to 1987 on our web site. It was a nostalgic journey of how the Friends began and how far we've come. David and I feel very privileged to be part of such an esteemed group and wonderful park. We truly appreciate the relationship FoSA has with the park managers, staff, and park hosts.

The Holiday Lights project continues to be a rewarding experience – not only for us, but for all the great people who share in its creation each season. If you want to have a fun time, just come out and string some lights, share a chili and hot dogs lunch and enjoy some great company. We work rain or shine from 10 AM to 3 PM on Saturdays and Sundays, beginning October 19th.

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

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- Garden Map
- Roses
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- Gifts and Memorials
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**27TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS - at least 300,000 LED LIGHTS
 THANKSGIVING THRU NEW YEAR'S EVE – NOV. 28 – DEC. 31, 2013**

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

Look for the new Animated Bumblebee Sculpture. And as always, the beautifully decorated Garden House, welcoming hosts with hot cider, punch, coffee and cookies, and live entertainment in the Pavilion. ■

LIGHTS SETUP starts Oct. 19, 2013

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FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

by Dennis Netter, President 2012-13



It is the goal of the Friends of Shore Acres for the garden to be a gem among the many gems of the South Coast with features that continually attract thousands of admirers. This is the vision that has maintained the tradition along with the strong hard-working, cooperative nature of the Friends of Shore Acres Members and Board of Directors. This past year has seen the continuation of the many on-going events that make Shore Acres a lively place year 'round, as well as the completion of improvement projects that blend in so well, they are hardly noticeable as new. The recently completed storage building located to the west of the Information and Gift Center, mirrors the design of the larger structure to its side and nestles under the trees as if it had been there for years. The replacement decking surface at the entrance welcomes visitors with solid footing in the wettest weather. Window restoration/replacement in the Garden House maintains the historic elements that make it interesting.

The Board is fortunate to have some outstanding, dedicated, and talented people willing to serve. Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst manage the Information and Gift Center (IGC) in the most professional and progressive manner. Barb Taylor serves as an exceptionally precise treasurer. Betty Kennedy and Vee Elliott keep volunteers organized and on-track. Jack Gilham, Joan Clifton, Dell Willis and his wife Roberta are very gifted "worker bees," always on site, doing whatever needs to be done. Robynn Reed is the creative force that makes the magic of the Garden House happen each year. Kathy Metzger and Dawn Buxton (our newest member of the Board) organize holiday host teams and tree decorators. And David and Shirley Bridgham—well, they do everything and anything!

But of course, it isn't just the Board of Directors who make these things happen. A dedicated Park Staff keeps the buildings, pond, paths and plantings in tip-top shape, accommodating seasonal changes in stride. Local businesses are generous with their support of materials and funds. Dino and Cindy Coolen organize holiday entertainers and volunteers in large numbers readily assist in the Holiday Lights setup and takedown (and what a group that requires every year!). And park hosts and Friends volunteers help keep the Information and Gift Center humming. I guess we all enjoy being part of something that is open to all and highlights our special place.

The Board meetings are held the second Tuesday evening of the month (except October - December) at 7 PM at the North Bend Public Library Conference room. The meetings are congenial, well organized, and fast paced. Guests are always welcome. ■

FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT . . .

by Dell Willis, President 2013-14

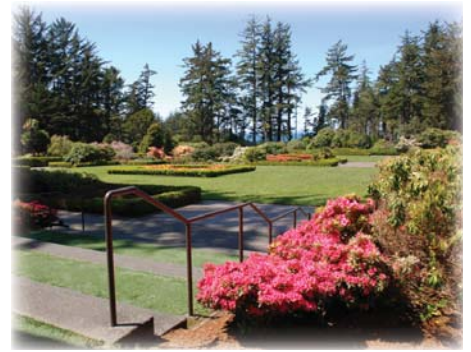


Roberta and I started stringing lights for Friends of Shore Acres - Holiday Lights in 1998. We have enjoyed the friendships we have made with the great group of volunteers who make such a wonderful community event possible. We had been enjoying the lights for a number of years and then we asked how we could help. We were handed some rolled up balls of lights, a ladder and a long pole. We went to work putting lights on the tall bushes and trees. At that time I wore a cowboy hat and became known as "Cowboy."

In a short time we became involved in the behind the scenes activities that start shortly after the lights are taken down and stored for the next year. Many of the volunteers are busy doing something all summer to make the up coming year an even better display than the year before. WOW, what a group. Thanks for allowing us the privilege of being a part of such a great organization and to have so much fun.

