

Friends of Shore Acres



Summer/Fall 2000 Journal - Vol. 12 No. 2



Friends' Projects and Activities

by Shirley Bridgham, Past President

Since our annual meeting in September 1999, the Friends have been busy. Besides board meetings and the annual flower days – Dahlia, Orchids, Bonsai, Rhododendron, Rose – the Friends helped fund a complete remodel of the kitchen in the garden house and the replacement of all the outlet boxes in the formal garden. More wiring was installed east of the pond and additional landscape lights and a new salmon lights sculpture were added to the holiday lights display. More than 50,000 people visited the 1999 display.

The Friends added 29 new plant identification markers to the garden and with the help of park hosts and volunteers, the Information & Gift Center prospered. The Friends' *Journal* was updated with a full-color cover and the Memorial Fountain Display was doubled.

This fall, the Friends helped fund a wiring installation in the garden south of the garden house, a new concrete block foundation for the garden house and the refinishing of the ceilings in the house. More miniature lights and

landscape lights will be added to this season's Holiday Lights Display which expands to 225,000 lights.

Every year, projects are completed and more are added. Currently, the Friends' Website is under construction and we will be taking care of the wiring for the new gazebo that will be built by state park staff. Details on this memorial project will be in the next issue of the *Journal*. ■

14th annual Holiday Lights & Open House at Shore Acres "a community tradition"

225,000 Lights

Thanksgiving thru New Year's
(Nov. 23, 2000 - Jan. 1, 2001)

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Our Mission . . .

"The purpose of Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. is to participate in Interpretive, Educational, and Physical Development Programs with Sunset Bay Management Unit." FoSA Bylaws

Friends of Shore Acres Inc. founded in December of 1986

Editor's Notes

by Shirley Bridgham

By the time you get this *Journal*, we will be in the middle of putting up the holiday lights display. The cookies have been baked, cider spice cooked, lights unpacked, posters and bed & breakfast tickets printed, etc.

Host teams are still confirming their slots and we have begun a waiting list for other teams who want to host. The holiday lights pledge campaign continues and we are gratified by the great support from local businesses and individuals.

What's left to do? A lot. The laying out of extension cords and landscape lights. Setting up two life-size whale sculptures and the undersea garden. Stringing the lights, decorating the house, and getting the entertainment schedule set.

Holiday Lights Set-up: Oct. 28-29, Nov. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19

We generally work from 10 AM to 3 PM. For those who work all day, the Friends provide lunch, e.g., hot dogs and chili and other assorted goodies. We also have coffee and juice.

We're looking forward to another spectacular display and a great season. A huge thanks goes to all who help. Our next *Journal* will highlight the holidays and all who are involved. Thanks, everyone! ■

* Events 2000-2001 - Shore Acres State Park

Nov. 23 - Jan. 1 - Holiday Lights & Open House

April 21 - Bonsai Day

May 13 - Rhododendron Sunday - Mother's Day

June 17 - Rose Sunday - Father's Day

July 20 - Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert

Sept. 22 - Dahlia Day

Oct. 6 - Orchids "Gems of the Rain Forest"

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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

* Renner's elected to Secretary and Kenn Kennedy moves up to President

At the Friends' annual meeting in September, officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Kenn Kennedy will serve as president, **David Bridgham**-president-elect, **Bob and Betty Renner**-secretary, **Barb Taylor**-treasurer, and **Shirley Bridgham**-past-president.

Also on the board are Shirley Champagne, Betty Kennedy, Ellie Kinney-Martial, Gregg Nelson, Chuck Lembke, Winnie Pitsenberger, Terry Richards, Carl Siminow, Kay Valois, and Richard Van Natta.

About the Kennedy's

Kenn joined the board in 1998, became the president-elect in 1999 and now will serve as president for 2000-2001. Betty joined the board in 1997 and served as secretary from 1998 to 2000.

Kenn Kennedy was born in Crab Orchard, West Virginia on May 12, 1941. He moved to Portland, Oregon in 1959. His background includes a 4-year stint in the U. S. Air Force and he worked as a bookbinder in the printing trades for more than 20 years. Kenn was very active in his Union and became a full time union officer in the Graphic Communications International Union in 1985. He went to work for the Oregon School Employees Association as a Field Representative in 1993 and opened an OSEA office in Coos Bay in 1995. Kenn loves biking, golf, camping, bonsai, the ocean and his job.

