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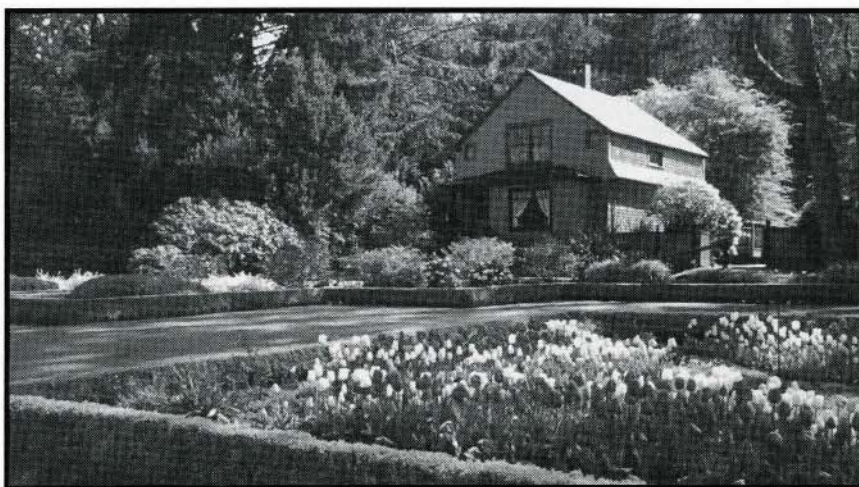
THE BEST TIME TO SEE THE GARDENS?

by George Guthrie, Shore Acres' Head Gardener

Visitors to Shore Acres often ask, "When is the best time to see all the flowers?"

Ever since its beginnings as Louis Simpson's private estate, the plantings at Shore Acres have been designed to take advantage of the area's mild climate to create gardens for all seasons.

Seasonal showy "peaks" include: hundreds of spring bulbs and daffodils in late February - March, 5,000 tulips in late March-April, lots of rhododendrons and azaleas April-mid-May, 900 rose bushes June-September, 250 dahlias August-mid-October, and this year 150,000 holiday lights in December.



Shore Acres tulips and azaleas are a sure sign of spring.

Year 'round deciduous and evergreen shrubs and trees include the largest Monterey pine in Oregon. It's near the greenhouse.

You can find something in flower almost any day of the year. Bloom times for all plants are based on normal/average conditions at Shore Acres. If you have any questions, please talk to a member of the garden staff or call 888-3732. •



Rose Sunday ♦ A Day for Dad at Shore Acres Gardens Sunday, June 18 ♦ 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Consultants from the Rose Society of South Western Oregon and tips from George Guthrie ♦ South Coast Wood Carvers and North Bend Senior Wood Carvers ♦ South Coast Men's Gold Coast Singers ♦ Women's Barbershop Chorus from SWOCC ♦ Refreshments in the Garden

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Editor's Notes

Can it really be the middle of June? As this issue of the *Journal* goes to press, I realize how fast time is going and how soon the holiday lights season will be here. Having so many projects to work on probably has something to do with it.

So what's done? Not enough, but we're making progress.

- ♦ The new trail brochure is about to be printed. We have reprinted the Roses brochure and added a card about the 1996 AARS winners. And the interpretive signs for the Simpson Reef viewpoint are closer to reality.
- ♦ George Guthrie and I are working on the new video about Shore Acres for the Information and Gift Center to sell. So many visitors want to buy a video. The most difficult part is deciding what 20 or 30 minutes to use out of hours and hours of scrumptious file footage shot by Mike Smith of M.J.'s Video Creations. Mike has been documenting the gardens since Mother's Day a year ago.
- ♦ Most of the used holiday lights have been repaired thanks to Ken Kocher in Clackamas and David Bridgham here in North Bend. We have ordered the replacement and additional lights. It's possible we will be able to get two new colors - pink and teal. Our plan is to increase the number of lights to 150,000. More electric service will be installed and some rewiring will take the excessive load off the existing circuits. What an education David and I have had in electricity!
- ♦ We also hope to do something *substantial* about parking. More about that in the August Journal.
- ♦ Bonnie Koreiva and I are working with Brent Smith and Mary Walker at KCBY on a video for holiday host orientation. We started it in January and it's only possible because of Bruce Bennet's and KCBY's generous community service donation. Several groups have already signed up to host in December.

