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## Picnic Planned \*

Friends sponsor picnic for members, volunteers and park staff

f you are a member of or volunteer for Friends of Shore Acres, Inc., or if you are park staff, you are invited to a very special summer event.

Friends and Volunteers Picnic

Sunday, August 28 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Shore Acres Garden House Side Garden

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. will provide barbecued burgers, chicken, and fish. B.L.M. volunteers will do the cooking.

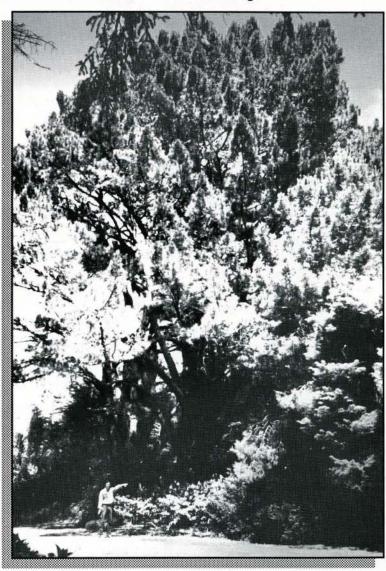
Picnickers should bring side dishes of beans, salads, desserts (two items if the family is large). The *Friends* will provide soft drinks and coffee.

Picnic organizer Doris Emmett says there will be a short program, music, an update on holiday lights planning, and an opportunity to meet assistant area manager, Larry Becker.

Please call 756-4450 and let Doris know you're coming. But if you forget to call, come anyway. There will be lots of food and *fun for all*.

Remember, there is a summertime fee to get in the park (\$3 per car) but it's well worth it – and it keeps Shore Acres open for all of us to enjoy. \*\*

# Shore Acres' Monterey pine named state champ



Largest Monterey pine (Pinus radiata) in Oregon 95' tall, 208" circumference (story page 3)

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## Editor's Notes



ummertime. Almost as busy a time for the Friends as November and December. We're getting ready for the Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert, July 22 and a special picnic for friends and volunteers, August 28.

Reorganization of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is progressing but not complete. In the next issue of the Journal there will be an update on the changes. Meanwhile, you should know that Andy LaTomme is the new area manager for the south coast area and Larry Becker is the new assistant area manager.

The Information and Gift Center has lots of new merchandise. Be sure to get out and take a look. And if you are a member, take advantage of your 10% discount. While you're at the Gardens, pick up copies of our two new brochures, *Rhododendrons & Azaleas*, and *Shore Acres Roses*. Another popular brochure is *Simpson Reef and Shell Island*.

Also, if you are at the Gardens during the week, stop in and see the slide show, *The Shore Acres Story*, in the Garden House. The program is 18 minutes long and tells the story of Louis Simpson's estate and how the park came to be what it is today.

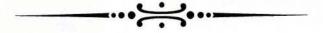
Looking ahead to the holidays, Ken Kocher in Clackamas is already checking thousands of lights and we really appreciate all his hard work.

Speaking of volunteering, we are going to try and do a better job of having sign-up sheets at our events. We need you to sign in so we can acknowledge your efforts. I know we're missing some names of those who helped on Rhododendron Sunday and Rose Sunday.

The dedication of Friends members and volunteers combined with the excellent cooperation and support of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is what makes our organization work. A heartfelt thanks to everyone who helps.

We hope to see all of you at the picnic August 28th. \*

Phirley Bridgham



# Monterey pine named state champ

(photo page 1)

ack in 1985, George Guthrie nominated the large Monterey pine that grows near the greenhouse as the largest Monterey pine in Oregon. Then he forgot all about it.

But the tree kept on growing and now it's official.

In May, the Oregon Department of Forestry notified George that the pine had been named state champ as the largest in Oregon at a height of 95 feet and a circumference of 208 inches.

George believes the giant tree was planted in the early days of the Louis Simpson estate, making it about 90 years old. ■

# Other garden news and notes from George

s mentioned last newsletter, we are looking for volunteers for our new 'PIP' (Partners in Parks) program. If you're interested in doing things for the garden with us, please contact us. There's lots of interesting stuff to be done, including things we've probably never thought of, but you may have, so let's hear from you.

Speaking of partners - many thanks to Helen Grey and Joe Howanic from the Southwestern Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society for their assistance as *experts* answering questions on Rhododendron Sunday and a special tip of the ranger hat to Bob Renner for mowing the big field (i.e., the Oregon Coast Music Association summer concert *parking lot*). Thanks again for your help!

