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**MOMS, RHODODENDRONS, QUILTS AND PHOTOS
A WINNING COMBINATION ON MOTHERS DAY**



Visitors peruse the quilts.



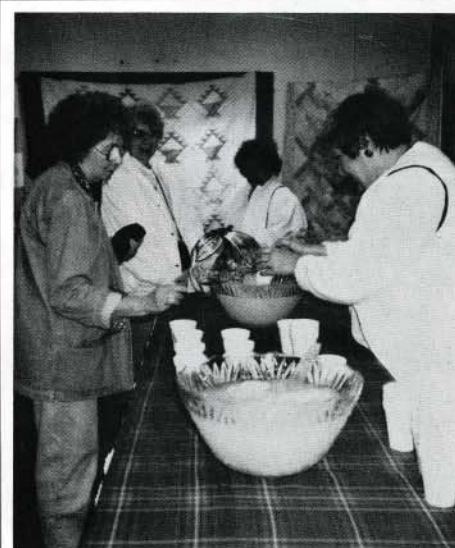
Quilt display adds to the festivities.

ROSE SUNDAY / FATHERS DAY

JUNE 18th

GARDEN HOUSE OPEN

NOON - 5 PM



Ann Kopy serves refreshments.

SHORE ACRES AND FRIENDS



Take a beautiful Sunday afternoon in May (we ordered it)- add a wonderful quilt display and lovely rhododendrons at their peak in bloom - mix in hundreds of visitors at the Shore Acres Garden House - add a dash of photography spice plus answers to all of your rhodie questions - blend together and you have another successful event for the benefit of the community, the "Friends", and Shore Acres State Park.

The quilts displayed in the garden house were provided by **"And Sew It Goes"**, a group of 14 quilters and friends who like to sew together. They have been meeting every Tuesday night for the past four years. Most of their handmade items are made for family members and friends. However, for the past two years the group has held a Christmas show and sale. In the summer months some of the members take advantage of quilting workshops outside of the area. Special thanks goes to **Jean Bradford** and **Jean Kyle** for organizing the display.



A family poses for picture.

Visitors got answers to their rhododendron and gardening questions from **George Guthrie** and **John Bergen**. George is Shore Acres' Landscape Maintenance Supervisor and John and his wife Dottie owned and operated Bergen's Flowers in Coos Bay.

The **Beta Delta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha** took photos of mothers and families while members of the **Friends** served lemonade and coffee to hundreds of visitors. All in all, a wonderful day!



Larry Mangan
is among
many to help
clean the
oriental
pond, April 1.
Thanks to all
who helped!

RIPPER CHOSEN FOR WHITE ROSE HONOR

Friends board member, Nellie Ripper was among eleven outstanding Oregon women recently honored at the seventh annual White Rose Luncheon held in Portland. The annual luncheon is a salute to women of achievement in Oregon.

Ripper was honored for her "enthusiastic commitment and contributions" to the Southern Oregon Coast.

Long active in a wide variety of community activities, she is serving on several boards including the Friends of Shore Acres. **Congratulations, Nellie!**

VISIT THE GARDENS

GARDEN NOTES

by George Guthrie

If this was the sports page of the newspaper, we might describe this winter's effect on the garden as "Ma Nature K.O.s Shore Acres!!" It's not hard to see that the February cold snap did some damage to an area we'd like to think of as Oregon's "banana belt." Many of our hebes, fuchsias, bottle-brush and similar plants were either defoliated or killed right down to the ground. Even generally hardy plants like tree roses and certain kinds of holly suffered significant damage on at least a short term basis.

A number of specimens will have to be removed, often because it is both quicker and more aesthetically pleasing to put in a brand new healthy plant than to wait for (often slow) natural recovery. Nevertheless, a surprising number of freeze victims are starting to come back strongly with spring's warmer weather - even some that looked sincerely dead and gone only a month or so ago.

On the other hand, it's worth noting (on paper) and even more worth seeing (in person) that the winter of '89 did no significant damage to the rhodies and azaleas. At this writing, all are blooming well. Cherry trees and tulip bulbs were quite satisfactory and it's really amazing to see just how much beauty and scent and color the garden can still produce in spite of all the meteorological obstacles.

As we noted last newsletter, we are already preparing our summer annual show. Ironically, the first seeds were being planted in the greenhouse about the time the first snow fell and now we are just about ready to put them out "center stage" into the garden - all 12,000 of them - not to mention a few hundred dahlia tubers waiting in the wings. So I guess the current watch word at Shore Acres is winter's gone, spring's going, and summer's coming on in a big and beautiful way!

