



FRIENDS OF  
SHORE ACRES



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## YOU ARE INVITED

**"Celebration Potluck  
Dessert and Annual  
Meeting of Friends of  
Shore Acres, Inc.**

**Tuesday, September 9, 1997  
Bureau of Land Management  
Conference Room  
North Bend - 7:00 p.m.**

*Please bring a dessert of your  
choice. Friends will provide  
coffee, punch and table service.*

## PROGRAM

***Dessert First!***

**President's Welcome**

Bob Renner

**Friends' Annual Report**

David Bridgham

**Holiday Lights & Open House**

David & Shirley Bridgham

**President-Elect's Message**

Gregg Nelson

**Election of Board of Directors**

Also, you are welcome to attend  
the Board meeting immediately  
following the annual meeting.



- Please let us know you are coming! Call 756-5401 and leave a message. ■

## Dahlia Daze Coming September 20



Shirley Bridgham

## Holiday Lights open on Thanksgiving.



Luis Velasquez



## **FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES, INC.**

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**House Decorations**  
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**Host Volunteers**  
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**Entertainment**  
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## *Editor's Notes*

Last fall, I told you there would be a *Journal* after the holidays. Well, this is definitely after! I hope you enjoy the photos and information about the holiday lights and other activities of the past seven months. We Friends have been busy!

❁ The completion of the Memorial Fountain has been a mixed blessing. Everyone loves it, but it has presented some challenges for the park staff, designer Mike Vaughan, and Reese Electric. All are working diligently to solve both water and lighting problems. We are planning a display of memorial names that will go on a panel in the garden entrance. An official dedication ceremony is planned for next spring.

❁ As you probably know, we hope to build an interpretive center/restaurant in the style of Luis J. Simpson's first mansion. Two initial steps toward this project have been completed. Stephen Dow Beckham, in cooperation with Henry Kunowski of Oregon State Parks and the State Historic Preservation Office, has completed his report - *The First Simpson House, 1907-1921: Shore Acres State Park*. Dave Brauner of Oregon State University directed an archaeological "dig" (see photo on page 20) of the site in July. Information from both reports will be included in the next issue of this *Journal*.

❁ Other projects we hope to complete by spring include a new coast trail map, interpretive signs at Simpson Reef Overlook, refurbishing of the garden entrance, new carpeting in the Garden House, additional underground wiring near the pond, and more landscape lighting.

❁ Meanwhile, we have to get ready to string 200,000 lights! Preliminary work will be done the last weekend in October with light stringing scheduled for every weekend in November. We will also work on Veterans Day. We open on Thanksgiving. You are welcome to help!



Phone numbers of chair people are listed in the sidebar of this page. Cooky bakers will be notified by postcard of COOKY BAKE times and places. ■

*Shirley Bridgham*

## **LIGHT STRINGING**

10 AM - 4 PM  
**Preliminary work**  
Oct. 25-26  
**Light Stringing**  
Nov. 1-2, 8-9-10,  
15-16, 22-23





# Changing of the Guard

## Robert L. Renner - Friends' President, 1996-97

**M**y first assignment as a management trainee at Sears was as the manager of the Garden Shop in Oakland, California in 1962. This experience, at the age of 23, kindled an interest in container plants, especially conifers, and pines in particular. To this day I have many plants that I have nurtured for more than 30 years.

Since retiring at age 55, in 1993, and moving to Coos Bay, I have been active in my new community as a member of RSVP. This retiree volunteer organization served as a springboard for getting involved with the Coos Bay-Choshi Sister City Association of which I serve as a Board Member. My primary activity has been in the plant selection and landscaping of Choshi Garden, the Japanese garden in Mingus Park. I am a board member of the Coos Art Museum, one of only three such institutions in the state of Oregon. In this era of reduced public funding, I have found a niche as a fund raiser, soliciting art donations for our annual auction, *Silver Spurs and Diamonds*.

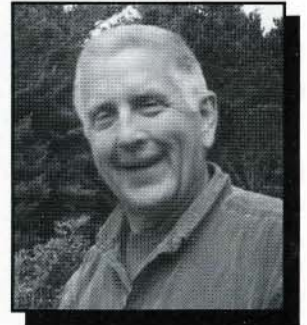
My wife Betty and I are members of the Fuchsia Society, the American Rhododendron Society, and the

Bay Area Bonsai Society. This fall, I'll become a board member of the Coos County Community Concert Association.

Art, Asian studies, gardening, computers, games, and philately are just some of my interests.

I've enjoyed my year as president of the Friends and welcome this opportunity to say 'Hello' to everyone in our organization. It is your effort, your contributions and your enthusiastic support that make participation in our Friends group such a rewarding experience. Few volunteer activities can match the positive impact we make on our community. The Holiday Lights program involves more than 1,300 of our local folks and draws visitors from around the globe. We do many things to enhance the Shore Acres experience, from staffing and merchandising the Information and Gift Center to

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## Gregg Nelson - Friends' President, 1997-98

**I**t's difficult to talk about myself. It's even harder to write it down. As the next President for the Friends, I've been asked to tell a little about myself.

If you like people who are on the same level as pond scum, I'm your man. That's exactly how I got started with this organization.

My wife Connie and I moved here in 1978 when I was hired by BLM. I had graduated from Humboldt State, 200 miles south, and this was my first experience as a forester. It didn't take long for us both to learn to love the area, and brag about it to our friends and families.

Whenever visitors came, we always took them crabbing in Charleston and picnicking at Sunset Beach, then to Shore Acres gardens, Simpson Reef overlook, and finally to watch the sunset at Cape Arago. If the season was right, we could watch for migrating whales.

With relatives coming from the Midwest and southern California, it was easy for us to show off the

beauty of the area. Nothing is more spectacular than the ocean waves crashing against the uplifted rocks at the observation building, watching for whale flukes against a reddening sky, or listening to thousands of sea lions barking.

As with everything else in life, one can either take, or give something back. We both became involved in the community. I've been on several committees in the past 19 years: the Bay Area Fun Festival, the Oregon Coast Music Association, Community Concerts, and the Friends of Shore Acres.

Also in life, there's always change. With the Friends, the change for me went from giving a little money, to giving a little time. A 1987 newsletter said

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# The Cup is Half-Full

by Andy LaTomme, Southwest Area Manager for the Friends of Shore Acres

After all of the "Parks in Peril" presentations that were given last year, I felt that a wrap-up of the results of our efforts was in order.

First of all, let me give a big "thank you" and a tip of my genuine Akubra park ranger's hat to all of you who helped in so many ways: inviting me to perform on the rubber chicken circuit; speaking to your friends about State Park issues; and writing or phoning your legislators in support of State Parks.

As you may recall, our fiscal problems began in 1980 when we were removed from the gasoline tax, which once made up 50% of our revenue. To keep your parks open we were forced to raise campsite rates, implement a day use fee and defer maintenance and repair work until that backlog exceeded \$100 million. And then in July 1996 we announced that we would have to close 65 parks throughout the state.

Our budget process for the 1997-99 biennium began with our Commission's approval of a \$107 million budget. This amount was necessary to keep all of our properties open; to begin repair and rebuilding; and to begin to expand the system to allow for Oregon's population growth and leave a legacy for future generations. The Governor reviewed our budget and recommended a \$93 million State Park budget to the legislature. After all was said and done, the legislature approved an \$87 million budget for our department.