Betty L. Kennedy was born in Brainerd, Minnesota on March 3, 1943. She moved to Milwaukie, Oregon in 1961. She worked as a waitress at Waverly Country Club. Betty met and married Kenn in 1981 and went to work for U. S. Bank in 1984.

Betty enjoys the ocean and was able to move closer to it in 1995, when the Kennedy's relocated to Coos Bay. She enjoyed golf until her bad back forced her to give it up. She loves bicycling, camping, relaxing on the beach, bonsai and fixing up an old house.

The Kennedy's are active in Friends of Shore Acres and the Bay Area Bonsai Society.



New officers (L-R) Secretary Bob and Betty Renner and President Kenn Kennedy

About the Renner's

Bob Renner was born in San Francisco, California. When he was 11 the family moved to Oakland, California. Bob graduated from UC Berkeley in June 1961. He worked for Sears Roebuck and Company as a Division Manager for 32 years in the San Francisco Bay Area and retired June 1993 at age 55.

Betty Renner grew up in San Jose, California. Raised 5 children and after the children were grown, worked for Sears Roebuck and Company in the California Bay

Area in the Merchandise Control Office and the Accounting Department from 1972 to 1982. She then worked for Watkins-Johnson Company as a Production Control Planner and Head of Production Control from May 1982 to July 1992, and retired at age 55 from Watkins-Johnson Company.

Bob and Betty moved to Coos Bay in April 1993. They both have been involved with the Coos Art Museum, Sister City Association, Friends of Shore Acres, Fuchsia Society, Bay Area Bonsai Society, Rhododendron Society and RSVP.

They enjoy playing Canasta with friends, traveling, gardening, collecting art and entertaining. Bob has recently taken an interest in his old hobby of Stamp Collecting and Coin Collecting. Betty has many hobbies, the latest being trying to do something creative with eggs (e.g.- Goose, Imu, Ostrich).

"The wonderful associations we have made through the Friends of Shore Acres have brightened our lives." ■

Editor's Note: Watch for information about other board members in future issues of the *Journal*.

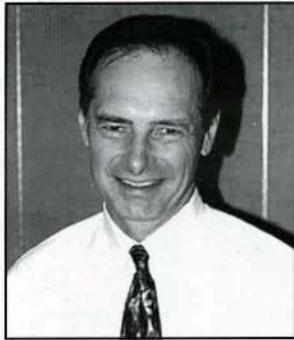
"The wonderful associations we have made through the Friends of Shore Acres have brightened our lives." - Bob and Betty Renner



Welcome Mike Carrier - New Director of Oregon Parks & Recreation Department

Mike Carrier, 49, took over the reins as Director of the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department on June 15, 2000.

The department, with a biennial budget of \$108.1 million, oversees 228 park properties and manages Oregon's ocean shores, state scenic waterways, the Willamette River Greenway, recreation trails, the State Historic Preservation Office, the Oregon Heritage Commission, the Oregon Pioneer Cemetery Commission, and the All-Terrain Vehicles program.



Carrier comes to Parks following a 15-year career as Administrator for the Parks, Recreation, and Preserves Division of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

In that capacity, Carrier was the chief administrative officer of a division responsible for Iowa

state parks, recreation areas and preserves. Those duties included responsibility for comprehensive planning, threatened and endangered

species protection, recreation access programs, sovereign land protection and extensive work with the legislature. His career also includes stints with Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the Division of Forestry in Indiana. Carrier holds a Master's degree in Natural Resources from Ball State University and an undergraduate degree from Western Michigan University.

Carrier's family includes his wife Gayle and three grown children.

In his free time, Carrier enjoys fly-fishing, upland game bird hunting, and running. ■

Welcome to Oregon, Mike!

SEASONAL INTERPRETER AT SUNSET BAY AND CAPE ARAGO

by Larry Becker, Assistant Manager, Area 4

If you had the opportunity to visit Sunset Bay or the south cove of Cape Arago during a low tide this summer, you may have seen a person in a state park uniform carrying a backpack and being followed by bunches of people eager to learn about rocky shore intertidal areas and the creatures and plants that live in this harsh but delicate environment.

Rachel Hinton joined the staff of the Sunset Bay Management Unit in June of this year as a seasonal interpreter. Her position was funded through a partnership between the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and the Division of State Lands.