# Out of the past



North Bend, June 6, 1936 - Cars on Sherman Avenue headed north to the Dedication Celebration of the McCullough Bridge. Photo by Walter Buckingham, grandfather of Craig Coffindaffer, forest resources technology student at Southwestern Oregon Community College.

## Congratulations to Ellie Kinney!

Ellie Kinney of the Shore Acres garden staff is the new vice president of the South Western Oregon Rose Society. Members of the Society traditionally help Ellie prune hundreds of rose bushes at Shore Acres each winter and assist George Guthrie with rose interpretation on Rose Sunday.

## Easter lilies in July

Last fall, Carole Crockett and family of Winharbor Farms in Harbor, Oregon, donated lily bulbs to Shore Acres. Beautiful white lilies are now blooming in the Gardens. The blooms should last through mid to late July.

### Picnic Reminder

(details page 1)

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## SPRING CLEANING - A STORY TO PONDER

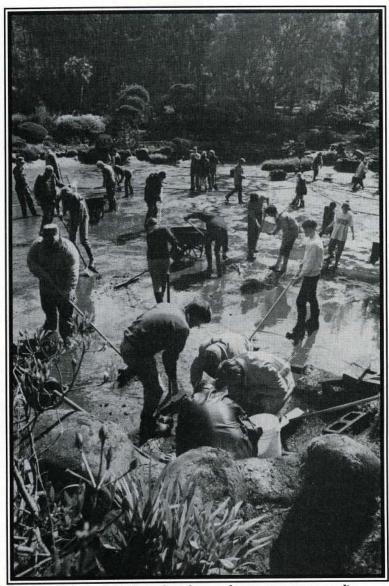
by Gregg Nelson

n Saturday. April 9th, volunteers from the Bureau of Land Management and the Friends of Shore Acres gathered together to drain and clean the pond (fondly called the "Brush & Flush") in the Oriental Garden at Shore Acres. Cleaning the pond consists of brushing, shoveling, and hosing the accumulated debris toward and down the drain.

This year the cleaning process went like clockwork, thanks to the pre-work by the State Parks personnel. On Thursday and Friday, they "pulled the plug" to drain the pond, caught most of the goldfish (a few decided to go to sea), and removed all the potted lilies. They also trimmed back the overhanging vegetation, and chopped back the

islands. When the workers showed up Saturday, it had truly become a simple chore of brush and flush. The water was gone, the lilies were gone, the fish were gone - the only things left were the muck and the coins.

Martin Pike parked BLM's 2200 gallon fire tanker near the greenhouse, and a crew laid out three fire hoses to the pond. With



Brush and flush took only one hour - a new record!

40 volunteer adults and children picking up coins, washing down the mud, sweeping, and squeegeeing (is this a word? what else would you call pushing a stick with a rubber edge on the end through mud in a cement pond?). The entire cleaning took only one hour - a new record!

The new drain, installed by BLM two years ago, worked very well, and made the pond cleaning almost a pleasant experience. People who had helped clean the pond back when the final few hours of the day were spent doing a bucket brigade of muck, were <u>NOT</u> lamenting the loss of the "good old days".

When the job was done, the Friends of Shore Acres barbecued lunch for the volunteers.

Thanks to all the volunteers from the Friends and BLM: Martin Pike, Roman Rodriguez, Lloyd Fritz, Cranson Fosburg, Steve Fowler, Mike & Jake Taylor, Kate, Laurel, & Chris Hamilton, David Rosenkrance, Jon, Dora, Katie, & Charlotte Menten, Blaine Barklow, BreAnna Rifkin, Kara Wick, LeeAnne Bechtel, Maren Walsh, John, Tim, & Jeremy Fields, Meredith, Miranda,

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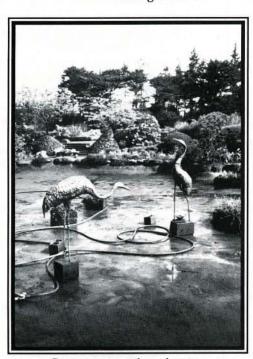
# PARTNERSHIPS PAY OFF



BLM's fire tanker provides pump power.



Saving coins . . .



Cranes contemplate cleaning.



Mike & Jake Taylor handle fire hose.