We need to remember that the approved budget is *not* \$87 million in the bank. Of the total, \$69 million are "other funds," i.e.: revenue based on

camping and day use fees, RV license fees, etc. That is akin to saying, "Here's a dime, if you raise 90 cents, you can spend \$1.00 to operate your parks." However, the legislature closed the RV trip permit

loophole, and we estimate receiving an additional \$1.8 million from that action.

## The approved budget will:

- Allow all of our parks to remain open;
- Allow us to avoid rate increases for camping and day use;
- Provide \$2.8 million for an innovative partnership with the Department of Corrections which will allow inmates to construct state park fixtures (signs, tables, camp stoves, buildings, etc.) "behind the walls" as well as provide some additional labor in the parks.

- Use \$15 million in lottery-backed bonds to begin reducing the \$100 million backlog of deferred repair and restoration projects.

Nancy Rockwell, OPRD Deputy Director, said, "We're making

inroads, but by no means can we declare victory and represent that the problems the state park system faces have been addressed. The legislature took a major step forward - we are positioned as well as can be expected

given the competing interests the legislature faced. We still do not have a stable funding source that will assure we can meet the challenges of the next century. Stabilized funding will continue to be a major focal point for the Parks and Recreation Citizen Commission, the Governor and the many, many citizens that voiced their concern over the past year."

**Clearly, our work is not done.**

I invite you to continue with us, striving to achieve this worthy goal. ■

## Renner

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providing improvements to the park such as the Memorial Fountain, expanded parking, and there is always the challenge of adding more lights and sculptures to the Holiday Lights program.

There are other activities as well. Each month, from February through October we sponsor a garden-related event which involves the Southwestern Oregon Rose Society, The Bay Area Bonsai Society, The Fuchsia Society, The Dahlia Society, the Orchid Society, and the Oregon Coast Music Association. These events enrich the park visitor's experience and provide opportunities for you, our members and supporters, to get involved, and get acquainted!

As we get ready for our annual meeting and "changing of the guard" September 9, followed by two more "flower" Sundays - Dahlia Daze, September 20 and Orchids, October 4, I encourage all of you to visit Shore Acres. It truly is a wonderful place every day of the year. ■

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**Nancy Rockwell**  
OPRD Deputy Director

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**Andy LaTomme**  
Southwest Area Manager





# Dessert First!

Last September's *Celebration Potluck Dessert and Annual Meeting* was such a success, we are planning another one (see front page). About sixty people attended and the array of desserts was fabulous!

Highlights of the evening included a showing of the *Gardens Above the Waves* video, the annual report, a Holiday Lights update, and recognition awards for many of the volunteers and groups that help the Friends succeed in so many activities.

## Honorees

**Artistic Groups** included the Bay Area Artists Association, Heddles & Treadles Weavers & Spinners, and the South Coast Wood Carvers. All three groups have been a big part of the Friends' *Flower Saturdays* and *Sundays*.

**Flower Organizations** included the Bay Area Bonsai Society, Pacific Orchid Society, Southern Oregon Dahlia Society, Southwestern Oregon Rhododendron Society, Sunset Branch of the American Fuchsia Society, and the Oregon Daffodil Society.

## Garden

### Improvements -

Jim's Water Gardening - Jim Purcell - Water Lilies; Downs by the Pond - George & Loretta Downs - Water Lilies; and La Doll Shannon, Family & Friends, Corvallis - "Old Garden Roses" Garden.

## Service

### Organizations -

Coos Bay/North Bend Rotary Club, Coos Bay Volunteer Firefighters, and the North Bend Volunteer Firefighters. ■



Richard Van Natta - President 1995-96, Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. and George Guthrie Jr. - Founder & Board Member, Friends of Shore Acres, Inc., also received awards.

## Nelson

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they needed help cleaning out the pond, so I went and helped. It was hard work! The next year I got BLM to loan some pumps to the Friends, and it was a little easier. Then BLM loaned us some engineers to survey the pond, replace the drain valve, and provided a fire truck for washing it down, and it got a lot easier.

My family and I started helping with the lights. I was soon asked if I wanted to be on the Board. Now I'll be the Board President for 1998, and you know "the rest of the story." And to think this all started with muck raking in the pond.

Today's changes build on past changes. Our daughter Erika was born in 1982, and was a major change in our lives. Our son Travis

was born in 1986, and again we saw a major change. As they've grown up, we've gone through SWOYA Saturdays - soccer, basketball, T-ball, and baseball. Erika is now 15, a sophomore at Marshfield High. Travis is 11, and beginning middle school at Millicoma. Both love music, and are active in bands: marching band, symphonic band, Lab band, honor band. We try to be involved with their lives as much as they're involved with ours.

My family still takes friends crabbing in Charleston, picnicking at Sunset Beach, wave watching and holiday lights viewing at Shore Acres, listening to sea lions at Simpson Reef, and walking out to Cape Arago (remember back in the 'good old days' when you could drive out there?). But now we feel

more a part of it, and are glad to give something back.

As the President for the next year, I hope to watch the Friends grow, and become more involved with the many events that the group sponsors and supports. But my main efforts will still be the holiday lights, and cleaning the pond, where for me it all started. ■

*Dear Friends,*

*I'm interested in finding the person who brought the cookies to the Potluck Dessert on September 17. They looked like peanut butter cookies with maybe a pineapple or apple flavor.*

*I sure would love to have the recipe. Maybe you could publish a notice in the newsletter in order to locate the baker. Thank you.*

*Pearl Groves - 541-756-5684*





# Bessie of Tillamook Moves to Shore Acres

**B**essie lived at Alderlake Farm owned by farmer John Schild in the Fairview community east of Tillamook in the Wilson River Valley.

This story begins on a normal sunny day in the late spring of 1919. Farm activities were as usual until a car drove to the farm soon after the noon meal. It was occupied by two men from Coos County, who were unknown to Mr. Schild.

They stopped in the well-kept barnyard, left the car and with a "Good afternoon," one neat looking man, introduced himself as 'Mr. Simpson.' They were both of Shore Acres. The other person was the herdsman. They were interested in seeing the black and white Holstein herd of the Alderlake Farm.

Then the three men walked to the pasture where the cows were feeding on the lush grass, as those three people carried on a conversation. Mr. Simpson explained that he was looking for milk cows for his Shore Acres place. After checking over the good producing here, he asked if he could purchase the herd for the good price of \$6,000.

The farmer's reply was that these three dozen cows were making him a good living, now that World War I was over, and that milk was a good price. He said he really didn't want to sell, so they headed back to the buildings.

The herdsman left the two men to chat in the barnyard while he went to the house to meet Mrs. Schild and the four children. He brought lovely large pictures of Shore Acres to show, as well as a large box of chocolate candy for his listeners. There were pictures of the mansion, the formal gardens, tennis court, swimming pool, bridal drive around the polo field, etc. All of the pictures and stories, plus the candy, made an impression on his listeners. The wife and children were delighted.