Rachel was hired specifically to develop and present to park visitors programs that would increase their education and awareness of the fragile environment we refer to as tidepools. Sunset Bay and the coves at Cape Arago have been designated as an Intertidal Marine Protected Area under the Territorial Sea Plan. Under this designation, no live plants and animals can be taken except those specified in the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife's fishing regulations. This means that seastars (starfish) are not to be pulled off rocks, anemones are not to be poked, and barnacles are not to be used as traction devices when walking on the rocks. Rachel's challenge was to present programs that would teach tidepool etiquette to people of all ages and backgrounds. Her pleasant manner and ability to



(L-R) Rachel Hinton, the rocky shores/intertidal interpreter, with her friend Kara Frain, a temporary ranger aide who worked with the Junior Ranger and Kids programs at Sunset Bay.

bring personality to tidepool life through words and visual aids helped her as she led walks, did Junior Ranger programs and evening campfire programs to reach as many people as possible.

Rachel is currently a second year student at Oregon State University majoring in Environmental Engineering and German. She is a member of the Associated Student Body Environmental Task Force and the Honors College Steering Committee.

So, how does a student from Corvallis end up teaching about tidepool creatures on the south coast? When asked this question, Rachel replied, "I was attracted to the location and thought it would be fun to work for the parks. The main reason though is I have been very interested in protecting wildlife and natural resources. This job allowed me to help preserve an area that most people take for granted. This summer I have acquired an appreciation for tidepools and I plan to take this appreciation back to Corvallis where I will give talks to local schools."

Rachel has ties to the local community, having lived here during part of her childhood. Her grandparents live in the North Bend area. She is interested in returning next summer and continuing the programs she developed this year. ■



It *hasta* be Shasta ...!

By George Guthrie, Head Gardener at Shore Acres

Right now as I write this, I'm mentally walking through the garden checking out all the late summer flowers. I admire the dahlias massed in their squares with all their showy sizes, shapes, and colors. Pretty penstemons clamoring for attention line many of the paths while fire-engine (or is it hot-rod?) red lobelias and dianthus do the same.

Let's not forget to view the begonias whose glossy foliage and a never-ending series of flowers light up the darker corners of the garden beds. I pass them and all the other flowers blooming in the garden now and salute them for both beauty and reliability under the sometimes hostile conditions of a coastal garden.

However, if you are still following me on this imaginary walk down the garden path – continue on past all the others to the flowers that really command both my love and respect – those paragons of perennial pulchritude – Shasta daisies. "What?" you might inquire – seems odd to get rhapsodic (or merely 'hifalutin') about Shastas – after all, compared to the intense vibrant colors of all the other flowers, plain old white daisies seem rather well, plain.

Maybe that's a part of Shasta daisies' charm to me. They are a study in restraint and quiet understatement. Look at it this way – While more colorful plants may seem to almost shout for attention, Shastas murmur. If scarlet lobelias seem a little brazen and screaming-pink "naked-lady" amaryllis a bit risqué, Shasta flowers are cool white and mellow yellow. The daisy's more muted tones provide a break to



rest the eyes after taking in the hot color combinations in parts of the rest of the garden.

Please don't get the impression that Shastas are primly self-righteous and are trying to make everything else in the garden look crass in comparison.

Instead of 'showing up' the competition, I think they

actually end up 'showing off' the other flowers. Like the grey santolina, white Shastas are in reality good mixers – actually enhancing their stronger colored neighbors and making the resulting color combinations complimentary and not clashing.

I could waste a whole lot of time and space getting technical about chromatic contrasts or horticultural yang and yin, but let's just say the Shastas just work well with all the other flowers. Of course, the flowers look just fine on their own close up. A handsome combination of cloud-white petals framing a sun-yellow disk.

From a purely practical view, Shastas are the lazy gardener's friends. Plant them and after they are established you can essentially forget them. All they ask is at least partial sun and not much else.

Ours have been growing near the rose pergola for probably 20 years at least and have received no summer water, no fertilizer, and not even a kind word (until this article), yet they come back every year and flower for months.

An even better example comes to mind. There's some old plants near the Observation Building not so far from the cliff edge that must get all sorts of wind and salt spray during the winter. Yet, they are doing just splendidly. Wish I could say the same for all the rest of the flowers – some of which require much more attention in the form of fertilization, watering, pest-control, dividing, etc., etc.

