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7th annual Holiday Lights & Open House at Shore Acres 120,000 lights Dec. 9 thru Jan. 2

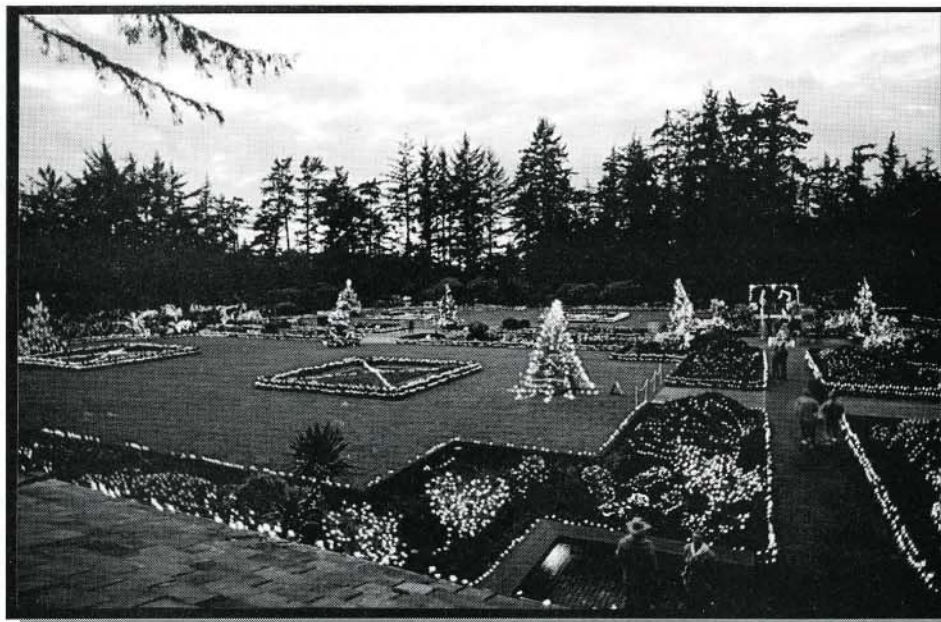
Back in 1987, when Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. and Shore Acres State Park decided to "string a few lights" – 6,000 white miniatures to be exact – in the formal gardens to help celebrate the holidays, we had no idea if anyone would come to see them. But when 700 people showed up for opening night and we kept hearing the term "instant tradition" we began to get the picture.

Since that time – with exceptional support from the community, our members, and visitors – we've increased the lights every year, installed miles and miles of permanent wire in the garden, and developed a plan for permanent garden night lightscaping.

And it's become a "community tradition."

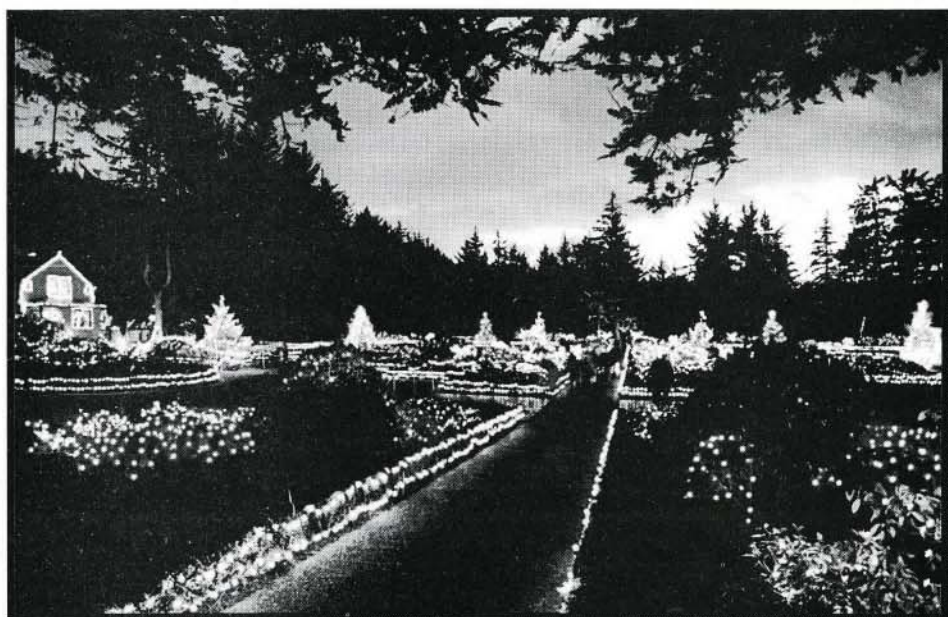
Every year is different and this year is no exception. We'll have 20,000 more lights, garden lights on towering trees near the garden house and at the entrance to the garden. Last year's tidepool is an undersea garden.

