



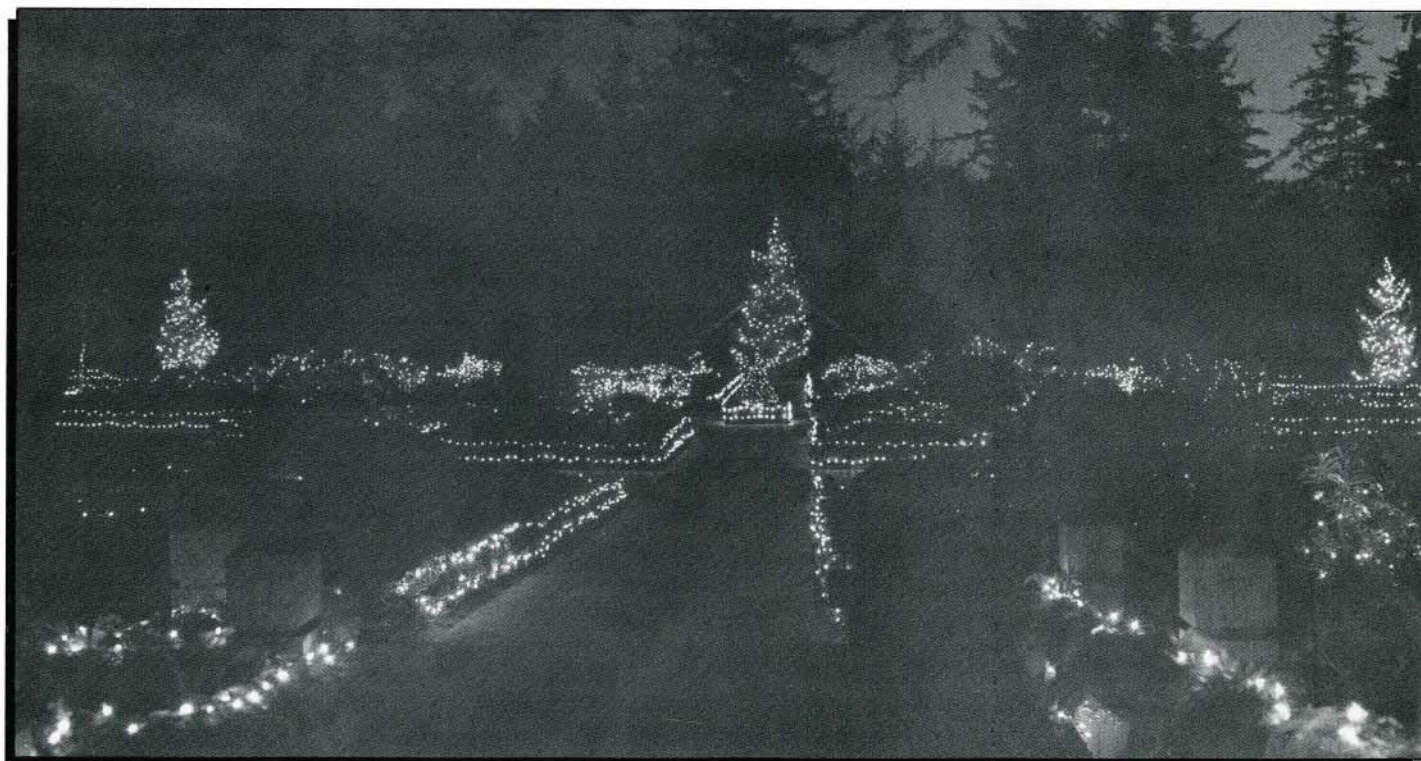
MORE THAN 40,000 LIGHTS THIS YEAR !!!

