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2013 - New Animated Bumble Bee by David Bridgham

# Holiday Lights – "THE BEST !!! EVER" - Portland

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by Shirley Bridgham

he 27тн annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park saw an estimated 48,416 visitors in practically perfect weather. Visitors came from 32 countries and the U.S and 45 states and Washington, D.C. Oregon cities numbered 210; California cities numbered 119; Washington cities numbered 78; and cities and towns from other states numbered 181.

The new Lighthouse and the animated Bumble Bee drew wonderful reviews as did the 300,000 LED lights, 48 lighted sculptures, 26 large Christmas trees and landscape lighting on the giant evergreens that surround the gardens and pond.

Welcoming host teams and refreshments in the beautifully decorated garden house and excellent entertainers in the Pavilion completed a perfect picture of this very successful community tradition on Oregon's Adventure Coast.

Some of the comments from visitors: Our favorite tradition! - Federal Way, WA; GREAT! a Must See - Martinsburg, PA; Epic Awesomness!!!!! - North Bend; and THE BEST !!! EVER - Portland, Oregon.

More Comments and Stats at www.shoreacres.net

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

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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



#### FROM THE EDITOR . . .

by Shirley Bridgham

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his Journal highlights the Holiday Lights and the many activities and projects that fulfill the Friends' mission. Our Board of Directors and members, the success of our Information and Gift Center (IGC), the support of the Holiday Lights and other Friends' activities, and our cooperation with State Parks make it all possible.

**INTERPRETIVE / EDUCATIONAL** - For several years, Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. (FoSA) has provided funding for the Rocky Shores Naturalist Interpretive Ranger who presents the summertime programs for campers and visitors.

I have the pleasure of creating this Journal, which we mail to our members and supporters, as well as interpretive brochures for the park. I also enjoy creating and producing the FoSA DVDs to sell in the IGC. NOTE: This Journal and all past Newsletters and Journals are also posted on our website.

**PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS** - In 2013-14, Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. in cooperation with the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD) funded several big projects at Shore Acres. They were emergency and unplanned projects, e.g., replacing the water heater for the heating system in the Information and Gift Center and preserving the upstairs windows in the Garden House and making other major building repairs on the Garden House. Our membership brochure lists the many phsical development programs that have been completed in the past 28 years.

In our 2013 Journal I told you "I'm in the process of organizing the Friends' archives." Well, I really got into it in January of this year. It involves scanning photos and news articles that reflect our history and re-doing the early scrapbooks using archival albums. What a pleasure . . . to remember how FoSA started and how far it's come.

The Holiday Lights event – this year is our 28th – continues to be a rewarding experience, not only for David and me, but for all the wonderful and exceptional people who share in its creation each season. If you want to have a fun time, just come out and string some lights, share a chili and hot dogs lunch and enjoy some great company. We work rain or shine from 10 AM to 3 PM on Saturdays and Sundays, beginning October 18th.

And whether you can help or not, be sure to come and See the Lights!

28TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS at least 300,000 LED LIGHTS THANKSGIVING - NEW YEAR'S EVE NOV. 27 – DEC. 31, 2014 4:00 PM - 9:30 PM (EVERY NIGHT)

Look for some surprizing new sculptures. And as always, the beautifully decorated Garden House, welcoming hosts with hot cider, punch, coffee and cookies, and live entertainment in the Pavilion.

LIGHTS SETUP starts Oct. 18th To help: 541-756-5401 or bridgham@epuerto.com

#### SPECIAL THANKS . . .

Dennis and Kathi Netter gave up their board positions last September.

They joined the Friends' Board in 2001. Kathi served as President in 2004-05. Both have served as Co-Secretary and Kathi



has served as Secretary and Membership Chair. Dennis served as President in 2012.

Together, Dennis, Kathi and several Friends, take care of the Friends' "secret spice society" making the cider spice for the Holiday Lights. They also have provided the fresh raspberries and their help at the OCMF garden concert. We are so glad they plan to continue these activities. ■

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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Dell Willis, President 2013-14



WW say time flies when you're having fun. The Friends have made many improvements to the garden and Holiday Lights. We patched the Cape Arago Highway to Shore Acres last November in time for Holiday Lights. David Bridgham, Ray Daniels and Jack Gilham constructed the new lighted sculptures – Bumble Bee and Lighthouse. We had an estimated 48,416 visitors (1,080 more than 2012, with 6 fewer nights). In the Spring, Cal Lewis completed the *historic maintenance* repairs to the Garden House. At the Information & Gift Center, we replaced the water heater and thermostat with an on demand propane system and a programmable thermostat.

This should be a more efficient system.

We are getting ready for the 2014 Holiday Lights. David and Ray are going to rebuild the 45' Gray Whale. This is one of the oldest sculptures and in need of restoration. The new lights have been ordered and will require the plugs at both ends of each set to be greased. I use an electric grease gun to pump Dielectric Grease in each plug. We have found that this process helps to waterproof the fuses and protect the plugs from the corrosion of our salty climate. David has constructed some new sculptures for this year. We would like to give a great big thank you to all the volunteers who participate in the Friends of Shore Acres projects and activities to make them into a reality for our community.

Three new board members – Roberta Willis, Dawn Buxton and Ray Daniels – complete our 15-member Board. I would like to thank all the FoSA board members for helping make this year a very memorable experience. ■



"Julia Child" - AARS Winner 2006

- The Friends' annual year for officers and board members runs from September of one year to the end of August the next year.
- Board members serve a 3-year term and may be re-elected. At each annual meeting, the Friends' Board elects a President-Elect, who becomes President at the next annual meeting.
- This year's annual meeting is set for **Tuesday**, September 9 at 7 pm at the Shore Acres Garden House.
- The annual meeting will be followed immediately by the regular Board meeing.
- Members and supporters are welcome. If you plan to attend, please telephone **541-756-1827** or email drwillis@frontier.com.