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Come at dusk and see the transformation

Bernard Schlaf



It gets brighter and brighter as it gets dark!

Bernard Schlaf

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Editor's Notes

It's check off time and thanks to volunteers and park staff, we are almost ready for the 7th annual Holiday Lights and Open House at Shore Acres. David and I have said this before and we'll probably say it many more times - we could not do it without the hundreds of volunteers who give their time, their money, and their energy. **Thanks!**



Here's just a sample:

- ✓ Ken Kocher in Portland has checked, fixed, rewound and carefully boxed 100,000 "old" lights. Last spring, he told his son, Charlie, that he wanted something to do in his spare time!
- ✓ New lights (20,000) are in, thanks to generous lights pledges and a discount price from Jay at Farr's. (see page 3)
- ✓ Marvin Blenz of Coos Bay has fixed light fixtures in the Oriental Garden, installed a new heater in the Garden House and is installing more outdoor electrical outlets, making more extension cords, etc., etc. etc.
- ✓ Tom Kyle of Kyle Electric has installed a heater and overhead light in the new storage building, has ordered the garden lights that will be installed along the east walkway, and is on call (as usual) to help us with any challenges we may have because of the increase in lights!
- ✓ David Bridgham and Frank Smith have created new light sculptures.
- ✓ Lloyd Geraths rebuilt the stage framework and Harry Wilson and Frank Smith rewired and decorated it.
- ✓ Dick Jamsgard and Mike Erbele of Lamco have installed some of the permanent cabinets in the IGC. And Ellen Garner, Mary Novak, Pat Snow, Winnie Pitsenberger, and other volunteers have decorated for the holidays.
- ✓ Ella Mae Stuart, Marty Wheeler, and the cooky bakers have baked, boxed and stored 26,064 cookies! (see page 5)
- ✓ Doris Emmett, Vera Fusano, Winnie Pitsenberger, Peggy and Skip Randolph, Bob and Dan Emmett have cooked and packaged the cider spice. A big thanks goes to Karen and Peter Crosby for the recipe and excellent instructions, and to Dan Myers for the use of the kitchen at the First Presbyterian Church in North Bend.
- ✓ Gary Combs, Bob Brewer, Craig Storm, and Bastendorff Beach County Park are ready to welcome our park host couples, Nathan and Norma Welsh of Olympia, Wash., and Wallace & Mabel McNair of Eugene. They will be working in the IGC, checking lights in the garden, and helping out for the season.
- ✓ BLM, Alan Hoffmeister, and Ron Anderson delivered all the large outdoor Christmas trees and George Guthrie, Ellie Kinney, and crew put them up. Eight businesses and organizations will decorate the trees.
- ✓ Garden light stringers have been hard at work since the 20th.
- ✓ Fred Meyer's Loren Miller and Chuck Carncross are donating 25 cases of frozen apple juice and Ocean Spray Cranberries and Dennis Chesselet are donating 12 cases of cranberry concentrate.
- ✓ Vend West's Lou Leberti has again allowed us to fill his large freezer with cookies, spice, and apple juice.
- ✓ Connie Eslinger, Ann Koppy, Schaefer's Custom Bouquets, and the house decorators have nearly finished the Garden House.
- ✓ Bonnie Koreiva has an *almost full* hosting schedule.
- ✓ Gerry Livingston is still scheduling entertainers. Schedules will be at the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and the North Bend Information Center.

There's a lot more, but I'm out of space. *See you at Shore Acres.* ©

Shirley Bridgham



From our new President ☼ ☼ *our own "Queen Anne"*

It's not going to be easy to follow in the footsteps of past presidents Shirley Bridgham, David Bridgham, and Connie Eslinger. Each of them has contributed immensely to the leadership and accomplishments of Friends of Shore Acres. However, I look forward to doing what I can with whatever abilities I may have.

Several thoughts come to mind as we begin another year of events. I'm constantly amazed by the countless energy and enthusiasm shown by Friends volunteers. Regardless of your roles in our organization – Board of Directors, traffic controllers, Information and Gift Center staff, pond muckers, etc., etc. – all of you help with an almost fierce dedication to Shore Acres.