There's much more but suffice to say, we are very busy! And like Doris Emmett, our wonderful president, I'm thankful for board members and volunteers who take care of the monthly events and the IGC, and are so supportive of all of the Friends' activities. Also, the support we get from parks staff puts the "partner" in partnerships. They are a great bunch of people. •

Shirley Bridgham

Don't forget to use your 10% member discount in the Information and Gift Center. And if you want to volunteer, call Ellen Garner, 888-3484.

THE COLOR OF GREEN

Cloudy skies and a few sprinkles did not stop hundreds of visitors from enjoying the bonsai display at Shore Acres Gardens, Saturday, March 18. Members of the Bay Area Bonsai

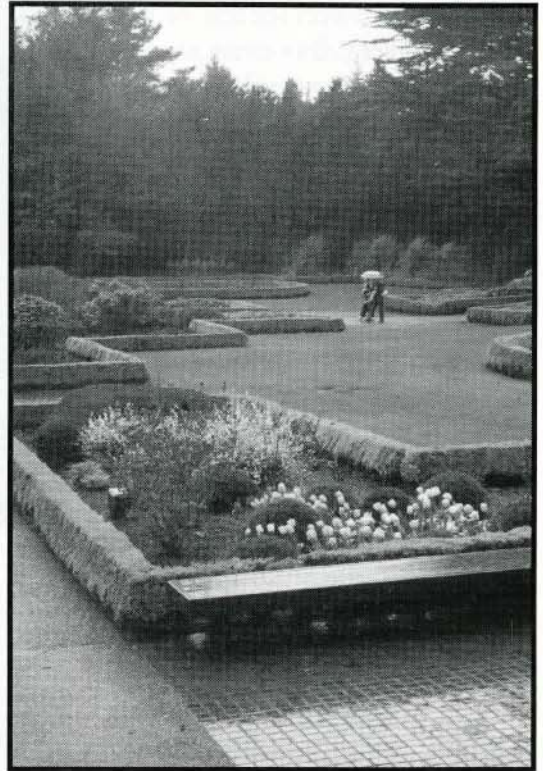
Society displayed their beautiful examples of this age-old art form that transforms plants into exquisite miniatures.

Club members participating included George & Eva Ahuna, George Brown, Larry Casey, Catharine Greiner, Ursula Langley, Beverly Leege, Betty Meister, Bob & Betty Renner, Lois Strong, Ken & Doris Windred.

Tea and fortune cookies were served by *Friends* volunteers Georganna Casey, Doris & Bob Emmett, Dick Van Natta, Mary Jo Jamsgard, George Guthrie, and Bob & Betty Renner. •



In the Garden House, visitors take a close look at exquisite bonsai.



In the glistening gardens, tulips, azaleas, and Lydia broom welcome the first of many visitors to the bonsai display.

INFORMATION AND GIFT CENTER

Ellen Garner, Mary Novak, Winnie Pitsenberger, and Bob and Betty Renner deserve a lot of credit for keeping the "IGC" running so smoothly. They, with the help of our excellent park hosts and weekend volunteers, have really made a difference in the shop's success.

Be sure to stop out and see all of the new and exciting items they have in stock. Our beautiful "Gardens Above the Waves" viewbook, new T-shirts and sweatshirts, wonderful garden books, stained glass, wood carvings, wildflower jewelry, hats, mugs, postcards, and much more! By this coming holiday season (maybe sooner), we will have a video about Shore Acres for sale in the Gift Shop.

If you want to volunteer, call Ellen at 888-3484. •

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Memorial contributions are deposited in a special savings account that will be used to build a new fountain in the center of the formal garden. Currently, we are looking into possible designs for the fountain and hope to have it completed by summer of 1996. •

President's Notes

With the sweet success of the Mothers' Day event at our beloved Shore Acres still in our hearts, we enthusiastically speed into summer with lots of appreciation of the State Parks folks and the FOSA Executive Board. What a marvelous group! Their planning and cooperation are exceptional. Each member works on his or her favorite event and then some, so this takes care of the entire year. At this point, I should mention the Information and Gift Center, which sails along so very smoothly under the direction of Ellen Garner, Mary Novak, Winnie Pitsenberger, and Bob and Betty Renner. The "shop" did well Mothers' Day.