The two men, talking cow talk, had an agreement. Mr. Simpson finally offered \$1,000 for one cow—the pick of the herd—which Mr. Schild accepted. When the herdsman joined them, they again went to see the herd, so that the special cow could be selected.

That cow was Bessie of Tillamook, beautifully built, with excellent milk production. When she was born, she was a very small calf that my older sister and I fell for as we were feeding calves. My father didn't think he would raise her because she would never be large

enough for good milk production. She had pretty black and white markings. We loved her.

Bessie was crated so she could go by train to Portland and Eugene and finally to the Coast. After her long ride, she arrived at her beautiful Shore Acres home. After another month had elapsed, we never knew about her future life. We lost track of that place.

Before the owner of Bessie's new home left the farm, he asked Mr. Schild to select three of his farmer friends to come to visit him at Bessie's new home as his guests. They were to come in the near future. The three farmers were Kuntz, Rupp and Barber—all Holstein breeders. They drove in Rupp's car, leaving home at around an early hour . . . 2 or 3 a.m.

They drove over the area of what is now Highway 101, all of the way to North Bend. There were no bridges over the big rivers, only ferries at places . . . Newport, Waldport, Florence, and North Bend, and they ran at only certain hours so one needed to know ahead of time when. In a couple of places there were no roads. One had to drive over wet sand at the correct time of the tide . . . having firm sand for support. It took a day to go, a day at Shore Acres, and a day to come home. Those four farmers had a good three-day vacation time, while their families cared for their farms.

The interesting stories of those four dairy farmers were never recorded. The foregoing is what this person remembers of that event which took place when she was 12 years old. After seeing Bessie at Shore Acres and the return of our travelers, nothing was ever heard of her or of that place until sometime in the early 1960s.

- Written by: Lily Schild Busick, 1095 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Coquille, OR 97423

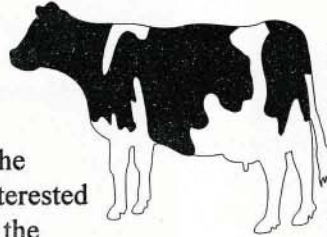
## ◆ Letter from Lily ◆

Dear Shirley,

*You asked me to write this story of events in my family that led to the cow moving to Shore Acres. I had planned to do it last spring, then fell and fractured my right wrist. I am very right handed so no writing for a couple of months. I really don't type--only peck so may need changing if it can be of use.*

Sincerely,

Lily Busick





# Volunteers receive *L. L. Stewart Awards*

Last October, the annual Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Co-op Conference was held in Coos Bay. A special highlight of the Conference was the announcement of the winners of the L. L. Stewart Volunteer Service Award given for contribution to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's "friends" associations throughout the state.

## David and Shirley Bridgham of Friends of Shore Acres, Coos Bay ♦ *Life Service Award*

The Bridghams are founding members of the group, which formed in 1986. Each has served as president of the Friends' board. Shirley has also served as treasurer and newsletter editor. As co-chairs of the holiday light display since its beginning in 1987, the two have guided growth of the event from 6,000 lights viewed by 9,000 visitors the first year, to 150,000 lights seen by 70,000 visitors in 1995. They have accomplished the project by "connecting with the community" to tap the resources of 1,300 volunteers who string lights, greet visitors, bake cookies and sing carols.

## Steve Gobat of Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses, Newport ♦ *Inspiration Award*

While president of the Friends of Yaquina Bay Lighthouse, Steve led efforts to expand the organization to include Yaquina Head Lighthouse managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Creating the two-site group required vision and drew on Gobat's talent for inspiration.

## Kay Shidler of Friends of Historic Champoege near Newberg ♦ *Inspiration Award*

Kay served as president of the group at a critical time, providing leadership that improved the group's finances. She has volunteered for many events at the park and coordinated the Christmas party.

## Lowell Jones of Friends of Collier State Park, north of Klamath Falls ♦ *Dedication Award*

Lowell, an active supporter of the park for 48 years, helping to analyze and procure various pieces of logging equipment and displays for the park's outdoor logging museum. He has served as president of the friends group since its beginning.



Left to right: L.L. "Stub" Stewart, Shirley Bridgham, David Bridgham, and Bob Meinen, Oregon Parks & Recreation Department Director

## Janet Nagele of Friends of Tryon Creek State Park near Lake Oswego ♦ *Rising Star Award*

During only five months of membership, Janet took a leadership role in presenting an in-service day for teachers, led tour groups, and served as front desk receptionist.

### L. L. Stewart Award

*Celebrating Excellence in  
Volunteer Service in  
Oregon Parks and  
Recreation Department  
Cooperating Associations*

## Yaquina Bay Coast Guard Station, Newport ♦ *Partnership Award*

The station was instrumental in relighting the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse in Newport and having it recognized as an official aid to navigation. Coast Guard personnel helped furnish the lighthouse, provided interpretive displays and

assisted with a centennial celebration.

### History of the Award

L. L. "Stub" Stewart was the first recipient of this award. Stewart is a member of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission and, before appointment to the Commission, served over 30 years as a charter member of the former State Parks Advisory Committee. His years of service are the standard by which others will be judged in the future. In 1992, he established a trust fund to continue this award program. ■

**Editor's Note:** L. L. Stewart is a *Life Member* of Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.





# Holiday Lights 1996

by Shirley Bridgham

Last December, stormy weather and the wettest month on record in many, many years reduced the number of visitors to the Holiday Lights and Open House at Shore Acres. However, those who braved the nasty weather and the lucky ones who came on one of the rare, cold, clear nights loved the 175,000 sparkling lights display and the warmth and hospitality in the beautifully decorated garden house. "The most Christmas we've seen in one place," said someone from Coos Bay. "The best yet - fairyland and heaven in one!" said a visitor from Medford.

We did not have the 70,000 visitors of 1995, but we did have nearly 47,000, which is incredible when you consider the weather and the roads. On some days and nights, the Coos Bay/North Bend area was almost marooned!

In spite of everything, the guest books show visitors from 25 countries, 6 continents, 46 states, 2 U.S. territories, 172 Oregon towns and cities, 48 Washington towns and cities, and 139 California towns and cities. More than 30 large groups signed in and 83 visitors bought bed and breakfast tickets (5 from California, Washington, and Massachusetts!).