George

SHORE ACRES AWARDED



Gail Wolfe & George Guthrie

Shore Acres State Park has received an award for outstanding garden maintenance in 1988 from the All-America Rose Selections. The award signifies that Shore Acres has met high standards of rose care including planting, pruning, pet control, display and identification of roses in the All-America Rose Selection display program. All America Rose Selections is involved in the testing and selection of outstanding new rose varieties in 'test gardens' (like the Portland International Rose Test Garden) and the pre-marketing display of new winners (as at Shore Acres) throughout the nation.



Pond pennies await cleaning.

VISIT THE GARDENS

PARK NOTES

by Andy LaTonne



A group of recreation professionals from southern Oregon and northern California gets together about every three months to look at one another's facilities and to exchange ideas about what's happening in outdoor recreation. Last month we were graciously hosted by the folks from California State Parks northern region, and the folks from Redwoods National Park. We looked at the visitor centers at the national park headquarters in Crescent City, Jedediah Smith State Park and Hiouchi Creek in the national park.

Each was unique in its own way, but each was operated as a joint effort by their co-ops and staff. I found myself thinking of our own visitor center efforts and how they've grown from a few posters advertising garden and tidepool walks to a garden cart and picnic table where "garden sitters" meet park visitors with a cheerful smile and answers to most of their questions. Now we have a new temporary gift shop -- open this summer -- another cooperative effort of the Friends and park staff to better serve our visitors by providing a place where interpretive and educational materials can be purchased to enhance our guests' visits to the park. Soon, through our cooperative efforts, we'll have a permanent gift shop as part of a new entrance to the gardens.

If you're headed down south, stop in at those visitor centers. You'll like them, I'm sure. When you head out to Shore Acres, stop in at the temporary gift shop; ask to see the plans for the permanent one.

You'll like them both, maybe even more than you like the ones to the south. Have a nice summer, and stop in and say "hi" when you're at the park.



The garden beckons visitors.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS '89, PLANNING UNDERWAY



The 3rd annual Christmas Lights and Open House at Shore Acres Gardens is planned for December 9 through 30. The Garden House will be open from 5 pm to 9 pm week nights and from 11 am to 9 pm weekends.

Hundreds of volunteers are needed to string lights, bake cookies, decorate the Garden House, entertain and host. Then, there's clean-up!

We had 20,000 visitors last year and expect to have as many or more in '89. Plan to join in on the fun for this rewarding community event.

FRIENDS EVENTS PLANNED

ROSE SUNDAY / FATHER'S DAY



Fathers Day Sunday, like its counterpart - Mothers Day, will find the gardener's cottage open with a unique interpretive display. A maritime exhibit of the ships that plied the waters of this region during the Bay Area's historic shipping era will be shown through illustrations, photographs, artifacts, and video.

This exhibit is made possible through the cooperation of the Marshfield Sun Association, Coos County Historical Society Museum and Southwestern Oregon Community College.

In addition to the maritime exhibit the Friends of Shore Acres will greet visitors with refreshments.

There will be opportunities to have family photographs taken by the Beta Delta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha.

Rose experts will be on hand to answers questions rose enthusiasts have, as well as help us all better appreciate the garden's beautiful All America Rose Display Garden.

OREGON COAST MUSIC FESTIVAL

JULY 14 - 29, 1989

GARDEN CONCERT - "THE SWING BEANS"

Friday, July 14th - 12:30

See you there!!

HELP WANTED

GARDEN SITTERS

Meet and greet visitors at Shore Acres Gardens. Hours flexible! Call George Guthrie at 888-3732.

VOLUNTEER GARDENING

Special projects under supervision of state park personnel. Call George Guthrie at 888-3732.

GIFT SHOP

Volunteers needed to work weekdays and/or weekends, hours noon - 5 p.m., in Friends' new (temporary) gift shop. Call Ann Koppy at 756-5826 or 756-6320.

CALENDAR

June 6, Tues.	Tidepool Tour	South Cove Cape Arago	8:30 AM
June 6, Tues.	Board Meeting	Garden House	7:30 PM
June 18, Sun.	Rose Sunday Fathers Day	Shore Acres Gardens	Noon
June 22, Thurs.	Tidepool Tour	South Cove Cape Arago	8:00 AM
July 11, Tues.	Board Meeting	Garden House	7:30 PM
July 14, Fri.	OCMA Concert	Shore Acres Gardens	12:30 PM
Aug. 1, Tues.	Board Meeting	Garden House	7:30 PM
Sept. 5, Tues.	Board Meeting	Garden House	7:30 PM
Sept. 12, Tues.	ANNUAL MEETING	Garden House	7:30 PM

Photography/Nature Walks with guide Tony Mason

The coast trail walk (Sunset Bay to Cape Arago) will be offered (9 AM - 2PM) on the following dates:

July 7, Fri. Aug. 2, Wed. Sept. 7, Thurs. Oct. 3, Tues.

