



FRIENDS OF
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What's Coming Up

Bonsai in the Park

Sat., April 17 ♦ 11 - 4
Bay Area Bonsai Society Experts
& Displays in the Garden House,
Refreshments

Rhododendron Sunday -

Mother's Day

Sun., May 9 ♦ 11 - 4
Bay Area Artists Association
Exhibit in the Garden House,
Refreshments, Rhody Experts in
the Garden

Memorial Fountain Dedication

Sat., June 5 ♦ 2 PM
Refreshments

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South Coast Wood Carvers in the
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Garden House, Refreshments

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Refreshments in the Garden
House

Orchids: Gems of the Rain

Forest - Sat., Oct. 2 ♦ 11 - 4
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Displays and refreshments in the
Garden House



Holiday Lights - "Worth the trip!"

Despite thunderstorms, wind storms, nearly 9 inches of rain, plus snow and freezing temperatures, more than 44,000 people visited the 12th annual Holiday Lights and Open House at Shore Acres. One of the comments in the guest book was, *"A lot of hands and hard work created beauty for all to see! Worth the trip! - Ontario, Canada."*

Visitors consumed 36,000 cookies and 1200 gallons of hot cider and punch and countless gallons of coffee.

While this season's numbers are down from the previous season (65,000 people and near-perfect weather in '97), satisfaction was high, donations generous, and the comments in the guest books are truly wonderful. All of us who work on this "community tradition" feel very appreciated and motivated to make it even better. As many of you know, it takes about 1,000 volunteers along with dedicated state park staff to make it happen. It also takes businesses and individuals helping with the purchase of new lights (100,000 each year), and



A miracle in the making!

Luis Velasquez

donations of and discounts on the products and services we use.

One hundred B&B tickets sold out by mid-December and Ann Daubenspeck from Westlake won with #53 - the second ticket she purchased.

Kudos to Al & Judy Aslakson

Besides creating 900+ holiday volunteer buttons, they also pour over the guest books at the end of each holiday season. Al says he won't vouch for his deciphering of the handwriting but will stand by the numbers, which we all find amazing!

You'll find comments, stats, and thanks beginning on page 10. ■

Oregon Governor's Conference on Tourism
Oregon's Bay Area, April 11-13

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Editor's Notes



What a season! Both gratifying and challenging. Repairing outlets, fixing lights, dealing with 17 nights of awful weather. Yet, on the final night when the sky was clear, the moon was shining, and the holiday lights were as beautiful as when we began, I was ready to leave them on another week!

Fortunately, David brought me back to reality and reminded me that I could start planning the coming season. Our goal always is to have the display as good on the last night as it is on the first. This year it was even better! And without the volunteers who help keep it going, it would be

an impossible task. A huge thanks goes to the "light checkers" who help David and me with the daily checking and fixing. Chuck Lembke, Roger Collins, Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst, and Adam, Mike and Robynn Reed put in many hours doing a superb job. Also, special thanks to Wayne Murray who helped re-string the gray whale after the first light strings failed.

- Many activities are planned for this year and a lot of projects will be completed if all goes according to plan. You will be hearing more about the fountain dedication as we finalize our plans for June 5. Be sure to come out and visit the gardens during the flower events. It's a great way to learn more about gardening and Shore Acres.

- The Information and Gift Center is open from 11 to 4 daily. It is staffed by park hosts during the week and volunteers on the weekends. They would welcome your visit. We have many new items coming in and right now we have a great clearance sale on T-shirts, both kids and adults. The IGC phone number is 888-2472 and we now have voice mail, so if you have questions you can leave a message 24 hours a day!

- **Membership note:** If you received this newsletter and your address code ends with an "8" you need to send in your dues to remain on the membership list. Please know that your membership is important to the continuing success of the Friends, so we hope you will consider renewing soon. If you have sent your membership and your name is not on the 1999 list, please call me at 756-5401. ☺

Shirley Bridgham

Flashback

Friends of Shore Acres
Board Meeting Minutes

Oct. 12, 1987

"John Bergen made a motion that the Board officially sponsor the Christmas "Open House," Dec. 11-24, 1987 at Shore Acres. David Bridgham seconded the motion, the measure passed unanimously."

Thank You! - Dick McMahon of KCBY, and KVAL Television for using video footage of the holiday lights as the background for the holiday messages from military personnel. The TV spots got a lot of notice and were wonderful!



WELCOME, OREGON GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON TOURISM!

by David Bridgham, President

Shore Acres State Park enjoys the distinction of being called the "Crown Jewel" of the Oregon State Parks System.

According to state visitor records, our beautiful park has remained in the top ten most visited public areas in Oregon. State parks and the Friends work hard to spruce-up and prepare for the spring and summer visitor seasons. The gardens and all the visitor services we pride ourselves on always need attention.

This spring is special. Several hundred professionals in the tourism industry throughout Oregon will visit us during the 1999 Oregon Governor's Conference on Tourism, April 11-13. Among the many activities planned, conference goers will visit Shore Acres for a late afternoon-evening dinner and an educational discovery of our area. It's a unique opportunity for all of us to show off and reacquaint many to our special part of the world.

Special activities at Shore Acres include a dinner under a huge tent, docent tours of the gardens, a discussion with Jane Kirkpatrick, the author of *A Gathering of the Finches*, and a review of what we Friends are and what we do.

What a wonderful opportunity to talk to tour leaders, travel agents, directors of Chambers of Commerce and visitor information centers across Oregon.

Conference participants are visiting many sites around our Bay Area but I know we will do our best to make the Shore Acres visit a favorite.

Volunteers will help us recreate a portion of the "Holiday Lights" by stringing lights in the flower beds adjacent to the garden house. The decorations have been left in place inside the garden house since Holiday Lights '98. State Parks staff have been very helpful by letting us leave the lights on the outside of the house and turning them on for us each day for a couple of hours. You'd be surprised how quickly the lights deteriorate without daily attention.

We are excited to be a part of this big conference in the Bay Area. It has been a huge undertaking to plan and organize and we extend our thanks to the dedicated citizens in our community who are making it possible. ■



1999 Artist in the Gardens

Pat Weaver has been chosen the 1999 "Artist in the Gardens" at Shore Acres. She follows in the footsteps of last year's artist Anna Crosby. The program, which began in 1997, was created to increase public awareness of the beauty of Shore Acres Gardens and the work of local artists. It was the inspiration of Merrie Holbert who also served as Shore Acres' first artist.

Pat Weaver is an artist who portrays the beauty and mood of nature in her seascape, landscapes and florals. She enjoys exploring different mediums and is accomplished in many. She has been involved in artistic endeavors since early childhood and began oil painting at age 13. She continued her art education and received her B.F.A. from Virginia



Pat Weaver has participated in the Bay Area Artists Association "paint-outs" at Shore Acres many times.

Photo by Luis Velasquez

Commonwealth University and her M.F.A. from the University of Montana. She enjoys passing on her enthusiasm for art as an instructor at the Coquille Valley Art Association and in workshops throughout the area.

Pat now lives in Coquille. Previously she lived in many states from the Atlantic to the Pacific. She also worked and studied five years in South Korea. This rich and varied background provides her with a wide spectrum of experiences from which she draws inspiration for her paintings.

We welcome Pat as our 1999 artist. Visitors will find her painting at many of the "flower events" we have scheduled this year. Also, some of her work in the form of notecards and small prints will be available in the Information & Gift Center at Shore Acres. ■



WHY VOLUNTEERS ARE SO IMPORTANT

by Larry Becker, Assistant Manager Area 4

It has been said that to be a volunteer, we must be willing to give time, but I believe it goes beyond that. We also must be willing to give a part of ourselves to something we believe in.