Our guests consumed more than 30,000 cookies and 17,000 cups of apple cider (we used 70 cases of apple juice), cranberry punch, and coffee. And our concern

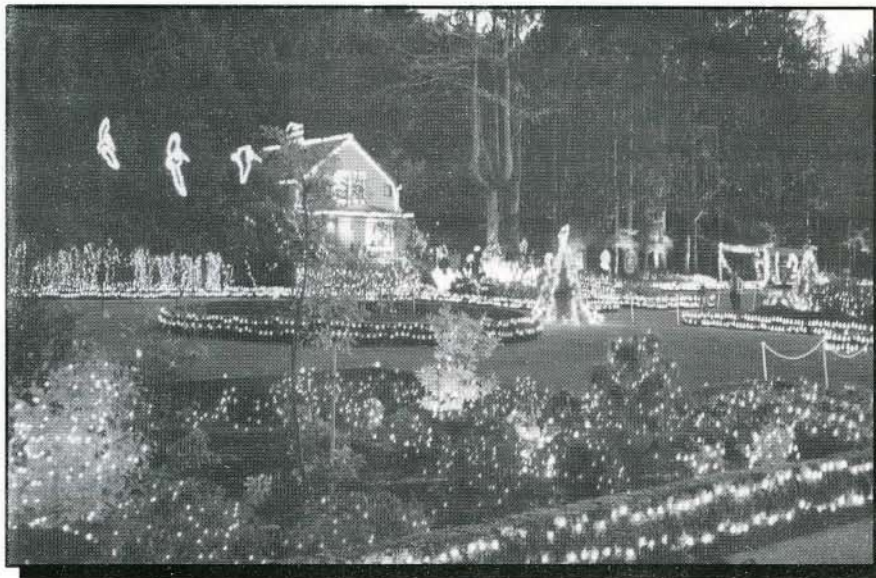


Photo by John McKeown

about the parking fee proved to be unfounded when 3,000 people came the night after Thanksgiving. More people car pooled and they were as generous as ever, in fact donations per person went up slightly.

Last year, 1,300 volunteers made this community tradition a reality. A huge thanks to all who helped!

The Friends of Shore Acres and Shore Acres State Park look forward to many more years of a display that all of us can be proud of.

This year, we will be open from Thanksgiving through the Sunday *after* New Year's Day. That translates into 39 nights including preview night! ■

**November 27 *thru* January 4**



The Oregon Department of Transportation fixed this slide near Shore Acres in time for opening night.



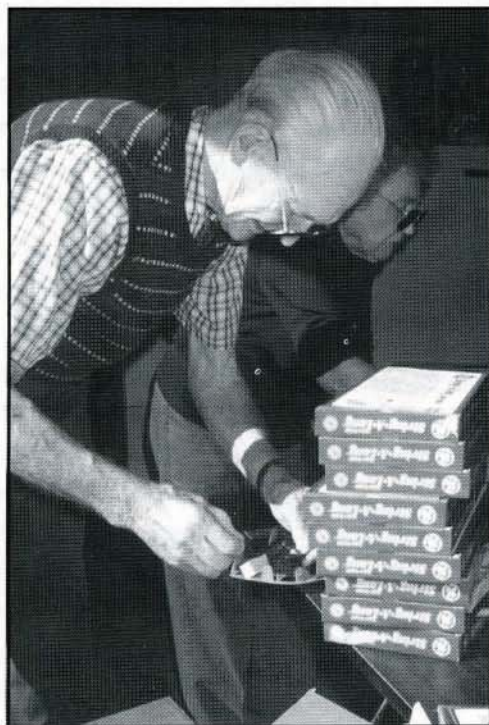
Half the road has slipped into the sea between Simpson Reef Overlook and Cape Arago.



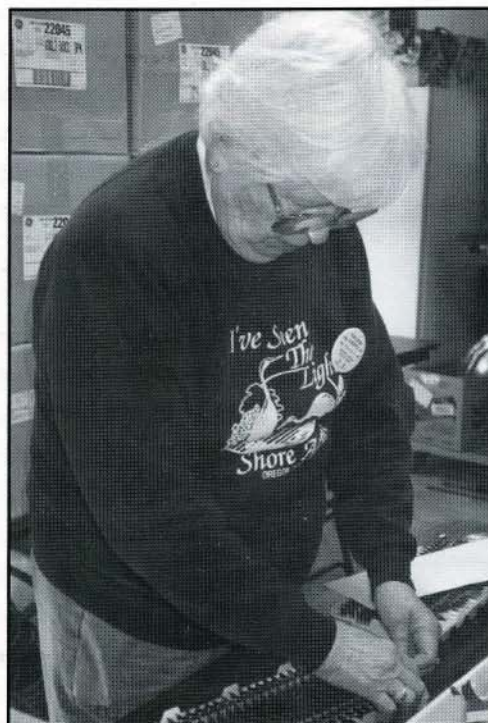


# Behind the Scenes

**Buy the lights, Unpack the lights, take off tags, mark the year!**



**Kent and Ethel Ferris**



**Sue Ehrman**

## 1996 Lights Pledge Supporters

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 Virginia & Tony Barness  
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 The Oregon Connection -  
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***Thanks, everyone!***



**Bill Mault**



# Behind the Scenes

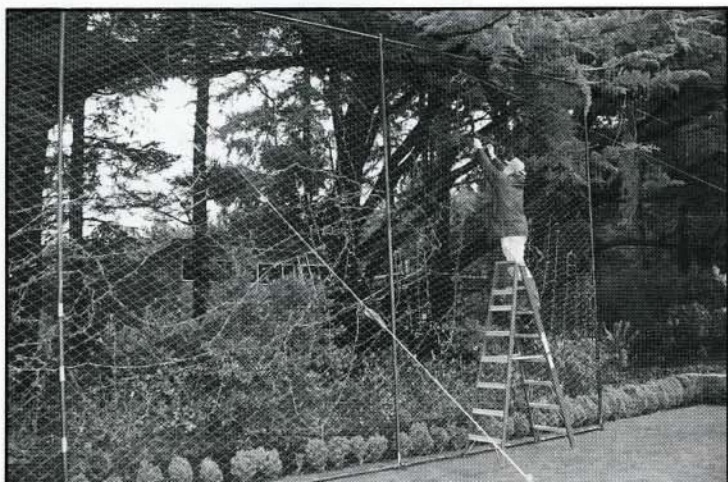
**Tote the lights, build a stage, light a whale, trim a tree!**



Fred Ehrman



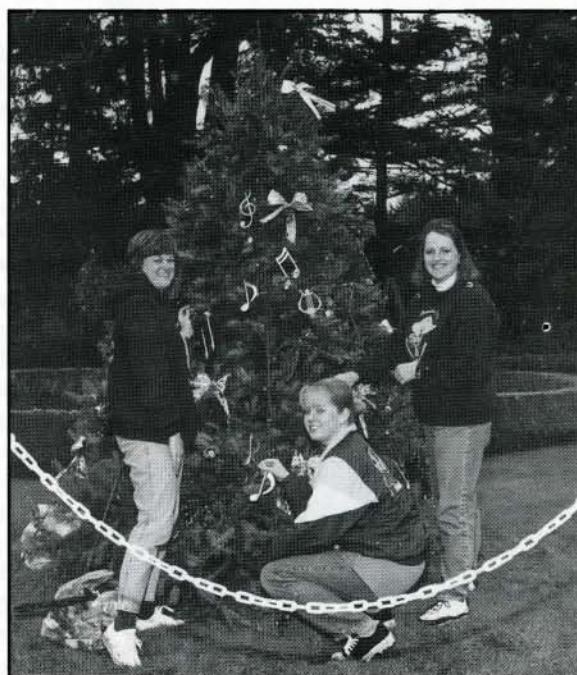
Frank Smith and Mike Perkins



Orca is one huge challenge!