# Congratulations B&BWinners!



Jesse, Margaret and Glenn Hendrickson Jesse Hendrickson of Beaverton, Oregon won the Ultimate Bed & Breakfast with ticket #92. He and Margaret and their son Glenn stayed overnight in the Garden House on New Year's Eve with the holiday lights left on and the park to themselves. The next morning, they wrote in the guest book, "Thanks for the stay!"

> 2014 Tickets on Sale Now at the Information & Gift Center

### FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT . . .

by Sharon Kolkhorst, President-Elect 2013-14

**O**regon State Parks holds a Biennial Coop Conference which includes Friends groups state wide. The theme of the 2013 Conference was "A Journey Through Time." In the fabric of my life my Shore Acres Journey is a thread that started for me during the mid 1940s. Our family Sunday drive to the beach included stops at Sunset Bay to beachcomb, Shore Acres to see the waves and what was blooming in the garden and then on to Cape Arago. At Shore Acres and Cape Arago, when in season, we picked wild strawberries that were half the size of a dime. My two favorite places at Shore Acres were the greenhouse when begonias were in bloom and the pond to count goldfish. For years I wondered why, as a child, I didn't have any strong



memory of the Garden House. I have concluded that it was because it looked too much like the old house we lived in.

When my husband Lou and I lived in Seattle, every trip to Coos Bay included a drive to the gardens. On one of these visits we had an opportunity to volunteer in the Garden House on Christmas Eve. We were hooked. It was our first Holiday Lights and we both knew that when we returned to Coos Bay we were going to volunteer at Shore Acres. In 1998 we were able to keep this promise we made to ourselves by helping string lights. What fun! We were standing in pools of water with long sticks trying to get the lights "just right." To quote the late Seattle Mariners broadcaster, Dave Niehaus, "My, oh my!" When the stringing was completed and the lights turned on it was worth every tingle.

After the Holiday Lights, we were asked if we would like to volunteer about 3 hours a month working in the Information and Gift Center. Now we ask ourselves, "Did they say a month or a day?"

We are proud to be a part of this wonderful community project and members of Friends of Shore Acres. In September, I look forward to my turn as President.

# L. L. "Stub" Stewart Award for Life Service presented to Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst at the 2013 Co-op Conference in John Day

ne of the many highlights at the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Biennial Co-op Conference is the presentation of the L. L. "Stub" Stewart Volunteer Awards.

The 2012-13 nominees and recipients were honored at the an awards banquet, sponsored by the L. L. "Stub" Stewart Award Trust Fund on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013 at the Mt. Vernon Community Center.

All award nominees were honored with recognition gifts and award finalists received customized commemorative awards for each category.



Sharon and Lou with their L. L. "Stub" Stewart Award Commemorative Clock.

#### 2012-2013 NOMINEES AND RECIPIENTS \*

- RISING STAR Tom Adams\*- Boston Mill Society Bob Snyder - Friends of Tryon Creek State Park INSPIRATION - Richard Cassidy\*- Friends of Historic Champoeg
- PARTNERSHIP Dennis Bradley\*- Clyde Holliday Management Unit Ellie Kinney-Martial - Shore Acres State Park
- LEADERSHIP William (Bill) Morris\*- Friends of Kam Wah Chung
- LIFE SERVICE Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst\*- Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. Phil Hamilton\*- Friends of Tryon Creek State Park

#### HISTORY OF THE L. L. "STUB" STEWART VOLUNTEER AWARDS



L. L. "Stub" Stewart became a Life Member of Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. in 1989.

n 1991 Stub Stewart was honored as an outstanding state parks volunteer. His selfless work on behalf of the parks began when parks was a division of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and continued for over 30 years as the agency became a department and developed a board of commissioners.

In 1992, Stub endowed a trust fund with the Oregon Community Foundation to help sponsor and support volunteer recognition in the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). The Stewart Awards program was developed

by a committee of staff and volunteers who decided on the categories, qualifications and recognition levels. In support of his strong beliefs about the importance of volunteer recognition and involvement, Stub endowed the current award program and established the L. L. "Stub" Stewart Trust Fund.

Stub passed away on January 2, 2005 and is greatly missed. "Stub" as he was affectionately known to agency staff and volunteers for 40 years, is recognized as a timber industry icon and as one of Oregon's leading philanthropists.

#### AWARD CATAGORIES AND CRITERIA:

RISING STAR: Nominees have provided exceptional volunteer service over a short period of time (no longer than 3 years).

LIFE SERVICE: Nominees have provided exceptional volunteer service for at least eight years.

INSPIRATION: Nominee provides volunteer service to the Association which has inspired others to join in, to give a greater effort or to become actively involved in the activities of the association.

LEADERSHIP: This award category represents those individuals who have stepped up to serve in leadership positions within their respective organizations.

PARTNERSHIP: This award is for an OPRD employee, who endorses, supports, and works "cooperatively" on the mutual goals of the Cooperative Association and the park.