As we complete our 4th year as a *Friends* Co-op, we will have our 4th December of lights. We've grown from 6,000 lights in '87 to more than 40,000 lights this year. Our "Instant Tradition" continues and beginning December 8th and continuing through New Years Eve (including Christmas Eve and Christmas), you are invited to a holiday wonderland at the Gardens. Hosts from community organizations and Friends volunteers will greet you with hot cider, coffee, cranberry punch and of course, *cookies!*

Opening night December 8th coincides with the annual Christmas Lighted Boat Parade, sponsored by the South-coast Offshore Yacht Club. You can watch the parade which starts at Coos Bay City Dock at 6 p.m., then come to Shore Acres to see the lights.

Entertainment is scheduled each night, with 2 or 3 groups many nights. Carolers, musicians, and dance groups will perform on our outdoor stage, weather permitting. An entertainment list will be available at the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and the North Bend Information Center.

The Garden House will be open from 3 to 9 p.m. on weekends and from 5 to 9 p.m. on weeknights. Thanks to the extraordinary community support we receive, and the endless hours put in by our volunteers, each year gets better and better. Be sure to bring your family and friends to experience, again, that wonderful "old fashioned holiday spirit."



Gardens sparkled with 25,000 lights last year.

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REFLECTIONS OF CHRISTMAS

by Bonnie Koreiva

"You signed us up to do WHAT?"

"We're going out there and no one is going to show up because there are nine thousand other programs and parties going on tonight. I'll take my book and you'd better bring your knitting cause it's gonna be *just you and me Babe* and that *new couple* for *three long hours*."

Ha! and Ha! again if we're talking about hosting the Shore Acres Christmas Lights.

It could be, you arrive just before dusk and there are three lone visitors. "Just leaving," says the man, "I was here last night and I wanted to see the gardens in daylight and find the trail to the beach. But if you're heating up the cider, I'll wait and have a cup."

The skinny teenager scans the living room, then watches your every move setting up the counter. "Exactly how many kinds of cookies do you have?"

The lady with the accent: "How much does it cost to come in? It's all right to go upstairs? No, no coffee - I didn't bring my purse. Free? are you sure? Thank you. Just who was L. J. Simpson?" You ask them to sign the guest book, turn around and it starts!

Entertainers arrive - the cars parade into the parking lots, headlights flashing through the trees, the walkways are jammed, colored lights intensify, you're filling another coffee pot, opening cookie boxes, answering questions about the Simpson estate while dodging hugs of old friends and neighbors. You've suggested places for dinner or chowder, accepted donations for lights for next year, and found the extra cups and *the shift is over*.

"Did you see those three little girls from Coquille dressed like elves?"

"17 different states on the guest book tonight and that guy from Madison knows my cousin!"

"That Santa was popular - he's gotta be in everybody's pictures!"

"Do you suppose that girl with the camcorder shot out the upstairs window?"

"Where do we sign up for '91?"



Cranberry punch, a favorite with kids!

HOLIDAY LIGHTS PLEDGES MEET GOAL !!!

The following have made it possible for us to have **more than 40,000 lights** in December.

Bechtold and Laird, Attorneys at Law
The Charleston Merchants Association
Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary
Honda World, Judy & Jim Gilbert
North Bayside Grange #691
Pacific Power & Light
Reese Electric, George Reese
The Sea Basket, Clair Jones
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THANK YOU VERY MUCH !!!

CALENDAR

Nov. 6 - Board Mtg., SWOCC Empire Hall 102-103,
7:30 p.m.

Nov. 23 - Put up outside trees. 10 a.m.

Nov. 24-25 - Holiday Lights Set-Up #1
House decorators - 10 a.m.
Garden light stringers - Noon

Dec. 1-2 - Holiday Lights Set-Up #2
House decorators - 10 a.m.
Garden light stringers - 10 a.m.

Dec. 8 - 31 Holiday Lights & Open House
Weekends - 3 pm - 9 pm
Weeknights - 5 pm - 9 pm

Entertainment schedule at Bay Area Chamber of
Commerce and the North Bend Information Center

Jan. 8 - Board Meeting, SWOCC, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 5 - Board Meeting, SWOCC, 7:30 p.m.