Finally, and at the risk of getting mystical (again), Shastas are loveable because they are old-fashioned in a comfortable and comforting genteel way. They have a pleasant 'cottage-garden' feel. If dear old grandma had a garden, she probably would have planted them and undoubtedly they had a place somewhere in Louis Simpson's original garden plan. In fact, for all we know the plants by the Observation Building may indeed date from his time.

So there you have it, our mini-mental tour of the garden is completed. Feel free to continue on looking around if you like, but I think that I will linger a little longer savoring the pleasures of plain old white Shasta daisies. They deserve it.

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Appreciation Department:

If the garden looks at all good, it's due to Mother Nature's good graces and the hard work of Ellie and the summer staff plus some wonderful friends and neighbors who have put extra effort into helping with the roses – Ray, Jay, Helen, and Helen, Dorothy, and Floren. Thank you all for everything. ■



Who are these people and why are they in our Journal?



We're Judy and Al Aslakson, we live in Reedsport, Oregon, and we're Friends of Shore Acres. Shirley Bridgham, who controls this publication, decided we would be in it. That's why.

Al's been a Friend since the first holiday lights project back in 1987, and Judy joined both the Friends and Al in 1992. We've both been on the Friends Board of Directors, and Al was the last vice-president the organization had. He chaired the committee that abolished the position of vice-president, a most gratifying experience. Several years ago, we made a big mess in our garage and built the stand the Friends use to sell sundaes at the music festival concert each summer. Every year, Judy makes all of those "I saw the Lights" buttons the Holiday Lights volunteers so proudly wear.

And now we make the official Shore Acres screensavers that are sold in the Information and Gift Center. Screensavers are slide shows for computers that kick in when the computer's sitting there not doing anything else. Last year, we put together a screensaver of images of the Shore Acres Holiday Lights, and several hundred were sold. We've just finished work on a new one - "Gardens in Bloom," containing 38 absolutely stunning images of Shore Acres Gardens taken by that most talented photographer, Luis Velasquez. Look for more of Luis's images in a new, improved Holiday Lights Screensaver, available about the time the lights go on in November. You absolutely must buy several of each.

Besides Friends stuff, we fill our time working and playing. Al's the technical writer and trade show manager for the CBSI Division of Wicks Broadcast Solutions, the world's leading developer of computer software for the radio broadcast industry. Judy works a few days each week at the Finishing Touch, the framing and needlework shop in Reedsport. She's the musical one in the family - two year's ago she bought a harp and taught herself to play it. She also plays the piano, directs the church choir, and has just begun reacquainting herself with her high school clarinet. We like to shop and travel, and we do way too much of one and not nearly enough of the other. ■

Luis Velasquez - the Friends' Official Photographer

Luis was born in Elqui Vale, Chile, South America. He and his wife Josefina have lived in North Bend for 40 years. Luis was a crane operator for Weyerhaeuser Company for 35 years. He studied photography by correspondence and enrolled in the New York School of Modern Photography in 1980 and became a free lance photographer in his spare time. Now that he is retired, he pursues his avocation full time. He covers the Grand Prix race at Long Beach, California and Portland, Oregon for United Press International. Luis also photographs weddings, portraits, fashion, and flowers. His collection of Shore Acres images is unsurpassed, both in quantity and quality. Close-up photography is one of his specialties and his expert use of natural and artificial lighting gives him spectacular results. ■



Luis loves to photograph the dazzling display of dahlias every summer and autumn at Shore Acres Gardens.

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Frogs bring smiles across the country

by Jeannie Lewis, Manistee, Michigan

These wonderful little frogs have traveled far to bring smiles to many people. They now reside in North Carolina, Minnesota, South Dakota, Maryland, and all over the state of Michigan. One even returned to Oregon.

Their travels started when my sisters and I were visiting our aunt and uncle last October and two of us purchased frogs from the gift shop at Shore Acres Gardens. (A trip to Oregon is not complete without a visit to the gardens. It is a favorite spot of our aunt and uncle and has now become a favorite of ours.)

We ended up giving our frogs away. My sister gave hers to her youngest daughter and I gave mine to my cousin, who was suffering the final effects of cancer. The smiles they produced from all who saw them made me think that they had a mission.

