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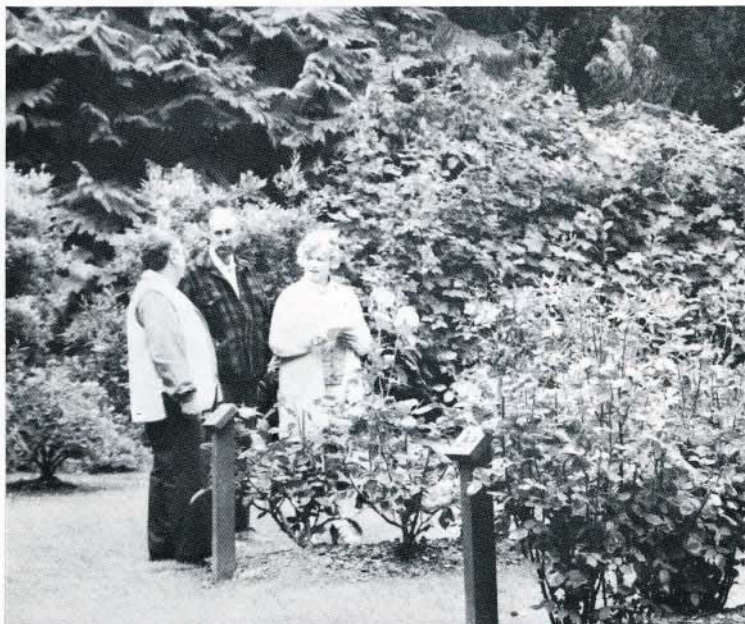
Quarterly Newsletter

August 31, 1988

OREGON COAST MUSIC FESTIVAL

Blue skies, sunshine and the welcome of **Friends** volunteers (right) helped make the annual garden concert a highlight of the summer season.

Foxfire's bluegrass and down-home country music delighted concert goers, while fresh fruit kabobs and ice cold soft drinks offered by the **Friends** refreshed them. The Music Enrichment Association and The **Friends of Shore Acres** will share a small profit as a result of everyone's efforts. **A big thanks to all who helped!!**



ROSE SUNDAY

As a compliment to the Music Festival, Rose Sunday was held July 24th. Ray Duskin (left) greeted visitors and answered questions, as did John Bergen and George Guthrie. A steady stream of people took advantage of a wonderful opportunity to learn more about roses, especially those grown in the **All-American Rose Display Garden**. According to hosts and visitors, "an event worth repeating."

