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**Annual Journal  
Summer 2017**

# Friends of Shore Acres

December 4, 2017



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**New Sign at the Entrance - Spring 2017  
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**Shore Acres State Park  
Celebrates 75TH Anniversary  
December 10, 2017**

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an all-volunteer organization

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**Founded  
December  
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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



We have been asked for several years, do you (*David and me*) have a succession plan? Having started the Holiday Lights project, it's been a long run for us, but to tell you the truth this is what we do most of each year and still thoroughly enjoy it. We have surrounded ourselves with so many talented people and are creating an SOP Journal that is cookbook like. There will be Holiday Lights at Shore Acres for generations to come.

If we're asked if we're going to continue coordinating the lights after all these years - one of us turns to the other and asks, "Are you going to quit?" And the other says, "No! I'm not, are you?"

See you at the gardens!



I'm kept busy much of the year with other Friends' projects that include producing brochures, posters, DVDs, website management, archives and this Annual Summer Journal. But the first thing I get to do in February - after all the lights are taken down, inventoried, and put away - is planning the lights for the next season. Why so early? So we can order replacement and new lights early enough to get the best discounts. I say "I get to do" because it's one of the most fun parts of producing the annual holiday lights display. While much of the lights display is kept the same, there are always some surprises so look closely and see if you can spot them.

David and Ray "get to" tackle the sculptures that need to be refurbished/and or created. This season, the Amanita Mushroom and Gray Whale were re-done, and a new Leaping Dolphin display created.

We are so lucky to have such a fantastic park, great board, wonderful volunteers, financial supporters, and a cooperative relationship with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department that is unmatched anywhere. ■

## 'WORTH THE WAIT'

A decorative sign for the park entrance - AGPS address 89039 Cape Arago Highway, Coos Bay, OR 97420 - was first put in the FoSA budget in 2007. It was put on hold until 2012 when the Friends provided the funds for 4'x 8' panel that states 'Welcome to Shore Acres State Park' and includes the OPRD logo and the FoSA logo. The panel was put in storage, waiting for just the right time to get a base made for the best kind of installation.

Well, that time finally came and the project came to fruition in March of 2017.

Larry Nichols finished the rock work for the sign and frame construction and installation was completed by employees of Coast Metals. OPRD staff completed the landscaping.

A wonderful way to celebrate Shore Acres State Park's 75th Anniversary later this year. ■



Ellie Kinney-Martial

NOTE: This Journal and all past Newsletters and Journals are also posted on our website.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Ray Daniels, President 2016-17



A year ago I stated, "When I interact with the other members of the board I am always amazed at the amount of time and dedication these board members have given to FoSA", and of course my amazement hasn't diminished after serving as President for a year. As President you come to appreciate what a diverse group of volunteers

we have on the Board and how each individual's own expertise contributes to fulfilling the goal of supporting and enhancing Shore Acres Park and Programs. Our original "Visionaries" Shirley and David Bridgham remain my biggest heroes as they seem to have dedicated their entire being to FoSA and are paramount to our success.

But it isn't just the FoSA Board that makes Shore Acres the Gem of the Oregon Coast. All the members of FoSA contribute to our success and the 1,600 volunteers we rely on year after year to ensure the park is looking its best for the many activities and events at Shore Acres. Local businesses are generous with their donations of materials and funds to help our volunteers ensure our visitors are treated to a most memorable experience.

In case you didn't know, Shore Acres Park has a wonderful Information and Gift Center. Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst have managed the IGC for the past several years and in my opinion have created "the best gift shop on the Oregon Coast". Although we lost Sharon this year, her touches remain and Lou is very skilled at selecting the right merchandise for the IGC. Many of the offerings are exclusively available only at Shore Acres IGC, check it out on your next visit.

Sunset Bay Management Unit as it's officially known is the reason FoSA exists. Our mission is to work with staff to develop and maintain "INTERPRETIVE, EDUCATIONAL, AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS." What a great group. Managers and rangers work very hard to ensure the buildings, paths, ponds and plantings are always looking their best. Their visions and needs are what keeps the FoSA Board active and focused.