In addition, we're in the enviable position of enjoying a cordial and healthy working relationship with state parks personnel. With their cooperation and guidance we can grow in our mission to provide interpretive services and physical development to our very special part of the Oregon coast.

Finally, a key component of our goals is maintaining current partnerships with community groups while establishing new opportunities. These highly successful programs allow us to expand activities and strengthen our purpose. We will continue to integrate our efforts with a wide range of affiliates to ensure that Shore Acres will endure and be enjoyed by future generations.

Ann Koppy

Holiday Lights ...

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The Oriental Garden, which was transformed by parks' staff this summer, will be an exquisite reflection of thousands of twinkling lights.

In the original Garden House, this year's theme of Alice in Wonderland will take you back to another time, as friendly smiling hosts serve you hot spiced cider, homemade cookies, cranberry punch and hot coffee.

Upstairs, the front bedroom awaits the winner of the ultimate bed and breakfast. Tickets will be available at the Information and Gift Center. Be sure to get yours before the limited number of 100 are gone!

We will be open from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. every night, including Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve, and New Year's. **There is no parking fee.** Please tell your friends.

For further information, call 756-5401, 888-4902, or 888-3732. ☎

Holiday Lights Pledges 1993



Each year, businesses, organizations, and individuals help pay for new lights, replacement lights and for permanent garden lights that will be part of the year 'round night lightscaping.

This year's contributors as of November 20 are:

Abel & Swank Insurance Managers, Harry Abel, Jr.
Bert's RV Supplies & Service, Bert Wilson
Captain John's Motel, Danuta & George Drozdowicz
Century 21 Coos Realty Inc., Patty Sweet
Cheslock Optical, James Cheslock O.D.
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Thomas & Sons Distributors, The Thomas Family
Ticor Title, Janet Rubin
Tri-County Plumbing, Inc.
Upper Room Chalet B & B, Carl & Barbara Solomon
W.J. Conrad Lumber Co.
Weyerhaeuser Co.
Weyerhaeuser Paper Co.
Willamette Graystone, Inc., Bob Schulze

Thank you very much!

The gardener's bookshelf

by George Guthrie, Landscape Maintenance Superintendent

It's hard to believe it by the lovely weather we've been having lately, but it's already mid-fall. Pretty soon the rains will come, days will shorten and a lot of home gardeners will have to come inside, hang up their trowels and shovels and wait for spring and a new growing season *next* year.

I've found that books can be a great help at this time of year – both for practical assistance in planning and planting next year's display and for just taking a kind of "mini vacation in the mind" through lovely gardens filled with beautiful flowers *without* weeds to pull or bugs to zap. So without further adieu, here's my combination gardener's bookshelf and stocking-stuffer list (hey, it's the holidays!!) with (hopefully) appropriate editorial description and comment.

Sunset Western Garden Book - Sunset Books (Lane Publishing Co). This is the basic book for western gardeners - telling us what to plant, where to plant and how to plant it. Many years ago, when I was just getting into gardening I used to take a copy of this book to bed with me each night and fall asleep reading it - and woke up each morning with both me and the book looking kind of dog-eared!! The only problems with this "bible" for western gardeners is not enough pictures to illustrate each plant in the text and some of the really rare stuff that plant nuts groove on is not covered. But if you have only one garden book in your library, make it this one.

Shrubs and Perennials (Volumes 1 and 2) by Phillips and Rix (Random House). These books have what Sunset doesn't - lots of pictures - every plant listed has a beautiful

picture with a brief description and cultural notes. It covers what Sunset covers *and* the plant-nut stuff. The *Rhododendron* section in the Shrub book is probably the best illustrated collection of species and garden varieties that you can get for the money. Note that this was originally written for British gardeners so all the dimensions and temperatures are given in metric values.

The nice thing about British books is that Britain's conditions are similar to ours so if something does well in the U.K. there's a good chance that it will do well in our neck of the woods. Ironically, one of their highly recommended perennials (with full page picture yet) is our skunk cabbage!!

Eyewitness Handbooks, Trees - Allen J. Coombes (Dorling Kindersley, Inc.). Another British book with lots of pictures. Similar in format to the previous books, but in a smaller size and thus easier to carry around. This volume is primarily concerned with garden/ornamental trees - especially the rarer conifers, maples, and magnolias. Works as a supplement to *Sunset* or on its own.