VISIT THE GARDENS

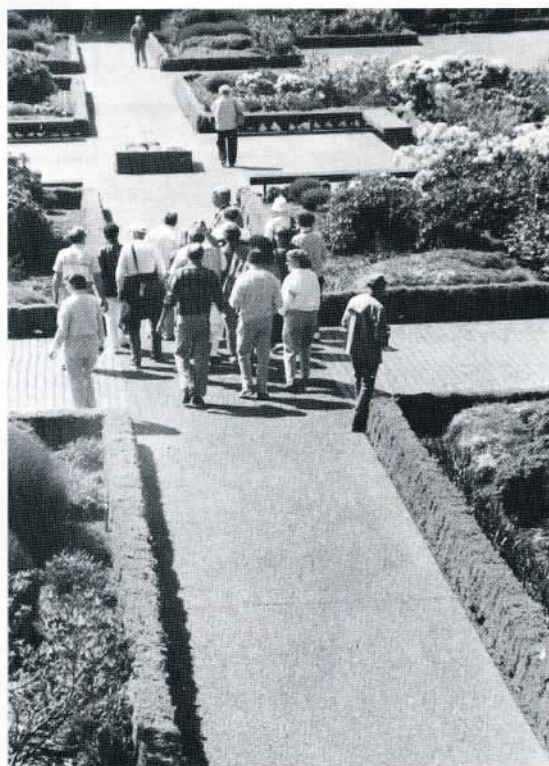
GARDEN NOTES

While the visitors to Shore Acres are enjoying the lazy, hazy days of summer, the garden flowers are very busily cresting to their peak in both quantity and quality. This is the period that most people think of as the "best" time to see the garden and in many ways they are right. Take a look at the dahlia beds in the center of the formal garden lawn, for example, which are suddenly full of real dahlias after months of winter emptiness, spring bulbs, and early summer tufts of generic vegetation that might have been almost anything - "suddenly" we have a forest of flowers ranging from huge purple dinnerplates to pert orange pom-poms and all sorts of other colors, sizes and shapes including my favorite the "peppermint", a formal decorative flower that looks good enough to eat! (Unfortunately, a few thousand aphids, slugs and earwigs think the same way.) Some of these lovelies (flowers, not pests) are courtesy of the generous folks at the local Dahlia Society who gave us a number of new plants to show off. In the middle of the beds are bands of red leaved plants that everyone asks about even when they are just in leaf and rave about when they flower - Lobelia cardinalis otherwise known as cardinal flower after the bright red colored flowers they are starting to flaunt even as I write. Yes, Virginia, these plants are indeed lobelias - just big brothers to the little blue flowered annuals that everybody grows in beds and hanging baskets. Though different in size and color, the flower shapes are very similar. Cardinal flower is also perennial, i.e., it lives over from year to year, while the common lobelia is strictly a summer plant. Some garden books seem to indicate that cardinal flower, while handsome, is finicky and demanding about where it grows but apparently such news never reached our plants because they grow with rude vigor here and seed themselves like weeds all over the place. Finally, in one corner of each bed is a multi-colored "daisy" that is starting to get people's

attention. Interestingly enough, our daisy which has ferny foliage like a cosmos is actually a chrysanthemum. Unlike the familiar florist mums, this plant is a true annual that blooms all summer (not just in the fall) and its painted daisy-like flowers are real knock-outs by whatever name you call them with a range of colors to suit any taste - well worth a stroll across the lawn to take a closer look. I think I'm overfilling my space and I've just mentioned the dahlia bed denizens - so I'll leave the rest of the summer garden and its flower power for you and everybody else to investigate and enjoy.

George

George Guthrie



Guided walks held throughout the summer added to visitors enjoyment of the formal gardens.

CALENDAR

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- Sept. 6 Board Meeting
7:30 SWOCC
- Sept. 13 Garden Party/Annual Mtg.
7:30 Garden House
- Sept. 16 BAFF float decoration
(time & place TBA)
- Sept. 17 Bay Area Fun Festival
Parade & booth
- Sept. 18 BAFF booth
(time & place TBA)
- Oct. TBA Installation of under-
ground wiring
- Oct. 4 Board Meeting
7:30 SWOCC
- Oct. 21 State Co-Op Conference
& 22 Silver Falls State Park

- Nov. 1 Board Meeting
7:30 SWOCC
- Nov. 18 Deadline for newsletter
articles
- Nov. 28 Newsletter published
- Dec. 3 Christmas display set-up
& 4 (time TBA)
- Dec. 6 Board Meeting
7:30 SWOCC
- Dec. 8 "Night Before Christmas"
by invitation **FUNDRAISER**
- Dec. 10 Official Opening of
Christmas at Shore Acres
- Dec. 10 Christmas lights & open house
thru 30 (entertainment most nights)
- Dec. 31 Christmas take-down
work party (time TBA)

PARK NOTES



This has been a busy summer so far. Our district recorded 8,405 camp units sold during the month of July. That means we were full almost 85% of the time and over 33,000 visitors stayed in one of the three over-night camps. In addition, 211,170 people visited Sunset Bay, Cape Arago and Shore Acres during July. During the first week of the Oregon Coast Music Festival over 12,000 people visited Shore Acres alone!!

One of the things I enjoy most about my job in the summer is what I hear from the people who use our parks. I was especially pleased with the following, written on the back of a camp card at

Sunset Bay: "Loved the garden and sea lions. The tour guides at the garden were super. Great time here!!"

I am sure that all the folks who visit Shore Acres and Cape Arago go home with a better appreciation of the area thanks to you, our **Friends**.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the annual meeting. We'll be represented at the State Park's Co-Op conference in October. And of course, **Christmas at Shore Acres** is just over 100 days away. Enjoy the rest of this almost-gone summer.

