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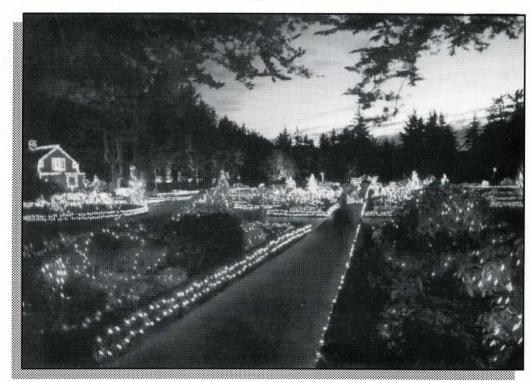
# The Dream Continues in '94\*

"This community event attracts tens of thousands of visitors and our community comes together like no other time of year, opening up South Coast hospitality and good will for everyone."

David Bridgham



Last year, 65,000 visitors from 6 continents, 35 countries, 47 states, 1 territory, 29 Oregon counties, and 186 Oregon cities & towns came to see the lights.



\* 8th annual Holiday Lights and Open House to open one week earlier this year – December 1 through January 1

by Shirley Bridgham, Editor

ore nights, more holiday lights, more permanent lights, more bus and RV parking, more sculptures, and more cookies!

Even a life size light sculpture of a gray whale thanks to Don McMichael, Industrial Services, Keith Ott, David Bridgham and Frank Smith.

The park has been busy too. A new back porch, walkway, ramp and drain

will make access much easier. And the Information & Gift Center has all kinds of new items to tempt our visitors.

Our community tradition has come a long way since 1987, when we decided to string a few lights to help celebrate the holidays.

More holiday information page 8

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# Editor's Notes

At our September Board meeting Doris Emmett was unanimously elected President for 1994-95. Many of you know Doris. She and her husband Bob volunteer in the Information & Gift Center and she has been President-Elect this past year. Ann Koppy is now Past President and just as busy as every. Everyone on the Friends' Board of Directors is a "worker." Dick Van Natta, long time director, was elected President Elect for 1994-95. Georganna Casey continues as Secretary and I will continue as Treasurer.

## NOTE: Special Membership Meeting - Tuesday, Nov. 8

Members are invited to a special membership meeting, Tuesday, November 8, to elect three board members that were appointed this past year. The meeting is at 7 p.m. in the conference room at the Bureau of Land Management offices in North Bend. A short board meeting will follow the membership meeting. ■

### OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Holiday light stringing & garden house decorating November 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 ◆ 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Preview Night for Members, Supporters, Volunteers & the Media Wednesday, November 30 ★ 7-9 p.m.

Holiday Lights & Open House ★ Dec. 1 through Jan.1 4-10 p.m. every night ★ 135,000 Lights (including Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Ever, New Year's)

> Take down lights and decorations January 7-8, 14-15 ◆ 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

> For more information, call 756-5401.

Oregon Parks & Recreation Department FYI, Sept. 2, 1994

"Congratulations to Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Area 4 Manager Andy LaTomme for his inclusion in the Coos County exhibit at the Oregon State Fair. The exhibit, in support of the fair's theme, *Big is the Word*, illustrated examples of Coos County's biggest and finest. There, next to the biggest Monterey pine in Oregon (at Shore Acres State Park) and Oregon's biggest Brumett fir is 6'4" Andy, the *biggest Oregon State Park District Ranger*! Fame comes in unexpected ways. . ." We, the Friends, congratulate Andy, too!

Editor's Note: The exhibit was created for the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce by local artist Phyllis Koivunen Love and long-time Friends volunteer. Phyllis recently finished the illustrations that will be used for the interpretive signs at Simpson Reef. More on that after the holidays. ■

Shirley Bridgham

# Introducing Larry Becker - Assistant Area Manager, Area 4



The Becker Family - Barbara, Sarah, David, Kenneth and Larry

Larry Becker and his family have moved to our area from Detroit Lake State Park, Detroit, Oregon (42 miles east of Salem), where Larry was assistant district manager. He has also served as a park ranger at Cape Blanco, and has construction work experience with the High Chaparral Construction Company. Larry has a B. S. degree in social sciences from Western Oregon State College. The whole family is enjoying living on the Oregon coast.