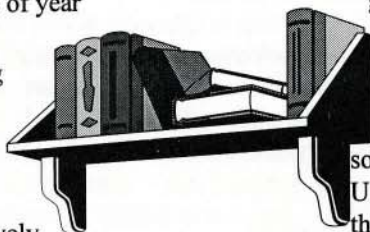
Trees of North America - Brockman and Merrilees (Golden Books). A true pocket-sized guide for the identification of native trees throughout the U.S. I've had my copy of this little book since college days (a long time ago). Almost any tree you'll find around here - or anywhere else - is illustrated and briefly but well described. For the money, the best native tree book you can get.

Peterson Field Guide to Pacific States Wildflowers - Niehaus and Ripper (Houghton Mifflin). Same general format and size as above - worth its weight in gold if you're

interested in native wildflowers. To my mind, both of their books are superior to competitors (i.e., the Audobohn Series) because pictures and text are on adjoining pages for easy comparison while Audobohn has photographs that are quite nice to look at but aren't as easy to interpret as the drawings in the Golden and Peterson series.

The Principles of Gardening - Hugh Johnson (Simon & Schuster). Lots of lovely pictures but this time it's the text that's the real prize. This book discusses practicalities but its great virtue is not so much explaining *how* to plant but *why* we plant - the *romance* of gardening. Johnson is a fine and funny writer and almost anybody who reads this book will practically be *seduced* into gardening. Highly recommended even if your "garden" is only a state of mind.

I could probably go on and on - but I think these books individually or collectively will be useful for the beginning or advanced plant person. They've given me many happy hours and useful information. Some of them are available at the Information and Gift Center at Shore Acres. Others might have to be ordered from your local book store but I believe you will find them useful and fun. ■



Special thanks to Dennis Johnson, Shore Acres head gardener emeritus, for his ideas and help in the Oriental Garden. Much appreciated by Ellie and George!

26,064 Cookies Baked and Counted

North Bend High School was the site of two cooky bakes in November. On successive Saturdays, six hours each day, volunteer cooky bakers led by Ella Mae Stuart and Marty Wheeler baked and counted and readied cookies for the annual Holiday Lights and Open House.

Food Services of America and LeRoy Selfors provided most of the ingredients at a reduced cost. The Pancake Mill and Beverly Rice donated vanilla, cream of tartar, and chocolate chips. Safeway, North Bend, donated 10 pounds of cooky dough. Vend West and Lou Leberti provided freezer space.

Some volunteers worked one day; some worked both.

"It just went like clockwork," said Ella Mae Stuart, who agreed to chair the effort this year. She and Marty Wheeler, who works at the high school, both have "cooky bake" experience from previous years when they helped Sharon Fortune and Pearl Groves. Sharon & Pearl co-chaired the "bakes" for six years.

The Recipe:

530 lbs. flour
200 lbs. sugar
150 lbs. brown sugar
150 lbs. powdered sugar
120 lbs. chocolate chips
1 quart almond extract
4 quarts vanilla extract
5 lbs. baking powder
9 lbs. baking soda
2 lbs. salt
4 lbs. cream of tartar
12 cases butter
1 case powdered eggs

Makes 24,000 - 26,000 cookies, depending on size.

***A big thanks to all
who participated!***



Ella Mae Stuart, chair (center front), Marty Wheeler (second row right)

Luis Velasquez



Second Saturday - some of the same and several new volunteers

Luis Velasquez

Bakers, according to sign-up sheets, included Brenda Baldovino, Fabiane Carter, Katie Coberly, Jaynie Davis, Judy Davis, Doris Emmett, Alberta Esch, Florrie Fox, Vera Fusano, Pearl Groves, Jean Hammer, Kari Kridelbaugh, Cindy Mallmann, Helen McElravey, Wanda Robb, Kristi Santivasci, Betty Schroeder, Helen Shefstad, Shirley Shellabarger, Charlotte Skinner, Elizabeth Smith, Jean Sorenson, Heather Struck, Lisa Stuart, Amy Weybright, Barbara Weybright, and Lois Winn.

Celebrating "Friends" and "Partnerships"

The celebration dinner held October 7 at the Red Lion was a grand success. Pianist Judy Terry provided background music before dinner and Judy Aslakson led some fine singing of "yesterday's hits" during dessert. After welcoming everyone, President Ann Koppy introduced Coos Bay Mayor Joanne Verger, who inspired everyone with her keynote address. Past President Connie Eslinger recapped the years activities and Andy LaTomme talked about the value of partnerships and the special relationship between the Friends and Shore Acres State Park.

