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# Friends of Shore Acres



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

## Shore Acres Lights - "Like a Poem"

by Shirley Bridgham

**A**n estimated 44,464 visitors attended the 22nd annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park. Those who signed the guest books (*not everyone did*) included visitors from 38 countries, 45 states and Washington D. C. We also had visitors from 12 countries and 334 cities not in the 2007 guest books. "*Like a Poem*" wrote someone from Ketchikan, Alaska. A visitor from Buffalo, New York wrote, "*Beautiful, Dazzling, Smashing, Precious!*" Another visitor wrote, "*Awesome, our first winter Christmas*" - Queensland, Australia." And **over and over** throughout the guest books . . . **Love the LEDs.** ~



A bright full moon on a clear cold night is an added bonus!

## Spring, Summer, Fall . . .

**F**riends of Shore Acres, Inc. will again sponsor the annual "flower days" when the garden house is open from 11 AM to 4 PM with volunteers serving cookies, coffee and punch. Helping with these events are artists, musicians, and bonsai, rhododendron, rose, dahlia and orchid experts. For details, see the calendar on page 5.

Also, the Friends will park cars and sell sundaes and lemonade at the Oregon Coast Music Festival garden concert on Saturday, July 18 at Noon. The Information & Gift Center is open all year, giving park visitors excellent shopping opportunities, as well as providing information and many interpretive brochures. While Shore Acres is *all abilities* accessible, wheel chairs are available for loan at the IGC. ~



Awesome azaleas near the Pavilion

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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



## Greetings,

With life, hope "springs" eternal. Here we are experiencing the joys of springtime already! Wasn't it just yesterday we were gearing up to do the "Holiday Lights" and now we are watching the flowers emerge from the barren landscape and show us their happy faces. Trees are blooming, birds are chirping and the frogs are singing us to sleep. We get to enjoy big billowy clouds and drenching downpours interspersed with blue skies and sunshine. It is an invigorating, blustery time of year when all seems fresh and new and anything is possible, even baseball games without rain! Take time to really look around and enjoy all the beautiful things nature has provided. Take yourself and your family on a nature walk and sing with the birds, jump with the frogs and whirl with the wind! Enjoy each moment and all those special people around you every day.

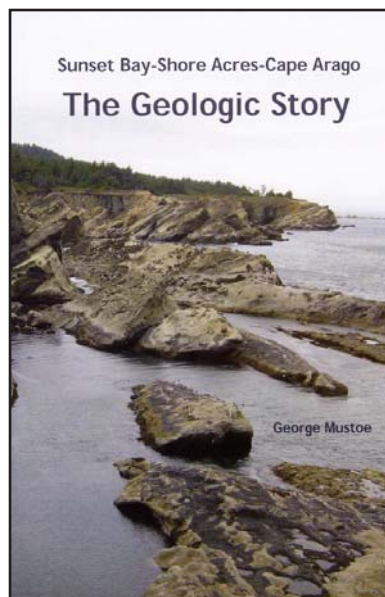
Pass it on - make someone happy. ~

## Happy Spring!

**Robynn Reed, FoSA President, 2008-09**



Mike and Robynn Reed on their 25th anniversary, Oct. 15, 2008. Robynn has chaired the house decorating since 1997. Mike is a one of her very important volunteers!



### New book by George Mustoe, Geology Professor, Western Washington University, Bellingham

Professor Mustoe, gifted his geology booklet to Friends of Shore Acres to produce for sale in the Information and Gift Center. It is a personal project he put together during his summer layoff in 2008. It is strictly a personal public service project. FoSA holds the copyright and had it published through Wegferd Printing & Publishing and we are delighted with the result. It's full color, and full of information you will enjoy. Pick up a copy the next time you visit.

*Shirley Bridgham*

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## Friends' Information & Gift Center (IGC)

*An all-volunteer operation managed by Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst*

**W**e have gone green. Not entirely, but we are trying some new items. We carry bamboo shirts. No, they are not made with leaves, but are 70% bamboo and 30% cotton. These are really soft and lightweight. We are carrying a card/book line made with recycled fibers. We have soy socks and recycled plastic bag socks. These both have the Shore Acres label. We even carry edible bird feeders.