What's coming? Fathers' Day, June 18, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. offers the gorgeous rose gardens with tips on growing, with help from the South Western Oregon Chapter of the American Rose Society and our ever so knowledgeable George Guthrie, Shore Acres' Head Gardener. Woodcarvers from the South Coast Woodcarvers and the North Bend Senior Carvers Group will use mechanized equipment as well as chisels to display their talents. Also, music is scheduled for that day by the South Coast Men's Gold Coast Singers (2:00-3:00) and the Women's Barbershop Chorus from SWOCC. . . . and of course a reception in the Garden House with beverages and goodies for Dad and all. We do thank board member

Rose Sunday, Father's Day, will bring rose experts, wood carvers, barbershoppers, refreshments, and drawings for Dad in the "Gift Shop."



Rhododendrons and azaleas are abundant and beautiful at Shore Acres.

Bob Renner for programming.

July is great as we look forward

to the Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert in the formal garden, Friday, July 21 at noon. FOSA volunteers will offer ice cream sundaes and beverages as is tradition.

A Fuschia Show will be featured in the Gardens on August 13 and the annual Friends of Shore Acres Potluck Picnic is set for the 27 at 3:00 p.m. Members and BLM volunteers will be cooking hamburgers, so bring your favorite dish and join in the fun. All members and volunteers and their families are welcome. Plan to attend and

sign up for the Holiday Lights help.

A new event for September will be the Dahlia Daze/Fall Walk . . . an outstanding Dahlia Show with invited advisors on hand. . . scheduled for Sept. 24th. More on this later.

This has been an exciting year, and we've only just begun. If you would like to help on any or all events, please call me at 756-4450. We do need help in hosting and serving and this gets us in practice for the fabulous Holiday Lights, which, naturally, will be bigger and better.

We love Shore Acres and your interest and help. Thanks to all! •

**What's Coming Up –
OCMA Garden
Concert July 21 *
Fuschia Show Aug.
13 * Friends Potluck
Picnic Aug. 27 *
Dahlia Daze/Fall
Walk Sept. 24**

Doris Emmett, President

Both beautiful *and* tough

by George Guthrie, Shore Acres' Head Gardener

It's a trite but truism that even with all our labor saving devices and conveniences, that most of us seem to have less and less time to do all the things we want or need to do. This sad situation applies as much to gardens and gardeners as to "normal" people. So we are always looking for plants whose attractions of flower, fragrance, fruit, or foliage will not have to cost us too much in terms of minutes, manpower, and money! My last article recommended daffodils as good garden citizens that met the low investment/high yield criteria and as spring turns to summer I would like to propose a flower with similar good points for this time of year—Watsonia (as in "elementary, my dear W _____," with apologies to S. Holmes, esq. of course).

All (pseudo) cleverness aside, Watsonia is a South African bulb-like plant closely related to the more familiar Gladiolus. In fact, Watsonia has most of the glads strong points (i.e., lovely flowers—mostly in a range of white, pink, mauve, and orange) without its faults—having to stake the taller flower spikes, especially in windy areas like here. Watsonias do tend to have smaller flowers carried in looser clusters than standard glads, but they also look more "graceful, airy, and refined" (to semi-quote one authority). Like glads, they make lovely and long lasting cut flowers for arrangements. I had one on the "lunch table" at the work shop that lasted for over 2 weeks in a vase). Normally, flowering begins in early May and lasts about a month. After the flowers fade, the handsome sword-



Graceful pink Watsonias.

like, 2 ft. long leaves will continue to look nice until late summer or early fall. Plants tend to make large clumps looking kind of like a soft leaved yucca up to 3 ft. wide in time. When you can, cut them back hard. Fall and winter rains will stimulate fresh new growth that will look nice in early spring. Like daffodils, Watsonias are as tough as they are beautiful, preferring a sunny spot but tolerating almost any soil outside of pure sand and pure muck. The large clumps seen in old Bay Area gardens and even vacant lots indicate they will do nicely with little or no additional food or water above what's naturally available—though they will probably do even better with normal garden care. Pests and diseases rarely trouble the plants and even the deer

steer clear—you gotta love it!

Oddly enough, the main problem about Watsonia may be finding it so you can plant it. Nurseries rarely seem to stock it. I have noticed it for sale as "bulbs" (actually corms) in late summer or early fall. If you can get them plant them as you would glads. The other way is to divide established clumps—try to get a couple of corms from around the edges of the clump and away you go. One word of warning – a large old clump can be tough. I went through two shovels and an axe (!) in an (eventually) successful bid to get some propagating material (your newsletter editor is an official witness to the dirty deed).

However you can obtain them, I recommend you try them. I think you will find Watsonias handsome and hardy plants for your garden.