When I was unable to find them anywhere else, I contacted the gift shop and Shirley Bridgham replied that they were made locally and she would be happy to ship more to me, which she has graciously done several times.

It seems that as soon as a shipment arrives, I have a list of very special people whom I think would provide a wonderful home for the little guys, and in return, the frogs produce smiles. Some of the comments I have received are as follows:

"Thank you for the smiley, I will not need to return on its warranty, it works perfectly!!"

"Jeannie Lewis, I asked him [the recipient] to let you know how things are going for me [the frog] in this recent Eastern resettlement. This picture will show you that my living arrangements include compatible neighbors, adequate light and frequent admiration. My neighbors are well over due for spring washing, but other than that are good company. Last week's rains were a nice reminder of former days out (very) West."

"He came and I put him in the west window where the sun shines through. He sits there and shows off his fat green tummy. Cute as a button, thank you zillions."

*"This is a magic frog.
His natural habitat is in the
beautiful Gardens
at Coos Bay on the Pacific
Coast of Oregon.
He will be perfectly content
in your environment
if you place him
in a sunny window
where he can watch you and
you can give him*

*a gentle touch from time to time.
He does not need winding nor does he require batteries.
He is guaranteed to make you smile.
If he does not work, please let me know.
He is still under warranty."*

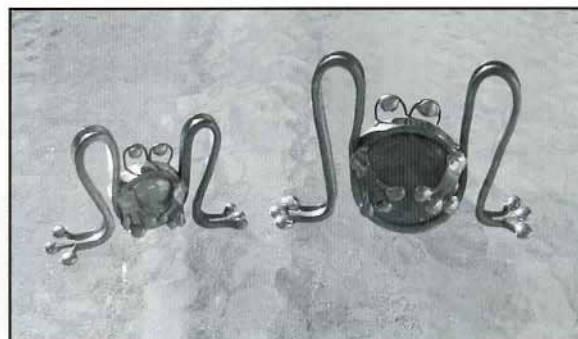


Sometimes it is just a smile. And the wonderful smiles on faces and in voices of those who now possess the magic frogs can be traced back the Friends of Shore Acres Gift Shop in those beautiful gardens. I am grateful to my aunt and late uncle who first showed us the beauty of Oregon. ■

E-mail to Shirley and David Bridgham, July 27, 2000

Subject: To the lily pad!

Two frogs showed up at an 80th birthday party last weekend. I sent them to one of my mother's cousins about a month ago asking her to give one to her sister. She brought the one for her sister to the party. And it was a different feeling watching someone else hand over a frog and receive the warmth of the smiles and giggles. One sister (86) had a stroke several months ago and her sister (80) has cancer. Although both of them knew I had sent the frogs originally, it was almost as if it was out of my hands and what fun! Please tell your artist how much I appreciate her (along with the two of you). ●



Frogs come in two sizes and various shades of green glass.

Editor's Note: These delightful frogs are made by Janice Beyer of JB's Glass & Crafts in North Bend. She also supplies our Information & Gift Center with snails, dragon flies, butterflies, hummingbirds and lady bugs. The IGC is open seven days a week from noon to 4 p.m. During the holiday lights we are open from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. ■



Springtime 2000 Activities

☼ Bonsai Day and Pond Cleaning in April ☼

The Bay Area Bonsai Society put on a beautiful display at Shore Acres in April.

Members participating included Kenn and Betty Kennedy, Bob and Betty Renner, Theo and Virginia Stanley, Uschi Langley and Ken Windred.

Visitors always enjoy the Society's annual display of unique and fascinating plants. ■



Visitors are fascinated by the bonsai display.

Annual "Brush and Flush" by BLM ☼ Terry Magill, "2000 Artist in the Park" painting



Fire hose makes the job easier!

Shore Acres' Ellie Kinney-Martial had the expert help of folks from BLM for the annual pond cleaning in April.

Pond cleaners included Stafford, Jennifer, Kyle, Jessica and Jacob Owen, Mary and Dennis Graham, John Higgins, Alan Hoffmeister, Dotti and Ray Orazem, Terry Richards, Steve Samuels, and Connie and Gregg Nelson. As usual, the crew finished the task in record time. The Friends provided chicken and pizza, which Friends' board member Carl Siminow delivered to the hungry workers. ■



Terry Magill

Rhododendron Sunday - Mother's Day in May ☼ Bay Area Artists Association have a "Paint-Out" ☼



Visitors pose for picture.