Whether volunteering at a school, a civic club, or state parks, a part of us becomes identified with the mission of the organization. Its successes or failures affect us in a very real and personal manner. In volunteering, we give of ourselves, but we also receive. Volunteering adds value to our life through enhancing our work experiences and skills, refreshing the spirit through the giving of ourselves, and providing us the opportunity to recognize the significance we can have in the community and lives of others.

Last fall we held a volunteer recognition lunch at Shore Acres. As we went around and introduced ourselves, a picture began to be painted of the many ways that volunteers participate in the state park mission.

We have volunteers assisting in maintenance in campgrounds and day use areas as hosts or partnerships taking care of all or part of a park's facilities; developing new and rebuilding old facilities, caring for unique park features such as the formal garden at Shore Acres; meeting the need to provide interpretation and education programs to park visitors, and helping in the administrative office.

Last year, volunteers in the Sunset Bay Management Unit, which includes Sunset Bay, Cape Arago, Shore Acres, William Tugman, and Golden & Silver Falls, contributed about 5,633 hours of their time, equal to 704 days of work and an additional 2.75 employees. Volunteers were performing jobs that needed to be done but there were no staff available, or doing jobs in order to free staff to complete other tasks.

Volunteers such as yourselves, working alongside the park staff, are essential if OPRD is going to continue to offer quality recreation and interpretive experiences for our visitors. The increased demands placed on the park facilities, resources, and staff must be offset with individuals and groups who are willing to give time

and energy to ensure that the "park experience" is positive and refreshing for the visitor, while having the least amount of user impact on facilities and resources. We have all had the opportunity to watch the effects on these resources and facilities as staffing levels have stayed static or decreased, revenue sources have decreased, and visitation numbers have gone up.



Friends volunteers sell sundaes at Oregon Cost Music Festival. Proceeds go toward Friends' interpretive and educational activities such as new brochures and displays.

Volunteers have given of themselves to "fill the void" as Oregon goes through growing pains and we begin to wrestle with how much value we place on our "natural places", parks, and recreation facilities and their role in the quality of life we hope to enjoy.

I stated earlier that a picture had begun to be painted. I believe that the picture is on a scrolling canvas. That we can look back with clarity and see the brush strokes and colors that identify the success of volunteerism in the past, but the images of the future volunteer role in parks is in the hand of the artists of today, that is each and everyone of you. I encourage each of you to continue to add to the beauty that is created through volunteering.

Thank you. ■

If you want to learn more about becoming a volunteer for state parks, call 888-3732 or 756-5401.



"Now is the winter of our discontent . . ."

by George Guthrie, Head Gardener at Shore Acres

I'm sure there's a lot of gardeners around here that would agree with that old crib from Shakespeare. As I look around the sodden garden beds at Shore Acres, I can see a lot to be discontented about. The grey skies, cold winds, and driving rain of a later winter day seem only to emphasize the blacks, browns, and bleached tans of plants in discomfort or outright dissolution – a sad vision for this gardener if ever there was.

I come in from my walk and sit down to write this article – hoping to come up with something worthwhile – but frankly, my words like some of the plants in the garden seem to shrivel in the hard, cold realities of what's happening outside. The calendar on the wall says that Spring is just around the corner but it sure feels like a million miles away.

Part of the melancholy may be due to a dirty little secret among a lot of gardeners – that (at this time of year at least) we're very frustrated manipulators and control freaks.

So much of our time is spent laying out landscaping plans and schemes for each season like little generals plotting conquest and

domination – in a sense our target and victim is nature – our firm intention is to make her do exactly what we want.

Consider – we train hedge plants into sculpture, regiment exotic bedding plants in nursery rows deployed in geometric beds – or corset them in containers of concrete and stone. When things go according to plan, our dominance is near-perfect. We control the water for the garden by irrigation, its food by artificial fertilization and plant height by mowing and pruning. Hardly a petal or a leaf falls to the ground that doesn't get raked up and woe to some stray plant in the 'wrong' spot – we weed it out.

Nature and life are always changing like the frames in a movie, but as gardeners, we seem to always want to create a studio portrait – beautiful but static – frozen in 'perfection.'

A winter like what we're having now is a good lesson in reality and humility. We can never totally control all the variables in our world and in our gardens – and that's O.K. The same cold winds that blew away the



"Hope springs eternal," as we anticipate spring tulips in bloom.

old flowers, create space for new ones. The muddy soil is storing up moisture to nourish a new year's growth. If there weren't dull browns and bleached tans right now, how little would we appreciate the crocus, the daffodils and all the other spring flowers starting to come up – timidly and little rag-tag looking now but the vanguard of a swelling army.

Truly, the relationship between gardeners, gardens and nature is not so much a battle for control but a dance of cooperation. In that dance each is a partner with something to contribute and as the music of the seasons ebbs and flows, each will have a moment to be the leader and the star.

Of course I'll always have my plans and schemes for my idea for future perfection – but in the meantime I resolve to learn to accept and enjoy whatever bouquets and brickbats Mother Nature decides to send. And after acknowledging that lesson learned, one other marvelous thought should occur to me and you, gentle reader – *Spring is just around the corner after all!* ■



If tulips bloom in April, can rhodies be far behind?



FRIENDS EXTEND THANKS TO SUPPORTERS & VOLUNTEERS

by David Bridgham, President

Our Celebration Dinner last fall was a wonderful opportunity to extend our thanks to many of the people and organizations we are pleased to call our Friends — Community members who support and take part in our activities and who share the vision of what Shore Acres and the Friends of Shore Acres can be. They join an impressive list of previous honorees, each with a different story. But all are similar in their unselfish giving attitude toward our community and Shore Acres visitors.

Andy LaTomme - Manager Area 4 -

As you look at our early beginnings, you should know that one person stands out as the glue and inspiration to the Friends movement at Shore Acres. Back in 1986, when a dozen of us sat around a table discussing "what if?" Andy shared his vision of what if and asked us to dream too. We did and we were so sure of our dreams, we all pitched in \$1 which Andy rounded to \$13 for the filing fee for a 501-C3 status. We had great volunteers right off the bat. Attorney Mike Bodkin was at our first meetings and filled out our papers pro bono. Andy continued to guide us and share the Friends vision for a statewide volunteer group designed for local state parks support. He has held us to a high standard in all that we do. The result? FOSA is arguably the best darn co-op in the state parks system.

Gregg Nelson - Immediate Past President, FOSA - Stewardship is a large part of what state parks is all about. It's not surprising that an organization associated with parks is taught the values in stewardship as well. In the Friends, it reaches the highest levels with the president. Spokesperson, leader, head volunteer for a year. FOSA enjoyed stewardship from our outgoing president at the highest level. Soft spoken, always smiling, always looking for an opportunity for FOSA to partner with others.

S.E.A. (Shoreline Education for Awareness) - Bill & Joan Russell, Founders - S.E.A. is very similar to Friends of Shore Acres. Both organizations are all-volunteer; both do some of their best work in the rain; and both attract dedicated volunteers because the product and the process is meaningful. The Friends string lights and hold annual floral events. S.E.A. educates and informs the public about marine wildlife, teaching our visitors to understand and respect our wildlife diversity on Oregon's south coast. We have worked together a number of times and we are particularly proud of the interpretive work S.E.A. does.