Then came the surprises. First, Judy Aslakson led the group through an exercise that challenged everybody's memorization skills. She and Al had spent some time dreaming up *One Red Rose* ... They started with the first line, then kept adding to it, always going back to the first line. Try it (*it's under the photo*) and see how far you get.

Next, a unique awards ceremony by Connie and Ann Koppy completed the fun-filled evening.

In their own words ...

"This is the first annual, maybe the first and only, Fosies presented by the Floozies," said Connie. "It is dedicated to the weird, the wonderful, and the crazy," said Anne. Then with a lot of laughing and good natured kidding, they presented a dozen specially designed and hand made "priceless gems."

Fine Tooth Comb Award. *Nominees:* the always beautiful George Guthrie for this thick head ... of, of hair; Al Aslakson for combing through holiday statistics every year; *Winner:* FoSA Board Member Dick Hansen for his meticulous—dare we say nitpicking, *na*, scrutiny, of all written reports.

In the Nose Award. *Nominees:* Jimmy Durante. Charlie Kocher for knowing everything that goes on in the world. *Winner:* Andy LaTomme, who knows all there is to know about state parks dirt.

Hedda Hopper News Hen Award. *Nominees:* Connie Chung who didn't want to miss her appointment at the fertility clinic. Barbara Wawa who was interviewing Geraldo. Lois Lane who was taking flying lessons. *Winner:* Shirley Bridgham, noted newsletter



Judy Terry and Judy Aslakson led the singing.

One Red Rose ...

One red rose
A couple o' mums
Three tubs of tulips
Four fine frivolous FRIENDS
Five fat furry sea lions
Six shimmering statues of stately storks
Seven serious shoppers, seeking spectacular souvenirs
Eight elliptical elephant ears, enduring elegantly
Nine noxious nasturtiums, needing negligible nourishment
Ten terrible tourists from Tampa, trampling terrain in
totally toeless tennis. ○

by Judy and Al Aslakson

editor, publicist, and girl reporter for non-major metropolitan newspapers.

Boomerang Award for the individual who keeps coming back for more. *Nominees:* Energizer Bunny and Elvis Presley. *Winner:* Vivian Day, a gift shop volunteer who has been coming back for several years.

Pumping Up Award. *Nominees:* Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jane Fonda. *Winner:* Gregg Nelson for persistently and consistently pumping up the muck and yuck from the bottom of the pond.

All in good fun !!

Golden Hammer Award given to the person who has found the ultimate tool to make the IGC cash register user-friendly. *Nominees:* Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy. *Winner:* Our very own Mary Jo Jamsgard.

Tickle My Fancy Award given to the individual whose imagination brings whimsy and magic to our lives. *Nominees:* Dr. Seuss, Santa Claus. *Winner:* David Bridgham for his creative light sculptures that brighten the holiday season.

Live Wire Award. *Only nominee:* Reddy Kilowatt. *Winner:* Frank Smith for enduring and assisting David in the creation of the holiday light sculptures.

Here's Looking At You Award - *Nominees:* Humphrey Bogart, who gave us that immortal line and Cyclops. *Winner:* George Guthrie, landscape artist who oversees the design of the gardens at Shore Acres.

Sucker Award given to the persons who, despite common sense and all reason, always help save the day. *Nominees:* Indiana Jones, Lassie, Mighty Mouse. *Winners:* Jean Donason and Helen Barton who blindly follow their daughters to the end of the ladder and the bottom of the paint bucket.

Sweetheart Award given to the person who is always there to help her fellow volunteers. *Nominees:* Tin Man from the Wizard of Oz, Cupid. *Winner:* Charlotte Skinner, gift shop staffer whose heart is always in the right place.

Fan Award given to the individual who knows how to keep cool. *Nominees:* Gypsy Rose Lee and Madonna. *Winner:* the always unflappable and patient Information and Gift Center *volunteer coordinator*, Ellen Garner.



Arianne Eslinger helped Connie and Ann present "Fosie" awards.