Larry Becker

# Friends' Holiday Lights float took first place in the North Bend Jubilee Light Parade ☆ July 15





A big *thanks* goes to Coos Head Builders and Tom & Wanda Graham for their participation and to everyone who helped put the float together − David for suggesting it, Shirley for agreeing, Dick Van Natta and Frank Smith for their carpentry skills, Donna Smith for helping, everyone along the parade route who watched and cheered us on and the city of North Bend for having the parade! ■

# "Dirty Work" pays dividends

by George Guthrie, Shore Acres' Head Gardener

raditionally, fall is the best time to visit the Oregon coast. The weather is still warm and dry – summer fogs and winter rains are either gone away or not yet arrived. Perfect for fun and relaxation or better yet if you're into gardening – working your head off.

Here are some suggestions for things to do in the yard and gardens that will allow you (and us) to take full advantage of this special time of year.

Plant - Of course this is the time to plant spring flowering bulbs like tulips, daffodils, etc. It is also an excellent time to plant almost everything else - trees, shrubs, many perennials, and even lawn grass. That same warm but not hot weather that makes it fun for you to be out is equally enjoyed by most plants unstressed out by too much heat, plants will establish much faster. They don't need the constant watering and other fussing that spring and summer plants need and if you're lucky within a few weeks the fall rains will do the watering for you. Even if you don't see any top growth from your new babies, they will be making new root growth below so they will be ready to really shoot up and out next spring.

Cleanup – I know this translates into "dirty work" but if you delay too long it will become "mucky work" if winter rains catch you. Rip out those tired old marigolds and similar summer stuff – send them to compost bin heaven, rake

up fall leaves and send them to join the flowers, and weed, weed, weed, weed. A cleaned garden in fall will result in a garden that's a lot easier to work with when spring planting does come along.

Cultivate - A garden and its plants are only as good as the soil they spring from. Anything you can do to improve the condition of your soil in the fall, is an investment that will pay off next spring. If you have sticky clay soil (like at Shore Acres) now is the magic moment when it is most workable. It's dry enough to put pick and shovel in to physically break apart, better yet use a rototiller and mix in lots of organic matter. Shredded autumn leaves (for seasonal zest), compost and ground bark or inorganic material like gypsum or a little dolomite lime. The result is a soil that is looser, drains better - easier for you to dig into when planting and much easier for the plants' roots to break into when growing. Once you're done, you can add a light (2-3 inch) mulch of organic matter over the top to protect your nice new soil from compaction by foot and vehicle traffic, insulates the area from getting quite so sodden during heavy rain and keeps weeds from sprouting so vigorously.

What with all the fall planting, cleanup and cultivating, you should be working up such a sweat that you probably won't even notice that summer is over or winter is coming on.



**Shore Acres "50"** dahlia (tall and brilliant red) compliments daisies

## Other Garden Notes -

### ♦ Excuse our mess –

You may have noticed that the formal garden lawn looks a little stressed. We're in the process of renovating the lawn (i.e., putting on a "new" lawn by reseeding). Prior to doing that we sprayed out the old lawn with Roundup, hence the brown color. With any luck and a lot of work you should be seeing a lot of fresh new green by late October.

### ♦ We're Nearly Famous Now -

Pictures of our garden were featured in the preview issue of the American HomeStyle Weekend Gardener, August/September 1994. There were a couple of lovely color photos of Shore Acres showing how an autumn garden should look. Unfortunately we only got credit as "An Oregon Garden" – oh, well!

# Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert - July 22







Helen Barton, Vera Fusano, Ann Koppy, Gladys Ivy, Vivien Day, and Judy Aslakson were kept busy serving sundaes and lemonade.

regon Coast Music Festival goers carrying picnic baskets, lawn chairs and blankets flocked to Shore Acres Gardens on a misty sunny Friday in July. A newly formed group of festival musicians delighted the crowd. The weather didn't dampen anyone's spirits and sundae sales went well. Parking was handled by Al Aslakson, Bob Valois, Don Harms, Bob & Doris Emmett, Cranson Fosburg, Frank Smith, Dick Van Natta, George Guthrie and park staff. Thanks to everyone who helped.



Don McMichael paints the outline of the new gray whale lighted sculpture that will be displayed in the Gardens this holiday season. Industrial Services built the framework. Keith Ott, David Bridgham, Frank Smith and Don will work together to put the lights on it.



Visitors can look forward to a new porch, ramp, and walkway at the back of the Garden House. Also, the house has been rewired, new heaters have been installed, and Keith Ott has replaced all of the baseboards, which volunteers will put the finishing touches on.

# Shore Acres Home to Rare Plant

by Bruce Rittenhouse, District Botanist, Bureau of Land Management

that Shore Acres State
Park is home to one of
Oregon's rarest and most
beautiful native wildflowers?
That's right, Lilium occidentale,
or better known as western lily,
occurs within the park's
boundaries. This lily is
distinguished from other lilies by
its six bright red petals (to a
botanist they are actually called
tepals) with dark purple spots and
a green center, which forms a
pointed star.

begin flowering, they typically only produce one flower for a few years and eventually may produce up to 20 flowers. The primary pollinator of western lily are hummingbirds. It is thought that in some years if the weather conditions are not right the plant

Larry was very cooperative and was concerned about proper management of this species at Shore Acres.

What to do

The removal of woody vegetation was

"So, in the future, when you are walking the peaceful trails of Shore Acres and you see a western lily, you are truly looking at one of Oregon's rare jewels."

# An Endangered Species

Western lily was recently listed as an endangered species by the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service. It is also listed as an endangered species by the state of Oregon. This species' habitat includes coastal prairies, bogs, and forest edges, typically in soils which have a cemented hardpan approximately 12 inches under the surface. Western Lily ranges from Coos County, south to Humboldt County, California. The majority of the populations are small and isolated. Threats to western lily include loss of habitat from the encroachment of woody vegetation and development, deer grazing, and occasionally illegal collection from lily bulb collectors.

About the western lily

Botanists think western lily individuals may reach 25 years of age

and do not flower until they reach 5-7 years of age. When they

may remain dormant. Obviously, not much is known about this species, but through monitoring over a number of years it is hoped that the questions are answered.

## **Populations**

The populations of western lily at Shore Acres

are rather significant because this is the largest concentration of populations in the northern portion of its range. The management concerns with western lily at Shore Acres State Park includes: trail maintenance, woody vegetation encroachment, grazing of flowers and fruits by deer, and occasional picking of flowers by visitors.

# Working together

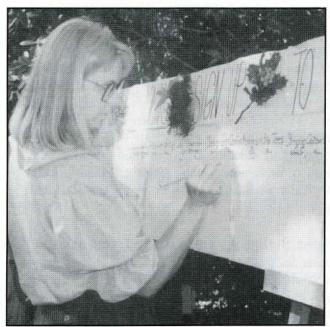
This past June, some botanists concerned with the

management of western lily gave OPRD Assistant Park Manager, Larry Becker a tour of where the plants grow in the park and discussed management options. also discussed (which may be done with volunteer help) and increase the amount of habitat (at other populations the removal of woody vegetation greatly increased the number of flowering plants within two years) in the park. Also, transects were set up to begin monitoring the number of flowering plants in the park. This will provide needed information that will allow for better management of this federally listed species. So, in the future, when you are walking the peaceful trails of Shore Acres and you see a western lily, you are truly looking at one of Oregon's rare jewels. ■

About the author: Bruce Rittenhouse is the District Botanist with the Bureau of Land Management in North Bend. He is also the President of the Native Plant Society of Oregon. For information about western lily he can be reached at 756-0100 (work) or 888-9328 (home).



