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Shore Acres "Wave" - Rembrandt of the Sea - as described by Samuel Boardman, first Oregon State Parks Superintendent

Friends of Shore Acres



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Shore Acres Lights - "History & Beauty Rolled Into One!"

by Shirley Bridgham, Co-Chair Holiday Lights

An estimated 44,780 visitors attended the 21st annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park. According to statistics gleaned from the guest books by volunteer park hosts Len and Faye Shirley, those who signed the guest books (*not everyone did*) included visitors from 38 countries, 47 states and Washington D. C. "History and Beauty rolled into one!" wrote someone from North Bonneville, Washington. A visitor from Salem wrote, "As lovely as always, but with a full moon, WOW!" Another visitor wrote, "This is simply one of the most wondrous experiences we have ever had!" - Johannesburg, South Africa. And **over and over** throughout the guest books - **Love the LEDs.** ~



A crew from ABC's Good Morning America "Weekend" Show, visited Shore Acres on Nov. 30, 2007. They interviewed Shirley Bridgham and Larry Becker, highlighting the gardens, the sea lions and coastline, and the holiday lights, all in high definition TV. The segment aired a couple of weeks later and the video clip is on our website - www.shoreacres.net.



Sparkling LED lights offer a brilliant backdrop for the cranes, which are lit with underwater lights in the pond.

Other Friends' Activities

During the year, Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. sponsors "flower days" when the garden house is open from 11 AM to 4 PM with volunteers serving punch, cookies and coffee. This year's schedule includes Bonsai Day, April 19, Rhododendron Sunday/Mother's Day, May 11; and Rose Sunday/Father's Day, June 15. Also, the Friends will park cars and sell sundaes and lemonade at the Oregon Coast Music Festival garden concert on Saturday, July 19 at Noon. The Information & Gift Center is open all year, giving park visitors excellent shopping opportunities, as well as providing information and a multitude of interpretive brochures. ~

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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 December 4, 1986



Message from President Timm Slater

It is certainly my privilege to serve as this year's Friends of Shore Acres president. While I've always enjoyed Shore Acres for its beauty and history since I first came to the area in the early 1970s, I was drawn to the Friends by Holiday Lights. I love Christmas and the sense of community that Holiday Lights creates. With over 1,500 volunteers regularly participating in this project each year, apparently you do too. In the Friends I found a great group of folks, who sponsor year round activities at Shore Acres Park and make a significant difference in the Park's future. Does that sound like something you want to be an active part of? Well, come on down; I'll save a string of LED lights for you to put up. ~



(L-R) Timm Slater, Friends' president for 2007-08, accepts gavel and congratulations from David Bridgham, outgoing president.

Note from Shirley Bridgham, Editor

Since David and I take many of the digital photos for Shore Acres, I've eliminated photo credits except on those taken by Luis Velasquez.

Please visit our web site www.shoreacres.net to see more photos and names of folks who help with our events and the holiday lights display.

Every season we paper the kitchen walls in the Garden House with "Thanks Scrolls" of all the names of those who sign the volunteer forms.

Also, this Journal is posted as a PDF on the web site for you and others to download and print. It will print best on photo quality paper. ~

CALENDAR

Bonsai Day - April 19 - 11 AM - 4 PM

Rhododendron Sunday-Mother's Day - May 11 - 11 AM - 4 PM

State Parks Day - June 7 - Free Parking

Rose Sunday-Father's Day - June 15 - 11 AM - 4 PM

OCMF Concert - Saturday, July 19 - Noon

Sunset Classic Chevys Show & Shine Car Show - Sept. 21

22nd Annual Holiday Lights
Nov. 27 thru Dec. 31 - 4 pm - 10 pm

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OPRD Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

by Ellie Kinney-Martial, Park Ranger and Friends' Board Member

On September 20th, approximately 100 volunteers gathered at Shore Acres for an OPRD sponsored volunteer appreciation luncheon.

The garden was a beautiful setting to honor the many people who have volunteered their time and energy at Sunset Bay, Shore Acres, Simpson Reef and Cape Arago.

Those attending the event included Friends of Shore Acres board members, light stringers and gift shop volunteers, The Gorse Society rose garden volunteers, SEA docent volunteers, Sunset Bay evening program presenters and park hosts.

Special thanks go out to Jim and Carole Lorenz of The Coach House Restaurant and to Dave Hannah of Big Tent Rents and Events for their generous donations that helped make this garden luncheon possible.