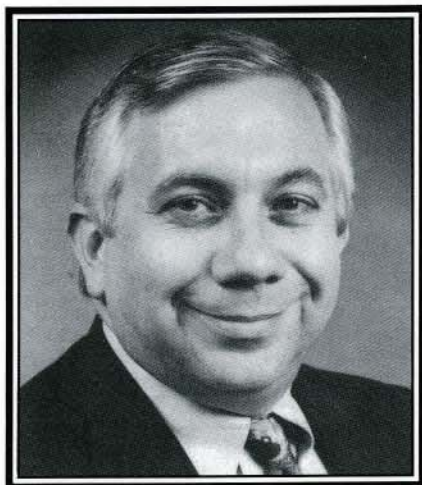


Left to right: Mary Jo Jamsgard, George Guthrie, Charlotte Skinner, Vivian Day, Helen Barton, Ellen Garner, Frank Smith, David Bridgham, Gregg Nelson, Andy LaTomme, Shirley Bridgham, Al Aslakson.

Kudos also go to the Red Lion for a fine buffet dinner and to Jackie Schlaf for the photo note card place markers. And to Doris Emmett for finding all the great music that we sang. And to Charlie Kocher and family for helping with clean-up. And to David Bridgham for helping set up and take down. And ... to Al Aslakson for being our perennial and superb master of ceremonies, great job Al! ■

RV license fee increase will benefit state and county parks

by Bob Meinen, Director Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department



Bob Meinen, Director

A bill passed during the final days of the 1993 Legislature to increase the recreation vehicle license fee will supply sorely needed revenue to state and county parks.

The legislation, which increases the license fee by 50 percent, became effective November 4, 1993.

County park systems are the major beneficiaries of the increase. Besides providing additional revenue, the legislation changes the distribution formula by allocating 30% of revenue to counties and 70% to state parks. Formerly, the counties received about 8% with the remainder going to state parks.

The Oregon RV license fee was last increased in 1983. Even with the recent 50% increase, *Oregon fees remain significantly lower than other western states.* For example, the minimum annual RV registration fee paid in Colorado, which has a population similar to Oregon's is \$196; the maximum is \$951. Annual fees for recreation vehicles (pickup campers, travel trailers and motor homes) of identical size and value range from \$128 to \$1,148 in

Washington and from \$64 to \$223 in Idaho. Annual fees for the same vehicles in Oregon will range from \$32 to \$80.

The new fees may raise an estimated \$2.6 million more for the 1993-95 Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department budget, bring the total revenue from this source to \$16 million—about 26% of total revenue, assuming there is no decline in registrations.

Many say that park users should pay more to support the system. Out State Park and Recreation Commission agrees with them and has approved camping fee increases of \$1 to \$3 in 1993 and an additional \$1 increase for the 1994 season. The Commission also authorized a major expansion of the day-use fee for last summer.

User support of the system has risen from 24% of revenue in 1983 to 30% in the department's current budget. It is unrealistic, however, to suggest that user fees could come close to fully supporting state and county parks anymore than they do other public services such as libraries, public transit and schools.

Unfortunately, the additional revenue from the RV fee increase won't make as big an impact on the agency budget as one might think.

While increasing the RV license fee, the Legislature also decreased the amount of state General Fund dollars coming to the department. In the previous budget, the General Fund supplied 15% of the revenue (about \$8.2 million). In the current budget, the General Fund supplies 9% of the revenue (about \$6.3 million).

The department uses the license fee funds to operate and maintain the

system's 225 developed parks, which include 50 campgrounds. About two-thirds of the camp sites available in Oregon with utility hookups (sewer, electricity and water, or just electricity and water) are provided in these state park campgrounds.

During the current tow-year budget, we will spend around \$5 million to repair and improve existing facilities. Also, the department received an additional \$250,000 in Lottery Funds for land purchase and park improvements.

I know that some RV owners are upset about the increase. "We don't use these parks, so why should we pay for them?" they contend.

They may not camp in state or county campgrounds, but if they travel in a recreation vehicle anywhere in Oregon, it's hard to imagine that they don't benefit from the day-use parks, waysides, ocean beach access, scenic viewpoints, historic sites, river access, fishing spots and protected roadside scenery that the state and county parks provide. ■



Holiday Bus Schedule

**December 17 & 18
and December 24**

**Leave Pony Village West
Parking Lot 7:30 p.m.
Return by 9 p.m.
FREE**

Looking for holiday gifts?

by Ellen Garner, IGC Volunteer Coordinator

Do you need an exchange gift?

Shop our Friends' Information and Gift Center at the entrance to the Gardens. We offer note cards attractively packaged. There's a basket full of them.

How about a mug? Buy a 50th anniversary mug planted with a *paper white* bulb. Just the thing for someone's desk.