Don McMichael - Marine Artist - Don's work is well known here and abroad. Don's artistic career has always included community support - O.C.M.A., Coos Art Museum, Rotary and others. We are



President David Bridgham and Andy LaTomme

fortunate to have world class artists like Don working in our community. Frank Smith, and I have been doing lighted sculptures almost as long as we've done the lights. We started with the cranes, then small sea creatures. As our undersea garden grew in size and popularity, I wanted to go "big." I talked to Don about the concept of a whale and he suggested "full size." We decided on a 45' gray whale migrating south for the winter. Don designed the whale on a scalable grid and Industrial Services made it work for us. I challenged Don again with a leaping Orca concept. A series of sequential drawings of this marine creature leaping and twisting. A bit hit during the lights. The most recent project Don has helped with are the popular pelicans flying across the gardens with one

on the chimney. Every season, Don's work brightens up the gardens tremendously.

CB/NB Promotions Committee - Beve Saukko and Kay Heikkila - Have you noticed the TV commercials featuring the holiday lights, usually on KOBI or cable? The Friends don't pay for advertising — and it does cost money — sometimes a lot. The Coos Bay/North Bend Promotions Committee has a mission to promote the greater Bay Area to the outside visitor. This is funded by hotel/motel taxes. We aren't in any position to insist they spend their money on the lights event. They do it because they believe in what we do — and honor our efforts with their support. A big thanks to previous director Kay Heikkila who knew a good thing when she saw it and Beve Saukko, the current director who share's Kay's vision.

Bay Area Chamber of Commerce - Kathi Joy - Another group that is in the promotions business. But the chamber does it differently, devoting staff both paid and volunteer; answering questions, giving directions, suggesting places for visitors to go, answering phone calls and allowing us to use their 1-800 number for our press releases and brochures. These are all great assets to the Friends and we thank Kathi and the Chamber for their efforts.

Marshfield High School - Dan Gordner and North Bend High School - Toni Johnson - Who do you call when you need a place and ovens to bake 3 to 4,000 dozen home baked cookies baked by volunteers? It's a big job that calls for a big kitchen. . . . To the rescue - the kitchens and staff at Marshfield High School and North Bend High School. Cookie sheets that hold dozens and large ovens that bake lots of cooky sheets at a time. Their well-deserved award is not only for the facilities, but for the outstanding cooperation we receive from the food service directors at both schools.

Continued



Day Ship Supply - John

Leonard - You may have wondered what we do with all those cookies once they're baked. Our community is blessed with people who are willing to help. Now, we're talking a big job — our freezers aren't big enough. Day Ship Supply provides the ingredients at a nice discount, wraps our boxes of fresh baked cookies, freezes them, stores them, and delivers them to Shore Acres as needed.

First Presbyterian Church, North Bend - Pastor Dan Myers

- Who do you call when you need a place to cook the spice mix for our famous hot apple cider. The kitchen at the church is just the right size with just the right number of stoves. Besides, it's been said that the aroma in church the next Sunday is quite pleasant. We really appreciate Pastor Myers' and church's support of this essential holiday lights activity.

Winnie Pitsenberger - Chief "Cider Spice" Cook & Friends

Board Member - Past president Doris Emmett organized early crews at the church. For the last several years, Winnie Pitsenberger has gotten the volunteer crew together. A side note - the color of the new carpet in the garden house was selected on the basis of spilled cider and punch - good choice. Cider spice cooking is a big job, not to be looked at as minor. If you feel so, see Winnie for a volunteer time slot.

Karen & Peter Crosby - *"In the beginning,"* sound familiar? *There was no cider spice concentrate. But there needed to be some.* So after the first year, *there came to pass, a couple* - Karen and Peter - who said - *"We can do this."* And *there was cider spice concentrate* - a delicious blend of natural spices cooked down with apple juice carefully measured to transform a kettle full of apple juice into the best apple cider. We are renowned for what tastes like Christmas.



Award winners (L-R front) Joan Russell, Kay Heikkila, Beve Saukko, Winnie Pitsenberger, Bonnie Koreiva, (Back) Dan Gordner, Bill Russell, Dan Myers, Gregg Nelson, Don McMichael, Andy LaTomme, Kathi Joy (Unable to attend: John Leonard, Ellen Garner, Toni Johnson)

Bonnie Koreiva - Our host teams in the garden house do not organize themselves. 39 nights, usually teams of 16 or more hosts in the garden house — serving our famous cookies, cider, punch, coffee, and lots of holiday cheer. Bonnie has been solving this logistic puzzle since 1990. It's a year 'round job - we already have host nights scheduled for 1999! Some groups have experienced "not getting their night." Bonnie has done even more. She helped create

and narrated our holiday host orientation video — required viewing for host teams. Bonnie has a lot to do with the quality of the visitor experience with the wide variety of host teams from Boy Scouts to Harley owners and car clubs to businesses and services clubs.

Ellen Garner - Ellen's work with the Friends has been involved with the Information and Gift Center. Saying that falls way short of her accomplishments for visitors on the south coast. A board member since 1989, Ellen remembers when our IGC was a garden cart that appeared when we could find someone to push it around the garden — sort of a traveling sales person. Then we moved into a permanent facility with an 8' by 8' space. Eventually we built our current and much larger space with a storage room/office and a rest room! Through all these years - these changes - these growing pains - Ellen was there. She coordinated and helped train the volunteers and park hosts. Always willing to fill in when needed and smooth over a few wrinkles along the way - a true Friend of Shore Acres. Ellen retired from the board last September — a well-deserved rest — but says she's still willing to volunteer. ■

Past Recognition Awards

Bay Area Artists Association - Events
Bay Area Bonsai Society - Events
Marvin Blenz - Electrical
Bureau of Land Management - Pond Cleaning
Georganna Casey - Board Member & Secretary
Coos Bay/North Bend Rotary Club - Projects
Coos Bay Volunteer Firefighters - Lights Up High
Coos County Forestry - Trees
Coos Head Builders - Trees' Delivery
Downs by the Pond - Water Lilies
Connie Eslinger, Past President
Farr's True-Value - Lights
Sharon Fortune - Cookies
Fred Meyer, Coos Bay - Apple Juice
Ellen Garner - Information & Gift Center
Pearl Groves - Cookies
George Guthrie Jr. - Founder & Board Member

'96 Heddles & Treddles Weavers & Spinners - Events
'96 Industrial Services, Inc. - Sculptures
'95 Jim's Water Gardening - Lilies
'94 KCBY Television - Promotion & Video Production
'97 Ken Kocher - Electrical
'96 Ann Koppy, Past President
'96 Kyle Electric - Electrical
'94 Lumbermen's Building Centers - Materials
'94 North Bend Volunteer Firefighters - Lights Up High
'96 Mary Novak - Information & Gift Center
'94 Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc. - Juice
'94 Oregon Daffodil Society - Events
'95 Oregon Department of Transportation - Signs
'96 Pacific Orchid Society - Events
'95 Pacific Power - Electrical
'95 Winnie Pitsenberger - Information & Gift Center
'96 Bob Renner - Past President

'95 Bernard & Jackie Schlaf - Photos
'94 Security Bank - Holiday Lights
'96 La Doll Shannon, Family & Friends, Corvallis -
'95 "Old-Fashioned Roses Garden"
'96 South Coast Wood Carvers - Events
'95 South Coast Printing - Printing Discounts
'96 Southern Oregon Dahlia Society - Events
'95 South Western Ore. Rose Society - Events & Roses
'96 Southwestern Ore. Rhododendron Society - Events
'95 Ella Mae Stuart - Cookies
'95 Sunset Chapter of the American Fuchsia Society -
'96 Events
'96 Richard Van Natta - Past President
'95 Luis Velasquez - Photos
'94 Vend West Services - Food Storage/Delivery
'95 Marty Wheeler - Cookies
'94 Yergen & Meyer, CPA - Services



Waterfront Players bring "A Gathering of Finches" to the Stage

by Judy Kobrin McDonald, Artistic Director

We are so happy to be bringing the story of Shore Acres' Cassie and Louis Simpson to our stage in Pony Village. Early last year, Bill Sipes, and his wife Glenna, of Bandon met with Pat McDonald (president of the Waterfront Players Repertory Company) and myself to test our interest in assisting him in developing the script for *A Gathering of Finches*, the novel by Jane Kirkpatrick, and bringing the story to production. I immediately let him know that I was very interested in pursuing the project.