Bay Area Artist Pat Weaver participates in the "Paint Out."



George Guthrie, Shore Acres' Head Gardener answers visitors' many questions.



Summer 2000 Activities

☼ Rose Sunday - Father's Day in June ☼



Friends Carl Siminow and Betty & Kenn Kennedy are ready with cookies and punch.

Rose experts, refreshments and South Coast Wood Carvers have become a tradition on Rose Sunday at Shore Acres. The excellent display of wood carvings is a favorite of fathers and families. ■

Thanks, volunteers!



(L-R) Rose experts - Helen Doving, Helen Harris, Jay Dow, Ray Duskin, and George Guthrie.



While Don Capehart works on his wood carvings in the Garden House, a visitor takes time to photograph roses in the All America Rose Selections Display Garden. ■



☼ Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert in July ☼



Friends Chuck Lembke, Betty Kennedy, Barb Taylor and Jake Taylor are ready to sell sundaes.

Klezmer music was the theme of the Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert at Shore Acres. Friends volunteers parked cars, sold raspberry and chocolate sundaes and lemonade. The annual concert was enjoyed by both listeners and dancers. ■



Parks and Friends - A Powerful Partnership

by Shirley Bridgham, Editor

Dedicated is just one way to describe our hard working park staff. All go the "extra mile" to get things done at the parks in the Sunset Bay Management Unit. In July, Larry Becker, Assistant Manager Area 4, provided the Friends' Board with a report on park activities over the summer and activities planned for next year. When you combine Larry's list with Friends' projects such as the installation of more wiring (yes, more ditch digging) and all the work associated with the upcoming holiday lights project, you can understand why "dedicated" is my word of choice.

While we have hundreds and hundreds of volunteers baking cookies, unpacking lights, stringing lights, decorating the house, and hosting for 40 nights, park staff take care of the infrastructure necessary for the event to succeed. At times they are assisted by *general population* and *summit* crews from Shutter Creek Correctional Institution.

For example: new gravel around the pond, brush clearing on the north end of the garden, clearing around the Friends' storage building, re-decking the garden house back porch, checking the path lights, building a frame for the undersea garden, moving furniture and decorations to the garden house, helping set up whales and pelicans, and anything else necessary. All this at the same time they are in the midst of digging dahlias and planting tulip bulbs. Not to mention, keeping the park in beautiful shape for thousands of visitors.

Shore Acres State Park Project Status — The chimney repair has been completed on the garden house. The ridge cap and shingles also were replaced. * The garden house has a new block foundation * Park staff, SCCI crews and GTE have replaced phone lines to the day use booth. The lines were damaged by a power spike. * OPRD is also replacing the overhead leads coming from GTE's pole to the shop and junction for the garden house, IGC, host sites and residence with new underground lines. * The greenhouse exterior walls and roofing material have been replaced. * Two interlocking block retaining walls have been completed at the volunteer host sites. * Shore Acres staff have been working to improve the consistency of the boxwood hedge height and width. The hedge has been reduced in size.



Beautiful dahlia beds and gorgeous gardens are the result of hard working dedicated park staff. They keep Shore Acres Gardens beautiful for everyone.

George and Ellie are also reducing in size and replacing other plants and shrubs that have grown too large for the scale of the garden area. * The lawns around the observation building have been treated for weeds and irrigation of the lawns has been resumed. * Simpson Reef Overlook parking and viewing area enhancement is now with Federal Highway and USFS for design. * The gazebo structure is in the final plan development stage with plans to have the structure in place prior to 2000 Holiday Lights and Open House.

OPRD Planned Projects for Shore Acres in 2000-01 —

Rebuild the benches in the formal garden. * Extend the fence along the east side of the garden to encase the garden house area. This is necessary in order to open up access from the garden house to the new gazebo. * Rebuild the fence at the NW garden gate to connect to the rose pergola. * Clean up and rejuvenate the nursery area. * Paint the exterior of the residence/storage facility. * Re-slope the ADA access to the garden house. * Re-build the lathe structure on the north end of the greenhouse.

Other Sunset Bay Management Unit Projects that may affect Shore Acres —

Installation of 8 yurts at William Tugman overnight camp. * Re-alignment of campsite parking pads at Sunset Bay. * Hazard tree removal at William Tugman overnight camp.