I moved back to North Bend in 1991 from Roseburg. I worked for Butler's Pronto Print and Wegferd's Printing as a printing press operator until I retired in 2012. I have been involved as a volunteer for the Coos County 4-H Leaders Association as an Executive Board Member and both Roberta and I were 4-H Summer Camp adult staff members for 10 years. Currently, I'm serving as the Treasurer for the Bay Area Radio Control Fliers club. I enjoy flying model remote control aircraft, hiking, camping and the outdoors. Shore Acres has been a very special place for me, since I was a boy growing up in Coos Bay.

Roberta has worked for the North Bend School district, ESD and the Coos County Extension office. Currently, she is employed as Food Service Assistant for Sodexo Corporation (Marshfield High School cafeteria) serving lunches at the Harding Alternative School. She has been the Nursery Attendant at College Park Church more than 20 years. I joined the Friends' Board in 2009 serving as a board member and am looking forward to serving as President this coming year. ■



- The Friends' annual year for officers and board members runs from September of one year to the end of August the next year.
- Board members serve a 3-year term and may be re-elected. At each annual meeting, the Friends' Board elects a President-Elect, who becomes President at the next annual meeting.
- This year's annual meeting is set for **Tuesday, September 10 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 **541-269-7187** or email **dknetter@gmail.com**

B & B Winners!



Heather and Andy

Heather MacLean was the B & B Winner with ticket #140. She and her husband Andy Bailey stayed overnight in the Garden House on New Year's Eve with the holiday lights left on and the park to themselves. Heather wrote in the guest book - "We won the B & B overnight - it's like winning 'The Lottery'!! or getting to stay in Cinderella's Castle. Thank you to the Friends of Shore Acres and the Park Rangers. We had a Fantastic Night!"

Members Matter! Thanks!

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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

The Information and Gift Center, also referred to as the IGC or Gift Shop, is primarily focused on providing information for the many visitors to Shore Acres State Park. It is also a fun place to work and visit with people from all over the world. Finally, we hope it is a fun place for you to find items that reflect our local area as related to plants, gardening, wildlife, sea life, native culture and the history of our area.

First, we try to find items produced locally . . . then made in Oregon or in the United States . . . and finally worldwide to achieve this. All IGC proceeds remain at Shore Acres to help enhance the park's beauty.

Currently, we are producing the majority our own postcards from local photographers and printed locally so that they relate to what you see in our park. *They are sold only in our gift shop.* They relate to our Gardens, Holiday Lights, and other activities in our park and the local area.

MANY ITEMS

MADE BY

LOCAL ARTISTS

AND VENDORS

USING LOCAL

PRODUCTS

We work with our vendors to produce our photos and images on products such as coasters, blankets, clothing, coffee mugs and various other items that reflect your memories from your visit to our area.

DVDs produced locally by the Friends of Shore Acres include *Gardens Above the Waves* – an overview of the gardens, the park, the sea lions, the famous “Wave” and scenes of our popular Holiday Lights display; *The Shoreacres Story* that tells the history of Shore Acres and the Simpsons; as well as a *Holiday Lights* screensaver. *Watch for a new DVD of Holiday Lights scenes set to music, coming in November, in time for the 27th annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres.*

We invite you to come and enjoy Shore Acres State Park and the formal gardens and take home a memory of your visit from our shop. ■



Ornamental glass, holiday lights, lighthouses, and original ornaments are popular items.



Beadworx by Grass-Roots



Beadworx Crab

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

EMAIL MESSAGE TO SHARON AND LOU, SEPT. 28, 2012

Sharon and Lou,

I don't know if you remember my husband and me from our summer respite in Oregon. We stumbled upon what we consider an Oregon Gem, Shore Acres, a visit with you two (talking about our bicycle trek and you kidded me when I asked if you had any raffles left) and the sweet lady that passed out her original photo greeting cards. I bought a paper tablet there that had the darling gardener's house on the front, and I take it to work meetings, and the picture has become my happy place in those boring meetings and makes me smile . . . You truly do a wonderful job and were delightful hosts! Sometimes people don't take the opportunity to thank people that they have met on the journey through life. So, we thank you and wish you a lovely autumn and blissful holiday season. I know you both are probably ramping up to “deck the gardens” for the holiday, have fun.

Warmest regards,
Pamella and Eric Petty

NEWS FROM SUNSET BAY MANAGEMENT UNIT

by Preson Phillips, Park Manager



A lot is going on in the park this year. Visitors and patrons alike can count on the gardens, the views, the trails, and the beaches being ready for them to recreate and relax. Our volunteers and staff work diligently to provide memorable experiences for park visitors.

Attendance is up by 8-14%, depending on the portion of the park. Interpretive programs, many staffed by the Friends' grant

funding, have seen even higher increases in attendance. Many small improvements and repairs (too numerous to list here) are complete and adding to the park experience we provide. Other projects and garden improvements are in the planning stages.