Over a year ago, we added a wool hat line and later added sweaters, scarves and mittens.

In with the new - out with the old. We have cleared out many of the old book lines and added many new titles. There are lots of new puzzles, in fact all have been changed.



Ravishing roses in the Summer

We found some great new kids games, science projects, sand pails, puppets and lots more.

We are adding several new Shore Acres post cards that really show off the gardens.

There is a night light selection second to none. We also have small electric lamps from Ibis and Orchid.

Playing cards with scenic backs and kids cards too.



Park Host Jim Lighthill shows off the new bamboo shirts.



Entrance and IGC reminiscent of the Simpson era.

Yes, we have a great Penny machine with 4 designs (Cape Arago Light House, OPRD Logo, Garden House and Pond). There is also a passport to hold all your designs.

We have just received some t-shirts with great new embroidered local designs fresh from BNT Promotional Products.

I haven't even begun to describe all the great items in the shop. It is also the place to stop and ask questions about the park and the local area. We have some great volunteers who keep our store open and are very informative.

If you would like to volunteer, please ask at the Information and Gift Center, or call 888-2472. You can also call Vee Elliott at 888-5447 or Betty Kennedy at 267-7597.



IGC welcomes visitors year'round.

### OPEN HOURS

Noon-4:00 PM - January / February  
10:30 AM - 4:30 PM - March thru Nov. 25  
4:00-10:00 PM - Thanksgiving thru New Year's Eve



# News from the Gardens

by Ellie Kinney-Martial, Ranger Supervisor, Shore Acres



Ellie Kinney-Martial



Preson Phillips presents to George a plaque for 34 years of service to Oregon State Parks



George opens one of many retirement gifts.

Last September, Landscape Maintenance Superintendent, aka “Head Gardener” George Guthrie retired after 34 years of service with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

George began his career as a “seasonal” in 1973. He then worked as a Ranger at Alfred A. Loeb State Park and Humbug Mountain State Park before coming to Shore Acres in 1983. After spending three years as a Ranger at the gardens, George was promoted to Landscape Maintenance Superintendent in 1986 and continued in that position until his retirement.

I began my career with OPRD in 1990 as a Ranger and have worked the majority of that time at the gardens. Before moving to Oregon, I worked at Western Illinois University as the greenhouse manager for the Department of Biological Sciences. Last November I was promoted to Ranger Supervisor, the position formerly known as Landscape Maintenance Superintendent.

“One project we will be working on is the renovation of the boxwood hedges in the English Formal Garden.”

*Ellie Kinney-Martial*

I have some big shoes to fill, or should I say boots, for those of you who know George, and we have some big projects planned for the garden this year.

One project we will be working on is the renovation of the boxwood hedges in the English Formal Garden. These hedges were planted during the garden renovation in 1975. After thirty-four years of growth and shearing, it is time to take action. We will try several different approaches in this renovation process. Some of the hedges will be cut back to determine how well they will respond to renewal pruning. We also plan to do some replacement plantings.

Another project we are working on with the Friends of Shore Acres is the installation of a web cam on the west side of the garden. Some of you may have noticed an area that has been cleared on the west side. This is phase one of the web cam project. Once the web cam is installed, we will tackle the landscaping in that section of the garden.

These are just a few things to watch for in the garden, this year. I am looking forward to working on these projects and other challenges in my new position at Shore Acres State Park. ~



Boxwood hedges in the English Formal Garden were planted in 1975.

# YOU ARE INVITED

## TO JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY TO *NATURE, HISTORY, DISCOVERY*

*by Stephanie Miller, Park Ranger*



Stephanie Miller

**WHO:** For the second year in a row, the Sunset Bay interpretive team will have a full returning staff! The team includes a full time park ranger, Stephanie Miller, a seasonal interpretive ranger, Kristin Hovencotter-Greco, a seasonal rocky shores naturalist, Kris Emmett, and a set of interpretive hosts, Larry and Kolette McClurg. New this year

will be another set of interpretive hosts sponsored through a partnership between Oregon State Parks and Shoreline Education for Awareness (S.E.A.), Kevin Jones and Cheryl Compton.