It has been an interesting, challenging and exciting process and we look forward to our world premier opening on April 9, 1999. The show will run for five weekends from April 9 through May 9, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 pm, and Sundays at 4 pm. We will be donating one fourth of our ticket price to the Friends of Shore Acres.

Actors cast in the play to date are: Emilie Wilson as Cassie Simpson; David Elst as Josiah Stearns, Cassie's first husband; Brandon Michael Lee as Louis Simpson; and Kim Micek as Lottie, Cassie's Miluk maid. Supporting cast includes Wolf Daniel Braun, Amanda Willett, Phil Handsaker, Lowell Kobrin, Pat McDonald,

Ann Pierce, Ada Rickels, Peggy Varner-Hall, Jack H. Wilson, Rose Wilson and Jesse Young. We are still in need of three minor parts. We have a strong and enthusiastic group of actors. One actor actually came to auditions with a heavily annotated copy of the novel tucked under her arm.

There is no way that we could capture the actual life or physical appearance of the principal characters of the story, but I do believe that we have a sensitive yet provocative script which will convey the quality and enigmatic pitch of Cassie Simpson's life.

We still need volunteers to help with the production. If anyone is interested in ushering at performances, coordinating special events or group bookings, please call me at 751-0708. If you are interested in actual production work – we have several back-stage positions to fill (costume assistant, sound technician, etc.) – you can leave a message at the same number.

We are grateful for the community support that we have already received, and look forward to the further involvement of the community in this exciting project. ■

SHAKEDOWN POTLUCK MEETING - JAN. 27, 1999

Sixty people attended this meeting which has become as traditional as the holiday lights. The goal of the meeting was to share information about the most recent season and to accept recommendations for the coming season. Many of the suggestions will be implemented in 1999.

Highlights '98:

New carpet in the Garden House * New porch on the Garden House * Completed parking lot and path lighting * Completed west side landscape lighting * Added lights to Sanicans near public restroom * Returned refurbished flower light sculptures * Added 1/2 hour buffer between entertainment groups * Sold "holiday lights" posters in the Gift Shop * Increased lighting at Oriental pond area * Fixed auxiliary safety light in Garden House

Co-Chair Recommendations for 1999:

Remodel kitchen & ceilings in Garden House * Replace wired-in electrical duplexes with four-plexes * Redesign dedicated power cords * Add landscape lighting on large trees east side (north of and behind Garden House) * Add landscape lighting north end of formal garden * Expand display into one or more of the east side gardens * Add new light sculptures of pinnipeds and/or squirrels * Add high intensity spotlights on cranes in pond * Find a place to use fiber optics effectively * Install overhead spotlights directly over round planters at garden entrance * Add another auxiliary safety light in Garden House * Find a permanent solution to stage setup for Holiday Lights and year 'round *

Increase effort to recruit more entertainment * Install indirect lighting on front porch stairs * Work with park to improve and/or light highway entrance signs.

Meeting Recommendations & Questions:

Additional lights between host parking and house * Return musical notes * Light large hedges between pond and formal garden * Install pipe/drain under path south side of pond for wet weather overflow * Make it clear to host teams that the cider containers require muscles * Do a better job of blocking off paths to the pond's edge * Install indirect lighting on stairs to pond * Orientation of host team captains - is there another way besides video? * Set up video playback unit in shed for host team viewing (is this too late?) * Send copies of written directions to all host members to review before hosting * Have disposable serving gloves * Get a "biker" host each night * Add blue lights on bottom of undersea garden * Put directions to park on the brochure * Install a sign with arrow at entrance of new parking lot * Ask community theater groups to entertain * Have Friends' web site and link to other web sites * Have a "no food or drinks upstairs" sign posted in the kitchen * Have posters like music festival * Work on "traffic flow" thru the house, out the back door * "Please exit here" sign * More entertainment * "Lights theme" in the back yard of garden house * Gotta go bigger, better, brighter, new, more * Open road from trailer to main parking lot * New staging or backdrop for better acoustics * Cover the audience area. * Get staple guns for round wire staples * Publish entertainment and/or buy * advertising * candy cane lights at entrance to park. ■



Holiday Lights 1998

Thanks, 1998 Lights Pledge Supporters

- Abel & Swank Insurance Managers - Harry & Francie Able
- Allstate Neighborhood Office - Phil Button
- Tamra & Gene Atkinson
- Don & Cornelia Barnhart
- Bay Broadcast Corporation - KOOS / KACW / KBBR / KHSN
- Beauty & the Beast Antiques - Renee Majeski
- Judge Paula Bechtold & Robert D. Laird
- Benetti's Italian Restaurant - Joe Benetti
- Berger's Top Service Body Shop, Inc. - Steve & Jeanne Berger
- Bert's RV - Bert & Nancy Wilson
- Best Western Holiday Motel
- Bob's Appliance - Bob & Gayle DePeal
- John Breuer Rehabilitation Services & Southwest Physical Therapy
- Martha S. Butler
- Martin & Suzanne Gallery
- Captain John's Motel - George Drozdowicz
- Cheryn's Seafoods - Colleen Peterson
- Cheslock Optical - Dr. James & Rhea Cheslock
- City Subs - Bob & Gail Conwell
- Clausen Oysters - Lilli Clausen
- Coastal Paper & Supply, Inc. - Johanna & Bob Dillard
- Cone 9, Inc. - Karen Blew & Staff
- Coos Head Garden Club
- Dairy Queens - Coos Bay & Reedsport
- Dave's Pizza
- Davis Oil, Inc. - Harry Davis
- George & Barbara Domenighini
- Drs. Roger Dixon & Lori Lemire - Family Dentistry
- Edgewater Inn
- ESA Beta Delta
- Farr's True Value Hardware - Jay Farr
- Fine Home Resources - Garrett & Kathryn Neal
- Flash Photo- Kathryn Low
- Sam & Alice Freeman
- Michael & Patricia Gaul
- Globe Travel
- GOCO Graham Oil Co., Inc.
- Gold Coast Truck Repair - Butch & Jacques Shields
- Clare D. Gove, CPA, P.C.
- Haley & Haley, Inc.
- Hargens Construction - Gary & Rody Hargens
- Hill & Hill Financial Services - Norm Hill
- Honda World - Judy Gilbert
- Huggins Insurance - Bob & Janet Huggins
- Elaine & Gordon Joelson
- K & K Sound Systems, Inc.
- Dr. John & Allene Kidby
- Kyle Electric - Tom Kyle
- Langlois Building & Remodeling - Christopher Schwartz
- Life Care Center - Patrick Burke
- Lumbermen's Building Centers
- Dick & Sue Maeyaert
- The Maguires
- Marshfield Mercantile Antique Emporium Inc.
- Betsy & Walt McClure
- Menasha Corporation, Land & Timber Division
- The Mill Resort & Casino
- Wayne & Carol Murray
- Nasburg & Company Insurance - Ed & Linda Ellingsen
- Andy & Lynn Nasburg
- Northwestern Mutual - Dick & Janice Vigue
- The Oregon Connection
- Bob & Margaret Perkins
- Ivene & Robert Pittam
- Plainview Motel & RV Park
- Pony Village Motor Lodge
- Prudential Seaboard Properties
- Sea Basket Restaurant
- Seaport RV Park, Charleston
- Security Bank
- South Coast Orthopaedic Associates
- South Coast Printing, Inc. - Preston & Karen Clement
- Sunset Bay Golf Course - Larry & Rosalie Hyatt
- Ted Jay Terry, DMD & Staff
- Tioga Rooms & Apartments Co.
- Tom's Lock & Key - Steve & Cathy Clark
- Vacation Home @ Lighthouse Beach - George & Joe Ann Kaufer
- Jim & Diane Verger
- Albert J. Wegner CPA
- Weyerhaeuser
- The Whole Shebang Magazine - Diane Irvin
- J. W. White Painting - Jay & Melody White
- Willamette Graystone, Inc.