And many special thanks to you, the volunteers, who have given so much in so many ways to your parks. ~



Andy LaTomme, Southwest Area Manager, OPRD, shared his appreciation for the volunteer efforts that "make a difference" in the Oregon State Parks.



A beautiful setting for the picnic!



Dazzling Dahlias in September

Message from the Manager

by Preson Phillips, Park Manager, Sunset Bay Management Unit

Spring is here and the growing season is upon us. Parks staff is busy readying Shore Acres and the rest of the Sunset Bay Management Unit for the summer season. This winter was trying at times with the storms and occasional freeze, but with so much help from the Friends of Shore Acres the park looks as beautiful as ever.

We will be receiving OPRD's first propane powered mower in April. It will be utilized solely within the formal gardens. Plans for the new Friends/Parks building are being finalized, and the water booster station will be complete in time for irrigation season. This September we will be restoring the windows in the Garden House and hopefully get a new coat of paint on it as well. The event list is filling up with most weekend days booked and weekdays being reserved on a regular basis.

My family and I want to thank all of you we have met either in the garden, at Holiday Lights, or at the gift shop for being so welcoming. Our first winter here has been amazing. ~



Friends' board member Betty Kennedy welcomes Preson Phillips to Shore Acres at the volunteer appreciation luncheon last September.

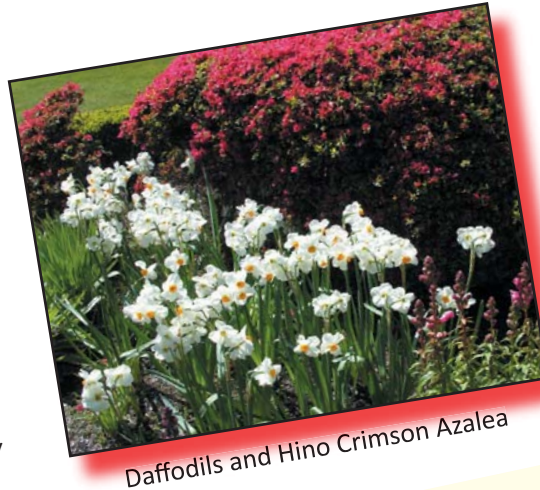
News from the Gardens

by George Guthrie, Head Gardener, Shore Acres Gardens

After a rather cool and wet winter I am pleased to report there are signs of a real spring starting in the garden--- daffodils and crocus are poking their heads up, the magnolia by the old gardener's cottage is showing swelling buds and if you wander around you can see sprouting, budding, and flowering on all sorts of plants (cherries, azaleas, viburnums, heathers) in various nooks and crannies through out the garden. I believe that many of the flowers are starting a little later this year but the trickle of color that starts in late winter/ early spring will (hopefully) end up in the floral surges and torrents of the next few months.

Why should I trumpet the obviously obvious? Well, despite the nearly 25 years I have grubbed and grumbled as a gardener at Shore Acres, I still have to marvel at the way nature manages a rebirth and resurrection of so many things that appear broken, battered and dead and gone. Considering the ferocious winter storms we had and the damage they caused in parts of the garden, it's kind of amazing to see apparently very delicate looking flowers force their way out of alternately sodden or frozen muck. Of course once they have done this deed our intrepid early bloomers expose themselves to wind, rain, hail, and all sorts of pests ready to gnaw, nip, and nibble them. Their sheer survival makes any flower show of any sort at this time a recurring wonder and inspiration to those of us grumpy gardeners who sometimes have trouble just getting out of our soft warm beds on an even moderately brisk morning!

Speaking of surviving adversity, we are still assessing what to do with the ancient old "Mt. Fuji" flowering cherry near the Oriental pond that was devastated by falling trees last December. The tree undoubtedly is one of the original plantings from the days of Louis Simpson's grand estate and its stout trunk and gnarled spreading branches were sculpture in the winter, a cloud of white flowers in the spring, an on-going invitation for kids of all ages to



Daffodils and Hino Crimson Azalea



Fuji Cherry Tree - Before the Storm



Fuji Cherry Tree - After the Storm

contemplate climbing on, and a wonderful living link at all times to Shore Acres then and now. The impact of several tons of falling spruce trees has reduced this "grandfather tree" to a stump and I don't know what, if anything, may come back this spring. We will plant replacements for the other plants that were damaged or destroyed and several other new plants of the same type nearby but I think that we will also at least consider keeping what's left of the old trunk for a while in the hope that what has endured so much for so long may yet surprise and delight us with renewed life and growth.