**WHAT:** Endless possibilities to discover this amazing part of the Oregon coast!

Day time program topics can vary as much as the weather. Tidepool walks, W.W. II history walks to the bunkers, native plant walks, Jr. Ranger programs for kids ages 6-12, and Shore Acres Simpson history strolls are just a few of your choices. Evening



Sunset Bay South

programs are an ideal activity for after dinner or before a sunset. You can spend your evening "with" marine mammals or cougars, imagining what life at a lighthouse was like, or "digging up" the past of Sunset Bay.

Guest speakers are invited to share their passion for things such as sand, estuaries, the night sky, or myrtlewood. You may also find us out on the trails, beaches, and viewpoints talking with visitors and waiting to answer your questions.

Have an idea for a program? Let us know. We are always looking for new ideas

**WHEN AND WHERE:** Programs run from Memorial Day through Labor Day, with most programs in June, July, and August. Actual program times and locations vary. Schedules will be posted in the campground as well as day use areas throughout the Sunset Bay Management Unit. Or, you can call the Interpretive Center for more information at 541-888-0982.

**WHY: WHY NOT!** These programs are not just for campers. Community members are always welcome. We hope that you will share your questions, suggestions, and stories with us.

Come join us in discovering all the beautiful things about this place we call home. **No R.S.V.P needed!** ~



Shore Acres Cliffs South

## CALENDAR

*Garden House Open from 11 AM - 4 PM with Refreshments on "Flower Days"*

### Bonsai Day - April 18

*Bonsai Display and Experts from the Bay Area Bonsai Society*

### Rhododendron Sunday-Mother's Day - May 10

*Bay Area Artists Association "Paint-Out" and Experts from the Southwestern Oregon Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society*

### State Parks Day - June 6 - Free Parking

### Rose Sunday-Father's Day - June 14

*Rose Experts Jay Dow, Helen Doving, Ray Duskin, George Guthrie, Helen Harris, Ellie Kinney-Martial, Lee Littlefield, and Shirl Schmidt*

### Oregon Coast Music Festival Concert - July 18 - Noon

### Sunset Classic Chevys Show & Shine Car Show - Sept. 20

### Dahlia Day - Sept. 26

*Dahlia Display & Experts from the Southern Oregon Dahlia Society*

### "Orchids" Gems of the Rain Forest - Oct. 3

*Orchid Display & Experts from the Pacific Coast Orchid Society*

### 23rd Annual Holiday Lights

**Nov. 26 thru Dec. 31 - 4 pm - 10 pm**



## Thanks, Lights Pledge Supporters 2008!

### LED Lights \*



"LED Land" enhanced with landscape lights on huge trees



New dragonfly above the salmon

### Special Thanks to Fred Meyer -

17th Year of donating 100 cases of frozen apple juice for hot apple cider and discounts on cookies & frozen lemonade for punch