STORM OR SHINE, COME OUT AND ENJOY THE PARK. ■

## Congratulations B & B Winners!



JENNIFER AND MO WALTERS, NORTH BEND, OR, STAYED IN THIS ROOM

Breakfast donated by The Pancake Mill  
Gary Goodson and Beverly Rice

2017 Tickets on Sale Now  
at the Information & Gift Center

## FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

By Lou Kolkhorst, President Elect 2016-17



Hi to all FOSA members and volunteers. I am looking forward to being involved with the FoSA Board again as President. This Board is one of the best groups that I have been involved with for the past (whole bunch) of years. Everyone gets along great, everyone is dedicated to Shore Acres, there isn't any of the politicking you find with so many of the different groups. It is just a fun place to work to promote our great place, Shore Acres State Park.

Sharon and I planned to become involved when we moved back to Oregon in 1998. We both are past Presidents and have been very active, initially, with Holiday lights, and more recent with the Gift Shop. We are so fortunate with the OPRD staff, the numerous Park Hosts that keep our Gift Shop going, the many local volunteers who fill in when the hosts are not here and the multitude of supporters from our area that all make it the fantastic place to visit. Again, thank you all for your support and I am looking forward to serve as the Board President this coming year. ■

## — CHANGING OF THE GUARD IN SEPTEMBER —

Congratulations to Ray Daniels for an  
excellent year as President 2016-17 and  
welcome Lou Kolkhorst, President 2017-18.



Ellie Kinney-Martial

SNOWFALL - JAN. 4, 2017 - BEFORE LIGHTS TAKEDOWN



Shirley Bridgham

THE PROMISE OF SPRING . . .



# SHORE ACRES – BY THE NUMBERS

By David Bridgham, Founder and Board Member



a "Powerful Partnership" since 1986



Nature  
HISTORY  
Discovery



**1905** – Louis J. Simpson, lumber baron – shipper, and community activist, bought property stretching from Sunset Bay to Cape Arago.

**1907** – Louis started building his Shoreacres mansion, a Christmas present for his wife Cassie. A summer home with extensive formal gardens and other structures.

**1914** – Construction continued on the mansion and estate grounds as it became a year 'round residence.

**1921** – Disasters – Cassie Simpson died after a long illness and later that year the mansion burned to the ground.

**1927** – Louis and his second wife Lela moved into a second mansion that stretched 224 Ft. along the bluff.

**1932** – Louis and Lela gave the Cape Arago portion of the estate to the state of Oregon.

**1942** – U. S. Army closed the road to Sunset Bay. The Simpsons moved to a home in nearby Barview.

**1942, December 10TH** – the Simpsons sold the remaining estate for \$29,000 to Oregon for development of a public park.

**1974-75** – Oregon State Parks launched a rehabilitation of Shore Acres with many of the features we see today. Shore Acres, again became the showcase to visitors from around the world that Louis envisioned in 1907.



First Mansion on the Bluff, Circa 1910

Colorized Version 2015



Garden House and Gardens 1975

## THE ERA OF FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES, INC.

**1986** – Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. was established to provide educational, interpretive experiences, and physical improvements for the park visitors. A non-profit 501(c-) 3 organization made up from regional volunteers and supporters who love Shore Acres and what it means to all its visitors. A special place of beauty with its own unique place in history – preserved for everyone's enjoyment.

**1987, December 10TH** – The first "Christmas at Shore Acres – harkening back to Louis J. Simpsons "Christmas gift to Cassie in 1907. As we have often said, and continue to say today – "Louie would have loved it!"

**2017, November 23 - December 31 – 31ST annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres**  
– **THE TRADITION CONTINUES.**

- 325,000 LED LIGHTS (AT LEAST)
- 50,000 VISITORS + OR – DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER, FROM AROUND THE WORLD.
- 1,500 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS TO PUT ON THE EVENT.
- 60+ HOST TEAMS GREET VISITORS IN THE DECORATED GARDEN HOUSE.
- 26 SPONSORED AND UNIQUELY DECORATED TREES THROUGHOUT THE DISPLAY.
- 52+ LIGHTED SCULPTURE DISPLAYS REPRESENTING *WHO WE ARE AND WHERE WE ARE.*
- ENTERTAINMENT MANY NIGHTS IN THE OUTDOOR PAVILION.

Countless supporters help fund and offer in-kind donations that make possible the Friends' interpretive, educational and physical development projects as well as the annual Holiday Lights event.

State Parks staff add invaluable support to our efforts. We would not be able to present this "community tradition" without the park staff members' commitment and their tremendous effort.