Park Staff Changes — Mike Carrier (Iowa Parks Director) was hired as the Director of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department in June. Steve Johansen, long time park employee involved in fiscal management and Don Higginson, Harris Beach Park Manager, retired the end of June. Jim Lockwood, OPRD public relations/Lobbyist resigned in mid-July. Rachel Hinton was hired the middle of June to be the rocky shores/intertidal interpreter for the summer of 2000. ■

Lots of Volunteer Opportunities with Friends of Shore Acres and Oregon Parks and Recreation. For more information call: 541-888-3778 or 541-756-5401. ■



Help Wanted

Volunteers for the Information and Gift Center

Volunteer Coordinators **Betty Kennedy** and **Kay Valois** are looking for some additional volunteers to help out on weekend afternoons, possibly some weekdays during the holiday lights.

It's a wonderful opportunity to spend time at Shore Acres with a grand view of the formal gardens and some really nifty things to sell. It's also a great way to share information with visitors, meet new people, and feel really good about helping one of the most – if not the most – beautiful state parks in Oregon.

And it's easy to learn. Training is provided.

Call Betty at 267-7597 or Kay at 267-4983

Flashback

Friends of Shore Acres
Garden Notes by George Guthrie
FoSA Journal Spring 1992

"The annual muck-raking (AKA pond cleanup) went off without a hitch and thanks goes to Gregg Nelson and Dennis Graham for devising and installing a new and improved drainage system that should make next year's pond scum troubles go down the drain in a New York minute!" ■



Friends of Shore Acres Membership Year: Jan. 1 - Dec. 31

Dues notices will be sent to current members in mid-November.

The 2001 annual parking permits will be available by Thanksgiving.

We will start processing memberships in December.

Shirley Bridgham - 756-5401

Thanks, New and Renewing Members

(Memberships received between March 1 - September 30)

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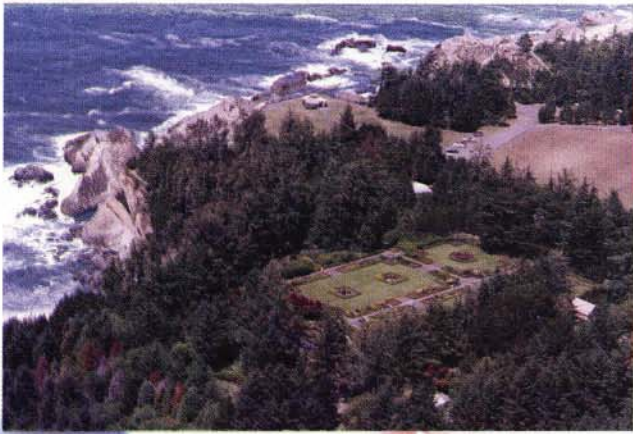
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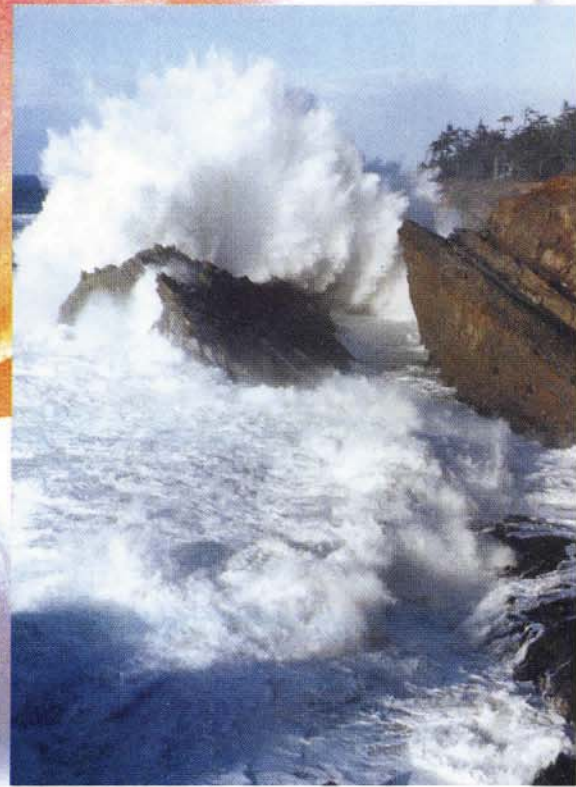
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