HOLIDAY GIFTS

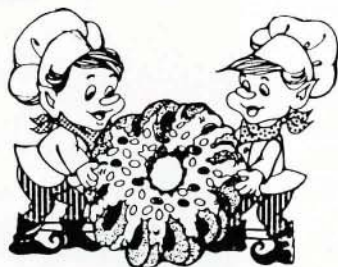
"Holiday Lights" sweatshirts '90 can be ordered now at Porcupine Graphics, 769 Virginia Blvd. North Bend, call 756-1530. Available in navy, sizes S - XXL. Priced at cost, \$18.

Available at our "Country Store" gift stop, upstairs in the Garden House Dec. 8 - 31:

- * Limited edition (200) Porcelain tree ornaments featuring the famous Shore Acres crashing wave, \$10
- * Holiday mugs, left and right handed, \$6.50
- * 1991 Shore Acres photo calendar, \$3

* **Tickets for the Ultimate Bed & Breakfast!**

A lucky couple will stay in the Garden House, overnight December 31st. The holiday lights in the gardens will stay on and a catered breakfast will greet them the next morning. Limited to 250 tickets at \$10 each. Drawing will be Christmas Eve. (need not be present to win)



COOKIE ALERT

Two cookie bakes are planned at the North Bend Junior H.S. under the direction of Sharon Fortune and Pearl Groves.
Saturday, December 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the same time on December 8.

If you plan to bake at home, donated cookies can be taken to Vend West, 1175 South 7th, Coos Bay and the folks there will put them in their walk-in freezer. Please sign in, leaving your name, address and phone number as well as the number of cookies you have donated. *This will help us with our cookie count!*



Late summer dahlias were spectacular.

GARDEN NOTES

by George Guthrie

Another summer season has come and gone at Shore Acres. Many of our flowers have already *done their duty* and have gone to an honorable retirement in our compost bins. Nevertheless, there are still some flowers in bloom - roses, red-hot poker, fuchsias, mums, even some early primroses, to name a few. I was going to include dahlias in the list but, even as I write this (in mid-October) we're yanking them out, too - *making room* for the tulips we'll be planting in their place for a lovely spring display.

People ask us if we have to remove our dahlias each winter to keep them in good condition. Our answer is "yes" and "no." Yes, we take them up but *no* it's not because of winter cold. Here along the coast,

temperatures rarely get cold enough for dahlia tubers to freeze. However, they can *drown* if the soil gets too waterlogged as it often does in our heavy clay soils during our mild but wet winters. So our annual ritual of *bringing in the sheaves* (of dahlias) allows us to take them to a place where it won't get too wet while giving us space to put in other plants for seasons when the dahlias are dormant.

Home gardeners in the local area who don't have spring bulbs and damp soil - for example those with very sandy soil and a sunny warm spot - can probably keep their dahlia tubers in the ground all year without having to go through our rigmarole. We kept a large number of plants in the ground near the back rose garden through last winter and had no problems at all.

By the way, some garden books may give you the idea that you have to store dahlia tubers in a root cellar or inside a structure. No way!! We store our plants outside, between layers of coarse bark partially shaded by deciduous trees (alders) and we have had no losses from rot or cold. The first year we did this was the bad winter of 1989 and we were pretty worried that we'd really blown it. But, our dahlias came out *smelling like roses*, so to speak!

Even though our flowers will be gradually winding down, remember that there's something else that will soon be springing up in the garden - namely - *holiday lights*!! Christmas is indeed coming soon so watch for all those garden goodies (courtesy of you-know-who) and then before you know it the whole annual cycle of flowers and fun at Shore Acres will start over for all of us once again!