Buy a viewbook and share the gardens with those unfortunate people who are unable to attend our "light show."

Children would be happy with a cuddly sea creature or a color book with some scented water color pencils.



For the older kids we have a good selection of beautiful informational books.

No blue light specials, but while you shop, listen for the bell and take advantage of the surprises offered. Maybe even gift wrapping.

We have a new bright red holiday Shore Acres sweatshirt and we'll be open during the Holiday Lights and Open House display.

Stop in and see us. You might find just what you need for that last minute gift!



And don't forget, we accept VISA and MasterCard. ☀

CONGRATULATIONS! Oregon Parks Magazine Subscription Winners

Jim Brabander, Gresham,
Oregon
Kathleen Trotter, Portland,
Oregon
Kathryn White, Austintown,
Ohio
Diana Ehresman, Grants Pass,
Oregon
Ann Marie Martin, Coos Bay,
Oregon

Note from Louie and Virginia Thiring, park hosts last

December: Virginia is recovering from surgery and they are unable to be with us this year, but they hope to make it in '94. Good wishes from the *Friends* for a speedy recovery! ☺

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Music and Entertainment *

* When performers come and weather permits.

"a community tradition"

Coordinated by Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.
and Shore Acres State Park, Coos Bay, Oregon

Free admission, donations accepted

No parking fee

The Ultimate Bed & Breakfast Garden House

Shore Acres State Park

New Year's Eve

10 p.m. - 10 a.m.

A Benefit for
Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

Winner will be announced at
the Garden House, December
25th at 8 p.m.

Winner need not be present to win.

Tickets - \$10

Only 100 are available.

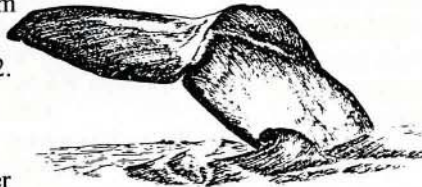
Tickets available at the
Information & Gift Center or
by calling 756-5401.

It's almost time to watch whales

Organizers seek whale watch volunteers

Organizers of the annual Whale Watch Week are seeking volunteers to assist people in spotting whales during the event, which will be from December 26 through January 2.

Volunteers receive two days training December 4 and 5 in Newport by the education staff and researcher Bruce Mate at Oregon State University's Hatfield Marine Science Center. The Center and Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department (OSPRD) are co-sponsors of Whale Watch Week.



Information about becoming volunteer or about Whale Watch Week is available from Bev Lund at the Hatfield Marine Science Center (503) 867-0246.

"As many as 30 gray whales an hour can be spotted from shore during the peak migration period from mid-December to mid-January," said Mike Rivers, OSPRD ranger who is coordinating the event.

Whale watching sites will be established at approximately 20 locations, most of which are state parks, Rivers noted.

"Thousands of the giant mammals, some of them as big as the tour buses on Highway 101, will migrate south from their summer feeding grounds in the Bering and Chuckchi seas to breed and calve in the warm lagoons off Mexico," Rivers said.

Viewers can spot the whales between a half-mile and two miles from shore – first some telltale "blows" as they surface after shallow dives, then a characteristic roll showing the head, back and often the flukes, he said. ■

Happy Holidays!



BLM, CFC, and FoSA

by Gregg Nelson

There are a lot of acronyms – too many for us to know them all. Hopefully, you will recognize that BLM stands for the Bureau of Land Management, and that FoSA is Friends of Shore Acres.

A new one, which you will soon forget, but is the heart of this article, is familiar to anyone connected with the federal government. CFC is the *Combined Federal Campaign*. It is the annual, single campaign within the federal structure to solicit donations for charitable organizations.

So how does FoSA fit in with BLM and the CFC?

For the last few years the BLM has had an informal agreement with the State Parks, mostly through volunteer efforts of BLM employees. The most notable of these volunteer efforts is the annual pond cleaning.

More recently the BLM has become involved in the design to improve the Simpson Reef overlook.

In appreciation of these efforts (and anticipation of continuing volunteer time), the Board of the Friends decided to donate some items and services to the federal campaign.

The donations include (1) one seat on the annual "Lights Night Flight" over Shore Acres to view the Christmas lights, (2) bed and breakfast for two at the Garden House on January 1st, and (3) a Shore Acres sweatshirt and viewbook.