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 \* Betty Renner \* Betty Mault \* Bev Beath \* Bev  
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 Williams \* Patty Lilienthal \* Peg Allen \* Rick Schultz  
 \* Rita Grant \* Robynn Reed \* Roger Collins \*  
 Sandy Racicot \* Shirley Champagne \* Shirley  
 Bridgham \* Sue Ehrman \* Tamra Atkinson \* The  
 Charlie Kocher Family \* The McKelvey's \* Timmy  
 Racicot \* Travis Nelson \* Wayne Murray ■

**Stage** \* Fred Ehrman \* Chuck Lembke \* Frank  
 Smith \* Keith Ott \* Mike Perkins



Kathy Netter (left) and Marshfield Band of Pirates



# Behind the Scenes

## Go where others won't go!

*Lights on Garden House, Gift Shop, Palm Trees \* Coos Bay Fire & Rescue Volunteers \* North Bend Fire & Rescue Volunteers \* Chris Stahl \* David Wagoner \* Erick L. Hulse \* Greig & Nelda Leifer \* Hank Parrot \* Jeff Common \* K.C. Roach \* Kris Hackett \* Raymond Wittwer \* Steve Schneiderman \* Tina Eck*

Every year we depend on the fire and rescue volunteers from the Coos Bay Fire Department and the North Bend Fire Department to *light* the high places. They also come back in January and take them down! Names that are listed are those who signed in. There may have been others. A huge thanks to all! ■



The height of the Garden House - No problem!



Hanging lights on the Gift Shop.



Palm tree is not only high, it's difficult!



North Bend and Coos Bay Fire and Rescue Volunteers



# Behind the Scenes

## In the Garden House - An Old-fashioned Holiday



Antique toy car and a rocking horse in the child's bedroom.



Don Todd (center) helps Julia and Ken Means with the rocking horse. Not an easy task getting it upstairs.



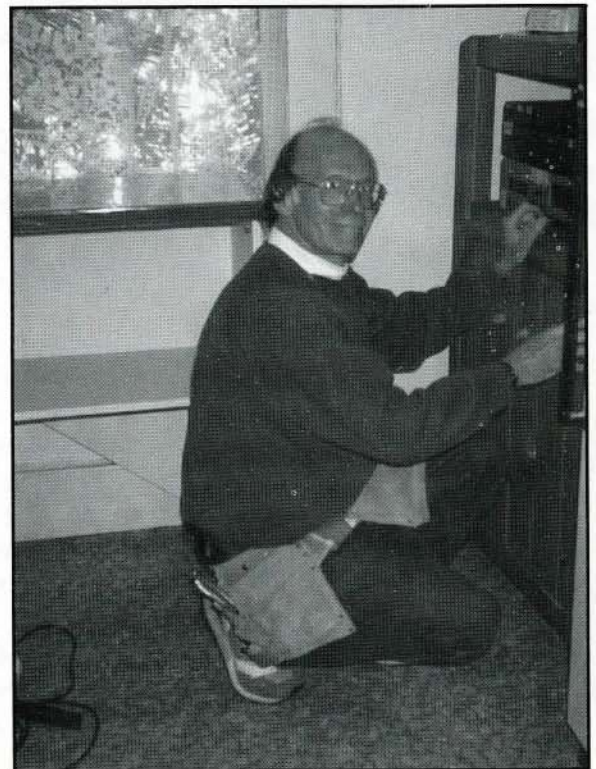
Twin old-fashioned Christmas trees frame the window.

### Decorators and Donors

*Robynn Reed - Chair* \* *Adam Reed* \* *Aurora Watson* \* *Barbara Bernheisel* \* *Cappy Klein* \* *Carl Siminow* \* *Carol Todd* \* *Checkerberry's*, *Carolyn Tecube* \* *D & N Furniture*, *Norma & Dave Frost*, *Garth Frost* \* *Dayton Hughes* \* *Deloris Bellas* \* *Don Todd* \* *Hilda Anderson* \* *John McKeown* \* *Julia Means* \* *Julie Reed* \* *Kathy Hutchinson* \* *Ken Means* \* *Marion Harris Custom Lamp Shades* \* *Mike Reed* \* *Sharon & George Bessey* \* *Tanya Anderson* \* *Treasures-Lynn Rogers/Q. Bevacqua* \* *Zyta Construction*, *Joan & Pete Zyta*

Our 1997 theme is also *An Old-Fashioned Holiday*, with some exciting changes being planned.

**To help decorate the house, call Robynn, 756-1256.**



Carl Siminow



# Behind the Scenes

## Cookies, cookies, and more cookies!

**Cooky Bakers** Ella Mae Stuart, Chair \*  
 Marshfield High School \* North Bend High School  
 \* \* Alberta Esch \* Cappy Klein \* Charlotte  
 Skinner \* Deb Taylor \* Gina Young \* Grace  
 Jensen \* Helen Shefstad \* Jane Gigler \* Jean  
 Sorenson \* Joanna Bernstein \* Kate Gigler \*  
 Kay Valois \* Kelly Giddings \* Laura Collins \*  
 Leslie Cook \* Liann Why \* Lily Busick \* Linda  
 Gault \* Lois Winn \* Patty Curtis \* Pearl  
 Groves \* Shirley Champagne \* Tim Drechsel \*  
 Vandy Vanderpool \* Vera Fusano \* Wanda  
 Hanks \* Lori Teriberry \* Angie Worrall \* Maxine  
 McKenzie \* Amy Shradel \* Nora Purkey \* Ruth  
 Ellen Melton \* Melissa Drechsel \* Renee Hall \*  
 Helen McElravey \* Dan Gordner \* Sandy Gordner  
 \* Helen Muth \* Irene Sund \* Susie Moore \*  
 Aimee Why \* Liz Clancy \* Miriam Richer \* Josie  
 Mulkins

**To help bake cookies this year, call  
 Ella Mae, 756-9539.**



Cooky bakers at North Bend High School. Seated (left to right) Kate Gigler, Ella Mae Stuart, Chair. Second row (left to right) Jane Gigler, Alberta Esch, Pearl Groves, Helen Shefstad, Linda Gault (Head Cook), Maxine McKenzie. Back row (left to right) Vanny Vanderpool, Lori Teriberry, Angie Worrall, Kelly Giddings, Lois Winn, Jean Sorenson, Patty Curtis, RuthEllen Melton



Shirley Champagne



Pearl Groves has helped with cookies since we began!

## Hot cider, cranberry punch, coffee, food storage

**Apple Juice** \* Fred Meyer Coos Bay - 50 cases **Cider Spice Mix** \* Charlotte Skinner \* Doris Emmett \*  
 Helen McElravey \* Jo Hower \* Marie Heisen \* North Bend Presbyterian Church \* Winnie Pitsenberger  
**Cranberry Juice** \* Ocean Spray Cranberries \* Dennis Chesselet \* \* **Punch Mix** \* Adam, Mike &  
 Robynn Reed \* **Food Storage & Delivery** \* Day Ship Supply - Bruce Day, John Leonard \* Vend West  
 Services - Lou Leberti, Terry Clinton \*



# On the Scene

## Hosts, Entertainers, Sculptures, Buttons!



Host team from Reedsport's Umpqua Discovery Center.



Roger Hunt of the Coos Bay/North Bend Rotary Club encourages visitors to sign guest book.



Lost River Band plays in the twilight.