One of the more visible projects this year is the fuel reduction effort. Underway about 1 mile south of the park entrance along Cape Arago Highway, this project is being completed with parks operations and natural resources funding. The goals of the project being: fuel load reduction, removal of trees declining due to Port Orford Cedar death, and the eventual planting of disease-resistant cedar trees. Due to a myriad of reasons, this project allowed only manual labor, no mechanization. The cutting is complete, the piles of debris are stacked and ready for controlled burning when fire season is over. This method prevents the possible spread of the pathogen.

Please accept my thanks to each of you for such commitment to our community treasure. ■

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Controlled burn to reduce fuel.



Debris ready for burning.



Fire crews are part of the process.

SHORE ACRES MONTEREY PINE ACCEPTED INTO THE CLASS OF 2013 OREGON HERITAGE TREES

Living History Celebrated at Shore Acres - June 28, 2013

by David Bridgham, Friends' Founder, Past President and Board Member



Anne Matthews

This magnificent Monterey Pine was planted by Louis J. Simpson in the early 1900's. An unbroken and living link in history, the Simpson era, and heritage is ours to enjoy and gain a real sense of connection to the past.

Original plantings include the two Monterey Pines – the Oregon Heritage Tree and its slightly smaller companion just to its north side. The Monterey Cypress trees at the north entrance of the gardens also are original plantings. They are truly magnificent sentinels that have lived through and continue to mark history at the gardens as it unfolds.

The foundation of the Friends of Shore Acres is deeply rooted in the history and heritage of the Simpson story, Shoreacres estate, and the showcase that became Shore Acres State Park. The Oregon Heritage Tree designation places this tree on the cultural and heritage map in Oregon for travelers from around the world. Cultural and heritage travelers are seeking out these places and their stories as they tour through our area. They will learn the history of this special place we all love and they will leave with a greater appreciation of its place in history. Our Oregon Heritage Tree is that living link.

It was an honor for Friends of Shore Acres to co-host the dedication of the inclusion of the Shore Acres Monterey Pine into the OHT registrar. We were joined by Craig Leech, Chair of the Oregon Heritage Tree Committee, Annie von Domitz, Oregon Travel Experience Heritage Program Administrator and invited guests that included L. J. Simpson's daughter Barbara Simpson Griffin, Thomas Griffin and their son Kim.

We have one more great thing to brag about when we bring our family and friends to Shore Acres' beautiful gardens. ■

Note: This Shore Acres Monterey Pine is located near the Greenhouse. It was recognized in 2002 as the largest of its species in the United States by the National Register of Big Trees.



Ellie Kinney-Martal

OREGON HERITAGE TREE

SHORE ACRES MONTEREY PINE - *Pinus Radiata*
Circumference - 208 inches * Approx. Height - 95 feet
Approx. Age - 100 years * Dedicated by Heritage Tree Committee, Oregon Travel Experience - June 2013 -



Barbara Simpson Griffin unveils the Oregon Heritage Tree plaque. Joining her are David Bridgham, Craig Leech and Preson Phillips.

Preson Phillips, Park Manager, Sunset Bay Management Unit, visits with Marjorie Simmons, Barbara Simpson Griffin, Kim Griffin and Thomas Griffin.

Shirley Bridgahm

Holiday Lights 2012 — An Estimated 47,336 Visitors

— Garden House — Traditional and Magical



Chloe Eberlein (L) and Robynn Reed - "House Decorator Extraordinaire" hang garland in the living room.



Living room with historical photos.



Bed & Breakfast Bedroom



Bedroom with Lighted House Collection

28 Countries from Argentina to Yemen

45 States and Washington, D.C.

Cities and Towns: 211 Oregon; 120 California

74 Washington; 201 cities & towns from other states

Alaska - I feel like I'm in a Christmas movie - so beautiful!

Arcata, CA - 20th year - still spellbinding!

Australia - EPIC!!!

Blue Ridge, GA - Looks like jewelry!

Centralia, WA - Long drive well worth it!

Coos Bay, OR - Love the new lights in the Koi Pond!

Coquille, OR - Yearly Family Tradition!

Corvallis, OR - Love it! We'll be back.

Eugene, OR - An Annual Pilgrimage

Eugene, OR - More than we imagined.

Federal Way, WA - Our favorite place for lights.

Florence, OR - We come every year and love it!

Fremont, CA - It is all so beautiful.

Friendswood, TX - Beautifully done in a Natural Landscape!

Gig Harbor, WA - Shoretastic!

Gleneden Beach, OR - Best in the Northwest!

Grants Pass, OR - Perfectly Magical!

Harrisburg, OR - Gorgeous! We're 1st Timers!

Hawaii - Very artistic and beautiful!!

Hidden Valley, CA - Love Santa in the bathtub.

Kenai, AK - Greeeaattt

Lincoln City, OR - Worth the trip!

McKinleyville, CA - Coming back every year!

Mill Creek, WA - Love the LEDs! Koi are awesome!!!