A frozen fountain followed an unusual December snowfall at Shore Acres. Snow in the garden was beautiful, but luckily it didn't last long!

The lights came down in record time this year thanks to a huge crew on Saturday, a modest crew on Sunday and a few people who were able to work during the following week.

Everything was down, sorted, counted, and put away by January 9th. Park staff took care of dismantling the stage platform and storing the stage and the large sculptures. Ellie Kinney and her crew did a superb job organizing the carport next to the trailer. We really can't thank everyone enough for all their hard work! ■

Take-Down Crew

Gloria Allman, Oreste F. Bertozzi
Shirley & David Bridgham
Bill Breitmeyer, Shirley Cagley
Shirley Champagne
Joy & Jay Dow, Peter Downing
Fred Ehrman, Kent Ferris
Dee Hamil, Cappy Klein
Adam Kohler, Eric Kohler
Lou & Sharon Kolkhorst
Chuck Lembke, Betty Mault
Tyler Milburn, Wayne Murray
Ginger Sawyer,
Frank & Donna Smith
Luke Soules, Dan Thompson
Melanie Thompson, Tom Willisroft

Friends' Gift Shop Volunteers - Holiday Lights 1998

Juanita Bay
Rhoda & Babe
Beauchemin
Marcia Burgdorff
Shirley Champagne
Roger & Laura Collins

Dorothy Dinkins
Jim & Anna Mae Ferry
Kay Groth
Gladys Ivy
Sharon & Lou Kolkhorst
Winnie Pitsenberger

Bob & Betty Plant
Toni Rempelos
Genii Robison
Kay Valois
Nancy & Red Weybright

Park Hosts:
Ken & Dona DeGraw
Russell & Claudia Harrison
William & Nellie Pointevint
Carol Whitehead



Holiday Lights 1998

Visitor Comments

- The most beautiful light display we've ever seen!!! - Chicago
- A highlight of our annual Thanksgiving reunion - especially like the light reflections in the rain! - Seattle & Walnut Creek, CA
- Great way to spend our honeymoon - Provo, UT
- Very beautiful & imaginative - St. Paul, MN
- Been coming last 7 years - Salem
- Made trip to see family a better experience - Sacramento
- I like the cider & cookies - Phoenix, OR
- Came all the way from L.A. - It is worth it!! - Los Angeles
- Great! - must come back - Vancouver, WA
- A great gift to the community - Medford
- Wonder lighting and warm cozy house - Bandon
- Worth the 400 mile trip - Milton-Freewater
- Got me in the Christmas spirit - Toledo, OR
- Nothing like this back home - Queensland, Australia
- Better than Shreveport, LA - Port Ludlow, WA
- Breathtakingly beautiful - San Jose
- Incredible, very much worthwhile - Brookings
- Absolutely breathtaking! - Bullhead City, CA
- Thanks for the effort - Eugene
- Better each time, 5th year here! - Lebanon
- Brings back the child in you - Spokane
- More beautiful than ever! - Redmond, WA
- Nothing like this in So. Calif. - San Juan Capistrano
- A lot of hands and hard work created beauty for all to see! Worth the trip! - Ontario, Canada
- Remembering Christmas as a child - Boise
- One of a kind in Oregon - Beautiful - Grants Pass
- Wonderful - I've wanted to see the display for years and was not disappointed. Thank you for your work - Eugene
- Especially liked Santa in the bathtub and the frog at the pond - Lakeside
- Like walking in a fairy tale - Coos Bay
- Wonderful community effort - Medford
- Stunningly beautiful and creative! - Portland
- It gets better every year - Central Point
- Beautiful - thank you for sharing - Medford
- Absolutely gorgeous - never saw anything like it! - Arizona
- Great cookies - Jason
- Beautiful - what a great way to get into the Christmas spirit - St. Helens
- It is beautiful in the daylight - spectacular lit up at night! - Florence
- Loved the pond! Great as always - Springfield
- Absolutely incredible! (The snow was a bonus) - Central Point

States: 44 + DC

Alabama	Idaho - 12 cities	Mississippi - 2 cities	Ohio - 4 cities	Wisconsin - 3 cities
Alaska - 12 cities	Illinois - 7 cities	Missouri - 7 cities	Oklahoma - 3 cities	Wyoming - 6 cities
Arizona - 14 cities	Indiana - 5 cities	Montana - 11 cities	Oregon - 199 cities	
Arkansas - 2 cities	Iowa - 4 cities	Nebraska	Pennsylvania	Missing States:
California - 140 cities	Kansas - 3 cities	Nevada - 7 cities	South Dakota - 4 cities	Connecticut
Colorado - 10 cities	Kentucky - 3 cities	New Hampshire - 2 cities	Tennessee	Maryland
Delaware	Louisiana - 2 cities	New Jersey - 2 cities	Texas - 14 cities	Rhode Island
District of Columbia	Maine - 2 cities	New Mexico - 5 cities	Utah - 9 cities	South Carolina
Florida - 13 cities	Massachusetts - 5 cities	New York - 8 cities	Virginia - 8 cities	Vermont
Georgia - 7 cities	Michigan - 2 cities	North Carolina	Washington - 68 cities	West Virginia
Hawaii - 2 cities	Minnesota - 7 cities	North Dakota - 4 cities		