**Host Teams** \* Friends of Shore Acres Board \* Bureau of Land Management \* Community Action \* Camp Fire TE-OT-MO & TE-MA-A-DI \* St. Monica Catholic Church \* Beta Sigma Phi XI Gamma Omega \* Scout Troop #156 \* Mid Coast Mustang Club \* C.A.E.O.P. \* Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors \* Coos Bay North Bend Rotary Club \* North Bend Education Association \* South Coast Cruisers Car Club \* Coast Guard Enlisted Spouses \* South Coast ESD \* Menasha Corporation, Land & Timber Division \* Marshfield Class of '40 \* Knights of Columbus \* American Business Women's Association, Coquille \* Miss Coos County Pageant \* Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area \* Umpqua Discovery Center, Reedsport \* Southwestern Oregon Street Rods \* Coos Bay Yacht Club \* Bay Area Rotary Club \* United Way Board \* South Western Oregon Rose Society \* Friends of the Pirate Band \* S.W.O.Y.A. Board \* Oregon Parks & Recreation Department \* Western Bank \* Life Care Center \* Soroptimist International of Coos Bay \* Coquille High School Key Club \* Bay Area Hospital Community Activities Team \* North Bend Medical Center \* Friends of Friends

**Entertainment** \* Bay Area Concert Band \* Bay Area Four Square Church \* Bay Area Hospital Carolers \* Camp Fire \* Crusader High School \* Golly the Clown \* Junior Lab Band \* Lost River Family & Friends \* Marshfield High School Band of Pirates \* North Bend High School Jazz Choir \* North Bend High School International Club \* North Bend Presbyterian Church Choir \* Ocean Pacific Cloggers \* Pacific Community Church Bandon \* Rejoice-Rose Boesl \* St. Monica's Youth Carolers \* St. Monica Catholic Choir

**Whales** \* Design by Don McMichael \* Connie Nelson \* David Bridgham \* Erika Nelson \* Frank Smith \* Fred Ehrman \* Gregg Nelson \* Industrial Services (Construction) \* Kyle Electric (Controller) \* Mike Perkins \* Travis Nelson \* Chuck Lembke

**Pelicans** \* Design by Don McMichael \* Fabrication - Eric's Artistic Expression \* Pole Supports - Industrial Services

**Buttons** \* Al and Judy Aslakson



# Comments, Letters, and Thanks

## Our visitors say it best!

Beautiful! - Denver  
Wonderful!! We'll be back! - Bellingham  
Always awe-inspiring. Thank You! - Coquille  
Gorgeous! - Eugene  
Loved the whales! - Myrtle Point  
What a wonderful winter wonderland of lights! - Sacramento  
Thanks for all the hard work! It's beautiful. - Roseburg  
Great!! Better than Portland - Bandon  
Fantastic! - Florence  
Best thing in Oregon ☺ - Salem  
The holiday season may now start. - Coos Bay  
Wow! - The Dalles  
Superb! - Petaluma  
Everyone in my family agrees it's BEAUTIFUL. - Grants Pass  
Worth the trip! - Portland  
Perfect Perfect Perfect - Malibu  
It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! - Hartford  
Fantastic display! - Elsinore, CA  
Always terrific! - North Bend  
More than we expected. Beautiful! - Tillamook  
Our yearly ritual! Our yearly treasure! - North Bend  
Third year, always looking forward to this. - Klamath Falls  
Beautiful, well worth it! - Brookings  
Exquisite ♥ - Sweet Home  
The pelicans are marvelous. - Springfield  
Worth the trip from Gold Beach!  
Out of this world beauty! - Eugene  
Better than New York City! - New Haven, CT  
Too beautiful to adequately describe! - Corvallis  
The best light show - In the World - Gold Hill  
Incredible - Wow! Very moving experience. - Australia  
The "most Christmas" we've seen in one place! - Coos Bay  
Wonderful holiday treat - Thank you. - Cottage Grove  
The best yet - fairyland and heaven in one! - Medford  
Excellent! Love it in the summer & winter. - Boston  
Family tradition to visit each year. - Bandon  
We just had to come back! It's beautiful. - Lebanon  
Article in *Sunset* doesn't begin to show how beautiful the garden is adorned in lights. ☺ Spokane

## Story of the Bed and Breakfast

Penny Wallace, owner of a bed and breakfast in Brookings, won the B&B at Shore Acres. She gave it to two of her own house guests, Mike and Nadine Tryngstad. Because of the stormy weather - we had to close the park at 8:30 New Year's Eve - they didn't come to stay until a couple days after New Year's. They wrote the following in our guest book:



Mike and Nadine Tryngstad stayed.

*Gorgeous! Thank you, David and Shirley, for being so good to us! And thanks to Penny Wallace and you two, we had a perfect start of the new year! God bless you!!*

*Mike & Nadine Tryngstad*

## Dear Friends of Shore Acres,

Please accept my membership contribution in thanks for a very memorable day in December 1996.

I visited the Christmas lighted display at the botanical gardens with two elderly friends, who like myself, were entranced with the magical scenes.

I was unaware that my credit card wallet had fallen from my purse as I was having refreshments in the "home." Later, I discovered it missing and began inquiries, made some calls, and was elated to discover it had been found, turned in to a volunteer at the gift shop, who in turn took it to the Oregon State Police office. I was contacted by an officer ('Katzenstein' I think), who verified it was indeed my credit card wallet, and sent it to me. I was so grateful to all concerned and want to express my sincere, deep appreciation to your volunteers and also to the people at the Department of Parks and Beaches who tracked it down for me. It is with great gratitude and praise for your organization that I write. Hopefully this donation will be of use to your efforts.

Thank you so much!

Barbara Prince, Brookings





## How You Can Help

If you would like to help buy lights for 1997, please send your *tax-deductible* contribution to: **Friends of Shore Acres, Inc., P.O. Box 1172, Coos Bay, OR 97420**  
More Information \* 756-5401



\* \$ 45 = 5 boxes of 100 lights each

\* \$ 90 = 10 boxes of 100 lights each

\* \$180 = 20 boxes of 100 lights each

\* Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name / Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\* **Holiday Lights Pledge Supporters** and **Holiday Volunteers** receive complimentary parking coupons to use at Shore Acres during the Holiday Lights Display. ■

## 11th annual Holiday Lights & Open House at Shore Acres "a Community Tradition"



Thanksgiving thru Sunday after New Year's  
4 - 10 every night

(includes Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve & New Year's)

*The brightest and most beautiful place on the West Coast  
shines brighter than ever in 1997 with 200,000 lights!*

**A Bigger Display** - Replacement of 100,000 lights and addition of 25,000 more lights.

**More Parking** - A new lighted overflow parking lot.

**Landscaping Lights** - Permanent garden lights illuminate the perimeter of the formal garden.

**Lights Sculptures** - Pelicans, Jellyfish, Shore Acres' cranes, Life-size leaping Orca whale, Life-size spouting Gray whale, Larger-than-life tulip, rhododendron, rose, and dahlia, Dungeness crab, Sea star, Sea urchin, Sea anemone, Sea horse, Octopus,