6,666\* Shinglehouse Auto & Salvage -- 4,450\* Abel Insurance Agency-Harry & Francie Abel -- 4,200\* Captain John's Motel-Hong-Chi Teng & Jan Lin -- 2,800\* The Portside Seafood Restaurant-Joe Tang -- 2,222\* Nancy Robinson -- 2,100\* Jim & Diane Verger -- 2,000\* John & Kelly Fletcher -- 1,750\* Dave's Pizza -- 1,666\* Huggins Insurance-Bob & Janet Huggins; The Mill Casino-Hotel -- 1,500\* Hargens Construction Co.-Gary & Rody Hargens -- 1,400\* Azalea Acres Inc. - Betty, Steve & Wesa Liles; Best Western Holiday Motel; David & Shirley Bridgham; Coastal Paper & Supply-Johanna & Bob Dillard; Edgewater Inn Motel-Coos Bay; Michael Gordon, CPA-"Not Your Basic Bean Counter" -- 1,125\* Coos Bay Fire & Rescue -- 1,066\* Cornelia & Don Barnhart -- 1,000\* Evans-Havel-Styarfyr Family -- 806\* Tom's Lock & Key-Steve & Cathy Clark -- 766\* Timm & BobEtta Slater -- 700\* Art Connection; Audio Video Specialists; Benetti's Italian Restaurant-Joe & Tricia Benetti; Bob's Appliance-Bob & Gayle DePeal; Martha Butler; Cheslock Optical-Dr. James & Rhea Cheslock; Ray Gapp; Clare D. Gove, CPA,PC; Diane & Kevin Keiser-in memory of Heidi Nerbovig and Berneice Lange; Betsy & Walt McClure; Ron & Kathy Metzger; Andy & Lynn Nasburg; North Point Inc.- Ed Meyer; Northwestern Mutual Life - Dick & Janice Vigue; Pacific Power/PacifiCorp; Dr. Ted Terry & Staff; Ticor Title Insurance Co.; Thomas & Sons Transportation -- 666\* This Olde House Bed & Breakfast Inn-Sally White -- 586\* Bruce's Street Rods-Bruce & Kittie Lou English -- 400\* Hightide Cafe, LLC -- 366\* Bayview Accounting & Tax Service-Maddy Gaoiran in memory of Jan Philby -- 360\* Cedar Electric & Construction -- 350\* Betty Kay Charters-Margery & Bill Whitmer; Charleston Harbor Inn - in memory of John A. Castro; George & Barbara Domenighini; Gold Coast Truck Repair-Butch & Jacque Shields; Betsy Groben; Honda World; House at Lighthouse Beach-Stan & Janet Thompson; K & K Sound Systems Inc.; Kinnee's Gifts N' Shells; North Bend Lanes-Bob, Mark & Marianna Mattecheck; Allan M. Olson-in memory of Lois; Pacific Mobile Services Inc.-The Chaney Family; Shoji Planning & Development-Crystal & Gene Shoji; Slippery Slope Soap Shop-Ron & Pauline Vierra; Weldon & Sons-Coos Bay -- 166\* Donald & Priscilla Zobel

### THANKS - LIFE MEMBERSHIPS (\$500)

Jim Arbuckle, Coos Bay  
David & Shirley Bridgham, North Bend  
Bruce's Street Rods- Bruce & Kittie Lou English, Bandon  
Ann Evanow, Westlake  
Rich & Jody Hamel, Bandon  
Hargens Construction Co.- Gary & Rody Hargens, Coos Bay  
Caroline M. Kindrick, Portland (in Memory of Lily Busick)  
MJ Koreiva, Coos Bay  
Alice & Jim Layport, Coos Bay  
Diane Mathis, Coos Bay  
Menasha Forest Products Corporation, North Bend  
Dennis & Kathi Netter, Coos Bay  
Prudential Seaboard Properties, Coos Bay  
Wanda Pike Rees, San Rafael, CA  
Sause Bros. Ocean Towing - Dale Sause, Coos Bay  
Jack & Carol Shinniger, Cottage Grove  
Liz Tarrant, North Bend  
Jim and Diane Verger, North Bend  
Dick & Judy Wagner, North Bend  
Dell & Roberta Willis, North Bend (New 2009)

### THANKS - SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIPS (\$250)

Michael & Carol Lucas, Concord CA  
James & Ellen Montalbano, Bandon  
Jim & Lorna Shivley, Bandon  
Ted & Carolyn Terry, Coos Bay



Rhododendrons and Azaleas in Spring



## Holiday Lights 2008 — More than 44,000 Visitors

### VISITORS, COUNTRIES & STATES

An estimated 44,464 visitors  
38 Countries from Africa to Viet Nam (12 new)  
45 States and Washington D. C.