George

FRIENDS GATHER

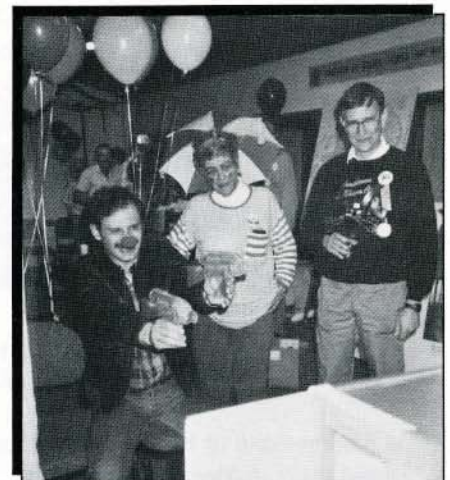
by David Bridgham

The 3rd annual Co-op Conference was held at Silver Falls State Park October 12 and 13. Nine *Friends* groups were represented as well as three more that "wanta be." And, while we all have similar goals to help *our* parks, we are all unique in our own way.

From a mining museum at *Collier* to an exceptional gift center at *Vista House*from a military installation at *Fort Stevens* to magnificent waterfalls at *Silver Falls*.....from an historical pageant at *Champoeg* to the legend of the haunted *Yaquina Bay Lighthouse*.....from hiking trails at *Tryon Creek* to the proposed linear state park, *Banks Vernonia* (21 miles long and 60 feet wide!).....from *Cape Blanco's elegant Hughes House* to thousands of lights in the gardens at *Shore Acres*.....all have something unusual to offer the hundreds of thousands of people that visit each year.

Recapping our activities keeps us in touch and gives us a sense of belonging to something bigger. We learned more about *community resources* - I told them that we're blessed with a pro-active community.

We workshopped on board retreats and our chief editor, Shirley Bridgham, presented on *newsletters*. Eight of us went to this year's conference and we've come back with lots of good ideas on how Shore Acres can *shine* even brighter.



Games, part of the fun!

PARK NOTES

by Andy LaTomme



If you belong to another service or fraternal organization, chances are that you've had to sit through some sort of *after-feeding* program. Maybe this year you're even scheduled to come up with some sort of program yourself. Either way, I'd like to help you by presenting a program entitled *Protect the Best of Oregon* to your group.

Protect the Best of Oregon is a 12-minute slide show which explains State Parks' six-year program for park rehabilitation, improvement and expansion. It is usually followed by a short talk about the local projects that are included in the six-year program and some time for questions and answers. The whole presentation can be completed in 20 minutes, or it can be expanded to fill 45 minutes or more.

Let me give you some background information about *Protect the Best*.....

How we got to where we are now is a fascinating story of oil embargoes, unkept promises and political intrigue. I think it is best presented in serial form beginning with this issue of the Friends' newsletter.

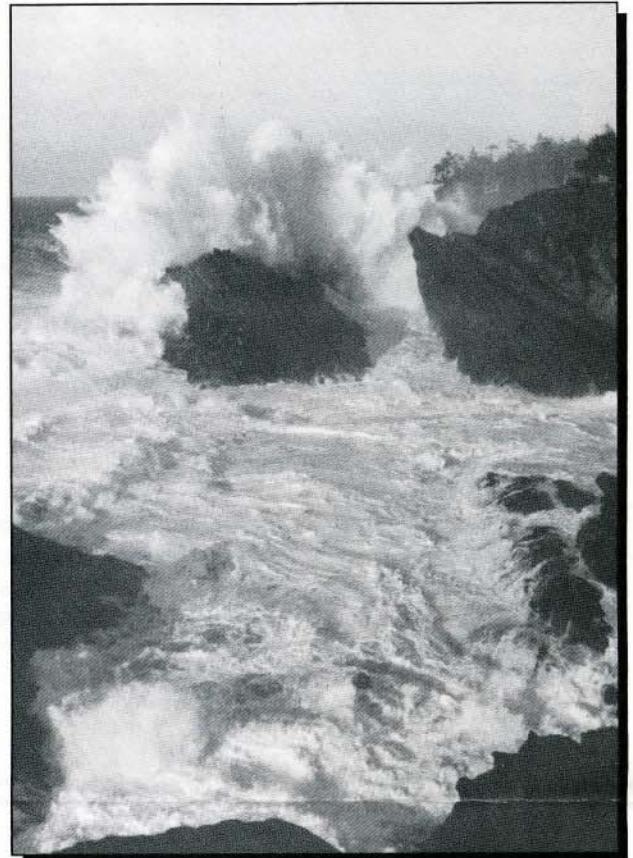
Last August ('89), when Parkfolks, Friends and visitors got together in the Garden House at Shore Acres to eat cake and celebrate our 60th anniversary, the State Parks 2010 Plan was unveiled in Salem. This plan is a vision for the future of State Parks and a collection of strategies to protect the investment of Oregon taxpayers in their state park system.