California: 140 Cities

29 Palms	Chatsworth	Gasquet	Manteca	Petaluma	San Jose	Toronto
Acampo	Citrus Heights	Glendale	Marina	Placerville	San Juan Batista	Travis AFB
Acton	Clayton	Grass Valley	McKinleyville	Pleasanton	San Juan Capistrano	Tulelake
Ahwahnee	Clovis	Greenwood	Modesto	Quincy	San Leandro	Turlock
Anderson	Concord	Gustine	Monterey	Redding	San Luis Obispo	Twain Harte
Angels Camp	Covina	Hemet	Morgan Hill	Redondo Beach	San Rafael	Upland
Angewain	Crescent City	Hayward	Mountain View	Rescue	San Ramon	Vacaville
Antelope	Crestline	Hollister	Mt Shasta	Rialto	Santa Fe Springs	Ventura
Apple Valley	Cupertino	Irvine	Napa	Rio Vista	Santa Maria	Victorville
Arcata	Denair	La Mesa	Nevada City	Ripon	Santa Rosa	Walnut Creek
Auburn	Desert Hot Springs	La Molina	Nipomo	Riverside	Santee	Weaverville
Bakersfield	El Sabante	La Palma	North Hills	Rocklyn	Saugua	Westport
Berkeley	Etna	Laguna Beach	Novato	Roseville	Sausalito	Wilton
Big Bear City	Eureka	Lake Forest	Oakdale	Sacramento	Scotts Valley	Winter Park
Bonita	Fallbrook	Lakewood	Oakland	Salinas	Smith River	Woodlake
Camarillo	Finley	Lancaster	Oceanside	San Bernardino	Stockton	Woodland
Campbell	Folsom	Livermore	Orangeville	San Bruno	Studio City	Yreka
Canyon Lake	Fremont	Lompoc	Palmdale	San Diego	Sunnyvale	Yuba
Capistrano Beach	Fresno	Loomis	Pasadena	San Francisco	Thousand Oaks	Yuba City
Ceres	Fullerton	Los Angeles	Penn Valley	San Jacinto	Tiynoga	Yucca Valley



Holiday Lights 1998

Groups and Tour Buses

67 Groups (from 10-150 people each) signed the register. Buses came from Coos Bay, North Bend, Redding, Santa Cruz, Portland, Newport, Brookings, Crescent City, Sacramento, Lakeside, Medford, Lincoln City, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Grants Pass, Florence, Lake Grove, Coquille, Gold Beach, Pistol River, Waldport, Myrtle Point, Winston, Spokane, Albany, Olympia. Tour buses included: The Magic Bus, Evergreen Stage Lines, RAZ Tours, North Bend Bus Co. and various agency buses. ■



A blanket of snow in the garden - December 20

Oregon: 199 cities

Adel	Central Point	Gardiner	Keizer	Mt Angel	Sandy	Toledo
Albany	Charleston	Gaston	Keno	Mulino	Scholls	Trail
Allegany	Chiloquin	Glendale	Klamath Falls	Myrtle Creek	Scio	Troutdale
Aloha	Clackamas	Gleneden Beach	La Grande	Myrtle Point	Scottsburg	Tualatin
Alsea	Coburg	Glide	La Pine	Nesika Beach	Seal Rock	Turner
Arago	Columbia City	Gold Beach	Lake Grove	Newberg	Seaside	Umatilla
Ashland	Coos Bay	Gold Hill	Lake Oswego	Newport	Shady Cove	Umpqua
Astoria	Coquille	Grants Pass	Lakeside	North Bend	Sheridan	Veneta
Aumsville	Cornelius	Greenleaf	Langlois	Oakland	Siletz	Waldport
Aurora	Corvallis	Gresham	LaPine	Oakridge	Silverton	Warrenton
Azalea	Cottage Grove	Halfway	Lebanon	Ophir	Sixes	West Linn
Baker City	Creswell	Halsey	Lincoln City	Oregon City	Springfield	Westfall
Bandon	Crooked River	Harbor	Loraine	Phoenix	St Helens	Westlake
Beaverton	Ranch	Harrisburg	Lustine	Pistol River	Stayton	White City
Bend	Crow	Hauser	Madras	Pleasant Hill	Sublimity	Wilderville
Blodgett	Culver	Hebo	Malin	Port Orford	Sumner	Willamina
Blue River	Dallas	Heppner	Mapleton	Portland	Sumpter	Williams
Bonanza	Days Creek	Hermiston	Marcola	Powell	Sunny Valley	Wilsonville
Boring	Deadwood	Hillsboro	McKenzie Bridge	Powers	Sunriver	Winchester Bay
Broadbent	Depoe Bay	Hood River	McMinnville	Prineville	Sutherlin	Winston
Brookings	Dexter	Hubbard	Medford	Prospect	Sweet Home	Wolf Creek
Brooks	Drain	Idylwild Park	Melrose	Redmond	Talent	Woodburg
Brownsville	Dundee	Illinois Valley	Merrill	Reedsport	Tangent	Woodburn
Burns	Eagle Point	Independence	Milton-Freewater	Riddle	Tenmile	Yachats
Butte Falls	Elkton	Jacksonville	Milwaukie	Rockaway	Terrebonne	Yamhill
Camas Valley	Elmira	Jasper	Mitchell	Rogue River	The Dalles	Yoncalla
Canby	Empire	Jefferson	Molalla	Rose Lodge	Tigard	
Canyonville	Eugene	John Day	Monmouth	Roseburg	Tillamook	
Cave Junction	Florence	Junction City	Monroe	Salem	Tiller	

Washington: 68 cities

Aberdeen	Ephretra	Kelso	Marysville	Pasco	Rochester	Walla Walla
Auburn	Everett	Kennewick	Mill Creek	Port Angeles	Seattle	Washougal
Bellevue	Federal Way	Kirkland	Montesano	Port Ludlow	Shelton	Whidbey Island
Bellingham	Ft Lewis	La Center	Moses Lake	Port Orchard	Silverdale	Winlock
Benton City	Gig Harbor	Lacey	Mt Vernon	Pullman	Snohomish	Winthrop
Bremerton	Goldendale	Longview	Mukilteo	Puyallup	Spokane	Wisp
Chelan	Granite Falls	Loon Lake	North Bend	Randle	Sumner	Woodville
Covington	Grayland	Lyle	Oak Harbor	Redmond	Tacoma	Yakima
Edgewood	Ilwaco	Lynnwood	Olalla	Renton	Toutle	
Enumclaw	Issaquah	Marcus Island	Olympia	Ridgefield	Vancouver	



COOKIES ♦ SPICE ♦ HOT APPLE CIDER



Cooky bakers [Front L-R] Maxine Braulick, Helen Shefstad, Chair Ella Mae Stuart, Lily Busick, Fred Pantekoek [Back L-R] Kay Valois, Dan Gordner, Bob Young, Karla Kaudel, Donna Kaudel, and Amanda Jones



Lou Leberti, Vend West Services, continues his *tradition* of picking up **100 cases of apple juice donated by Fred Meyer of Coos Bay**. Lou stores the apple juice in his large walk-in freezers at Vend West and delivers it to Shore Acres as needed during the lights. A super service—we appreciate it!

Cooky Bakers (416 volunteer hours)

Ella Mae Stuart - Chair
Marshfield High School-Dan Gordner
North Bend High School-Toni Johnson
Johanna Bernstein, Maxine Braulick
Lily Busick, Janet Carr
Shirley Champagne, Marge Chase
Leslie Cook, Mike Cook
Judy Cooper, Melissa Drechsel
Tim Drechsel, Jane Gigler
Kelli Eichelberger, Nancy Green
Wanda Hanks, Grace Jensen
Amanda Jones, Donna Kaudel
Karla Kaudel, Fred Pantekoek
Pat Parker, Sue Moss
Frank Ramer, Glenda Ramer
Kathy Rogers, Helen Shefstad
Jean Sorenson, Marty Stewart
Kay Valois, Bettye Weddle
Carla Watkins, Liann Why
Janet Williams, Mary Williams
Bob Young, Gina Young



Lily Busick (R), Maxine Braulick and Helen Shefstad pack cookies in boxes.