These items, along with donations from other Bay area businesses and from BLM employees, will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

Money collected at the auction goes to voluntary charitable human health and welfare organizations at

the national/international level and at the local level. In Coos and Curry counties, the money will be distributed to 30 different agencies by United Way of Southwestern Oregon.

In 1992, the auction added \$3400 to the campaign, increasing total donations to over \$7000. ■

Editor's Note: The auction was held after Gregg submitted his article to the *Journal*. The B&B went for \$150 (Mel Chase, Director of BLM); the seat on the flight for \$60; and the shirt, book, and pin for \$30.

Be sure to pick up the Nov./Dec. issue of *Oregon Parks Magazine*. It's a beautiful magazine and Andy LaTomme did a great article about the *Friends* and the Holiday Lights.

Highlights of Friends Activities

Sept. 1, 1992 - Aug. 31, 1993

September: Bay Area Fun Festival - 50th Anniversary Float; "Shore Acres 50" dahlia named by Madlyn Geisert; 50th Anniversary poster and sales items developed.

October: Cleared site for new Information and Gift Center; 50th Anniversary quilt by Shirley Hammar on display.

November: Lights were checked and 1987 and 1988 lights phased out; Bought 40,000 new lights with a net gain of 30,000.

December: 6th annual Holiday Lights and Open House topped 100,000 lights with more permanent garden light fixtures installed; purple lights were the hit of the season; Fifty-eight businesses, organization, and individuals pledged \$\$ for lights; Public busing sponsored by Security Bank, Pony Village Mall, Mayflower Transportation and FoSA; Coos Bay/North Bend Joint Tourism Committee paid \$2,000 for television spots featuring Holiday Lights '92; Opened new Information and Gift Center; More than 50,000 visitors from 31 countries, 43 states, 5 Canadian provinces and 185 Oregon towns and cities.

January: Southwestern Oregon Rose Society volunteers pruned 600 rose bushes.

March: Beach cleanup - Friends provided prizes.

April: Garden House renovation, new carpet, light fixtures, paint, molding, 19 volunteers, 150 hours; In partnership with SEA published a new brochure - *Simpson Reef and Shell Island* - printed 5,000; Entered into an agreement with RSVP as a work site for senior volunteers; BLM and Friends cleaned pond in record time (2.5 hours) thanks to drain installed by BLM in 1992

May: Rhododendron Sunday, Mother's Day - Bay Area Artists' Assoc. paint-out, 25 paintings on display in the Garden House.

June: Board Retreat to develop job descriptions for volunteers, board members, and officers; Rose Sunday, Father's Day - Photo Contest "Trio of Parks" - 88 photos; New brochure, *Shore Acres Roses* - 5,000 copies

July: Viewbook - *Gardens above the waves* - published, sold 250 copies in July; New brochure - *Summer Flowers* - 2,500 copies, 1,500 second run; Information and Gift Center began accepting credit cards; Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert; New storage building built by Sunset Bay Park District.

August: New brochure - *Shore Acres' Dahlias* - 2,500 copies

1994 Dues are due January 1.

1994 New and Renewed members as of Nov. 20, 1993

Benefactor

Robin & Don Harms, North Bend
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North Bend Education Association

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David & Shirley Bridgham, North Bend
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Jane & Harold Wrigley, Coquille

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Ash Creek Gardens, Ronald & Ingrid Cooper, Independence
Ben & Pauline Barnett, Medford
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Al & Merriel Stinchfield, Lakeside
Donald & Alice Todd, Coos Bay
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Beth Andersson, Coos Bay
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Bea Faris, Coos Bay
Shirley Gitchell, Coos Bay
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Pat Snow, Coos Bay

Annual membership is from January 1 to December 31. Your mailing label has a code ending in "3" if you are current until Dec. 31, 1993. It has a "4" if you are current until Dec. 31, 1994. To become a member or to renew your membership, please fill out the form below and mail it with your payment to Friends of Shore Acres, Inc., P.O. Box 1172, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420. For further information, call 756-5401.

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Board of Directors

Information & Gift Center

Garden Sitting/Tours

Pond Cleaning

Rhododendron Sunday
Mother's Day

Rose Sunday
Father's Day

Oregon Coast Music
Festival Garden Concert

Holiday Lights &
Open House



"The Wave" at Shore Acres State Park – photo by Shirley Bridgham

***7th annual Holiday Lights and Open House at Shore Acres
December 9, 1993 – January 2, 1994
4 p.m. - 10 p.m. every evening***

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