### CITIES AND TOWNS

220 Oregon; 179 California;  
65 Washington; 217 Other  
(334 new)

### COMMENTS

Fantastic, puts me in the spirit. - Placerville, CA  
WOW!! Colors are so bright!! - Walla Walla, WA  
Thanks! Worth the trip! - Aurora, OR

#### The Best - Longview, WA

Great, good for the whole family - Marysville, CA  
Ohmygosh!! Beautiful - Oregon City  
Spectacular!! - Windsor, Maine  
Absolutely Stunning! - Nehalem, OR

#### Awesome, our first winter Christmas - Queensland, Australia

Great Work of Art! - Coos Bay, OR  
Lovely in the rain! - Auburn, CA  
Beautiful garden, home and hospitality. - Eugene, OR  
Fantastic!! - Ucluelet, BC, Canada  
He proposed & I said YES!!! - Waldport, OR  
Best light show in the U.S. - Florissant, CO

#### Like a poem. - Ketchikan, AK

The lights and house are beautiful! - North Bend, OR  
Wonderful! Wow! - Huntley, WY  
Cultural shock, amazing site, & awesome people - Norwich, CT  
Worth coming from Arkansas to see! - Jacksonville, AR  
OMG - Best year ever! - Florence, OR

#### Beautiful, Dazzling, Smashing, Precious! - Buffalo, NY

Best thing in Oregon - San Diego, CA  
Absolutely wondrous! - McKinleyville, CA  
Thanks to all the volunteers - Olalla, OR  
One of our favorite Christmas traditions! - Brookings, OR  
2nd year we've seen it, still fantastic - Santa Cruz, CA

#### Love, love, love it! - Bandon, OR

Fantastic, Brilliant - San Ramon, CA  
You've warmed out hearts - North Bend, OR  
Everything is greener in Oregon - Springfield, OR  
Superb! - New Zealand  
Great show - wonderful volunteer effort! - Portland, OR  
LEDs are a great addition! - Colorado Springs, CO

#### Beautiful, especially lighting the natural trees - Sonoma, CA

Had to come back - San Antonio, TX  
Peaceful Beauty - Wimberley, TX  
Magical/Overwhelming - Pleasanton, CA  
A very well thought out display - Oregon City, OR

#### DE - LIGHT - FUL - Dallas, TX

... and many more!



Inside the Garden House the annual traditional theme is highlighted with LED lights and innovative decorations.



The view from the upstairs window is especially dazzling and magical at dusk - many folks' favorite time to visit.

**TO SEE THE DETAILED REPORT, GO TO [WWW.SHOREACRES.NET](http://WWW.SHOREACRES.NET) AND CLICK ON "HOLIDAY LIGHTS"**



Rhododendron and Yellow Lithodora

### THANKS - BENEFACTOR MEMBERSHIPS (\$100)

Abel Insurance Agency, Harry & Francie Abel, Coos Bay  
Curtis & Eileen Adams, Coos Bay  
Vee Elliott, Coos Bay  
Virginia Grant, Coos Bay  
Dick & Vicky Henschel, Concord, CA  
Kent & Jill Hoddick, Portland  
Jane & Jerry Kirkpatrick, Moro, OR  
Don Larsen, North Bend  
Jean McNamar, North Bend  
Ron & Kathy Metzger, North Bend  
George & Betty Phipps, Coquille  
Lyn & John Topits, Coos Bay  
Shay Weinger, Coquille  
JW White Painting, Jay & Melody White, Coos Bay  
Richard & Sally Wilson, Bend



## JUST A FEW OF THE 1500+ VOLUNTEERS



David Bridgman - *Holiday Lights Co-Chair and rope lighting expert* - puts new lights on the snail.



Maxine Johannesen takes care of snacks and lunches (chili and hot dogs) for the many volunteers.



Rock-n-Riders 4-H Club decorated a flower bed.



Joan Clifton and Jack Gilham place the special gold flower clusters, which they created, on shrubs near the fountain.