Tip-toeing through the (terrorized) tulips: For many years now we have planted several thousand tulips in the 4 large center beds in the formal garden and for the last several years we have been skirmishing with tulip loving (=eating) critters. Apparently they come at night since we have never seen neither hide nor hair of them but most certainly we have seen the results of their foraging - dug up and chewed up tulip bulbs. We are not sure exactly who the culprits are but are guessing that they must be some kind of rascally rodent: rat, mouse, or vole. Regardless of their precise identity, they have displaced, damaged, or destroyed hundreds of bulbs over the last several years and endangered the quality of rather expensive and extensive flower displays.

Conventional control measures did not hinder them one bit---they ate rat and mice baits like candy and then having finished the pesticide hors d'oeuvres happily consumed the tulip main course we seem to have so kindly provided them.

Two years ago, we decided to try something different as a kind of horticultural "Hail Mary"---spreading old-fashioned mothballs among the tulips to repel (not kill) the little buggers. I am not sure what inspired us to try the things except complete desperation and the

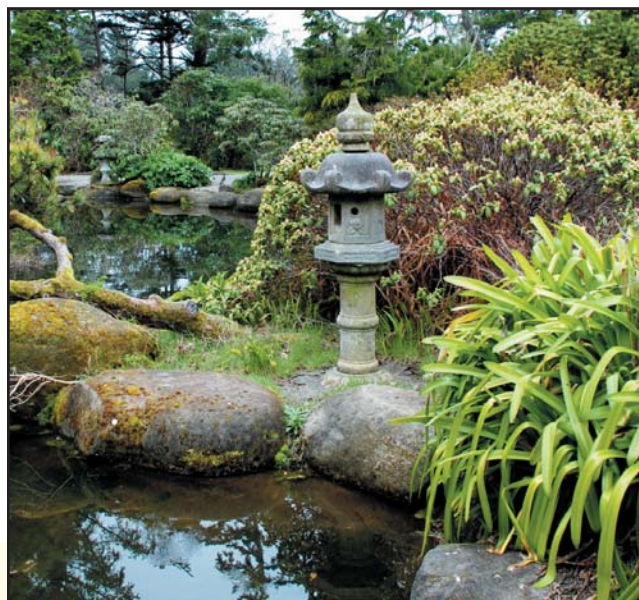
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Japanese Lantern donated by E. Ellen Johnson, Reedsport

The Japanese lantern that I would like to donate to Shore Acres was imported from Japan sometime during the '50s or '60s by my father, Dr. F. A. Gilfillan. He was on the faculty at Oregon State University for 40+ years, mostly as Dean of Science, but also acting president of OSU during the early 1940s. One of his many hobbies was Japanese gardening. In the 1930s he built a Japanese garden at our home in Corvallis. At that time he ordered two lanterns directly from Japan. One was the focal point of his garden, along with a pool in the shape of the character for happiness, and all the required stones and elements for an authentic Japanese garden.

Sometime before WWII, he discovered that the Royal Gardener from Kyoto was coming on a tour of the US. He contacted him and invited him to Corvallis to view and critique his garden. The man came to our home in Corvallis. He told my father his garden met all the criteria of an authentic Japanese garden with one exception. The bridge over one arm of the pool had a railing...not the correct design unless a temple was located in the background. My father replied that he had four young daughters who played in the garden and whom he did not want to fall into the pool; the railing provided a deterrent.

Another note of interest is that during the 1940s and 1950s the Marine Biology Center at Charleston was jointly administered by OSU and the University of Oregon. My father was the director. So he made many trips to Coos Bay to get the summer program started and was back at the end of the session to close things down. After my father had left home prior to WWII, his parents moved to Coos Bay. They homesteaded nine miles south of town on Delmar Road. So his trips to the Marine Biology Station often included a visit with his parents. When time permitted, he often drove out to Shore Acres to view the gardens and the Japanese garden in particular. My mother loved to tell the story of the first time she accompanied him to Shore Acres. As they approached the Japanese garden, my father stopped and



studied one of the new stone lanterns from Japan. Then he studied it from another angle. Finally, he went over and dismantled the top three stones, replacing them in a different order. He then explained to my mother that the lantern had been assembled in the wrong order. I can remember as a child visiting the gardens with my family. I remember my father's disappointment when the Japanese garden was dismantled and the pool drained. My husband and I moved to Reedsport in 1977. My parents visited often the next few years before they died in the early 1980s. My father was thrilled to visit Shore Acres after so many years and was ecstatic to discover that the Japanese garden had been rebuilt. So you can see why I feel Shore Acres would be the perfect final home for my lantern. I know my father would agree. ~

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hope that anything as vile smelling as this stuff might truly offend the varmints' delicate noses and cause them to take their unwanted attentions elsewhere.