#### LOOKING BACK . . . BY SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM, EDITOR

Early awards were slightly different. In 1992, five awards were presented at the 5th annual Coop Conference held at the Flying M Ranch near Yamhill. Friends of Shore Acres captured two. Gregg Nelson accepted the Partnership Award for the Coos Bay District of BLM, for its work with FoSA volunteers to clean the pond, and with park staff to redesign and upgrade the pond drain system. Runner up for the Partnership Award was Shoreline Education for Awareness (S.E.A.) for its work with FoSA on interpretive programs at Simpson Reef. Tony Mason, manager of the FoSA Gift and Information Center received the Volunteer Dedication award for countless hours of work, planning, inspiration, and success in the operation of the GaIC. [Note: Name was later changed to Information & Gift Center or IGC] David and I were finalists for the Life Service Award, which we eventually received at the 1996 Coop Conference held in Coos Bay. ■



Tantalizing Tulips at Shore Acres "Gardens Above the Waves"

# FRIENDS' INFORMATION & GIFT CENTER (IGC)

An all-volunteer operation managed by Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst

OPEN HOURS ◆ Jan. thru Feb. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM ◆ Mar. thru Thanksgiving Eve - 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM Thanksgiving thru New Year's Eve - 3:30 -9:30 PM

The Information and Gift Center, also referred to as the IGC or Gift Shop, is primarily focused on providing information for the many visitors to Shore Acres State Park. It is also a fun place to work and visit with people from all over the world. Finally, we hope it is a fun place for you to find items that reflect our local area as related to plants, gardening, wildlife, sea life, native culture and the history of our area.

First, we try to find items produced locally . . . then made in Oregon or in the United States . . . and finally worldwide to achieve this. All IGC proceeds remain at Shore Acres to help enhance the park's beauty.

Currently, we are producing the majority our own postcards from local photographers and printed locally so that they relate to what you see in our park. *They are sold only in our gift shop*. They relate to our Gardens, Holiday Lights, and other activities in our park and the local area.

We work with our vendors to produce our photos and images on products such as coasters, blankets, clothing, coffee mugs and various other items that reflect your memories from your visit to our area. We invite you to come and enjoy Shore Acres State Park and the formal gardens and take home a memory of your visit from our shop.

#### VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO HELP US IN THE IGC

If you really want to have fun and have a spare Saturday during the year, please call Vee at **541-888-5447** or Betty at **541-267-7597** and tell them you would like to volunteer. The Information and Gift Center phone is **541-888-2472** or toll free **866-888-6100** if you just have a question for us.



IGC at Holiday Lights Time

#### SHORE ACRES - MORE THAN 100 YEARS DVDs produced by Friends of Shore Acres

- Gardens Above the Waves an overview of the gardens, the park, the sea lions, the famous "Wave" and Holiday Lights scenes
- The Shore Acres Story that tells the history of Shoreacres and the Simpsons
- Holiday Lights scenes set to music, new in 2013
- Holiday Lights screensaver, new in 2014.

# **Oregon State Parks Day and National Garden Week**



Scholarship Winner Nicole Norton next to Coos Bay Garden Club Display

Each year, the Coos Bay Garden Club selects a Marshfield High School senior with interests (preferably) in horticulture, botany or science to receive a \$1000 college scholarship. Most recent recipient Nichole Norton plans to continue her education at Southwestern Oregon Community College then on to Oregon State University for a Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife Biology. Her desire is to work toward a career in Wildlife Rehabilitation. ■

Congratulations!

Pregon State Parks Day and National Garden Week were celebrated on June 7, from 11 AM to 4 PM at Shore Acres State Park. The \$5 parking fee was waived and Friends of Shore Acres volunteers served refreshments in the Garden House. Also, the Friends' Information & Gift Center offered a 10 percent discount on merchandise.

The Coos Bay Garden Club displayed a tri-fold of the Club's history from 1929 to present. It also included the recipients for "Garden of the Year," Doc and Joy Robbins' of Coos Bay.

"We were very fortunate to celebrate Shore Acres State Park and what it offered us," said Cheryl Drumheller, "lovely gardens with plants and flowers from around the world, a formal garden, a Japanese-style garden with a lily pond, and two rose gardens, and a trail that led to the beach.

Avid gardeners looking for that "right flower" had the opportunity to visit and talk with several members of participating flower societies who displayed their prized flowers. The participants were enthusiastic and willing to educate the general public on planting, propagating, and growing a specific plant.

Participants included: Southwestern Oregon Chapter American Rhododendron Society; Bay Area Bonsai Society; Coos Bay Garden Club; Friends of Hinsdale Gardens; Pacific Orchid Society; Southern Oregon Dahlia Society and SouthWestern Oregon Rose Society.



Rhody experts answer questions.



Making greeting cards using pressed flowers and leaves.

Shore Acres Ranger Pam Stevens gave an informative presentation on how to make a hanging basket arrangement using moss as the base medium. In addition, children and adults created personal greeting cards using pressed flowers and leaves.

Sue Martino of Friends of Hinsdale Gardens thought the day's events were a worthwhile endeavor. "Many people were not aware that the Hinsdale Gardens exist, so it gave us some exposure."

## NEWS FROM THE ROCKY SHORES NATURALIST INTERPRETIVE RANGER

by Zoe Shaheen



am privileged to represent Sunset Bay State Park as the Rocky Shores Naturalist. I grew up in New Jersey and only recently ventured west to explore the beauty of Oregon's natural and cultural history. I studied Marine & Environmental Biology and Policy on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean at Monmouth University and taught Salt Marsh and Ocean Ecology as a field guide for the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium. It was there I discovered an innate passion for education. I originally moved to Oregon to pursue my career as an environmental educator. I imagined that following my passion would be enjoyable, but it has turned out much more as I have embarked on the journey of a lifetime.

I was immediately drawn to the rocky shores and fascinated by the quality and diversity of life sustained

in every inch of the Oregon coastline. This thriving ecosystem was inspiring and I felt responsible to protect its natural, cultural and historic resources. Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. has provided me with an enriching opportunity as the Rocky Shores Naturalist Interpretive Ranger. I am proud to protect these resources and enthused to educate present and future generations.

I am responsible for leading and developing a variety of educational programs for park visitors including guided walks, youth based activities, and day and evening programs. Programs are designed to reflect the natural and scenic resources of the park as well as the historic and cultural. Programs range from tidepool walks and native plant walks, to marine debris transport and animal grossology.