Chocolate Chip Cookies	Peanut Butter Cookies
Yield: 12,000	Yield 12,000
26 oz. salt	219 lbs. margarine
50 lbs. dry eggs	219 lbs. peanut butter
80 lbs. chocolate chips	191 lbs. brown sugar
200 lbs. flour	219 lbs. granulated sugar
200 lbs. granulated sugar	101 lbs. whole fresh eggs
200 lbs. brown sugar	6 1/8 cup vanilla
5 lbs. baking powder	329 lbs. flour
1 lb. baking soda	16 lbs. baking powder
90 lbs. real butter	6 1/2 lb. salt
1 quart vanilla	



Winnie Pitsenberger [L] and Irene Quick cook the cider spice concentrate in the kitchen at the First Presbyterian Church in North Bend.

Cider Spice

Recipe: Karen & Peter Crosby
Winnie Pitsenberger - Chair
Helen McElravey
Fran Spillman
Nancy & Red Weybright
Irene Quick
Helen Doving
First Presbyterian Church
Dan Myers, Pastor
* Bob Valois
* Transport to Vend West

Thanks!



Filling and packing the spice cups: [L-R] Red Weybright, Helen Doving, Nancy Weybright and Helen McElravey



**Thanks,
Everyone!**

Decorate the House & Light a Whale

Lights Stringers - Garden, Oriental Garden & Pond, Stage, Sculptures

Gloria Allman, Bob Anderson
John & Barbara Anderson
Kevin Anderson, Jim Arbuckle
Marion Babcock, David Barnhart
Starlite Benally, Oreste F. Bertozzi
David & Shirley Bridgham
Gale Burke, Jane Capobianco
Shirley Champagne, Kathy Collins
Laura & Roger Collins
Leslie & Mike Cook,
Emmett Courtright
Cub Scout Pack 156 "Tiger Cubs"
Paul, Nathan & Tyler Leman
Jeff & Jordan Moeller
Tim & John Ericson
Niels & Zachary Martin
Kurt & Anthony Evanow
Angie, Chris, Harry Davis
Barb Danville, Cory Decker
Jay & Joy Dow, Fred Ehrman
Jaci & Sumardown Esteves
Kent Ferris, Phyllis Fitzgerald
Bob Golden, Tom Graham
Michelle Graves, Cynthia Greaves
Bill Grile, Kay Groth, Dee Hamil
Kay Heikkila, Karl & Sharon Howell
Liz Hyatt, Marcia Jensen
Carrie Keller, Betty & Kenn Kennedy
Cappy Klein, Eric Kohler
Lou & Sharon Kolkhorst
Tom & Delilah Leahy
Marcy Lamprinos, Charles Lembke
Betty Mault, Sean McCarren
Dick McMahon
Cory, Bernie, Joanne, Megan Miller
Wayne Murray, Andy Nasburg
Connie, Erika, Gregg, Travis Nelson
Joey Pace, Jacob Prewitt
Adam Reed, Bob Renner
Jeff Richards, Terry Richards
Sue Richardson, Alice Richter
Faye Rice, Kathy Rosencrantz
Ginger & Bingo Sawyer
Nancy Shilts, Carl Siminow
Frank & Donna Smith
Krystle Solmon, Luke Soules
Dick Sund, Kaz Tamura
Helen Thomas, Dan Troxel
Angela, John, Evynn Van Burger
Pat Webster, Patricia Williams
Tom Williscroft, Selene Woodworth
Will & Doreen Wright, Gina Young
Bob Young, Larry Zymislicky



Robynn Reed, co-chair of House Decorating, puts the finishing touches on one of the Christmas trees in the Garden House. This season's theme was "A Seashore Holiday."

Garden House "A Seashore Holiday"

Co-Chair: Robynn, Michael, & Adam Reed
Co-Chair: Kathy Hutchinson
Carl Siminow
Marion Babcock
Beauty & the Beast Antiques
Renee Majeski
Cedar Electric & Construction, Inc.
Gil & Linda Binder
Grant & Rae Lea Cousins
Chuck's Seafood
Charles & Elaine Crow
Ralph & Barb Dunham
Hilda & Clyde Ellis
Kozy Wood Heating Center, Inc.
Earl & Nadine Croucher
Charlie West
Marion Harris Custom Lampshades
Cheryl Marx
John McKeown
Dr. Michael & Patricia McKeown
North Bend Auto Parts
David & Melony Hjelmstrom
Shary & Bill Werdell



Upstairs Study featured a wonderful display on the bookcases built by Butch Hutchinson last year.



Light stringers assess the outlines of the 5 sections of the leaping Orca whale. This year they outlined the design with new wire and all new lights.



[L-R] Bob Renner, Bingo Sawyer, Kenn Kennedy, Fred Ehrman and Gregg Nelson.



Thanks to all Holiday Lights Volunteers & Supporters!



Tom Graham (L), Harry Davis and Chris Davis were part of the Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary Club volunteers at the Oriental garden and pond.



Lights unpackers: (Front L-R) Lou Kolkhorst, Kenn Kennedy, Betty Kennedy (Standing L-R) Jim Arbuckle, Dick Sund, Kent Ferris, Irene Sund, Sharon Kolkhorst, Cappy Klein



Coos County Foster Parents took care of preparing lunch for hungry volunteers.



Coos Bay Firefighter Volunteer Tina Eck has become expert in stringing lights!



Coos Bay Firefighter Volunteers Steve Schneiderman (L) and Chief Stan Gibson get ready to put pelican on chimney.

Co-Chair & Lighting Design

Shirley & David Bridgham

Apple Juice - 100 cases

Fred Meyer Coos Bay

Terry Schmidt

Cranberry Juice

Ocean Spray Cranberries

Dennis Chesselet, Jane Clark

Lights & Electrical Support

Di Julio Light Displays

Farr's True-Value Hardware

Kyle Electric

Pacific Power

Garden Christmas Trees

Dave's Christmas Trees

Lots at Farr's & Wal*Mart

Christmas Tree Sponsors

American Cancer Society

AM-VETS Post #10

Bay Area Hospital

Camp Fire Boys & Girls

Marshfield Band of Pirates

The Mill Resort & Casino

Oriental Garden & Pond

Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary Club

The Bay Area Rotary Club

Friends of Shore Acres Volunteers

Whales

Don McMichael (Design)

Industrial Services (Construction)

Kyle Electric (Computerized Controllers)

Friends of Shore Acres Volunteers

Pelicans

Design by Don McMichael *

Fabrication-Eric's Artistic Expression

Pole Supports-Industrial Services

Undersea Garden

Frank Smith, David Bridgham

Chuck Lembke, Joe & Andrew Neill

Industrial Services, Inc.

Jim & Wendy Jo Guernsey

Don McMichael (Red Snapper)

Lights on Garden House, Gift Shop

Cypress, Pelican on House

Coos Bay Fire & Rescue Volunteers

Tina Eck, Stan Gibson

Chuck Hanners, Steve Schneiderman

Set-up Lunch Hosts

Coos County Foster Parents

Robin Erskine, John McGinty

Steve & Diane Palmer

Patty & Vern Ronk, Marjorie Scott

John & Beth Vaagen, Marilyn Warvie

Poster Distribution

Robynn & Adam Reed

Food Storage & Delivery

Day Ship Supply

Bruce Day, John Leonard

Vend West Services

Lou Leberti, Terry Clinton

House Openers

Ginger Sawyer, Betty & Bill Mault

Shirley Cagley, Kay Valois

Irene & Dick Sund, Robynn Reed

Shirley Bridgham

13th annual Holiday Lights & Open House at Shore Acres
Thanksgiving (Nov. 25) thru Jan. 2 (Sunday after New Year's)
Come and help celebrate the end of this century!