As a result, now the tulip beds seem to either look like they have been recently hailed on or somebody has broadcast really icky smelling breath mints but so far at least, we seem to have largely succeeded with bulb damage greatly reduced (as long as we keep the crystals coming). Here's hoping that our luck holds and the tulips are allowed to provide a colorful display for garden visitors in late March or early April.

One thing more, we received some reinforcements for our tulip show from the unexpected kindness of Penny Carter and the Garden section of our local Fred Meyer store. We have planted some of them in several spots of the garden without benefit of mothballs as an experiment to see if indeed the presence or absence of the white stuff really makes a definite difference in tulip survival and performance---wish them (and us) luck. ~



Moth balls in the tulip beds!

Thanks, Lights Pledge Supporters 2007!

Lights *



Brilliant LED lights and landscape lights



Giant whale newly lighted with LED rope lights.

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Pieris in the Spring

Holiday Lights 2007 — More than 44,000 Visitors

VISITORS, COUNTRIES & STATES

An estimated 44,780 visitors

38 Countries from Argentina to Yugoslavia

47 States and Washington D. C.

CITIES AND TOWNS

204 Oregon; 163 California; 78 Washington; 236 Other

To see the detailed report, go to www.shoreacres.net and click on Holiday Lights (upper left list on the home page).

COMMENTS

Love the LEDs - over and over

I've never seen anything like it. Just Beautiful! - San Diego

Beyone beautiful! - Medford

Great! How do you do it! - Alberta, Canada

Feast for the eyes! - Bandon

Never disappoints! - Los Angeles

Picture Perfect! - Portland, OR

Inspired setting by the powerful Pacific! - New York City

As lovely as always, but with a full moon, WOW - Salem

Wonderful EVERY year. - Coos Bay

Great - a tradition every year! - Federal Way, WA

The Best! - Lynchburg, VA

Beautiful. We wouldn't miss it. - Bremerton, WA

Can't wait to come back. - San Francisco

It made my Christmas!! - Waldport, OR

Beautiful lights and singing. - Coos Bay

Ingenious and Dynamic! - Seattle

Enchanting! - Eugene

History and Beauty rolled into one! - North Bonneville, WA

Sweet Christmas Carols & Sights - Dallas, OR

Words can't describe the beauty! - Los Angeles

Oh My Gosh! Awesome - McMinnville & Salem, OR

Spectacular! - Vancouver, Canada

Awesome! - North Bend, OR

Wonderful! Best in Oregon. - Portland

Awesome! What a work! BRAVO! - Geneva, Switzerland

This is simply one of the most wondrous experiences we have ever had! - Johannesburg, South Africa



Garden House decorating is coordinated by Robynn Reed. Each year a traditional theme is highlighted with innovative touches and surprises. For 2007 it was the brilliant blue LED star lights in garlands and on the Christmas tree.



LED lights on Hedges, House and Pavilion



Young Gunnera or Giant Rhubarb
(Can grow to more than 6' over the summer.)

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Barbara Taylor & Steven Fowler, North Bend

Lyn & John Topits, Coos Bay

Stu & Shay Weinger, Coquille

Winners of the “Ultimate Bed & Breakfast”

Every year since the 1990 Holiday Lights, we’ve offered raffle tickets for an **Ultimate Bed & Breakfast**, which is an overnight stay for two adults in the Garden House on New Year’s Eve. Each year the winners have expressed their joy and thanks for the experience. But the 2007 season was extra special as the B&B was won by a young couple who wrote in the guest book - “Woo Hoo, We won! - La Monte Morgan and Caroline Zavin, Eugene.” When we delivered breakfast (courtesy of the Pancake Mill) on New Year’s morning, La Monte shared his inspirational story.

At our request, he agreed to share it with you . . .