# Friends celebrate Friends and Partnerships at annual picnic



Mary Pat Green signs up for the holidays.



Carl Siminow, Bonnie Koreiva & Barbara Weybright.



Tom Green of BLM serves hamburgers and chicken.



Geno Landrum makes balloons for the kids.

n a sunny Sunday the end of August, about 70 members and volunteers of the Friends of Shore Acres got together for an informal potluck picnic at the Gardens. Bureau of Land Management provided a large grill and BLM cooks, Lloyd Fritz and Tom Green volunteered to barbecue the hamburgers and chicken. What great cooks! Add the food brought by those who attended - we had quite a feast. President Ann Koppy introduced Larry Becker and his family to everyone and David Bridgham gave a brief overview of what was happening for the holiday lights. Carl Siminow set up a music system and everyone pitched in to help clean-up. Doris and Bob Emmett organized the picnic with enthusiasm and style. Great job!

# 8th annual Holiday Lights & Open House at Shore Acres \$\display 135,000 Lights \display Dec. 1, 1994 - Jan. 1, 1995 \display 4 - 10 p.m. every night A community event sponsored by Friends of Shore Acres Inc. and Shore Acres State Park

Holiday Lights Pledges 1994 (as of Oct. 18) Abel & Swank Insurance Managers, Harry Abel, Jr. Benetti's Italian Restaurant Best Western Holiday Motel, Thomas Cottrell Betty Kay Charters, Margery & Bill Whitmer Bob's Appliance Sales & Service, Bob & Gayle DePeal Clare D. Gove, CPA, PC Ted & Ann Collins Cone 9 Inc, Karen Blew & Staff Coos Head Builders, Tom Graham D. B. Western Inc. Dairy Queen of Coos Bay, Bill & Pat Morgan Edgewater Inn, Fran Claiborne ESA Beta Delta Fitzpatrick Realtors, Jack Fitzpatrick Gold Coast Truck Repair, Butch Shields Lee & Sharon Golder Graham Oil Company, Hal & Howard Graham Hargens Construction, Gary & Rochelle Hargens Hill & Hill Financial Services, Norm Hill Home Builders Association Honda World, Judy Gilbert Huggins Insurance of Coos Bay, Bob & Janet Huggins John's Medicenter Pharmacy Kaffe 101, David & Cathy Herold Bob Laird & Paula Bechtold Jim & Alice Layport Life Care Center of Coos Bay, Patrick Burke Lucky Loggers RV Park, Peter & Elle Laques Betsy & Walt McClure Mcdonald's, Frank & Connie Maguire Menasha Corp. Land & Timber, Barbara Bauder Moe's Superlube Northwestern Mutual Life, Dick & Jan Vigue Pacific Power, Kathy Kerins Paul's Pizzeria, Bob & Janeen Paul Bob & Margaret Perkins Reese Electric Inc, George & Sharon Reese Seaport RV Park, Tony & Virginia Barness South Coast Printing, Preston & Karen Clement Spectra Systems The House of Myrtlewood, John & Tricia Shreck Ticor Title Insurance Co, Janet Rubin Tom's Lock & Key

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### Entertainment

It's time to schedule entertainment for the holiday season at Shore Acres. We really appreciate everyone who is willing to give our visitors another reason to visit the Holiday Lights and Open House. If you want to help this year, please call Wanda Graham, 756-6789 to schedule a time or times. And if you know of other entertainers, please tell them to call. We really would like to fill every night (4-10 p.m.) during the season.

Light Stringing and House Decorating Starts Saturday, November 5 at 10 a.m. Call David or Shirley Bridgham at 756-5401 if you want to help with light stringing. Call Carol Todd 267-5194 or Barbara Osterhout 888-5554 if you want to help with the Garden House. Theme for the house this year is Old Fashioned Country Christmas.

### Hosting

People began calling in April to sign up to host. So, even with an extra week to fill, we have filled nearly every night with host teams. However, we always need extra help Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. And sometimes we need people to fill in for those who have to cancel. If you are interested in hosting, call Bonnie Koreiva 267-4037 or Shirley Bridgham 756-5401.