Undoubtedly, one of my favorite programs is the Simpson Walk. During this program I share the sensational story of the Simpson family and unite the history of Shore Acres with the spectacular place that it is today. I am honored to be the interpreter sharing this rich cultural history with today's community.

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. has provided me with a foundation for success and an opportunity to share my passion of learning and education with the public. I am grateful to be part of this community and I feel privileged to work beside dedicated and compassionate folks. Certainly, I love my job.



Cape Arago South Cove



Shore Acres' Simpson Beach and Cliffs



Site of Shore Acres Tennis Courts

#### LIFE (\$500)

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Members make a difference! Thanks!

# News from Sunset Bay Management Unit

by Preson Phillips, Park Manager



t's the summer of 2014 and the park is in stride. The Friends of Shore Acres and Shore Acres staff are moving along with long measured steps. Thanks to their efforts, many needed repairs and upgrades are complete. Other projects are in the planning stage.

I am humbled by the dedication and commitment to this wonderful park experience that we are all proud to share with the world.

#### Project #1 - Preserving the Windows



Preservation Nearly Complete



Repairs in Progrress

Amy McAuley is the owner of Oculus Fine Carpentry, Inc. in Port Orford, Oregon. Started in 2002, Oculus specializes in the conservation of historic windows and doors. Notable projects include the Pioneer Courthouse, Fort Dalles, Heceta Head Lighthouse, and Yaquina Head Lighthouse. Amy has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Oregon, one year of post baccalaureate work in Architecture at Portland State University and 17 years of onthe-job experience in historic structures. Her emphasis is in working with traditional tools and techniques to conserve and build sash for historic structures. In Oregon she focuses on 19th and early 20th century buildings. She has demonstrated widely across the U.S. and in Canada. She also teaches yearly at the Pacific Northwest Field School run by the University of Oregon.

#### **PATRON (\$25)**

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# Holiday Lights 2013 — An Estimated 48,416 Visitors

**32 Countries** (Other than the U.S.) \* **45 States and Washington, D.C. Cities and Towns:** 210 Oregon; 119 California; 78 Washington; 187 cities & towns from other states



Albany, OR - Fine, so fine Bandon, OR - Most Beautiful! Bloomington, IN - Thanks! Bridgeville, DE - So Beautiful! Burnsville, MN - Unique Canby, OR - Appreciate Volunteer Efforts - Absolutely Gorgeous Colchester, VT - Love the animals! Coos Bay, OR - No words - beyond awesome! Coquille, OR - Beautiful House! Croton Falls, NY - Fantastic! Delmar, NY - It was worth the trip! Germany - Breathtaking, a pure joy for the eyes and the soul. Gleneden Beach, OR - "The Best in the Northwest" Gold Beach, OR - Best in the West! Grays Harbor, WA - Amazingly beautiful! Hammonton, NJ - Beautiful!!!! Happy Valley, OR - Really cute little house Huntington, WV - Beautiful! Incline Village, NV - Wow Jacksonville, OR - More beautiful each year Kalispell, MT - Dramatic! Klamath Falls, OR - Beautiful! I didn't want to leave. La Junta, CO - Unbelievable! Lancashire, England, UK - Really stunning Liberty Hill, TX - Super Lincoln, NE - FANTASTIC Medford, MA - Love this every year! Medford, OR - One of Our Favorite Traditions Modieska Canyon, CA - Speechless! Myrtle Point, OR - Best Time of my Life!!! Newport, OR - A true wonder of the world! NY / CA - Peaceful sea surprise Oakland, OR - Fantastic lightwork! Palmer, AK - Creative and beautiful Pleasanton, CA - Beautiful! Portland, OR - Beautiful Again! Love the Lighthouse! Portland, OR - Thanks volunteers. Pueblo, CO - Beautiful! Rancho Cordova, CA - Always good!!! Reedsport, OR - Dazzling! Reston, VA - Beautiful! Riverton, WY - Beautiful Roseburg, OR - Makes my Christmas. Salem. OR - Must tell evervone Sutherlin, OR - Positive Spirit Thayne, WY - Amazing! Veneta, OR - The Simpsons would be proud. Wichita, KS - Simply Beautiful! Yucaipa, CA - Extraordinary!!!

# Thanks, Lights Pledge Supporters 2013! LED Lights 6,667 Shinglehouse Auto Wreckers 4,467 Abel Insurance Agency-Harry & Francie Abel

4,467	Abel Insurance Agency-Harry & Francie Abel	
3,334	Barbara K. Mills	
2,334	Cornelia & Don Barnhart	
2,100	The Portside Restaurant	
2,000	Coastal Paper & Supply-Bob & Johanna Dillard	
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1,050	Michael A. Gordon, CPA (Not Your Basic Bean Counter)	
807	Tom's Lock & Key-Steve & Cathy Clark	
700	Art Connection	
	Bob's Appliance-Bob & Gayle DePeal	
	Ray Gapp	
	Clare D. Gove CPA PC	
	Honda World	
	James & Ellen Montalbano	
	Northwestern Mutual-Dick & Jan Vigue	
	Pacific Corp/Pacific Power	
	Donald & Joanne Poage	
	Ted Jay Terry, DMD & Staff	
	Thomas & Sons Transportation	
	Windemere / North Point Inc	
667	Cheslock Optical-Dr. James & Rhea Cheslock	
400	Oyster Cove LLC - Martha Butler	
400	Charleston Harbor Inn in memory of John A. Castro	
360	High Tide Cafe LLC - Carol Rodde & Steve Raplee Cedar Electric & Construction, Inc.	
350	James and Archina Davenport	
330	Gold Coast Truck Repair-Butch & Jacque Shields	
	Betsy Groben	
	Debbie Ploeger	
	Blair and Terry Samuelson	
	Shoji Planning, LLC-Crystal & Gene Shoji	
	Slippery Slope Soap Shop-Pauline & Ron Vierra	
	Donald and Priscilla Zobel	
Special Thanks to Fred Meyer - <b>22nd Year</b> of donating 100		
	frozen apple juice for hot apple cider and 10 cases of	
	nk lemonade for punch and discounts on cookies.	