A “Summit Success”

by La Monte Morgan

Approximately 9 years ago I went into the custody of the Oregon Department of Corrections due to my drug and alcohol use. In September of 2000, I qualified for the Oregon Summit Program at Shutters Creek Correctional Institute.

The SUMMIT program completely changed my life.

You see, I was born into a healthy functioning family. My father was an evangelist for the Assembly of God Church we attended when I was young, and always tried to instill in us what was “right.” As with most preachers’ kids, I rebelled. In high school I started to experiment with drugs and alcohol, not knowing at the time where this would lead. After graduating from high school in 1989, I continued to drink and use drugs, the whole time telling myself, “I will not become one of those violent addicts, and I will not leave my family.” In 1992 I got married and my now ex-wife continued to tell me, “If you don’t stop drinking, I will leave.” I continued to use, and in 1998 shortly before my son was born, she left. At this point in my life I dove heavily into my addiction, using on a daily basis, and fighting with anyone who I thought disrespected me. Within a year, I had been housed in Lane County Jail 14 times, and by December of 1999, was facing a long prison sentence for assault and burglary. In January of 2000, the Judge sentenced me to 39 months in prison with the SUMMIT program as an option for alternative programming. I got to experience Two Rivers Correctional Institute in Umatilla, and in August of 2000, got to experience O.S.P for two weeks before being transported to Shutters Creek. I decided at that point I did not want to live life behind bars any longer.

I arrived at Shutters Creek nervous and worried that I would not be able to complete the program, but decided I was going to



Caroline Zavin and La Monte Morgan, Eugene

give the program 100 % of my efforts. While at SUMMIT, I learned that I was not the victim, and that I had victimized others. I also learned how to take accountability for my actions and my crimes. They also introduced me to Twelve Step programs. While there, I also was allowed to go out on work crews, and was fortunate enough to be introduced to Shore Acres through the prison work crews. The people at Shore Acres always treated us on the work crew like people, not like criminals. This gave me a glimmer of hope that I could be successful and turn my life around. I learned that there would be people who would accept me even though I had allowed myself to become “one of those people” who I swore I would never be. I graduated SUMMIT in February of 2001, and have not used drugs or alcohol for 7 years.

Today I work for a non-profit agency that contracts with DHS, and work as an alcohol and drug outreach worker. I get the opportunity to help dads get the help they need to stay off drugs and alcohol, and become the parent their children deserve. I sometimes get overwhelmed at just how far my life has come since that court date in 2000. I also never thought in all my time spent on the work crew at Shore Acres that I would be spending New Year’s Eve 2007 in the house in the garden. Thank you all so much for giving this ex-drug addicted man some hope that things didn’t have to stay the same.

Keep up all the good things you do for SUMMIT and we will return to Shore Acres for years to come. Caroline and I have discussed getting married there due to the beauty and the deep connection I have with your wonderful park. ~

THANKS SPONSOR MEMBERSHIPS (\$50)

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Deciduous Azalea

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JUST SOME OF THE “MORE THAN 1,500” VOLUNTEERS



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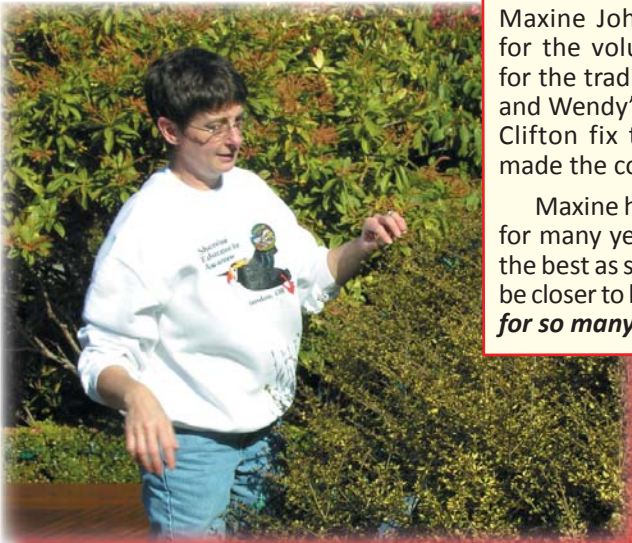
Coos Bay Fire & Rescue Volunteers (L-R) Matt Magill, Cory Everetts, Nate McCormick, Mike White, Stephanie Young, Ben Rolichcheck - put the lights on the Garden House.