## THANKS SPONSOR MEMBERSHIPS (\$50)

George & Eva Ahuna, Coos Bay  
 Al & Judy Aslakson, Rapid City, SD  
 Jerry & Shirley Champagne-Harris  
 Coastal Paper & Supply,  
 Johanna & Bob Dillard, North Bend  
 Alice Freeman, Fairfield, CA  
 Ray L. Harris, Jr., Lubbock, TX  
 Blair Holman & Ginny Tabor, Coos Bay  
 Wilbur & Judy Jensen, Coos Bay  
 Dale & Susan Karstetter, North Bend  
 Lynn Larsen, Portland  
 Steve & Marietta Laws, Yreka, CA



Rhododendron

Shane M. Miller, Coos Bay  
 North Bend Garden Club, North Bend  
 Jim & Betty Ohman, North Bend  
 Mike, Robynn & Adam Reed, North Bend  
 Clair L. Shirey, Eagle River, AK  
 Timm & Bobetta Slater, North Bend  
 Barbara Taylor & Steven Fowler, North Bend  
 R. Georga Taylor, Coos Bay  
 Michael & Barbara Taylor, North Bend  
 Dean R. Wilson, Florence  
 Larry & Patricia Zeh, Florence



## HOSTS, ENTERTAINERS, AND B&B WINNERS



Preceptor Alpha Eta members (L-R) Becky Lunetta, Becki Johnson, Peggy Miller, and Patti Landes. The group shared its host dues with Bay Area Sunrise Rotary Club.



Bay Area Sunrise Rotary Club (Front L-R) Becky Lunetta, Carol Bennett, Tom Burdett (Back L-R) David Bridgham, Steve Schneiderman, Lonny Anderson, Chuck Holloway, John Qualman, Rodger Bennett



First Presbyterian Church-Joy Ensemble enjoy the view while entertaining in the Pavilion on a beautiful clear night.



Jean Peterson of Hawthorne, Nevada won the Ultimate B&B and re-gifted it to Dan and Kathleen Bowyer of Amity, Oregon

### THANKS PATRON MEMBERSHIPS (\$25)

Marion Babcock, Charleston  
Kathrine Barton, Coquille  
Bud & Barbara Baumgartner, Sweet Home  
Don Bock, Coos Bay  
Sandy & Maxine Braulick, Coos Bay  
Jackie Campbell, Charleston  
Ken & Imogene Chester, Coos Bay  
Joe F. & Gwynn Decker, Florence  
Richard Dorn, Eureka, CA  
Helen Doving, Coos Bay  
Jay & Joy Dow, North Bend  
Ray & Rosella Duskin, Coos Bay  
Shirley Eidswick, Medford  
Anna Mae Ferry, North Bend  
Dennis Johnson, Central Point  
Monita Johnson, North Bend  
Ron & Roberta Johnson, Norfolk, VA  
Judy Kaplan, Brookings  
Mike & Penny Kielman, Eagle Point



Rose in the AARS Rose Display Garden

Stanley Klenke, Roseburg  
Jim & Nancy Lloyd, Coquille  
Katrina Lytle, Coos Bay  
Caroline McKemy, Coquille  
Richard & Martha Moehl, Stayton, OR  
Andy & Lynn Nasburg, Coos Bay  
Sid & Norma Norris, Coos Bay  
Barbara Olson, North Bend  
Mary Paczesniak, Coos Bay  
Paul Poresky, Myrtle Point  
Donna Rabin & Steve Richardson, Coos Bay  
Merle Ruggles, Lebanon, OR  
Linda Ryer, Seattle  
Alice Schmidt, Coquille  
Richard & Shirl Schmidt, Coquille  
Sonny & Helen Shefstad, Coos Bay  
Teresa Stephens, North Bend  
Ed & Judy Swenson, Bandon  
Ron & Pauline Vierra, Reedsport



## RECYCLING AT ITS BEST!

by Shirley Bridgham, Editor



The redwood entrance at Shore Acres decorated for the holidays in 1989. When we built the new entrance and Information & Gift Center in 2003, the redwood was saved for future projects.