Special Thanks to Roto Rooter- Jim and Mike Collatt **20th Year** of providing "Santacans" at a substantial discount.

# Decorating the Garden House

by Robynn Reed, Head Elf





ecorating the Garden House is always a fun creative endeavor which starts in October each year. Chloe Eberlein has joined our group as a creative elf. She volunteered last year and returned this year so hopefully we have created another lifelong "Friend of Shore Acres." She brings a fresh set of eyes and a youthful energy and creativity to the project. We had additional help from Mike and Adam Reed and they kept us "focused."

We had a new idea this year and kept it under wraps until the last possible moment. Doug Eberlein donated the materials and we chose an evening to put it all together so it would be a surprise!

Picture a dark evening but the house is bright and cheerfully lighted and



our elf crew was busily drilling holes in the kitchen ceiling to install hooks for our hanging ladder. We had music playing and were having a great time when the phone rang . . . it was Shirley Bridgham on the phone! She wanted to know if we were working. We thought she had ESP but what she really had was the internet and the web site! She had logged on and seen the house lights were on and called. We all had a good chuckle and finished up without telling her our big surprise.

Ellie Kinney-Martial was the first to see it and gave it thumbs up approval. Whew!! We were a little nervous but it looked great! We create quite a "mess" while we create the decorations each year but it always comes together.

The park system required access to the windows in the closets so we were even more motivated to be organized as we put things away. The Friends' storage building is the new home for garland and trees so it left enough room to access the windows. It takes a lot of "stuff" to create something new with "old stuff" but the effort always seems to work in the end.

I love the response and input from everyone who visits and always look forward to the next season.

Enjoy every moment and remember to hug your families and tell them you love them. ■



Adam Reed and his Dad Mike have fun putting up the ceiling hooks for the new shelf (see photo above) while Chloe Eberlein puts up lights and display in the kitchen.



A bubble bath for Santa

#### EDITOR'S NOTE BY SHIRLEY (MOM) BRIDGHAM

As many of you may or may not know, Robynn Reed is my daughter. She and her husband Mike have been in charge of decorating the Garden House since the Fall of 1997. But before that, they were helping with the display. Our grandson Adam has never had a Christmas without seeing the lights display and his mom and dad's dedicated efforts.

Robynn recruits the elves they need to help and it all comes together beautifully every season. Much love goes into this project, both by them as well as all the volunteers who help make it happen.



Grandson Adam Reed and Mom Robynn - 1991



Adam and Robynn Reed - 1996

# Volunteers make it Happen! Thanks!

GARDEN AREA EAST OF POND -COOS BAY KIWANIS AND MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL-KIWANIS KEY CLUB



Back L-R Don Harms, Oscar Johnson, Carla Day, Bill McCaffree, Marty Kulick, Ellen Thhompson, Mert Greif, Gayla Fannin, J. R. Moore, Scott Traylor, Jim McClasky, John Lemos; Front L-R Marshfield High School Kiwanis Key Club Members (Names NA)

#### FLOWER BED #12 STRAIGHT SHOOTERS 4-H CLUB



Front R-L Aurora Thompson, Mike Huff, Jennefur Thompson; Back (standing) Liz Huff, 4-H Leader Shirley Bower, Sean Long, Kayla Long, Katie Carroll, Caitlin Huff, Bobbi Thompson, Co-Leader Dan Long

#### 2013 LIGHTS STRINGERS -

Lila & Clayton Ashbaugh, Cheryl Baldwin, David Barnhart, Shirley & David Bridgham, Dawn Buxton, Shirley Champagne-Harris, Gordon & Rita Chappa, Ray Daniels, Bill Davis, David Forkner, Edith Forkner, Debra Gerritsen, Jack Gilham & Joan Clifton, Jessica Harding & Ryan Draper, Kimberly Humbert, Ray Johnson, Allen King, Charlotte Koepke, Kathy Metzger, Mike Perkins & Carol Ventgen, Ed & Faye Whiting, Dell Willis, and Coos Bay Garden Club-Cheryl Rae Drumheller, Joan Johnson, Irene Ralph, Carolyn Slyter

> LIGHTS ON THE GARDEN HOUSE COOS BAY FIRE AND RESCUE



L-R Dilyn Baumgardner, Jon Eck, Travis Martin, Mark Anderson, Trevor Davis, Jason Wilson, Frank Kaiser, Ben Rolicheck, Jeff Adkins, Matt Sanders



Shirley and David Bridgham, Holiday Lights Co-Chair since 1987

2014 LIGHTS SETUP starts Oct. 18, 2014 To help: 541-756-5401

2014 - LIGHTS TAKEDOWN Cheryl Baldwin; David Barnhart; David & Shirley Bridgham; Shirley Champagne-Harris; Charleston Fire & Rescue; Joan Clifton; Coos Bay Fire & Rescue; Coos Bay Kiwanis; Ray Daniels; Archi Davenport; Bill Davis; Vee Elliott; Jack Gilham; Mike Perkins; Dell & Roberta Willis; Shutter Creek Correctional Officers and Work Crews

INSTALLATION OF LARGE SCALE SCULPTURES - SHUTTER CREEK CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND WORK CREWS

#### 2014 - LIGHTS SORTING

Cheryl Baldwin; David & Shirley Bridgham; Shirley Champagne-Harris; Ray Daniels; Vee Elliott; Jack Gilham & Joan Clifton; Mike Perkins & Carol Ventgen; and Dell & Roberta Willis