Cranson Fosburg and George Guthrie flush and brush.



Lloyd Fritz & Bob Emmett get ready for hungry pond cleaners.

# NAKED POND 21/2

by Gregg Nelson

his is the sequel, just like in the movies.
Pond cleaning didn't end the story, because there was another problem that had to be dealt with: the pond wouldn't hold water! Actually, it will hold water, but not very well - it leaks.

For the last few months the pond's water level was a foot low. When the pond was Stay tuned for drained for cleaning, the next sequel, the State Parks crew Naked Pond 33inspected it for 1/3, coming soon cracks, holes, and suspected leaks. to a newsletter While the volunteers near you. were busy cleaning, this crew was busy patching. They patched everything that look suspicious, especially concentrating on the 4-inch hole in the bottom where an underground spring was bubbling up. In spite of the

Ellie Kinney at State Parks called Rod Smith at BLM. Rod has had experience in patching leaking ponds: he helped build six waterholes for BLM, and all six leaked! But Rod learned how to stop them from leaking.

patchwork, it still leaked.

Rod brought along Bill
Huret and Paul Leman, and the
three of them used a concrete
saw to cut a larger hole in the
pond. They dug out some of the
slurried gunk in the hole, laid
down a plastic sheet, filled the
hole with gravel, poured
concrete over it all, and

smoothed it out. An easy job, it took about a half hour.

George called Rod the next day with good news and bad news. The good news was that the concrete didn't wash out like the first patch. The bad news was that it still leaked from a 1/4 inch hole.

Rod and Barry Brook went

out to fix the latest leak (have you noticed how Rod keeps bring new people into the picture? I don't know whether he wants everyone to share in the experience, or whether no one wants to go with

him twice). Rod and Barry used an epoxy doweling agent, which is like a <u>super</u>-super glue, squirted some in the hole, and 11 minutes later the leak was fixed. According to Rod, "It's not gonna leak again at that same spot, money back guaranteed!"

The rest of the pond is also in sad shape, and will eventually need to be resurfaced. Since he enjoys doing these things, Rod is going to research possible solutions, and present State Parks with the options for a permanent, long-term fix for the whole pond. Stay tuned for the next sequel: Naked Pond 33-1/3, coming soon to a newsletter near you. \*\*

### Oregon Coast Maritime Festival Coos Bay - July 15-17

On the Waterfront . . .
City of Coos Bay's Boardwalk Dedication
10 a.m. Saturday, July 16

Vessel Tours - Saturday & Sunday 210' U.S. Coast Guard Cutter "Steadfast" 47' and 51' USCG Motor Lifeboats Knutson Towboat Tractor Tug Coos Bay Towboat Tractor Tug

Harbor Tours - Betty Kay Charters Hourly, Saturday & Sunday

Maritime Art & Artists
Original Paintings by John Stobart
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Exhibit by American Society
of Marine Artists
Hand-Crafted Boat Models
by Bud Leonard
Historical Photos, Vic West Collection
Coos Art Museum, July 15 - Aug. 15

Oregon Coast Music Festival Free Band Concert, Mingus Park Noon Sat., July 16

Jazz Pianist Tom Grant 7:30 p.m. Sat., July 16

Music Festival continues through July 30 17 Concerts: Orchestral, Chamber, Choral, Jazz

Food, Wine & Entertainment Saturday & Sunday July 16 & 17 Avenue of Sidewalk Cafes, featuring 10 of Oregon's Best Restaurants & Wineries

Chanteyman from "The Lady Washington" Traditional Storytellers & Seafaring Songs Saturday & Sunday

Silent Film "The Yankee Clipper" with Master Pipe Organist Robert Vaughn Egyptian Theater, Sunday, 2-4 p.m.

Sports, History & Nature Exhibits . . .
Fishing, Crabbing &
Marine Biology Exhibits
Displays of Handmade Flies,
Lures & Fishing Gear
Windsurfing, SCUBA,
Surfing Equipment Displays

# EARLY "LIGHTS" SHOW

Watch for Friends of Shore Acres Lights Float in the North Bend Jubilee parade, Friday, July 15. The parade starts at 9 p.m. \*\*

### **Annual Sundae Sale**

Friends will sell fresh raspberry and/or chocolate sundaes and lemonade at the Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert, Friday, July 22. The free



concert, featuring the Festival Brass,

starts at 12:30. It is

one of seventeen concerts scheduled during the Festival which runs from July 16 through 30. ©

### CALENDAR

July 15 - N.B. Jubilee Lights Parade

July 22 - OCMA Garden Concert

12:30 p.m. - Shore Acres

Aug. 9 - Board Meeting, 7 pm.