Our six year program, entitled *Protect the Best of Oregon* is the first step for putting the 2010 Plan into action. It describes \$74 million worth of specific projects which would rehabilitate, replace or expand existing facilities; acquire additional land to preserve natural resources and historic sites; and meet new and changing recreational demands.

(to be continued next newsletter)

Meanwhile, if you'd like more information about *Protect the Best of Oregon*, I've got a nice brochure at our district office. Stop by and pick one up, or give me a call at 888-4902 and I'll be glad to send a copy to you.

Don't forget, I'm anxious to get on the rubber chicken circuit, so if you'd like to schedule our *Protect the Best of Oregon* presentation for your club or organization, have your people call my people at 888-4902 and we'll do lunch or whatever. On second thought, pick up the phone and call me yourself, I'd be happy to talk with you.



It's wave time again. Don't miss it!

MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

We celebrated this past year's activities with a volunteer appreciation dinner October 4, 1990 at the Red Lion Inn. Marty Crouse and Chris Rosman treated the crowd to instrumental music during the social hour. A fine dinner was followed by a few words from M.C. Al Aslakson, FOSA Vice President.

An eloquent keynote address was given by Andy LaTomme, Sunset Bay Park District Manager and a 12-minute slide program, *Milestones and Memories*, reviewed highlights of our '89-90 activities.

Following the slide program, President David Bridgham recognized many of the volunteers for their hard work and many hours of volunteer time.

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GROWTH IS STEADY

Members are the foundation of the *Friends of Shore Acres*. We need and appreciate every one of you. Renewal time is just around the corner. For those who have already renewed, thanks! We've added something new to the mailing label - your membership status. Some of you will see **comp** on the label. That means you are receiving a complimentary copy. If you are a member you will find one of the following codes:

SR/O - Senior '90; **ST/O** - Student '90; **IN/O** - Individual '90; **FA/O** - Family '90; **PA/O** - Patron '90;

SP/O - Sponsor '90; **BE/O** - Benefactor '90; **SU/O** - Sustaining '90; **LF** - Life.

If you have a "1" after the slash, you've already renewed for '91.

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Happy Holidays and
Happy New Year ! !

OREGON COAST MUSIC FESTIVAL GARDEN CONCERT

Just before our last newsletter the Oregon Coast Music Association held its annual Garden Concert at Shore Acres. Our July weather was beautiful and to the delight of many visitors, *Southern Light* performed for nearly two hours. We parked and un-parked cars and sold raspberry sundaes, chocolate sundaes and soft drinks.



Thanks for helping!

Al Aslakson
David & Shirley Bridgham
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Ray Praus, Pepsi
Dick & Jerri Van Natta

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MEMBERSHIP

The Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. is a 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." Membership categories for all levels of support are available.

Membership runs from January 1st to December 31st.

As a member, you will receive a membership card, *Friends* decals and the quarterly newsletter. You will also receive a 10% discount on sales items if you show your membership card at the *Gift and Information Center*. To become a member or to renew your membership, fill out the application form and return with your check or money order to **Friends of Shore Acres, Inc., P.O. Box 1172, Coos Bay OR 97420**. For more information, call 888-4902 or 888-3732 or 756-5401.

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Please circle any activities you would like to help with.

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Christmas at Shore Acres '89 - Photo by Ward Robertson

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