David Bridgham checks out the new brochure rack built out of recycled and refinished redwood by Bob Dixon

## Preparing for Growth

by Preson Phillips, Park Manager,  
Sunset Bay Management Unit

Spring of 2009 finds us again busy preparing for growth. The garden is primed for floral bloom, the water system is pressurized, Parks Staff will soon add a new member at Shore Acres, and our Friends have blazed the way to build a new shop.

Ellie is growing into her new position with remarkable results.

This next year will see her garden plan begin to become reality. I look forward to working with her and everyone at Shore Acres on the myriad of projects and issues that 2009 brings us. ~



In 2008, Bob Dixon created a new gate from the old redwood and just recently in 2009, a small power building on the west side of the garden. A big thanks goes to the Shutters' Creek work crew for their assistance with these projects.

### THANKS FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS (\$15)

John & Barbara Anderson, Coos Bay  
Rhoda L. Beauchemin, Coos Bay  
Frank & Opal Bryant, Coos Bay  
George & Judy Buckingham, Chiloquin  
Don & Margaret Burdg, Coos Bay  
Patricia Carpenter, Bandon  
Paul & Annie Comfort, Coos Bay  
Coos Head Garden Club, Coos Bay  
Peter & Karen Crosby, North Bend  
William & Heidi Cummings, Coos Bay  
Archi & Jim Davenport, Coos Bay  
Chris & Donna Flammang, Coos Bay  
Jay Flaxman & Carol Bender, Coos Bay  
John & Rena Frenette, North Bend  
Jack Gilham & Joan Clifton, North Bend  
Betsy Groben, Coos Bay  
Chuck & Mary Howard, Coos Bay  
Mark & Carla Johnson, Coos Bay  
Karla Kaudel, Coos Bay



Springtime rhododendrons at Shore Acres

Kenn & Betty Kennedy, Coos Bay  
Lou & Sharon Kolkhorst, Coos Bay  
Rick & Ellie Martial, Coos Bay  
Ted & Nadine Oleson, Roseburg  
HM & Mary Rines, Yoncalla  
Dottie Rocheleau, Roseburg  
Bill & Joan Russell, Bandon  
Ginger & Bingo Sawyer, Coos Bay  
Don & Shirley Sell, North Bend  
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Shaddix, Arcata, CA  
Carl Siminow, Coos Bay  
Frank A. Smith, North Bend  
Richard & Irene Sund, North Bend  
CoCo Sutton & Mike Hoyt, North Bend  
Ben & Pat Titus, Coos Bay  
Sarah Elizabeth VanHorn, North Bend  
Luis & Josefina Velasquez, North Bend  
Carol Ventgen & Mike Perkins, North Bend  
The Walters Family, Medford



## Kudos to . . .

- George Guthrie on his retirement - thanks for being a Friends' Founder and for all your help over the years.
- Ellie-Kinney Martial on her new job - we look forward to our continued cooperative efforts at Shore Acres
- Sunset Bay Management Unit on its All-Star Park Award
- Dedicated holiday lights volunteers
- Generous financial and In-Kind supporters
- State Parks Management and Staff
- Shutter's Creek Work Crews
- Information & Gift Center Managers and Volunteers
- Park Hosts
- Events Volunteers
- Steadfast Members
- Memoiral Contributors
- Our Board of Directors and State Parks staff, who met recently (*see story on page 12*) to review what Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. does well and what more FoSA can do in the next five years, thus developing our 2014 Plan to compliment OPRD's 2014 Plan. Lots of exciting ideas to expand our interpretive and educational activities and provide more volunteer opportunities - volunteer development being the key. Also plans to work on board development in regards to job descriptions (S.O.P.s), bylaws, procedures, policies, and governance. Many individuals agreed to take the lead on many of the suggested activities and projects that came out of this very successful planning session. ~

Please visit our web site - [www.shoreacres.net](http://www.shoreacres.net) - to see more photos and names of folks who help and support the holiday lights and many of the Friends' activities. Watch for the completed FoSA 2014 Plan.