## Opening the Garden House

We are also looking for individuals or teams of two who would be willing to vacuum, start the cider, stock the shelves and get the house ready for the hosts. This involves a time commitment from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays at the Garden House. Ginger Sawyer has volunteered to do Sundays and Mondays. Shirley Bridgham will handle Saturdays. We have a new heavy duty vacuum cleaner, so this year's cleaning should be much easier.

There are dozens of miscellaneous jobs connected with this gigantic community effort. If you are interested in helping in any way, please call Shirley or David Bridgham at 756-5401. Yes, there's a "machine" so please leave a message! ■

# Information and Gift Center News

by Ellen Garner, IGC Volunteer Coordinator

uestions most frequently asked at the IGC are, "Where was the mansion?" "What is the flower in the border, by the pond, or next to the Garden House?" "Where are the restrooms?" We know the answer to the whereabouts of the mansion and the restrooms, and we've acquired some pictures of the annuals to help in flower identification.

Volunteers in the Center have the opportunity to meet people from all over the U. S. plus many foreign countries. These visitors give the gardens rave reviews. No wonder everyone enjoys volunteering in the Information & Gift Center.

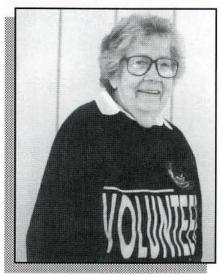
A good time to shop at Shore Acres Enough about information. Let's talk gifts. The Center is well stocked with

unique and unusual gifts. Come see us.

Have you thought about Christmas shopping at Shore Acres? Come out to help string lights or just enjoy the gardens and bring your Christmas list to us. We'll have suggestions for everyone on it. There is a good selection of items priced under \$10. Members are entitled to a 10% discount with their membership card. Shop with us first! ■

## Profile: Ellen Garner

Ellen was born in Yacolt - a small town in southwest Washington. She graduated from Kelso High School and Eastern Washington College of Education. "I started teaching in a one-room schoolhouse in Cowlitz County, Washington," she says. "I got married in April of 1941 and we moved to Tacoma. I taught at University Place School until we had the children, one son and one daughter." The family moved to Coos Bay in 1950 and Ellen started teaching in 1952, a career that eventually spanned 30 years.



Ellen Garner is an avid volunteer.

Ellen taught at Market Street School in Empire and Blossom Gulch in Coos Bay. Now she's an avid volunteer for the North Bend Presbyterian Church, the Coos County Historical Society Museum, and Shore Acres State Park.

#### IGC Hours

Daily thru Oct. 31 - 11-5 Weekends in Nov. - Noon-4 Dec. 1 - Jan. 1 - 3-10 p.m.



Gladys Ivy and Winnie Pitsenberger (seated) answer questions.

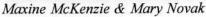
# Friends volunteers at Blackberry Arts Festival

Coos Bay - August 27

Board members, Al and Judy Aslakson, built a new booth for the Friends. And Judy spent considerable time making beautiful forest green skirting for it that was most fitting. It was the spiffiest space on the Coos Bay Mall! Helping at the Festival were Gladys Ivy, Winnie Pitsenberger, Bonnie Koreiva, Ellen Garner, David & Shirley Bridgham

# Cooky bakers will bake 48,000 (yes, 4,000 dozen) cookies







Marty Wheeler

By the time you get this newsletter, two cooky bakes will be completed one at North Bend High School and one at Marshfield High School. And chairpersons, Ella Mae Stuart, Marty Wheeler and Dan Gordner will have stored all of them in Vend West's freezers. You still have time; there's one more cooky bake.

Final Cooky Bake ❖ Saturday, November 5
North Bend High School ❖ 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Call Ella Mae, 756-9539, if you plan to be there.