Kelp - **Plus several surprises!** ■

## More Behind the Scenes Supporters

**Lights & Electrical Support** - Kyle Electric, Tom Kyle \* Farr's True Value Hardware, Jay Farr \* Marvin Blenz \* Forsyth Decoration Display-Dick, Rich & Karol Vezzani \* Pacific Power; **Lights Repair** - Ken Kocher; **Garden Christmas Trees** - Dave's Christmas Trees - David Hannah; **House Openers** - Betty & Bill Mault \* Brownie Ruggles \* Cappy Klein \* Ginger Sawyer \* Irene & Dick Sund \* Kay Valois \* Peg Allen \* Shirley Bridgham; **Oregon Parks & Recreation Department** - Andy LaTomme \* Celia Sheridan \* Dave Esch \* George Guthrie \* Greg Foster \* Karen Wuethrich \* Larry Becker \* Maurice Wray \* Mimi Blazer \* Rob Kilmer \* Shirley Stentz \* Shore Acres State Park \* Sunset Bay State Park; **Holiday Lights Takedown** (those who signed in) - Dick Van Natta \* David and Shirley Bridgham \* Gene and Tamra Atkinson \* Luke Soules \* Bill Breitmeyer \* Gregg and Connie Nelson \* Bonnie and Leslie Ann \* Abby and Les Silver \* Peg Allen \* Carl Siminow \* Erika Nelson \* Kevin Isley \* Marion Babcock \* Donna Smith \* Ginger Sawyer \* Mike, Robynn and Adam Reed \* Hank Parrott \* Levi Gladden \* Mike Jones \* Darrin Culp \* Kris Hackett \* Phillip Torgerson \* Jon Eck \* Kelly

**Thanks also to:** \* Bandon Western World \* Bay Area Chamber of Commerce - Kathi Joy \* Bay Area Dispatch \* Bernard Schlaf \* Charleston Information Center \* Charlie Kocher \* Coos Bay/North Bend Promotions Committee - Kay Heikkila \* Coquille Valley Sentinel \* Curry Coastal Pilot \* Don Thompson Construction - Don & Dan Thompson \* GTE - Dave Rands \* Industrial Steel & Supply \* Jackie Schlaf \* Johanna Dillard - Coastal Paper & Supply ➔





# Where's the Rubber Ducky?

by Gregg Nelson

**P**ond cleaning . . . what can be said about it that hasn't been said already? All you need to do is find a pond and clean it out. In this case finding the pond is always easy - it's always there, every year, waiting for us.

Cleaning the pond is a lot like cleaning your bathtub. You take out all the toys, get out the scrubbers, use a lot of energy getting rid of the scum, and rinse it out when you're done so it's ready to fill up again.

Except the pond is a lot bigger than your bathtub. Instead of toys, you take out the fish (and clean around the cranes and water lilies). The scrubbers are shop brooms and shovels, and you rinse it out with fire hoses. But when you're done, like your tub, you can fill it up again and it look much better.

But you usually don't invite a few dozen people over to the share the experience of cleaning your bathtub with you.

Hopefully, you also clean out your tub more than once a year. Otherwise, it might take a few friends to help you out, like it does with the garden pond.



It's easy to find enough people to help clean out the pond. This has become a tradition at the BLM.

***Cleaning the pond is a lot like cleaning your bathtub.***

Some BLM employees and their families have been volunteering for this every year since we first got involved, back in 1989. In fact, people apologize when they've made other

plans, and can't wallow around in the muck and slime.

The Friends of Shore Acres appreciates those who helped with this year's effort. Steve, William and Karen Fowler; Larry Mangan; Dotti and Ray Orazem; Dennis, Mary, Nicole and Aaron Graham; Jon, Theadora, and Charlotte Menten; Mackenzie Marineau; Malorie Little; Gregg and Travis Nelson; John Higgins; Frank Price; Phillip and Caleb Torgerson; Meredith, Dana, and Maranda Childs; Terry Richards; Emmett Courtright; Chris and Zoe McAlear; Bob Renner; and Luis Velasquez (photographer). ■

## More Behind the Scenes *(continued from page 16)*

*Jim Collatt, Rotor Rooter \* KBBR \* KCBY Television \* KHSN/KOOS \* KOB Television \* KSHR/KWRO \* Kaarina's Katering - Kaarina & Dave Scolari, Phyllis Love \* Linda Meierjurgan \* Luis Velasquez \* Myrtle Point Herald \* North Bend Information Center \* Oregon Department of Transportation - John Nelson, Doug Kroger \* Prime Time \* Reedsport Courier \* Register Guard \* RSVP Newsletter \* Sign Pro - Wade Wakefield \* Southwestern Oregon Community College \* Sunset Magazine - Bonnie Henderson \* The World*

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# Rhododendron Sunday - Mothers' Day

## Sunny skies, artists, Rhody experts, weavers and spinners



Visitors enjoy talking with the experts and watching the artists from the Bay Area Artists Association.



Weaving demonstration in the sunny side yard.



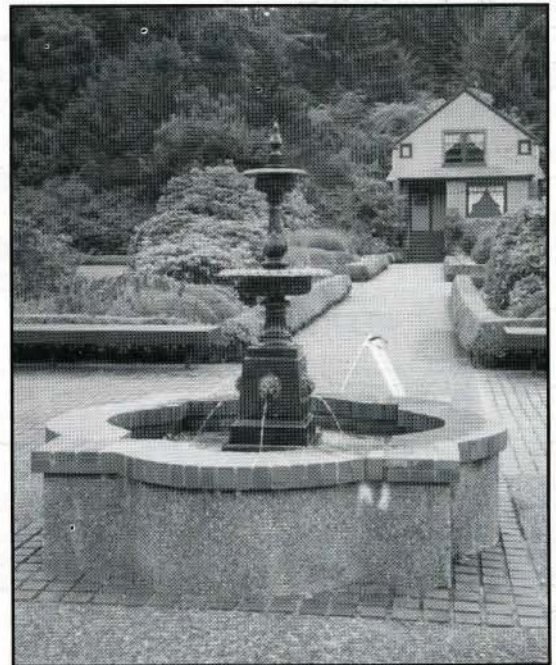
Heddles & Treadles weavers and spinners in the Garden House.

Visitors to Shore Acres love Rhododendron Sunday, Rose Sunday (see page 20) and all of the other "flower" Saturdays and Sundays sponsored by Friends of Shore Acres and Shore Acres State Park.

Two more events are scheduled before the Holiday Lights. The *Dahlia Daze and Fall Walk*, Saturday, September 20, and the *Glory of Orchids*, Saturday, October 4.

Be sure to come out and visit with the gardening experts, enjoy the gardens and have some refreshments. ■

## Memorial Fountain Dedication - Spring 1998



The *Memorial Fountain*, designed by Michael Vaughan, was completed last November, just in time for the Holiday Lights. Concrete work was done by Greg Brock Construction. Brick and tile work was by Larry Nichols Masonry-Larry Nichols and Stuart Richardson. Electrical work was done by Archie Crozier, Reese Electric. ■



# Artist in the Gardens - Merrie Holbert

To increase public awareness of the beauty of both Shore Acres Gardens and the work of local artists, Friends of Shore Acres and Shore Acres State Park began a new program called "The Artist in the Park" early this summer.

Merrie Holbert was selected to be the first artist in the park through the end of the year. She says she is finding it a very enjoyable experience. Visitors to the park and the Gift Shop have been delighted with both the program and with Merrie's wonderful art work.