Monroe, OR - A Winter Wonderland!!

Newberg, OR - What a way to start the holidays.

North Bend, OR - Fish are fabulous!

Oakridge, OR - Worth the trip

Olympia, WA - Love it every year.

Panama City, FL - On my Bucket List!

Pleasant Hill, CA - Completely awesome!

Portland, OR - Our 10th year! Still great.

Portland, OR - More lights than ever! Exquisite.

Reedsport, OR - A Miracle!

Reedsport, OR - Such a sweet house!

Roseburg, OR - So many plants still in bloom! Thanks!

Salem, OR - Unlike anything we've ever seen!

Seattle, WA - Love the hummingbird

Silsbee, TX - Speechless

Silverton, OR - Amazing community volunteerism!

Sweet Home, OR - Such an inspiration!

The Dalles, OR - The house is lovely!

Tigard, OR - Super Fantastic

Toledo, OR - Wonderful, Wonderful, Wonderful

Turlock, CA - Breathtaking

Ventura, CA - So romantic!

Vernonia, OR - A "Bucket List" trip - Beautiful!



Holiday Lights 2012 — Another Successful Season

Thanks, Lights Pledge Supporters 2012!

LED Lights

- 5,667** Shinglehouse Auto Wreckers
- 4,467** Abel Insurance Agency-Harry & Francie Abel *
- 3,334** Cornelia & Don Barnhart *
- 2,100** The Portside Restaurant *
- 2,000** Coastal Paper & Supply-Bob & Johanna Dillard *
- 1,667** Huggins Insurance-Bob & Janet Huggins *
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- Coos Bay Grocery Outlet-Patricia & Sven Backman & Crew *
- Edgewater Inn Motel, Coos Bay *
- J. W. White Painting-Jay & Melody White *
- The Mill Casino-Hotel * Jim & Diane Verger *
- 1,334** Nancy Robinson *
- 1,125** Coos Bay Fire & Rescue *
- 1,050** Michael A. Gordon, CPA (Not Your Basic Bean Counter) *
- 1,000** Barbara Mills *
- 713** Tom's Lock & Key-Steve & Cathy Clark *
- 700** Art Connection * Benetti's Italian Restaurant *
- Bob's Appliance-Bob & Gayle DePeal *
- Books by the Bay * Ray Gapp *
- Honda World * Miller's at the Cove *
- James & Ellen Montalbano *
- Northwestern Mutual-Dick & Jan Vigue *
- Pacific Corp/Pacific Power *
- Ted Jay Terry, DMD & Staff *
- Thomas & Sons Transportation *
- 667** This Olde House B & B-Sally White *
- 400** Charleston Harbor Inn in memory of John A. Castro *
- 360** Cedar Electric & Construction, Inc. *
- High Tide Cafe LLC - Carol Rodde & Steve Raplee *
- 350** Charleston Merchants Association *
- James & Archina Davenport *
- Gold Coast Truck Repair-Butch & Jacque Shields *
- Betsy Groben * Kevin & Diane Keiser in memory of Heidi Nerbovig & Berneice Lange *
- North Bend Lanes-Bob, Mark, & Marianna Mattecheck *
- North Point, Inc. * Shoji Planning, LLC-Crystal & Gene Shoji *
- Slippery Slope Soap Shop-Pauline & Ron Vierra *
- Weldon & Sons * Donald & Priscilla Zobel *



Special Thanks to Fred Meyer - 21st 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.

Special Thanks to Roto Rooter- Jim and Mike Collatt 19th Year of providing "Santacans" at a substantial discount.

— Garden — Some Favorite Scenes



Undersea Garden with new frame by Jack Gilham and blue water panels by David Bridgham and Mike Perkins. Setup by Jack Gilham, Mike Perkins and Carol Ventgen



Pelicans and Garden House at dusk.



Center path to the Lily Pond and Uplighted Evergreens



Awesome Pond Reflections

Valiant and Valuable Volunteers!



Cheryl Baldwin is a great new volunteer.



Roberta Wills gets snacks and lunch ready.



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



Allen King strings lights in the rain.



Mid Coast Mustang and Ford Club volunteers
decorate their tree.



Mike Reed installs wires for the lighted houses
display in the bookcase (see photo page 8).



Jack Gilham and Joan Clifton not only make the
popular flower clusters, they put them up.



Ray Daniels hangs lights on a pine by the pond.
Ray also installs the path lights and chain lights.



Shirley Champagne Harris hangs lights on a
decorated Christmas tree.

Thanks!