**Shirley Bridgham, Editor**

## Sunset Bay Management Unit Gets All-Star Park Award

by Andy LaTomme, Southwest Area Manager, OPRD

Established in 1999, the All Star Park is an annual award presented by OPRD that gives all field team members in a management unit the opportunity to work together to achieve a level of excellence by demonstrating a commitment to OPRD's mission and service ethic. Participation in the award program is optional, as determined by management unit team members.

The requirements for the award are structured to align with the eight goals of OPRD's Target 2014 as adopted by the OPRD Commission. All 30 OPRD management unit teams, regardless of size, can qualify for the award in any given year. To earn the All Star Park Award, a Management Unit must complete all 29 mandatory requirements and a minimum of 15 of the 33 optional requirements, from at least six of the eight Target 2014 Goal categories. The flexible nature of the requirements allows the award to be tailored to emphasize changing departmental goals and to provide a means for adjusting performance standards as needed.

This year marked the first year of the Sunset Bay Management Unit's participation in the All Star Park Award program. In 2008, twelve OPRD Management Units qualified for the award. ~



Preson and Ellie proudly display Sunset Bay Management Unit's All-Star Park Award for 2008

## THANKS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS (\$10)

Jay Anderson, North Bend  
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 Maxine Johannesen, Coos Bay



Dazzling dahlias delight visiting photographer!

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# Looking back . . . and Looking Forward

by David Bridgham, Founder, President-Elect, Co-Chair Holiday Lights

**F**riends of Shore Acres and our State Parks colleagues meet from time to time to review our shared goals and set new ones. On March 29, 2009, FoSA Board members, Parks Manager Preson Phillips, Shore Acres Ranger Supervisor Ellie Kinney-Martial, and Park Ranger for Sunset Bay Campground, Stephanie Miller, met at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology Boat House Auditorium for an afternoon retreat and planning session.

We reviewed our long history of strategic planning. Founded on December 4, 1986, we dreamt of what we could do for the park:

- Tell "The Shore Acres Story" to our visitors - *and we continue to do this in many ways*
- Share the beautiful gardens - both during the "blooms of the gardens" with our flower events, but also with the Holiday Lights event.
- Provide educational and interpretive services to our visitors.

continuity along with flexibility to change with the times.

We still enjoy opening the garden house and hosting our annual flower events with staff and community flower experts. FoSA is also planning to share and display the gardens year 'round with a live web cam hosted on our web site. There will be a second web cam on the



David Bridgham and George Guthrie at Rhododendron Sunday on Mother's Day, 2008.



Old Time Fiddlers - Rhododendron Sunday

Previously we have improved the wiring, lighting, heating, kitchen and carpet.

We have re-dedicated ourselves to not only develop great amenities to the park that we all love, but to ensure that we help maintain these amenities. Many Oregonians don't fully appreciate what the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department does to preserve and protect what we hold dear with the limited resources it has. We can all be proud to help support this special place in our part of the world. ~



David, Kathi and Dennis Netter, Kathy Metzger

Observation Building trained on our famous exploding wave. Both web cams are capable of panning to additional views - accessed on our web site by this Fall.

FoSA has grown with its Holidays Lights display. This summer, we are building an additional 24x60 ft. metal storage building and sharing half of it with state parks.

- Help state parks develop meaningful improvements that would be difficult or impossible to do without our financial and volunteer support.

Our planning reviews and renewed vision happens every 5-7 years. FoSA progress has enjoyed remarkable

Also, we are in the midst of reburishing the windows and doors of the Garden House in cooperation with State Parks, using an expert in historial renovation. FoSA is funding this improvement to the only remaining historical building at Shore Acres.

## Volunteers Needed

**Information & Gift Center Clerks**

**Flower Day Hosts in the Garden House to serve refreshments.**

**Sundae sellers at the Oregon Coast Mustic Festival concert**

**To volunteer, call:**

**Betty Kennedy - 267-7597**

**Vee Elliott - 888-5447**

**Kathy Metzger - 751-9848**