#### 2013 GARDEN HOUSE INSIDE SETUP AND TAKEDOWN -

Chair - Robynn Reed; Co-Chair - Chloe Eberlein, Michael & Adam Reed, Vee Elliott, Jeri Malone, Ellie Kinney-Martial, Pam Stevens, Roberta Willis, Shutter Creek Correctional Officers and Work Crews

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FLOWER BED #13 BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF SW OREGON



Front L-R Chelsey Corum, Nicole Cowan, Jessica Kohl, Cassidy Keller; Middle (alone) Rebecca Cowan; Back L-R Justin Holman, Scott Withers, Casey King, Jackie Pierce, CeAndra Nelson, Adrian Engstrom, Chance Espinosa, Brittany Sheild, Jeremiah Wilson, Shyanne Bolton, Christine Evoniuk GARDEN AREA SOUTH OF PAVILION NORTH BEND HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB



Front L-R Elizabeth Salathe, Emily Midyette, Arianna Campbell, Kadie Forderer, Makena Shay, Mariah Gray; Middle L-R Lindsay Varga, Madison Platt, Alyssa Monohon, Hannah Schandelmeier-Lynch, Gabby Hobson, McKenzie Edwards, Sara Frings, Back L-R Kyle Frischman, Danielle Timm, Alicia Martin, Nathan Midyette, Tanner Gray, Nick Hossley

And Have Fun Doing It! Thanks!

**CRYPTOMERIA & BUTTERFLIES - CHARLESTON FIRE & RESCUE** 



Front L-R Janet Dunlop, Brian Walker, Linda Willis, Ed Powers, Chris Owens; Back L-R Mick Sneddon, Dave Mac Maniman, Rusty Shield



Dell Willis (Rt) gives directions to Ed Powers (on ladder) while Brian Walker looks on. Dell and his wife Roberta had put the red lights on the trunk, but they used to do the whole job.



Chief Mick Sneddon puts up one of the four butterflies that Dale Helland used to put up. Due to illness, Dale was unable to help.

**ANOTHER TOP JOB** 





Dell Willis and David Barnhart

2013 - HOLIDAY TREES - Donated by Dave Hannah - Dave's Christmas Trees - Lots at Farr's True Value Hardware and North Bend TREE DECORATORS - COORDINATOR - DAWN BUXTON - AMVETS Post 10; Ankeny Insurance Agency; Bay Area Hospital Auxiliary; Bikers for Christ Coos County Chapter; Bonneville Power Administration; CH2M Hill; Chappelle Enterprises; City of Coos Bay; Coastal Corvettes Unlimited; Coos County Education Service District; Coos County Radio Club; Girl Scouts of Oregon & SW Washington; Harley Owners Group (HOG); Mid Coast Mustang & Ford Club; Oregon Coast Community Action; Oregon State Parks Volunteers & Staff; Pacific Coast Corvette Club; Pigeon Point Dairy Queen; Ruby Tuesdays Red Hat Society; Shinglehouse Auto & Salvage; South Coast Cruisers Car Club; South Coast Office Supply; SWOCC Counseling Department; Subzero Motorsports; Sunset Classic Chevys; South Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

# All Ages Can Help . . .



Jack Gilham and Joan Clifton put up the lights cluster flowers that they make.



Layne Phillips and Preson Phillips at the pond.



Edith Forkner, David Forkner

INFORMATION & GIFT CENTER VOLUNTEER MANAGERS - Lou & Sharon Kolkhorst SCHEDULERS - Vee Elliott, Betty Kennedy Brian & Billie Bergstrom, Joan Clifton & Jack Gilham, Jackie Cruse, Patty Curtis, Sharon Frank, Rena Frenette, Jackie Greene, Paula Leifer, Marcia Palen (Horner), Lynda Payton, David Rigsby, Darrell & Carol Sanders, Roberta Smit, Barb Taylor, Sue Thornton, Frank Wait, Debbie Wigant

PARK HOSTS - 2013 - Pamela Dean; Pete & Leslie Guldenzopf; Jim & Sharon Lighthill; Tim Slack & Karen Gunderman; Bob & Marion Messier; Tom & Chris Vorgert; Al & Elaine Lutzeier; Mike Naughton & Barbara Salmon; Julie Schwartz & Gary Meinikin; Dave & Sandra Ellis; Arthur & Jeanette Carr; Tom & Kathy Adams; George & Bonnie Fritz; Stephen & Linda Edwards



Ray Daniels, Bill Davis



Gordon and Rita Chappa, Edith Forkner



Ray Johnson, Alan King, Cheryl Baldwin, Mike Perkins



**CIDER SPICE** - Kathi & Dennis Netter, Joan Clifton, Jack Gilham, Andrew Netter, Karen & Peter Crosby

FOOD STORAGE & DELIVERY - Day Ship Supply - Bruce Day; Vend West Services - Lou Leberti , Terry Clinton

LUNCHES & SNACKS FOR VOLUNTEERS Chili Discount - Wendy's Old Fashion Hamburgers - Roberta Willis, Vee Elliott, Dave Barnhart, Joan Clifton

HOUSEKEEPING - Joan Clifton, Jack Gilham, Vee Elliott, Robynn Reed, Chloe Eberlein, Shirley Bridgham

BREAKFAST FOR B&B WINNERS -The Pancake Mill-Gary Goodson and Beverly Rice

BUTTONS - Dell & Roberta Willis

**POSTER DISTRIBUTION -** Joan Clifton & Jack Gilham

**ELECTRICAL & LIGHTS -** Generous Discounts - Farr's True-Value Hardware-Jay Farr; Kellog Plastics; Kyle Electric-Tom Kyle; North Coast Electric; Platt Electric, Kevin Owens