2012 LIGHTS STRINGERS -

Cheryl Baldwin, David Barnhart, Shirley & David Bridgham, Dawn Buxton, Shirley Champagne-Harris, Gordon Chappa, Christine Coles, Ray Daniels, Crystal Domina & Vaughn Bierlorzer, Edith Forkner, Debby Gerritsen, Jack Gilham & Joan Clifton, Dale Helland, Dale Herring, Betty Kennedy, Allen King, Charlotte Koepke, Kathe Leaf, Kathy Metzger, Bob & Shirley Pedro, Mike Perkins & Carol Ventgen, Judy & Gary Taylor, Dell & Roberta Willis, Ryan Woods, and Coos Bay Garden Club-Irene Ralph, Char Young, Jean Johnson; Garden House - Coos Bay Fire & Rescue - Corbin Cline, Sara Cabbage, Stan Gibson, Frank Kaiser, Howard Owens, Raef Owens, Matthew Sanders, Lucas Taylor, Tim Wagner, Abby Wilson, Jason Wilson; Garden Areas - Boys and Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon, Coos Bay Kiwanis, North Bend High School Key Club, Rock N Riders 4H Club, Straight Shooters 4H Club

2012 GARDEN HOUSE - Chair - Robynn Reed

Michael & Adam Reed, Chloe Eberlein, Kathe Leaf, Jeri Malone, Ellie Kinney-Martial, Pam Stevens, Larry Becker, Bob Dixon, Al Gardner, Shutter Creek Work Crew

2013 - LIGHTS TAKEDOWN -

David and Shirley Bridgham, David Barnhart, Shirley Champagne-Harris, Joan Clifton, Ray Daniels, Archi Davenport, Vee Elliott, Jack Gilham, Dale Helland, Mike Perkins & Carol Ventgen, Shutter Creek Crew

2013 - HOUSE TAKEDOWN -

Robynn, Mike & Adam Reed,
Jeri Malone

Seniors and Juniors Alike!

Thanks!

2012 - HOLIDAY TREES -

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

TREE DECORATORS - COORDINATOR -

DAWN BUXTON - AMVETS Post 10 and Auxiliary; Ankeny Insurance Agency; Bikers for Christ Coos County Chapter; Bonneville Power Administration; Camp Fire USA; CH2M Hill; Chappelle Enterprises; City of Coos Bay; Coastal Corvettes Unlimited; Coos Bay Elks Lodge #1160; Coos County Education Service District; Coos County Radio Club; Girl Scouts of Oregon & SW Washington; Harley Owners Group (HOG); Mid Coast Mustang & Ford Club; Oregon Coast Community Action; Oregon State Parks Volunteers & Staff; Pacific Coast Corvette Club; Pigeon Point Dairy Queen; Ruby Tuesdays Red Hat Society; Shinglehouse Auto & Salvage; South Coast Cruisers Car Club; South Coast Office Supply; SWOCC Counseling Department; Subzero Motorsports; Sunset Classic Chevy's; South Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

CIDER SPICE - Kathi & Dennis Netter, Joan Clifton, Jack Gilham, Andrew Netter

FOOD STORAGE & DELIVERY - Day Ship Supply - Bruce Day; Vend West Services - Lou Leberti, Terry Clinton

LUNCHES & SNACKS FOR VOLUNTEERS

- Roberta Willis, Vee Elliott, Chili Discount - Wendy's Old Fashion Hamburgers, Dave Barnhart, Joan Clifton

HOUSEKEEPING - Joan Clifton, Jack Gilham, Vee Elliott, Kathi Netter, Robynn Reed, Shirley Bridgman

BREAKFAST FOR B&B WINNERS - The Pancake Mill-Gary Goodson and Beverly Rice

BUTTONS - Dell & Roberta Willis

POSTER DISTRIBUTION - Joan Clifton & Jack Gilham

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

2013 LIGHTS SETUP
starts Oct. 19, 2013
To help:
541-756-5401



Dell Willis hangs lights on the tall Cryptomeria.



David Barnhart, Dell Willis, David Bridgman



4-H Straight Shooters - (L) Leader Shirley Bower, (R) Julia Ross and her mom Jennifer DeMarce (C)



David Bridgman directs ORCA setup. Crew from Shutter Creek sets up the largest sculpture displays, all the Christmas trees and more.



Coos Bay Fire & Rescue volunteers take care of lights on the Garden House with direction from David Bridgman (on porch roof)



Kathy Metzger strings lights at the pond.



North Bend High School Key Club gets instruction from David Barnhart (blue vest, center)



Volunteers from the Boys and Girls Club - Heidi Baer, Chelsey Corum, Todd Minch, Ben Cardoza, Jackie Pierce, CeAndra Nelson, Jessica Kohl, Jeremiah Wilson, Cassidy Keller, Adrien Engstrom, Chance Espinosa, Casey King

More Thanks!