Aug. 28 - Friends & Volunteers

Picnic - Shore Acres - 3-6 pm

Sept. 6 - Annual Meeting, 7:30

Sept. 13 - Board Meeting, 7 pm

Oct. 11 - Board Meeting, 7 pm

Nov. 5-6 - Holiday Setup, 10 am . . .

Nov. 12-13 - Holiday Setup, 10 am . . .

Nov. 19-20 - Holiday Setup, 10 am . . .

Nov. 25-27 - Holiday Setup, 10 am . . .

Dec. - no Board Meeting

December 1 thru January 1
8th Annual

Holiday Lights & Open House 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.

# Park Hosts - an important part of the volunteer program

by Shirley Bridgham

riends of Shore
Acres, Inc.
owes part of the
Information and
Gift Center's
success to the park hosts
that run the Center and
show the Shore Acres
Story slide show on
weekdays.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Park Host Program provides hosts with a space for their camper or trailer and allows hosts to



Larry and Bobbi Reali

help Friends groups with various programs like the interpretive stores.

We've had many wonderful park hosts at Shore Acres. This spring, Larry and Bobbi Realie came from Sacramento in March and ended up staying through April. Bobbi said it was their first time to host at a park. Before retiring, she was a waitress at Mr. Perry's Coffee Shop in Sacramento; Larry was an assistant foreman for Campbell's Soup. Bob and Grace McGinnis of Oakland, California worked in May. Bob is a retired truck driver. In June, two couples shared the host duties: Bill and Marge Levens from Prineville and John and Emma Zantos from Chula Vista, California. This month, our hosts are Rudi and Barbara Miranda from Roseburg. Before retirement, they ran an RV Park in Gresham, Oregon.

A big thanks to all of you for your valuable service to the *Friends* and to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. You really do make a difference.

### The rest of the "volunteer" story

In future issues of the *Journal*, we will feature the dedicated *Friends (Ellen, Winnie, and Mary)* who manage the Center and the steadfast *Friends'* volunteers, who run the Information and Gift Center on weekends.

If you haven't visited the *Friends* Information and Gift Center recently, do so soon. Besides our locally produced *Gardens Above the Waves* full-color viewbook, the Center stocks all kinds of garden books, cookbooks, children's books, t-shirts, sweatshirts, wildflower jewelry, and much more. Hours are 11-5, seven days a week. The Center's phone number is 888-2472. \*

# What to do about watering

by George Guthrie, Shore Acres Head Gardener

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t's strange but true that one of the biggest challenges for any coastal gardener (including your's truly) is watering. Even though Oregon in general and our area in particular is renowned for rainfall, one

of our climatic quirks is that most of our rainfall is concentrated in winter and early spring. As a result, when longer, warmer days

are getting us interested in planting and sowing, the rain we really need is petering out.

Especially for plants like flowering annuals and perennials, (i.e., marigolds, lobelia, etc.) adequate moisture to the root zone in the first month after planting is very important. It's scary how fast disaster can happen. Just a couple of days of strong sunshine and even moderately warm temperatures can shrivel even the huskiest transplant. Add a brisk breeze as often happens here and Shore Acres' (or your) potential summer flower display will dry up like the laundry on your mom's clothesline. Ouch!!

What to do. The short answer at Shore Acres is that we fire up the *high tech* irrigation system and if necessary the *low tech* hose and water bucket and water on a regular basis. What 'regular' means though is an elastic concept. The actual water need

of a particular flower bed depends on the kind of plant and the type of soil it's growing in as well as the normal exposure to sun and wind. For example, a semi-shady area out of the wind on the east side of the garden with fairly heavy clay-type soil will need less

> water than its opposite number on the sunny and breezy west side. Again, a bed full of droughttolerant Gazanias will require less water than one planted with monkey flowers so

things can get complicated. But here's a few guidelines that we use on all plants.

If you're planting (like we do) from flats and six packs make sure that the little plug of soil that each plant is growing in is moist. If it's dry and you don't wet it well, you're in trouble before you start.