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Maxine Johannesen rings the bell for the volunteers to take a break for the traditional lunch of hot dogs and Wendy's chili. Maxine and Joan Clifton fix the lunch; Jack Gilham made the colorful bell.

Maxine has helped with the lights for many years and we wish her all the best as she moves to Waldport to be closer to her family. ***A huge thanks for so many years of service!***



Kathy Metzger



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David Bridgham (L) hands lights to Nate McCormick, one of the Fire & Rescue volunteers willing to get on the roof of the Garden House



Shirley Champagne-Harris

THANKS PATRON MEMBERSHIPS (\$25)

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Marigolds in Summer

Mike & Penny Kielman, Eagle Point
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Volunteers decorate, entertain and host!



Dell Willis (on ladder) gets help from David Barnhart, who travels each weekend from Gleneden Beach to help set up the lights display.



Bay Area Optimists decorate the "upper pond lawn" area of the gardens. (Back L-R) Clare Gove, Dan Smith, Jim Johnson, Marty Kulick, Howard Swick, Don Harms (Front L-R) Tyler Suma and Pam Wilson



Charles Davison plays his trumpet in the pavilion. Charles was one of 32 groups (604 individuals) who entertained our visitors. A big thanks to Cindy and Dino Coolen, who organize the entertainment.



"Ruby Tuesdays-Red Hat Society" host team - (L-R) Gwen & Dan Neale, Elizabeth & Jerry Adams, Don & Randy Hayes, Gail Young & Bruce Farnsworth, Joan Kendrick, and Gail and Chris Common

THANKS FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS (\$15)

John & Barbara Anderson, Coos Bay
Gene & Tamra Atkinson, Coos Bay
Rhoda L. Beauchemin, Coos Bay
Reese Bender & Jeanette Phillips, Coos Bay
Judi Berglin & Kathie Olsen, Lincoln City
Valerie Boggs, Roseburg
Ken & Patsy Border, Coquille
Frank & Opal Bryant, Coos Bay
George & Judy Buckingham, Chiloquin
Don & Margaret Burdg, Coos Bay
George & Gladys Button, Coos Bay
Jerry & Shirley Champagne-Harris, Coos Bay
Arthur & Rose Clark, Eastside
Paul & Annie Comfort, Coos Bay
Bernd Crasemann, Eugene
Peter & Karen Crosby, North Bend
William & Heidi Cummings, Coos Bay
AJ & Jim Davenport, Coos Bay
Chris & Donna Flammang, Coos Bay
Jay Flaxman & Carol Bender, Coos Bay
Rena Frenette, North Bend



Princess Flower

Shirley Bridgman

Jack Gilham & Joan Clifton, North Bend
Betsy Groben, Coos Bay
Chuck & Mary Howard, Coos Bay

Mark & Carla Johnson, Coos Bay
Karla Kaudel, Coos Bay
Kenn & Betty Kennedy, Coos Bay

Lou & Sharon Kolkhorst, Coos Bay
Ray & Jan Lee, Coos Bay
Chuck & Jerrie Lembke, Coquille
Rick & Ellie Martial, Coos Bay
Bill & Betty Mault, Coos Bay
Wayne & Carol Murray, Coos Bay
Ted & Nadine Oleson, Roseburg
Paul Poresky & Gail Mueller, Myrtle Point
HM & Mary Rines, Yoncalla
MS Dottie Rocheleau, Roseburg
Ginger & Bingo Sawyer, Coos Bay
Don & Shirley Sell, North Bend
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Shaddix, Arcata, CA
Frank Smith, North Bend
Theo & Virginia Stanley, Bandon
CoCo Sutton & Mike Hoyt, North Bend
Ben & Pat Titus, Coos Bay
Sarah E. Van Horn, North Bend
Luis & Josefina Velasquez, North Bend
Carol Ventgen & Mike Perkins, North Bend
The Walters Family, Medford

Friends' Information & Gift Center

An all-volunteer operation managed by Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst

The Information & Gift Center has books on gardening, local history of the area and the gardens, children's books, cook books, birds and animals and more; VHS tapes & DVDs on Shore Acres history and the gardens, Oregon lighthouses and covered bridges; screen savers on Shore Acres Gardens, holiday lights, and lighthouses; children's and ladies T-shirts, adult's jackets and sweatshirts, barbecue aprons, baseball style caps; silver and wildflower jewelry; place mats, soap, pictures, art, postcards, note cards, calendars, ship models, science kits, thermometers, kaleidoscopes, playing cards, birds and animals with authentic sounds approved by Audubon. Check out our penny smasher machine (with 4 designs) and other new items such as water fountains, socks, candy bars and gold ornaments.