Notes, Thanks, and a Heartwarming Story

December 25, 1998

Friends of Shore Acres,

I want to thank you for all the volunteer hours that go into making the Holiday Lights & Open House so wonderful. All the groups that we brought to the display really enjoyed their visits. Thanks for the holiday celebration!

Alice Martin

Hey! Hey! The Magic Bus

Thanks!

Oregon Parks & Recreation Dept.

Sunset Bay & Shore Acres State Parks
Andy LaTomme, Larry Becker
George Guthrie, Ellie Kinney Martial
Celia Sheridan, Maurice Wray
Dave Esch, Greg Foster
Rob Kilmer, Shirley Stentz
Caroline Stimson, Dennis Maurer
Rick Ripley, Karen Wuethrich

Thanks also to:

Bandon Western World
Bay Area Chamber of Commerce
Kathi Joy
Bay Area Dispatch
Charleston Information Center
City of North Bend
Coos Bay/North Bend Promotions
Beve Saukko
Coquille Valley Sentinel
Curry Coastal Pilot - Charlie Kocher
Don Thompson Construction
Don & Dan Thompson
Industrial Steel & Supply
Johanna Dillard
Coastal Paper & Supply
Jim Collatt, Rotor Rooter
Gold Coast Security
Kenneth Burdett
KCBY TV - Dave Walker
KHSN/KOOS/KBBR/KACW
KOBI TV
KSHR/KWRO/KBDN
Phyllis Love
Luis Velasquez
Myrtle Point Herald
North Bend Information Center
Oregon Coast Magazine-Judy Fleagle
Oregon Department of Transportation
Prime Time
Reedsport Courier
Register Guard
Security Bank
Southern Oregon Marine
Southwestern Oregon Community College
The World
Oregon Pacific Evergreens-John Bagoy
Cecilia Pachal
Tom Graham
GTE, Steve Smith, Pat Cook

Bed & Breakfast Winners

Far Out Farm, Westlake, Oregon
5 January 1999

Dear Shirley and David,

We wish to thank you again for your hospitality, and our wonderful New Year's Eve at Shore Acres. It was really a magical evening and an experience we will never forget. The clear night and full moon added to the beauty.

You asked us to write a little bit about ourselves. Jack is a retired engineer who modified airplanes. I am a pediatrician who retired in 1997 after 30 years of private practice in Seattle.

We have had our home south of Florence for nearly 20 years, but have lived there full time only since 1997. The house was built in the 1920s by a University of Oregon professor. We have seven acres with a fruit orchard, holly orchard, a large garden and bee hives. With these and the old house, we have no problem keeping busy.

We have always enjoyed the gardens at Shore Acres and look forward to visiting whenever we are in the Coos Bay area.

Thank you again, and have a very happy new year!

Ann Daubenspeck



Jack & Ann Daubenspeck - Happy Winners!

Getting in the Holiday Spirit!

11 January 1999

Dear David and Shirley,

Enclosed is a photo of George Dern, along with this "Holiday Lights" story. George raises pheasant at his farm near Holley on the Callapoia River. We go up there to hunt and train our dogs.

George used to be the ultimate Scrooge at Christmas. This year, on a visit to Coos Bay, he had to be dragged to Shore Acres to visit the Holiday Lights.

He described a complete sense of awe at viewing the spectacle of the lights. In fact, he couldn't remember the Under Sea Garden. When I described it to him, he said, "Ohhhh, I don't remember much about the first fifteen minutes; I was just dumbstruck by the whole thing."

George was filled with the spirit of Christmas that night, and resolved to buy a Santa costume and try to give his three year old granddaughter the same sense of holiday magic. On Christmas Eve, he arrived at her door with the neighbor's horse drawn wagon full of presents. The ice and snow were too slick for the reindeer and sleigh, the neighbor had lent him the carriage and was holding the reindeer until Santa returned.

The scheme worked even better than George had imagined, in fact he was having so much fun, he went all around the neighborhood and visited everyone!

George knew that Industrial Services had helped build some of the light sculptures at Shore Acres. When I told him about the Bridghams and all of your efforts, he insisted that I give you this photo and tell you the story.

So in addition to everything else that the Holiday Lights do, they can inspire Old Farmers and put the magic of Santa into a three year old's Christmas. Merry Christmas.

James & Wendy Guernsey, Industrial Services



Entertainers and Hosts Welcome Holiday Visitors



Cynthia Leaf

Entertainment

Charleston Singers
Campfire Boys & Girls
North Bend Presbyterian Church
Hamie the Clown
Flute Quartet
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
American Cancer Society
Charleston Community Church
Millicoma Band
Bay Area Foursquare Church
Bay Area Concert Band
Millicoma Choir
MHS Band
Boy Scout Troop 151
Cynthia Leaf-Violin
NBHS International Club
NBHS Choir
MHS Vocal Ensemble *
St. Monica Madrigals
Heritage Place
Lighthouse Church of Christ
Stacy & Sonya Rose-Duo Flutes



HOG - Harley Owners Group



North Bend High School International Club



North Bend High School Choir



Marshfield High School Vocal Ensemble



Marshfield High School Vocal Ensemble

More Entertainers Wanted in 1999

We are working on making our entertainment area more user-friendly. Lots of suggestions came out of the shake-down meeting in January. *Stay tuned.*



Entertainers and Hosts Welcome Holiday Visitors



A wonderful flute quartet in the Garden House on Sun., Dec. 6.
(L-R) Matt Udal, Bonnie Cox, Kim Carpani and Judy Jensen.



New Year's Eve - (L-R) Ginger Sawyer, Vicki & Ted Chism



North Bend Education Association Hosts



Marshfield High School Band



Millicoma Middle School Band



Millicoma Middle School Choir

HOST TEAMS

Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day - *Friends of Shore Acres*

November

- 27 - Bay Area Optimist Club
- 28 - Coos County Literacy Council
- 28 - S'western Oregon Rose Society
- 29 - Community Action
- 30 - St. Monica Catholic Church
- 30 - Camp Fire Boys & Girls

December

- 1 - MHS Class of '40 & Friends
- 2 - Bay Area Jaycees
- 3 - Bay Area Bonsai Society
- 3 - Prospective Coos Shoreline Sweet Adelines

- 4 - South Coast Cruisers Car Club
- 5 - O.E.S. Occidental Chapter #45
- 5 - AM-VETS Post #10
- 6 - Coquille High School Key Club
- 7 - Umpqua Discovery Center
- 7 - Xi Gamma Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi
- 8 - American Cancer Society
- 8 - North Bend Medical Center
- 9 - Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area
- 10 - Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary Club
- 11 - North Bend Education Association
- 12 - Coquille River Broadcasters Inc.

- 13 - Mid-Coast Mustang & Ford Club
- 14 - The Bay Area Rotary Club
- 15 - Menasha Corporation, Land & Timber Division
- 16 - Miss Coos County Scholarship Program Board
- 16 - Coquille Valley American Business Women's Association
- 17 - Bay Area Hospital
- 18 - MHS Student Council
- 19 - Southwestern Oregon Street Rods
- 20 - Coos Bay Yacht Club
- 21 - Pacific Home Care & Associates

- 22 - Life Care Center of Coos Bay
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