Debra Gerritsen, Dawn Buxton



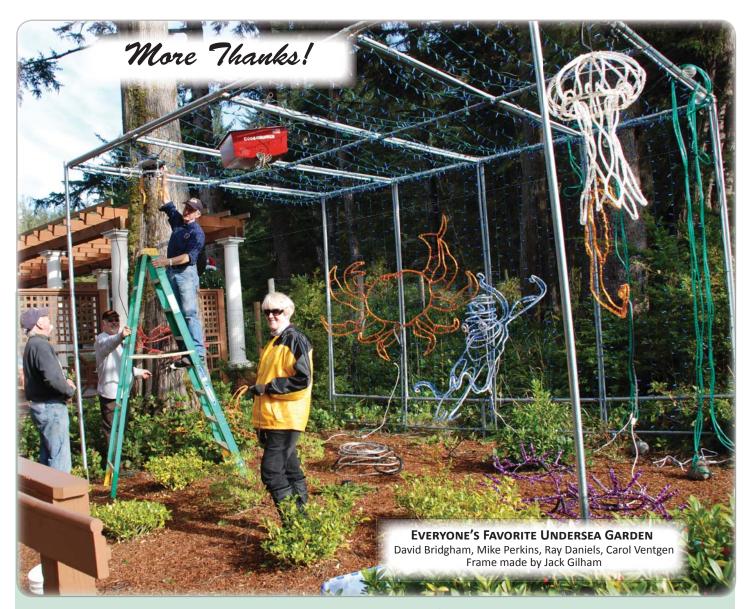
Ed and Faye Whiting



Lila Ashbaugh, Kimberly Humbert

**THANKS ALSO TO:** - Bay Area Chamber of Commerce; Charleston Information Center; Coastal Paper & Supply-Johanna & Bob Dillard; Coos Bay/North Bend Promotions Committee; Coquille Valley Sentinel; Curry Coastal Pilot-Charlie Kocher; Friends of Shore Acres Members and Board; kcby tv; kmtr; kobi tv - Matt Jarvis; khsn//koos / kbbr /kacw; kmhs; kobi tv; kshr/kwro/kbdn; Phyllis Love; Myrtle Point Herald; News Review-Roseburg; North Bend Information Center; North Coast Electric; Oregon Coast Magazine; Register Guard; Roto Rooter-Jim Collatt; RSVP; Siuslaw News; The Oregonian; The World- Beth Burback; Lou Sennick; VIA Magazine; Wegferd's Printing & Publishing- Karen, Linda, Dell & Staff

And anyone whose name we have missed!



# So many help make the Lights successful!

HOST TEAMS 2013 - COORDINATOR - KATHY METZGER

A.B.A.T.E.; Aging & People with Disabilities; Am-Vets Post #10; Ankeny Insurance; Avamere Rehabilitation Center; Awesome Cuts; Bay Eye Clinic; Bay Area Hospital; Bay Area Sunrise Rotary Club AND Preceptor Alpha Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi; Bay Area Bonsai Society; Baycrest Village; Best Western Inn at Face Rock; Beta Sigma Phi Laureate XI; Boy Scout Troop # 156; Coos Bay Yacht Club; Coos Bay Lions Club; Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary; Coos Bay Fire & Rescue; Coos Bay School District; Coos Bay Kiwanis; Coos Head Garden Club; Coos County OSU Extension; Coquille Friends; Coquille H.S. Key Club and Kiwanis; Cutting Edge Hair Designs; Doric Chapter #53; Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association; Friends of Shore Acres Board; Harley Owners Group (HOG); Hauser Citizen Patrol; Hauser Dune Riders 4-H Horse Club; Juul Insurance; Life Change Church; Life Care Center of Coos Bay; Marshfield Student Council; Mid Coast Mustang & Ford Club;

Miss Coos County Scholarship Pageant; Myrtle Point Care Center; New Year's Revellers; North Bend Education Association; North Bend/Coos Bay Relay for Life; Oceancrest and Ocean Ridge; One Big Happy Family; Oregon Hunters Society/Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; Oregon Coast Community Action; Pacific Home Health & Hospice; Pacific Coast Corvette Club; Prudential Seaboard Properties; Ruby Tuesday/Red Hat Society; Soroptimist International of Coos Bay; South Coast Shopper; South Coast Cruisers; South Coast ESD; South Slough Estuarine Reserve; South Coast Singles; Southwestern Oregon Community College; Southwestern Oregon Rose Society; Sterling Savings Bank; Sunset Classic Chevy's; The Mill Casino & Hotel; The Bay Area Rotary Club; Tom's Bulldog Automotive; Umpqua Discovery Center; United Way; Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area

Thanks!

**ENTERTAINMENT - CO-CHAIR - DINO & CINDY COOLEN** American Heritage Girls; Bandon Carolers; Bay Area Concert Band; Bay Area Foursquare Church; Cape Blanco English Handbell Choir; Centro De Fe ; Charleston Community Church; Christ Lutheran Church and School; Clint Guevara & Friends; Family Worship Center Youth Group; Gary Brink Family & Friends; Gold Coast Chorus; Hillcrest School Choir; Johnny Salzano (Sax); Kingsview Christian School; Lighthouse School; LTOB Little Opry Singers & Dancers: Myrtle Point High School Show Choir: North Bend Middle School 8th Grade Band; North Bend First Presbyterian Church Choir; Pacific Community Church; Salvation Army; Sea Breeze Harmony Chorus; South Coast Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts; St. Monica Church; Sweet River; Tuba Group; Undivided Heart

#### **Oregon Parks & Recreation Department**

Sunset Bay State Park, Shore Acres State Park, Larry Becker, Preson Phillips, Ellie Kinney Martial, Janet Sobczak, Pam Stevens, Bob Dixon, Rick Ripley, Stephanie Miller, Ted Sellers, Maurice Wray, Karen Wuethrich

Friends' Traditions Since 1988

### Oregon Coast Music Festival

his tradition started on July 24, 1988 when the Friends of Shore Acres decided to sell fruit kabobs at the Oregon Coast Music Festival's Garden Concert and also hold the first Rose Sunday the same day. Unfortunately, most attendees brought fruit with their lunches, so we had many kabobs left over.