Speaking of obtaining Watsonias, I wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Lathan Brinkley of North Bend for generously allowing me to perform surgery on a clump of their plant to obtain a particularly fine coral red flowered variant. Their babies will eventually ornament the Shore Acres pond area.

Also a grateful tip of the ranger hat to Harlan at Tioga Valley Nursery for the donation of some "new" New Guinea Impatiens for eventual use in our summer greenhouse display.

Finally, a very big thank-you to Jay and Joy Dow, Mike and Jan Kelly, Ray Duskin, Louis Strong, Sally Horner representing the South Western Oregon Chapter of the American Rose Society, for their time and expertise fertilizing the Shore Acres roses. •

Rhody Sunday

by Jo Hower, Board Member and Chair

Mothers were honored at the annual Rhododendron Sunday held on Mothers' Day, May 14. Between 500 and 600 moms, families, and other visitors were treated to the natural beauty of blooming rhododendrons interspersed with demonstrations by weavers, spinners, wood carvers and artists.

Representing Headles and Treadles, the local weavers' guild were Isabel Buschman, Mona Crucitti, Fred Knapp, Virginia Slaney, Elaine Almquist, Dana Hoffman, Jean Fowler and Pat Anderson.

The mother daughter team of Jean and Pat helped dispel the myth of purple, pink and green sheep. Those gorgeous colors are achieved by dyeing the fleece after the shearing and no breed, however exotic, comes in such colors. The steady flow of visitors and cooperating weather allowed for leisurely viewing and questions from those in attendance.

The artists and woodcarvers came from Charleston and Coos Bay. The Garden House was hung with works representing Shore Acres Gardens and the many flowers found there. Artists contributing and sketching in the gardens included Alice Ellis, Charles Edmunds, Merrie Holbert, Pat Weaver, Sara Spaugh, and Dorothy Vaughn.

Wood carver, Ava Abrahamson, displayed her wood carvings as well as demonstrating her skill. Her works ranged from exquisitely delicate angel ornaments to bolder animal representations. (Continued page 7)



George Guthrie answers questions about rhodies and azaleas.



Woodcarver Ava Abrahamson demonstrates her woodcarving skills.



Artist Merrie Holbert answers visitors' questions during Bay Area Artists Association (BAAA) garden "Paint-Out."

Rhody Sunday

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Fred Knapp demonstrates his skills.

Refreshments of home baked tea breads and cakes were provided by Shore Acres board members. President-Elect Dick Van Natta manned the coffee pot and punch bowl with assistance from Carl Siminow, Bob Emmett and Georganna Casey.

President Doris Emmett lent her considerable talent to the gala pink bows and blooming table arrangements. Shore Acres volunteers Pearl Affholter, Vera Fusano, Helen and Pete McElravey welcomed visitors and guests and insured the cake platters were never empty.

Thanks to all who helped!



Friends of Shore Acres Calendar

Month	Date	Activity	Time
June	18	Rose Sunday, Father's Day	11 am - 4 pm
July	11	Board Meeting	7 pm
	15	North Bend July Jubilee "Lights" Parade	Dusk
	21	OCMA Garden Concert, Sundae sale, park cars, etc.	Concert 12:30 (Park cars 11)
August	8	Board Meeting	7 pm
	13	Fuschia Show at Shore Acres	11 am - 4 pm
	27	Friends Members & Volunteers Annual Potluck Picnic at Shore Acres	3 pm
September	5	Friends Annual Meeting	7:30 pm
	24	Dahlia Daze/Fall Walk at Shore Acres	11 am - 4 pm
October	5	Celebration Dinner	6:30 pm
	10	Board Meeting	7 pm
November	4-5	Holiday Lights Setup	10 am - 4 pm
	11-12	Holiday Lights Setup	10 am - 4 pm
	18-19	Holiday Lights Setup	10 am - 4 pm
	24-26	Holiday Lights Setup	10 am - 4 pm
	29	Preview Night for Members, Volunteers, Supporters	6 pm - 9 pm
	30	OPENING NIGHT	4 pm - 10 pm
December	1-31	Holiday Lights & Open House '95	4 pm - 10 pm
January	1	CLOSING NIGHT	4 pm - 10 pm
	6-7	Take-Down	10 am - 4 pm
	13-14	Take-Down	10 am - 4 pm
	23	Shake-Down Potluck	6:30 pm

All dates and times are subject to change except the Holiday Lights.