Meet at the picnic gazebo, Sunset Bay; bring a sack lunch and beverage. Return transportation from Cape Arago to Sunset Bay will be provided.



MEMBERSHIP AND THANKS

Memberships keep coming in, both new and renewal and we hope to reach 100% renewal by the end of March. So if you haven't sent in your renewal, please send it as soon as you can. **Membership** keeps us going!

The Friends of Shore Acres is an incorporated, private non-profit organization with tax-exempt status. Its purpose is "to participate in interpretive, educational and physical development programs with Sunset Bay Park District".

Board of Directors

Shirley Bridgham, President
Dick Hansen, Vice-President
George Guthrie, Sec./Treasurer
John Bergen
David Bridgham
Tony Mason
Nellie Ripper
Al Aslakson
Ann Koppy (Volunteer Coordinator)
Howard Hall

Newsletter Editors

Shirley & David Bridgham

Meeting Time

The Board meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. From June through September the meetings are at the garden house at Shore Acres. From October through May they are held at SWOCC, Empire Hall, Rms. 102-103.

Membership

An important part of any non-profit organization is its membership support base. Membership is the foundation for achieving our goals *

- * gift shop at the gardens with educational and interpretive items offered for sale
- * plant identification markers and interpretive signs
- * garden night-scaping with lights designed for that purpose
- * guided garden walks
- * interpretive materials for self-guided walks (coast trail, tide-pools)
- * special annual events:
Rhododendron Sunday (Mothers Day)
Rose Sunday (Fathers Day)
Christmas at Shore Acres

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Benefactor

Security Bank
Jim & Diane Verger

Sponsor

Helen Beyenka
Howard Hall

Patron

Nelda & Greg Leifer
Pete Dawson & Carole Smith

Family

Mary Bachurin & Paul Weigel
Jay & Joy Dow
Bob & Lori Fitzgerald
Dr. & Mrs. Wm. Kean
Kim & Roxanne Kimberley
Henry & Mary Scheirman

Individual

Carolyn Jenkins

Senior

Bolda M. King
Hazel Pletchney

SPECIAL THANKS

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTRIBUTION
Beta Delta Chapter/Epsilon Sigma Alpha

IN MEMORIAM TO PHIL RYAN
contribution by Don & Margaret Burdg

IN MEMORIAM TO RUTH DEMPSEY
Official Zonta rose bush (yellow)
by the Zonta Club of Coos Bay Area





VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Please check the ways you can help the Friends.

Docent Tours/Walks

- garden walks
- tidepool walks
- coast trail walks
- garden sitting

Park Improvements

- coast trail enhancement
- gardening
- special projects

Educational/Interpretive

- additional park signs
- coast trail
- plant identification markers
- viewpoints/interpretive signs
- research for publication

Financial Support

- through membership
- special projects
- memorials

Gift Shop/Sales

Rhododendron Sunday / Mothers Day

- set-up
- hosting
- clean-up

Rose Sunday / Fathers Day

- set-up
- hosting
- clean-up

Oregon Coast Music Festival Concert/July

- parking
- food preparation
- food/beverage sales
- information table
- clean-up

Christmas Lights/Open House

- string lights & decorate
- bake cookies
- garden house host/hostess
- truck transportation
- take-down/clean-up

Special Interest _____

NAME _____ PHONE NO. _____

ADDRESS _____

TO BECOME A MEMBER

Membership categories for all levels of support are available. Membership runs from **January 1st to December 31st.**

Senior or Student	\$5
Individual	\$10
Family	\$15
Patron	\$25
Sponsor	\$50
Benefactor	\$100
Sustaining	\$250
Life Membership	\$500
Gift	_____

Members receive a membership card, window decals, quarterly newsletter, and 10% discount on Friends sales items.

In addition, memberships of "Sponsor" and above will receive special recognition from The Friends.

Fill out the information listed below and return with your check or money order to:

The Friends of Shore Acres

P.O. Box 1172

Coos Bay, OR 97420

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

home

work

For more information call:

(503) 888-4902 or 888-3732



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