The next season we offered fresh raspberry sundaes — foks don't bring ice cream — and sundaes became a traditional favorite for festival goers. ■



1988- David Bridgham, John Bergen, Donna Smith, Frank Smith, Nellie Ripper



2014 - Patty Curtis, Billie Bergstrom, Brian Bergstrom, Barb Taylor, Pam Stevens *Thanks to Kathi and Dennis Netter for the fresh raspberries!* 

# Garden Concert - July 19 - Kukuva Marimba

Sponsored by Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.





# Annual Flower Days Refreshments in the Garden House - 11 AM - 4 PM

Rhododendron Sunday Mother's Day - May 11



Members of the Southwestern Oregon Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society display of cut rhodies and expert advice for visitors. Front L-R Lee Vincent, Liz Hultin, Jack Hackett, Back L-R Ray Lee, Bob MacIntyre, Vince Vincent

Bonsai Day - Aug. 16 Bay Area Bonsai Society Exquisite Miniature Plants" or more than 25 years, Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. has sponsored annual "flower days" from Spring to Fall. From rhododendrons to roses to bonsai, orchids and dahlias, visitors get information from experts and see beautiful displays in the Garden House and out in the Gardens. Each flower day runs from 11 am to 4 pm and Friends volunteers serve cookies, cofee and punch in the Garden House.

> Three More Flower Days in 2014

Orchid Day - Sept. 20 Pacific Orchid Society "Gems of the Rain Forest"

Rose Sunday Father's Day - June 15



Lovely display of roses by members of the SouthWestern Oregon Rose Society

Dahlia Day - Sept. 27 Southern Oregon Dahlia Society "Dazzling Dahlias"

# 'The old gray whale, she ain't what she used to be" – She's even better . . .

bv David Bridaham



ur iconic gray whale is one of the first in a long line of sculptures strung with lights for the annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres. Designed by internationally known Marine Artist, Don McMichael, and constructed in 1994, the whale interprets the annual gray whale migration just off-shore in December, heading south for warmer waters. This set the path for all the other sculptures through the years to tell the story of "who we are - and where we're at."

Even the hundreds of thousands LED lights decorating the bushes tell that story. In the formal

gardens the symmetry of the English style gardens is interpreted with eye popping lights displays that draw your attention to the mirror plantings and

the Boxwood hedge patterns. This is best seen and understood

The only interruption the tranguillity of the pond are leaping frogs to the west and the Koi under water on the east. These elements draw our



in the Garden House looking out the upstairs window. The Lily Pond tells quite a different story with its remarkable reflecting pond. Lights are decorating the pond's edge to accent the reflections. The two massive trees on the south side



that goes on in our pond. It has been our intention throughout the years to interpret the gardens, the marine environment that makes Shore Acres so special, and the historical

NOTE: Included with this Journal is a copy of our brochure about the Sculpture Displays.

context that defines the park. Our work is validated each year as we stand near the entrance of the park and watch and listen to kids as they run towards the lighted undersea garden and start to name off the creatures, including the "duck" (seagull).

This year the Old Gray Whale needed some attention. Over the years the segments that keep the 45 foot whale together have become distorted and bent out of shape. It was time for a major overhaul. One of our talented volunteers, Ray Daniels, worked diligently to add new support steel and refurbish supports to get our whale back to its fine shape years ago, even better.

It is the Friends of Shore Acres' mission to participate in interpretive, educational, and physical development programs with the park and its visitors. I can't think of anything more fun than what we do at the Holiday Lights at Shore Acres. It keeps us and all of our volunteers and visitors coming back each year.

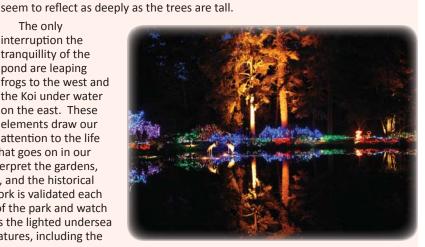


February, 2014 - Ranger Supervisor Ellie Kinney-Martial and Park Ranger Pam Stevens prune roses in the west rose circle.





June, 2014 - David Bridgham is "dwarfed" next to the Giant Rhubarb (Gunnera species) east of the lily pond.



# Shore Acres - The Place We Love

SHORE ACRES GARDEN HOUSE REPAIRS - MAY 2014 Findings by Cal Lewis

The interior of the attic roof was inspected during a rainstorm and no leaks were found. The chimney was cleaned and inspected and found to be in very good condition including the flashing and mortar. During repairs to the roof ridge and the porch roof hips, it was found that they all have stainless steel flashing under the cedar caps. All other repairs were completed according to the project scope.

The north upper eave board and fascia trim were found to be rotten and failing. Also, six of the rafter ends were found to be rotten and failing. Short pieces of 2X4 were nailed to the sides of the rafters. The eave boards and trim were replaced in kind with CVG Douglas Fir as a change order. The change order included repairing the small upper SE window including the addition of copper flashing, new shingles, and caulking.



Cal Lewis

When the framing of the South side of the front porch was exposed it was determined that the house had been originally clad with cedar shingles as there were no other nail holes in the framing to indicate replacement of older siding.

During the removal of shingles on the South side of the front porch several stamps were discovered listing the mills that they came from. One was for the North Bend Shingle Mill. This mill was half owned by L. J. Simpson and burned down in 1918. Currently, it appears that the front (West) wall and upper gable, and the back (East) upper gable still have mostly the original cedar shingles from when the house was built.