Merrie Holbert is enjoying her experience as Shore Acres' first official *Artist in the Gardens*.

## Merrie Holbert

**Education:** BA Degree in Fine Art from University of Iowa, Workshops from international artists such as Gerald Brommer, Nelson Sandgren, Steven Quiller, Judy Morris, and John Solie.

**Exhibitions and Competitions:** One-person shows in the Coos Art Museum, Beaverton Oregon Arts Commission, Umpqua Valley Art Association, Eden Hall Art Gallery at Southwestern Oregon Community College, and many other public art competitions.

**Awards in Juried Shows:** Coos Art Museum, People Choice Award, 2 years; Idaho International invitational, Merit Award; Art for the Parks; Women Artists of the West, 1990; Watercolor Award 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1995; Watercolor Society of Oregon 1993 Sweepstakes Award; Rocky Mountain National 1991 and 1993; Western Colorado Watercolor Society 1995; American Society of Marine Artists, 1995 juried show; Watercolor Society of Oregon, 1997 award; Coos Art Museum, Peoples Choice Award 1997.

**Collections and Galleries:** BLM; Oregon State Parks; Corvallis Tool Co., Oregon Coast Magazine. Original works and prints are offered for sale in galleries throughout the West.

"Every garden presents the artist with a challenge, i.e., to capture the particular feeling of each garden," says Merrie. "For instance, there are the carefree English gardens, Italian gardens with their cold marble and severe cypress and the warm Amish gardens of limestone and herbs.

"Our own "Gardens Above the Waves" at Shore Acres are a beautifully ordered, restful reflection of the gardeners who planned them and care for them today. Historic trees and sculptured boxwood hedges with their dramatic shadows frame the delicate colors of spring or the rich colors of fall.

"The wind, fog and rain sometimes limit the work of a watercolorist, so my sketches or color studies form the basis for full paintings completed in the studio at a later date." ■



## CALL FOR ENTRIES

### The Artist in the Gardens

January 1 - December 31 1998

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. announces a *Call to Artists* to submit slides for jurying into its new program, "The Artist in the Gardens."

**Eligibility:** Two-dimensional work except photography and computer art. Open to all mediums, subject matter to relate to the Gardens through either historical or educational value, i.e., flowers, seacoast, birds or work from old photographs.

**Entry:** Submit three color slides showing such subjects by October

1, 1997. A three-member panel will inform the winner by November 1, 1997. All slides will be returned if submitted with a SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope). Label slides on blank side with your name, medium and an arrow indicating up.

**Program:** Artist agrees to paint or draw on eight special event Saturdays or Sundays in the Gardens. The Friends Gift Shop will buy (no commission) cards and small prints of artist's work created during the year. Friends of Shore Acres (FoSA) will provide artist with a one-year parking permit. The artist will donate one framed original work for a permanent collection. FoSA will publicize through posters, newspapers, and bulletins.

### Calendar of suggested events:

Daffodil Daze, Rhododendron Sunday, Mother's Day, Rose Sunday, Father's Day, Fuchsia Sunday, Dahlia Daze, etc. Exact dates set each year by FoSA.

● Send slides and SASE to Friends of Shore Acres, PO Box 1172, Coos Bay, OR 97420. For more information, call (541) 756-5401.



# Rose Sunday - Fathers' Day

**Rose experts, wood carvers, refreshments, happy visitors**



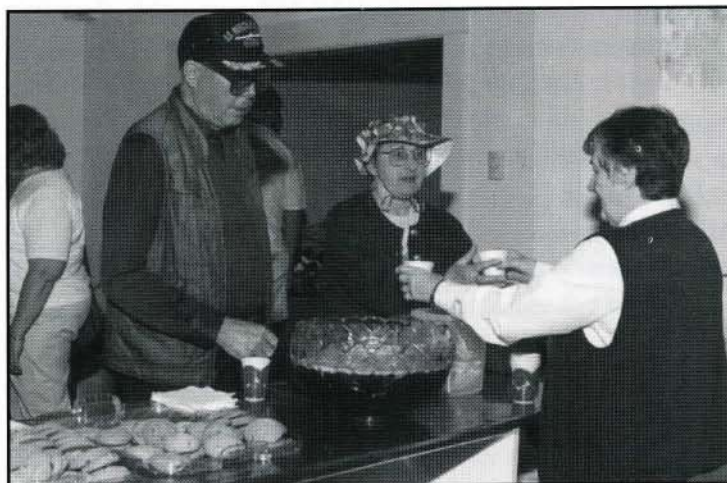
George Guthrie, Jay Dow, and Ray Duskin answer questions.



Visitors stop and smell the roses!



Wood carvers in the Garden House



Marion Babcock serves cookies and punch.



**Where's the Mansion?**



# Worth the Wait

by George Guthrie, Head Gardener at Shore Acres

**L**ate winter/early spring on the Oregon coast in general and Shore Acres in particular is a study in climatic contrasts. On one hand, daffodils and crocus are showing by February, the grass is growing green and lush, and longer days with spells of sunny, mild weather conspire to lure you out. As often as not, however, once you're out, "old man winter" sneaks up behind, says, "gotcha," and rains, hails, and blows harsh meteorological reality on your tender spring dreams. Oh well . . .

It's also a given in early spring that roses don't look their best. Either they're semi-dormant with bedraggled wind blasted foliage from winter storms or they're just neatly shorn and sawn stubs (like ours are thanks to the help of the Rose Society). In either case, south coast roses (like south coast gardeners) just have to mark time, awaiting warmer, better days.

Now that those days have come, you might like to check out the *old garden rose* planting on the west side of the front rose garden — the garden with the large rose circles near the entrance.

**Old Garden Roses (OGR's)** are just that — those rose varieties cultivated before "modern" hybrid teas, grandifloras, and such became



Check out the *old garden rose* planting on the west side of the front rose garden.

popular earlier in this century. While it's impossible to generalize about such a large and varied group, OGR's have some special qualities of interest to today's gardens and gardeners. Practically, they tend to be somewhat more disease resistant and easy to care for. Aesthetically, OGR's can be a delight because they often possess the intense rose scent

redolent of 19<sup>th</sup> century country estate drawing rooms and the "beau monde"/high society of the gilded age. However, OGR's tend not to have the extended bloom seasons of current types. So, often after an intense flowering in early to mid-summer, you may be left with only fond memories for the rest of the season.

It was to "correct" this perceived short-coming that English rose guru David Austin created a new line of roses. Called "David Austin Roses" (catchy name, huh) here in the states, varieties like *Mary Rose* and *Wise Portia* attempt to combine the best of both worlds —

hardiness, scent, and long flowering.

Our new plantings feature all of the above and more and should provide an excellent opportunity to experience both the old and the new of roses. ■



*Ballerina* is one OGR.

that everybody associates with roses traditionally but so often muted or just plain gone from modern roses. Last but not least, OGR's often have incredibly sensuous grande dame names that can tip off or trip up your tongue like *Mme Hardy*, *Louise Odier*, *Felicite Parmentier* names

OGRs have some special qualities of interest to today's gardens and gardeners.



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