Little Opry Christmas Dancers and Singers Hannah Kintner, Nathan Kahler, and Kelly Coolen

HOST TEAMS 2012 -

COORDINATOR - KATHY METZGER

A.B.A.T.E.; Aging & People w/Disabilities; AM-VETS Post #10; Ankeny Insurance Agency; Bay Area Bonsai Society; Bay Area Hospital; Bay Eye Clinic; Baycrest Village; Beta Sigma Phi Laureate XI; Boy Scouts Troop #156; City Hair; Coos County OSU Extension; Coos Bay Fire & Rescue; Coos Bay Kiwanis; Coos Bay Lions Club; Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary; Coos Bay School District; Coos Bay Yacht Club; Coos Head Garden Club; Coquille Friends; Coquille H.S. Key Club & Kiwanis; Cutting Edge Hair Designs; Friends of Shore Acres Board; Harley Owners Group H.O.G.; Hauser Dune Riders 4-H Horse Club; Hauser Citizen Patrol; Hearthside Rehabilitation & Care Center; Inn at Face Rock; Life Care Center of Coos Bay; Life Change Church; Marshfield Student Council; Michael Gordon C.P.A. (Not your Average Bean Counter); Mid-Coast Mustang & Ford Club; Miss Coos County Scholarship Pageant; Myrtle Point Care Center; New Year's Revellers; North Bend Education Association; Ocean Crest & Ocean Ridge Retirement & Assisted Living; OES #45; One Big Happy Family/Vicki Solomon & Friends; Oregon Hunters Association/Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; Oregon Coast Community Action; Pacific Coast Corvette Club; Pacific Home Health & Hospice; Preceptor Alpha Eta and Bay Area Sunrise Rotary Club; Prudential Seaboard Properties; Ruby Tuesday/Red Hat Society; Soroptimist International of Coos Bay; South Coast Cruisers; South Coast ESD; South Coast Shopper; South Coast Singles; South Slough Estuarine Reserve; Southwestern Oregon Rose Society; Sterling Savings Bank; Sunset Classic Chevys; The Gorse Society/The Egyptian Theatre Preservation Society; The Bay Area Rotary Club; The Mill Casino & Hotel; Tom's Bulldog Automotive; Umpqua Discovery Center; United Way; Wineva Johnson Center; Women's Safety & Resource Center; Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area

ENTERTAINMENT - CO-CHAIR - DINO & CINDY COOLEN

Bay Area Concert Band; Bay Area Foursquare Church; Cape Blanco Bell Ringers; Charleston Community Church; Christ Lutheran Church; Christmas Tree - O; Clint Guevara and Friends; Coos Bay Christian Fellowship; First Presbyterian Church Chime Choir; Gary Brink, Family & Friends; Gold Coast Chorus; Just Jensens; Kingsview Christian School; Little Opry Christmas Dancers and Singers; Magnificent Seven + or -; Myrtle Point H. S. Show Choir; Native American Flute Players; North Bend High School Choir; North Bend Middle School 8th Grade Band; Pacific Community Church; Passin/Notes; Port Orford Christian Center; Reedsport Community Schools; Sea Breeze Harmony Chorus; Simple Harmonies; South Coast Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts; St. Monica Church; Stacy & Robin-Harp; The Carolers; The Lighthouse School; The Salvation Army Youth Programs

INFORMATION & GIFT CENTER VOLUNTEERS

Managers - Lou & Sharon Kolkhorst
Schedulers - Vee Elliott, Betty Kennedy
Volunteers - Brian & Billie Bergstrom, Joan Clifton & Jack Gilham, Jackie Cruse, Sharon Frank, Rena Frenette, Jackie Greene, Paula Leifer, Marcia Palen (Horner), Lynda Payton, David Rigsby, Pat Ryan, Darrell & Carol Sanders, Charles Serlis, Roberta Smit, Rachel Stappler, Harry Staven, Barb Taylor, Sue Thornton, Debbie Wigant; Park Hosts - Pete & Leslie Guldenzopf, Bob & Diane Lundin, Al & Elaine Lutzeir, Len & Faye Shirley, Mickey & Anne Thompson

OREGON PARKS & RECREATION

DEPARTMENT - Sunset Bay State Park, Shore Acres State Park, Larry Becker, Preson Phillips, Ellie Kinney Martial, Janet Sobczak, Pam Stevens, Bob Dixon, Rick Ripley, Stephanie Miller, Ted Sellers, Maurice Wray, Karen Wuethrich

THANKS ALSO TO: - Bay Area Chamber of Commerce; Charleston Information Center; Coastal Paper & Supply-Johanna & Bob Dillard; Coos Bay/North Bend Promotions Committee; Coquille Valley Sentinel; Curry Coastal Pilot-Charlie Kocher; Friends of Shore Acres Members and Board; KCBY TV; KMTR; KOBI TV - Matt Jarvis; KDCQ, KHSN//KOOS / KBBR /KACW; KMHS; KOBI TV; KSHR/KWRO/KBDN; Phyllis Love; Maya Graphics; Myrtle Point Herald; News Review-Roseburg; North Bend Information Center; Oregon Coast Magazine; Register Guard; Roto Rooter-Jim Collatt; RSVP; Siuslaw News; The Oregonian; The World-Beth Burbach; Tim Novotny; Lou Sennick; Clark Walworth; VIA Magazine; Wegferd's Printing & Publishing- Karen, Dell & Staff,
AND ANYONE WHOSE NAME WE MISSED!