If you want to volunteer, please check at the Center or call 888-2472 or call volunteer coordinators : Betty Kennedy, 267-7597 or Vee Elliott, 888-5447. ~

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Luis Velasquez

Weathering the Storm

by Shirley Bridgham

When two huge trees fell in the middle of the night, December 2, they crushed trees, shrubs and our butterflies. Not to worry. Thanks to park staff and Shutters Creek work crews, the affected area was cleaned up in record time and the Lights Display was closed only two nights. David repaired the butterflies and they were put back up on the "tall tree stumps."

This season, we will be looking for a new place to display them.

Each season seems to bring unique weather challenges, but thanks to park staff and great volunteers, we will weather the storms! ~

THANKS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS (\$10)

Jay Anderson, North Bend
Juanita Bay, Coos Bay
Patricia Ann Borchert, Coos Bay
Alice J. Brown, North Bend
Jackie Campbell, Coos Bay
Clara Capron, Bellingham, WA
Dorothy L. Dinkins, Coos Bay
Anna Mae Ferry, North Bend
Shirley Gitchell, Coos Bay
Jacqueline Greene, Coquille
Vicki Heard, Coos Bay
Karen Hensler, North Bend
Kathleen Hornstuen, Coos Bay
Connie Huntsman, Coos Bay
Gladys Ivy, Coos Bay
Marion M. Jansen, Coos Bay
Maxine Johannesen, Coos Bay
Judy Kaplan, Brookings
Cappy Klein, Coos Bay
Marge Levens, Prineville



Heather gets purple LED lights during the Holiday Lights.

Don Lynam, Bandon
Sara Marroquin, Charleston
Lori Metschan, Black Diamond, WA
Mary Novak, Coos Bay
Adele O'Boyle, Florence
Oshi, Coos Bay
Virginia Paczesniak, Coos Bay
Winnie Pitsenberger, Coos Bay
Monica Robertson, Scappoose
Earline Rose, Coos Bay
Robert Ross, Central Point
Merle "Brownie" Ruggles, Lebanon
Arthur Schudt, North Bend
Carl Siminow, Coos Bay
Clara Thomas, Coquille
Stanley H. Wilson, Coquille
Harold C. Wrigley, Coquille
Karen M. Wuethrich, North Bend
Nancy C. Yonker, Coos Bay

LED - Lights with Extra Dazzle (also known as "Light Emitting Diode")

by David Bridgham, Co-Chair Holiday Lights

The electric bill is way down. LED lights use a small fraction of the energy the old style miniature lights use. This alone is reason enough to switch. We can increase the lighting display in areas that were "maxed out" on our circuitry. I've been trying to convince Shirley for years that "negative space" as an artistic concept is an acceptable reason to allow dark areas in otherwise loaded circuits. That theory's out the window now.

[Note from Shirley: I'm still working with the "less is more" theory, so he's almost convinced me!]

If you've been out to see the Holiday lights in the last few years you know the exceptional effect these new lights have. They put the dazzle in the holiday lighting.



45' Gray Whale in LED rope lights 2007



(L-R) Joan Clifton, Jack Gilham and David Bridgham working on the Gray Whale last summer.

LED rope lighting was greeted last season with remarks like - "Is that Gray Whale new this year?" No - it's been the mainstay of our larger marine sculptures since 1991 when marine artist Don McMichael gave us the design.

This season we plan to convert the Orca and Leaping Frog display! Our goal is to convert all of our sculptures to LED rope lighting over the next few years - not only for the dazzling look - but for the enormous energy savings.

We will make a huge transition this year with 100% LED string lighting throughout the display, and no more old minis. We have tried to continue to improve the Holiday Lights display over these 21 years. This will be the most ambitious move forward to date.

See you there - 2008 - Thanksgiving *thru* New Years Eve , 4-10 PM every night (including Christmas Eve & Christmas). ~



Joan and Jack also created LED gold flowers (and red), with plans to make more this year.



(L-R) Jack Gilham, Dell Willis and David Bridgham place frog display in the pond. The frog display will have new LED rope lighting this coming season.

Luis Velasquez