"BRUSH AND FLUSH"

by Shirley Bridgham, Journal Editor

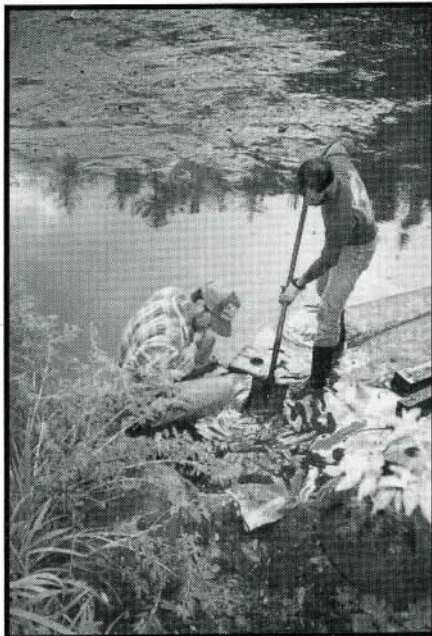
On a sunny *April Fools'* Saturday, the annual "brush and flush" (to borrow a phrase from Gregg Nelson) of the lily pond was successfully completed. Seventeen adults and eleven kids from BLM did the deed in about an hour. (Unfortunately, I can't find the list of names.)

George Guthrie emptied the pond ahead of time, took care of the lilies and saved the goldfish and salamanders.

While some major sludge had to be hauled by wheelbarrow, most of it was flushed down the very efficient drain that BLM installed several years ago. The BLM fire truck supplied the flushing power.

Friends of Shore Acres volunteers helped Lloyd "BBQ" Fritz (BLM) prepare lunch for the bunch.

Thanks to everyone who helped, sorry I lost the list! •



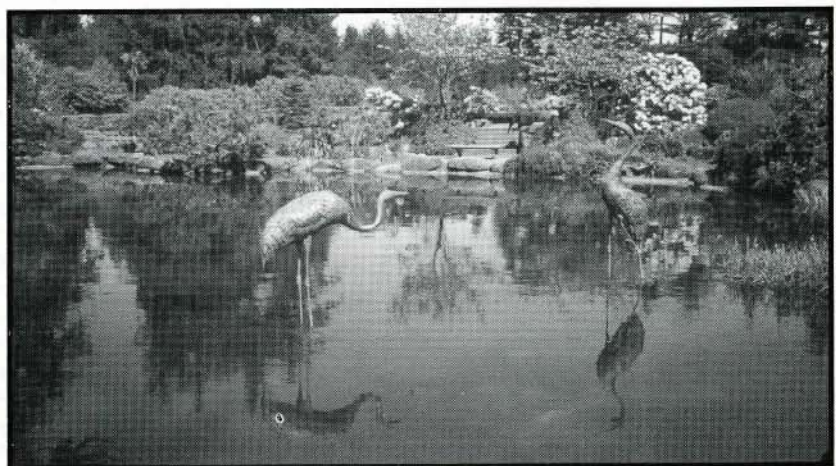
Finding the drain was a challenge.



In the formal garden, a young family enjoys the tulip display. They are totally oblivious that dozens of volunteers are in the midst of the annual "brush and flush" of the lily pond in the Oriental Garden.



BLM volunteers are used to the muck; they've cleaned it before!



The result – a clearly beautiful pond.