Puffins designed by Don McMichael and lighted by David and Shirley Bridgham

SCULPTURES -

Dragonfly - David Bridgham and Dell Willis
* Frog in Pond - Design - Don McMichael; Fabrication-Eric's Artistic Expression; Animation - Tom Kyle; Lighting & Installation - David Bridgham, Dell Willis, Jack Gilham; Concrete bases - Jack Gilham * Garden Bugs & Turtles - David Bridgham and Dell Willis * Gray Whale - Design - Don McMichael; Construction - Industrial Services; Animation - Tom Kyle; Rope Lights & Installation - David Bridgham, Joan Clifton, Jack Gilham, Dell Willis, Shutter Creek Work Crew * Herons and Flowers - David Bridgham & Frank Smith; Joan Clifton & Jack Gilham * Hummingbird & Fuchsia Flower - David Bridgham * Koi Carp - David Bridgham * Mushrooms and Butterflies - David & Shirley Bridgham * Orca Whale - Design - Don McMichael; Frame - Ray Daniels, Southwestern Oregon Community College; Animation - Tom Kyle; Rope Lights & Installation - David Bridgham, Joan Clifton, Jack Gilham, Dell Willis, Shutter Creek Work Crew * Pelicans - Design - Don McMichael; Fabrication - Eric's Artistic Expression; Pole Supports - Industrial Services; Rope Lights - David Bridgham; Installation - David Bridgham and Shutter Creek Work Crew * Salmon - Design - Don McMichael; Fabrication - Eric's Artistic Expression; Rope Lights - David Bridgham * Sea Lions - Design - Don McMichael; Fabrication - Eric's Artistic Expression; Animation - Tom Kyle; Rope Lighting - David Bridgham, Jack Gilham, Joan Clifton; Installation - David Bridgham, Dell Willis * Ship - "Western Shore" - Design & Fabrication - Ray Daniels; Lights and Installation - David Bridgham, Ray Daniels, Dell Willis, Jack Gilham, Joan Clifton * Squirrel - Design & Fabrication - Eric's Artistic Expression; Rope Lights - David Bridgham * Undersea Garden - Fabrication - David Bridgham & Frank Smith; Rope Lights - David Bridgham; Frame - Jack Gilham, Setup - David Bridgham, Jack Gilham, Mike Perkins & Carol Ventgen

INTERPRETIVE PANELS PROJECT "WORTH THE WAIT!"

from The Shoreacres Story to Shore Acres State Park and more . . .

by Stephanie Miller, Interpretive Park Ranger

Almost a year has passed since the new interpretive panels were installed at Shore Acres State Park. They were a long time coming, but well worth the wait!

The panel project began on March 31, 2010 with a meeting to put the idea of 10 new interpretive panels into action. The panel team was made up of Friends of Shore Acres representatives David and Shirley Bridgham, Park Manager Preson Phillips, Park Rangers Ellie Kinney-Martial and Pam Stevens, and Interpretive Park Ranger Stephanie Miller. Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. would fully fund the panels as part of its interpretive mission.

The Oregon State Parks "How to Get Interpretive Projects Done" was used as a guiding document to ensure specific goals were met while developing the panels. The goals were to help answer common visitor questions about Shore Acres' history and natural resources and to guide visitors to other areas of the management unit to continue the overall story of our parks.

Just as the project was ready to move out of the concept phase and into the design phase, a spending freeze was implemented within Oregon State Parks. During that time, the scope of work was completed and the beginning steps of hiring a design team were put into motion.

Lodestar Design won the bid. In May 2011, the panel team met with Lodestar to tour the park and discuss the design of the panels. This involved scanning more historic and garden photos, obtaining photos of the geology, the wildlife and whales and writing the text to go with them. With the design moving forward, review . . . after review . . . after review . . . the panels slowly began to take shape.

Finally, in the spring of 2012, the panels were ready to be fabricated by Aardvark Graphics. Full scale proofs were printed and after some last minute edits, the panels were ready for production in July of 2012.

On September 10, 2012, ten interpretive panels were delivered and installed – nine into a freshly painted observation building, and one on the new deck at the gardens' entrance.

Although the project took two and a half years, the final outcome was worth the wait. There has been a lot of positive feedback on the new panels. As you walk in to the observation building, you can now see visitors actually reading the panels. Visitors are more interested in the stories of Shore Acres and the surrounding parks.