Andy Latomme

SHORE ACRES AND FRIENDS

"....MAKES OUR VACATION"

Visitors to the parks from all over the country joined six guided tide pool walks scheduled from early June to mid August during minus tides. Participants met at Cape Arago's south cove trail head and descended to the tide pools. The recently reconstructed trail was a big improvement for access. Once at the tide pools, much care was taken climbing over the slippery rocks - but well worth the effort. It was reported that something new was seen each time out. We had the benefit of expert information from guides Stine Brown and Bill Arbus. They led informal, relaxed tours lasting 2 to 3 hours. It gave everyone a leisurely time to explore and ask questions. A mid-west couple on vacation to the coast said, "This just makes our vacation." We all learned the importance of replacing the rocks we moved the way we found them, right side up, and there are some very interesting critters under rocks.

The guided tide pool walks are over for the season but they were so well received and fun to do that the **Friends** are looking forward to a new schedule next summer.



Stine Brown points out interesting details of the gum boot **Chiton** found well camouflaged in the tide pools.



YOU'RE INVITED TO A GARDEN PARTY

We are celebrating the completion of our 2nd year at the annual meeting to be held **Tuesday, September 13, 7:30 p.m. at the Garden House.**

It's been two whirlwind years of activities and accomplishments. Now is a time for reflection, and a time to acknowledge the tremendous support many **Friends** have unselfishly given for the benefit of the parks, our visitors and the community.

A short presentation developed to

better identify who we are, and what we do, will be shown. This slide program will enable the Friends to gain support for our many projects. A brief look forward to exciting opportunities in the year ahead will round out the evening.

The garden party is a chance for **Friends** to meet each other. Refreshments will be served. If you plan to attend, **please RSVP by Friday, Sept. 9** by calling 888-4902 or 756-5401.



VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS

GARDEN SITTING

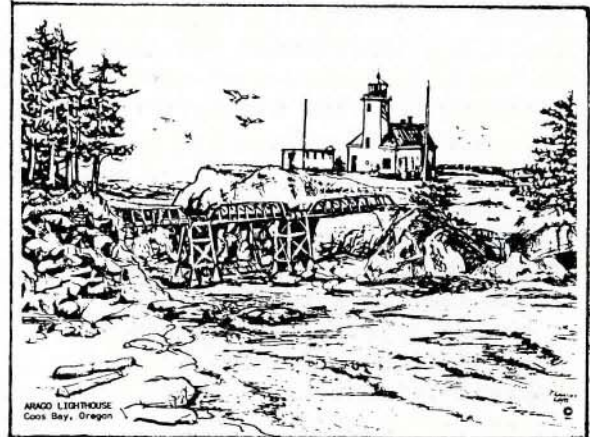
Friends volunteers have taken up "garden sitting", positioning themselves at the entrance of the gardens near the interpretive displays to answer questions. An information sheet is being developed to help volunteers answer the most often asked questions, such as "Where was the original mansion?" and "How many gardeners work on the grounds?"

One person stationed at our Friends Display wearing a Friends vest and answering questions and greeting visitors is a rewarding way to add to the interpretive area. This has also enabled our volunteers to sell a number of cloisonne pins, books, and note cards from the mobile retail cart.

You may find a Friends volunteer "sitting" the garden most days in the early afternoon.



Items for sale include pins, note cards and guide books. Friends receive a 10% discount.



The Friends of Shore Acres is an incorporated, private non-profit organization with tax exempt status. Its purpose is "to participate in interpretive, educational and physical development programs with Sunset Bay Park District". For more information contact: The Friends of Shore Acres, c/o Sunset Bay Park District, 13030 Cape Arago Hwy., Coos Bay OR 97420 or call 888-4902.

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Newsletter

Shirley & David Bridgham

Meeting Time

Board meeting time has been changed to the **first Tuesday of the month** beginning with September. The September meeting will be at the Garden House at 7:30 p.m. Beginning in October meetings will resume at SWOCC (first Tues., 7:30, Empire Hall, Rms. 102-103).

Membership

An important part of any non-profit organization is its membership support base. One of our immediate goals is to offer quality educational and interpretive items of sale at the park. Longer range goals include providing plant identification markers and permanent interpretive signs. Plans are also underway to have summer night-scaping at the formal gardens. You can help. Encourage your friends to become our Friends.

New Members *

Sponsor
Bob & Margaret Perkins
Family
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Individual
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Doris Olsen
Janet Wilson
Senior
Viola Lee
Molly Rudersdorf
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* Your editors missed a couple of people last issue - sorry!

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