OREGON COAST MUSIC FESTIVAL ♦ JULY 14-29

C A L E N D A R

<p>Friends of Shore Acres will help park cars and sell fresh raspberry and chocolate sundaes, lemonade, etc. at the Garden Concert Friday, July 21.</p>					14 Friday <i>It's About Time Big Band</i> , Ken Masters, Director, North Bend Community Center 8 p.m.	15 Saturday <i>Bay Area Concert Band</i> , Outdoor Concert & Picnic, Robert Gillett, Conductor, Mingust Park 12:30 p.m. Dance Through Time: 500 Years of Courtship Through Dance, MHS Auditorium, 8 pm
16 Sunday	17 Monday <i>Bay Area Community Choir</i> , Chris Rosman, Director, NB Presbyterian Church 8 pm	18 Tuesday	19 Wednesday <i>Golden Bough</i> folk music, Reedsport Pacific Auditorium, 8 pm	20 Thursday <i>Festival Chamber Players</i> , Bandon Ocean Crest Auditorium, 8 pm	21 Friday <i>Golden Bough Outdoor Concert and Picnic</i> , Shore Acres State Park, (\$3 State Parks Parking Fee) <i>Hollis Taylor Trio</i> , Jazz, Folk, Western - Pony Village Motor Lodge, 8 pm	22 Saturday <i>Festival Chamber Players</i> , North Bend Presbyterian Church, 8 pm
23 Sunday <i>Irene Farrera Music of Latin America</i> , Oregon Institute of Marine Biology, Charleston, 2 pm	24 Monday <i>Garrick Ohlsson Solo Piano Recital</i> , All Chopin Concert, MHS Auditorium, 8 pm	25 Tuesday <i>Festival Orchestra</i> , James Paul, Music Director & Conductor, <i>Garrick Ohlsson Piano</i> , MHS Auditorium 8 pm	26 Wednesday	27 Thursday <i>Festival Orchestra Plays Pops</i> , Jason Klein, Conductor, "Water Music" MHS Auditorium, 8 pm	28 Friday <i>Paul DeLay Blues Band</i> , The Barn in Bandon, 8 pm	29 Saturday <i>Festival Orchestra</i> , James Paul, Music Director & Conductor, MHS Auditorium, 8 pm

To order tickets, call 269-2720 or 1-800-676-7563. For further information, call the OCMA office, 267-0938.

AUGUST COMMUNITY EVENTS

(Just a sample)

August 4-5

Maritime Festival
 Flagship Dinner at the NB Community Center Friday night; Maritime Vaudeville Show at the Egyptian Theater, Saturday at 1; Beer tasting at the Coos Bay Convention Center. •

August 13

Fuschia Show & Open house at Shore Acres - 11-4; Fuschia displays, experts, and more. •

August 13

McCullough Light Brigade Community Picnic - Noon at Ferry Road Park in North Bend •

August 26

Blackberry Arts Festival in downtown Coos Bay •

There are more; check the Wednesday edition of "The World" for weekly updates. We do not lack for things to do on the South Coast!

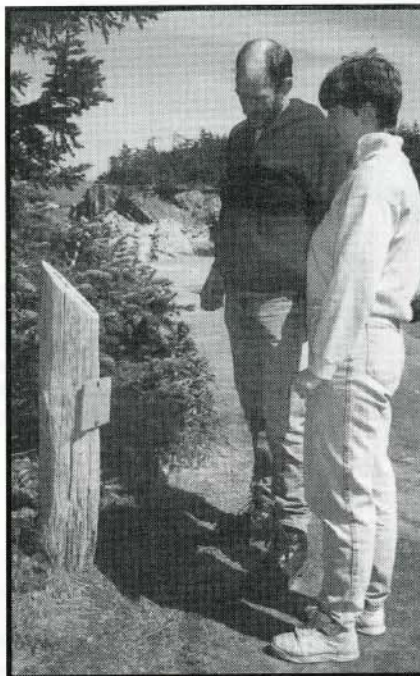
TREKKING THE COAST TRAIL

Eric and Elise Hamner get info for new coast trail map
(Cape Arago to Sunset Bay)

by Shirley Bridgham, Editor



The entrance to Cape Arago State Park is the south end of the trail.



Trail sign at the top of the trail leading to Simpson Beach.



Trail marker near the former tennis courts at Shore Acres.

More than a few years ago, Eric and Elise Hamner spent considerable time surveying and mapping the coast trail section that runs from Cape Arago to Sunset Bay. Their purpose was to give the Friends of Shore Acres the information needed for a new coast trail map that would help hikers identify significant and interesting points of the trail. ***They did an excellent job.*** Since then, many activities have kept the map on the “back burner” of publications production. However, it finally came to the “front burner” early this spring. The new “test” map will be available soon. We hope new trail markers will be in place by the end of summer. If you have a chance to walk the trail and use the map or if you would like to help set the new markers, please let us know by calling 756-5401, 756-4450, 888-4902, or 888-3732. •

INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM AND BROCHURES AVAILABLE AT SHORE ACRES

The Shore Acres Story multi-image slide program ♦ Mon. thru Fri. in the Garden House, April thru Sept.

Current brochures:: *Simpson Reef & Shell Island: Wildlife Viewing at its Best* ♦

Roses at Shore Acres Gardens ♦ *Rhodies & Azaleas at Shore Acres Gardens*

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Remember, your membership entitles you to a 10% discount in the Information & Gift Center.

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Shore Acres Gardens - "Gardens for All Seasons"

Shirley Bridgham

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