♦ Watch for more photos and everyone's names in the next *Journal*. ♦

# **OUTDOOR TREES**

This year's large holiday trees are being donated by Tom and Grace Lou Heyman, who live near McKinley. The large Noble fir trees will be harvested by SWOCC forestry students under the direction of Professor Bill Lemoine and Dr. Ben Fawver. The trees will be hauled out to the park on Coos Head Builder's flatbed truck driven by Fred Gonzales. This all takes place Friday, November 4. We plan to "plant" them in the garden the following Friday.

Chair Debbie Webb says 9 of the 10 trees will be decorated by the following groups: People of South Slough, Pacific Power, Captain John's Motel, Bureau of Land Management, Elks Lodge, Stamper's, Edward D. Jones & Co., Oregon International Port of Coos Bay, and the Bay Area Hospital Community Activities Team. The 10th tree (outside of kitchen window) is still available.

For more information, call Debbie, 267-1817 or 756-1988. ■

# Kudos to regional publications featuring Shore Acres State Park

## Family Motor Coaching - July 1994

"Oregon Coast Adventure" by Anne Marie

"U. S. 101 leads travelers to one oceanside view after another all along the Pacific."

"... Neither a plant nor a blossom [at Shore Acres] is out of place. The staff should be applauded for the extra effort that is involved in keeping these gardens immaculate. And this is not a small display - it contains two rose gardens, a greenhouse, an Oriental garden, and a huge formal garden that changes from year to year. The gardens are so enthralling that it would be easy to forget that Shore Acres lies right next to the ocean. Walk over to the observation area and your memory will be renewed."

### Family Motor Coaching - July 1994

"Discover a Trio of Oregon State Parks" by Sally J. Windom

"Located approximately 12 miles southwest of Coos Bay, Oregon, these three state parks enhance any motor coach tour of the Oregon coast."

Triple A Oregon Motorist - Nov./Dec. 1994

"Winter on the Coast" & "Shore Acres Light Festival" Spectacular photo of the Wave by Larry Geddis Exquisite photo of the Lights by Craig Tuttle Excellent front page coverage of Shore Acres. (photos courtesy of the Oregon Tourism Division)

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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# New Members? Could be!



George Jones called the Bridgham's one night completely convinced that someone had taken the cranes from the Oriental pond at Shore Acres. As you can see, the birds are similar, but after a closer look, it's certain they are made of wood. Someone was very creative in adding them to the "driftwood sculpture gallery" north of North Bend. We'd really like to know who made them, Anybody know?

### OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

#### For Plants

Jean Carter, Coos Bay Soroptimist Club of Coos Bay

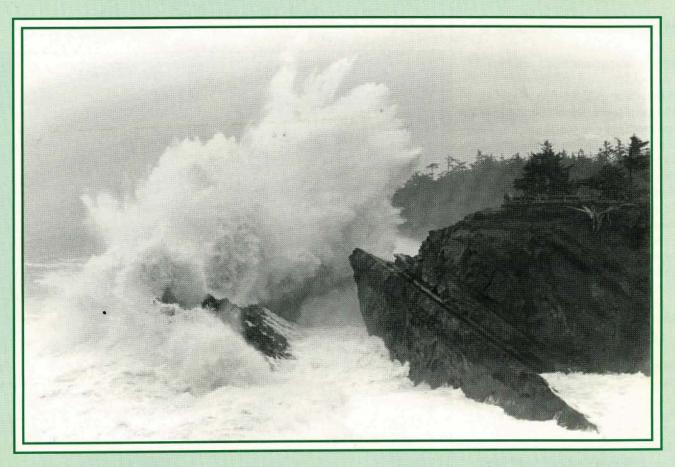
### In Memory Of

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Nancy Jane Mattison from The Littlefield Family
Nancy Jane Mattison from Helen Doving
Oscar Alto from Helen Doving
Elsie Wehner from The Littlefield Family

Membership renewal for 1995 is January 1. Your mailing label 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, OR 97420. For more information, call 756-5401 or 756-4450. Remember, your membership entitles you to a 10% discount in the Information & Gift Center. ■

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The Shore Acres Wave - photo by Ward Robertson

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