Gently break up this necessary.

little plug at the bottom end or at least tease out some of the roots so that the little devils are encouraged to go out into the surrounding soil and draw moisture and nutrients from the larger area around them. If they don't go out beyond their original plug, the new plant almost inevitably starves or dries up, generally both.

As soon as you're finished planting, water thoroughly but gently so you don't wash away what you've planted. This settles the soil around the root area eliminating 'air pockets' - open spaces around the plant roots that can quickly dry out and sight unseen (by you or us) kill the plant.

If the rains aren't around to help and they generally aren't, try to water your plants every other day the first week or 10 days after planting. If the weather is really dry, every day may be necessary.

From then on, monitor your plants closely as to their needs. Obviously if they start wilting they're in trouble so use the *finger test* to avoid waiting for visual cues like the above. Simply poke your finger into the

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ground in several places around your flower bed. Never mind the appearance of the very top crust of the soil. If the soil

below is moist but *not* damp or waterlogged you're fine. If it's dry, then water.

Once you've got through the first month, you can probably get by with 2 good deep soakings a week for the rest of the growing season. Then just add proper fertilization, deadheading, and pest control and with luck your garden (and ours) will be set for a lovely summer.

## Rhododendron Sunday - Mother's Day

"In the Pink with Mom" highlights rhodies, weavers, & artists

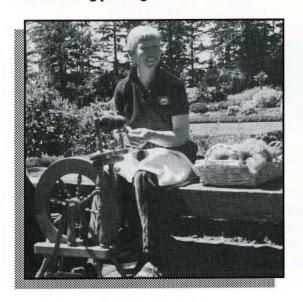
by Shirley Bridgham

other's Day at Shore Acres is always special and this year was no exception. While rhododendron experts shared garden tips with visitors, members of the Heddles and Treadles demonstrated their weaving skills. Jerry Baron's paintings were displayed in the Garden House and Friends' volunteers served fruit breads and punch.

In the Garden, George Guthrie and Helen Grey and Joe Howanic from the Southwestern Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society gave expert advice on growing rhodies. A new rhododendron brochure produced by the *Friends* provided information to take home. Also, members of the Bay Area Artists Association could be found creating paintings for future exhibits.



Rhododendron experts give valuable garden tips.





Heddles & Treadles members demonstrate weaving skills and answer questions.

Kudos to Doris Emmett, chair of the event, George Guthrie, Helen Grey & Joe Howanic of the Southwestern Oregon Rhododendron Society, *Heddles & Treadles*, Jerry Baron, *Bay Area Artists Association*, and the *Friends* who served refreshments: Bob Emmett, Jo Hower, Carl Siminow, Ann Koppy, Helen Shefstad, Dick Van Natta, and Kay Valois.

# Rose Sunday - Father's Day

## Rose Experts, Photo Contest & Exhibit, Refreshments, Many Visitors

by Shirley Bridgham

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unshine, fragrant roses, and photos were the order of the day on Rose Sunday at Shore Acres. In the Garden House an exhibit of outstanding photos gave visitors a chance to see photography by some of our area's excellent photographers. Friends' volunteers Ann Koppy, Carl Siminow and Dick Van Natta served cookies and punch. In the garden, George Guthrie and volunteers Alice Hobbs, Ed and

Mary Anne Kreutzer from the South Western Oregon Rose Society shared valuable information about growing roses. And our new *Roses at Shore Acres* brochure was ready just in time.



Tree roses in rose circles attract visitors.



George Guthrie and Ed Kreutzer answer questions.



Friends' volunteer Bob Renner meets Harry Luckett.



"Aunt" Sabra and "Uncle" Harry Luckett were among the visitors. They lived in the second mansion at Shore Acres for a short time in the late '40s when Harry was park manager. Now retired, they volunteer many hours for the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce.

#### Photo contest winners

Photo awards went to Diane Becker or Port Orford, Marcey Griffin of Coquille, and from Coos Bay - Jean Carter, Archi Rosenthal, Frank Bryant, and Bernadette Smith. The photo contest was organized by Tony Mason and the Oregon Coast Photographers Association. Judges were Memo Jasso of Brown's Studios, Joe Williams of the OCPA, and Carl Siminow, Friends' board member.

# Thanks, new and renewed members!

(Memberships received between March 1 and July 5, 1994)

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Mother's Day	Father's Day	Festival Garden Concert	& Open House



Gardens Above the Waves - photo by Ward Robertson

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