In February of 2013, the Statewide Interpretive Team (now known as the Visitor Experience Team) had its meeting at Shore Acres State Park. Those attending the meeting were able to see the new panels and tour Shore Acres. They were impressed with not only the panels but the park as a whole and truly appreciative of what the Friends have been able to help accomplish at Shore Acres. ■

Panels' Photos Courtesy of:

- Mike Baird
- Shirley Bridgham
- Caitlin Day Collection
- Kevin Cole
- Coos Historical & Maritime Museum
- Steve Dimock
- Susan Dimock
- Barbara Simpson Griffin
- Memo Jasso
- Roy Luck
- Jim McDermott
- Moralea Milne
- NOAA
- Jose Eugenio Gomez Rodriguez
- Sunset Bay Collection
- Luis Velasquez



#1 - The Shoreacres Story - Louis J. Simpson Legacy

- #2 - Founder of a Fortune - Captain Asa Meade Simpson
- #3 - The Next Generation - Louis J. and Cassie Simpson
- #4 - Shoreacres Mansion - Fulfilling a Vision
- #5 - Losses and Changes - Shoreacres in the 1920s



#6 - Transitions - From Shoreacres to Shore Acres



#10 - Welcome to Shore Acres Gardens - A Fascinating Past



#7 - Our Dynamic Coast - The Spectacular Geology of Shore Acres



#8 - Life on the Rocks - Introducing the Wildlife of Shore Acres



#9 - Our Biggest Visitors - Migrating Gray Whales

Annual Events – Tradition!



Rhododendron Sunday / Mother's Day - May

Members of the Southwestern Oregon Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society always take part in Rhododendron Sunday on Mother's Day with a display of cut rhodies and expert advice for visitors. ■

Rose Sunday / Father's Day - June



S.W.O.R.S. members Ed Kreutzer, Craig Atkins, Mike Kelly, Mary Ann Kreutzer, and Ellyn Atkins are on hand to answer questions.



Members of the SouthWestern Oregon Rose Society (S.W.O.R.S.) set up a beautiful display of roses in the Garden House.



Dawn Buxton, Kat Flores and Kathy Metzger serve cookies, coffee and punch in the Garden House.

Oregon Coast Music Festival Concert - July



The 35th annual Oregon Coast Music Festival in July featured the It's About Time Jazz Band sponsored by the Friends of Shore Acres.



Kathi Netter, Andrew Netter and Roberta Willis serve the very popular raspberry sundaes.

Annual Events – Tradition!

Bay Area Bonsai Society members bring out their beautiful bonsai plants to display in the Garden House in August. These exquisite miniatures show their dedication to this fascinating gardening activity. During Bonsai Day, members also do demonstrations and answer visitors' questions.

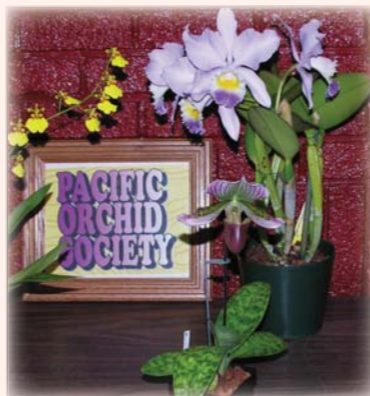
Friends volunteers serve cookies, coffee and punch in the Garden House from 11 AM to 4 PM. ■

*Thanks to all the
volunteers who help
with these events!*

Bonsai Day - August



Orchid Day - September



Every year, members of the Pacific Orchid Society bring out a dazzling display of orchids – “Gems of the Rain Forest” – much to the delight of park visitors in September.

Plan to see this year's display on September 21.

Friends volunteers will serve cookies, coffee and punch in the Garden House from 11 AM to 4 PM. ■

Dahlia Day - September



Every year, the dahlias in the formal gardens are complemented by the Southern Oregon Dahlia Society display in the Garden House. Dahlia experts answer questions and Friends serve the traditional cookies, coffee and punch. The date for 2013 is September 28. ■



Shore Acres - The Place for Projects



The IGC's climate controlled storage facility, designed by Stuart Woods, is completed. Stuart also designed, built and donated the screen for the propane tank. *Thanks!*



New Pergola

Pergola was replaced with new structure built by Bob Dixon and his excellent crew. *Thanks!*



New Trex Decking



Aerial Photo by Memo Jasso; All Other Photos by Shirley Bridgman

STATE PARKS PROJECTS ALSO INCLUDE PLANTING THOUSANDS OF ANNUALS TO BRIGHTEN UP THE SUMMER GARDENS.



Begonias 'Senator Deep Rose' and Impatiens 'Taboo' along the east walk.



African Daisies - Osteospermum 'Akila' - along the center walk.