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. will be 31 years old on December 4th. We are enormously proud of the fact that FoSA has remained an all-volunteer organization for all these years.

**2017, December 10TH** – The **75TH Anniversary** of Shore Acres State Park.

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Shirley and I have been diligently delegating areas of responsibility for years.

See the list of very capable people and their responsibilities on PG 2. ■



Christmas at Shore Acres 1987



Holiday Lights at Shore Acres 2011



Leaping Orca at Shore Acres 2016

# A Lovely Lady is dearly missed.

By Shirley Bridgham, Founder and Board Member



Sharon Kolkhorst, Volunteer Co-Manager of the Friends' Information and Gift Center passed away on March 14, 2017 after a hard fought battle with cancer.



In 1998, Sharon and Lou began volunteering for the Holiday Lights light stringing, including lighting the entrance. They also began volunteering in the Information and Gift Center. They joined the Friends' Board in September of 2001 and began managing the Information and Gift Center in January of 2002. *What a blessing for our all-volunteer organization.*

That same year, planning was underway for a new IGC building and entrance. So everything was moved to a temporary home in the Garden House and in 2003 the IGC had a new home. Lou and Sharon had no problem finding just the right items to sell and ever since the Friends have been able to do even more to help Shore Acres.



Sharon was a very busy lady. Besides her involvement with the Friends, Sharon belonged to the SouthWestern Oregon Rose Society and the Coos Bay Elks Lodge No. 1160. She spent many years helping with taxes with AARP. Sharon was also the force behind the Care Bear Snack Pack Program for Oregon Coast Community Action and the Coos Bay Elks Lodge. ■

## Notes to David and Shirley Bridgham

... from Larry Becker, South Coast District Manager, Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept.  
*"Thank you for letting me know. It does create a hole in the heart for the Friends and for Shore Acres as well as those of who were privileged to know her."*

... from Lou Kolkhorst

*"... Yes, Sharon was very special and helpful to many people in the area thru many groups, but she held Shore Acres very dear in her heart. In fact, us volunteering to help Mom's sorority on a Christmas Eve when we were down from WA was a big factor for us in deciding to move back."*



## FRIENDS' INFORMATION & GIFT CENTER (IGC)

AN ALL-VOLUNTEER OPERATION MANAGED BY LOU 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 ♦ 541-888-2472 ♦ 1-866-6100



WALKING STICKS AND MORE

The IGC carries a variety of items for everyone. For the hiker we have walking sticks, energy bars, sunflower seeds and candy bars. For the historian we have many books related to our area. Home schooling? We have books and science project kits. Interested in birds? We have binoculars, feeders, and informative books about care or identifying our local birds. We have information and houses for bats. We have a wide range of puppets, toys, puzzles and activities for the youth in your family. We have great DVDs showing the history of the park, Holiday Lights and screen savers of the park for those that live away from our area that you would like to share this great place. We have jackets, sweatshirts and T-shirt, jewelry, purses and much more for your fashion needs. We carry sculptures, soaps and pine baskets ... and the list goes on. Many of these products are made in the USA, Oregon and locally. ■

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

*IF YOU REALLY WANT TO HAVE FUN  
AND HAVE A SPARE SATURDAY OR SUNDAY  
DURING THE YEAR, PLEASE CALL LYNN AT  
**541-267-0693** AND TELL HER 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.*

*Thanks!*



## PARK HOSTING AT SHORE ACRES

AKA How to Have a Great time volunteering in an awesome gift shop!

By Dennis and Jo Lynne Roberts



The last two Novembers and Decembers have found us, Dennis and Jo Lynne Roberts, serving as volunteer hosts at Shore Acres. We retired 4 years ago and have spent the majority of our time traveling the US volunteering at multiple National and State parks. What an incredible experience this has been. In our adventures, we have found much joy in being RV volunteers at Shore Acres.

Volunteering in the Information and Gift Center has been a highlight of our retirement. Greeting park visitors, sharing the story of the gardens and the Simpsons, directing folks to views along the bluffs, and promoting the "magic of Holiday Lights" is a wonderful way to spend our time. Visitors always enjoy spending time in the IGC. Over the years, the Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst have selected exceptional merchandise. Daily we hear comments such as "what a wonderful selection." As the holidays approach, folks often comment that they "always stop by to find something special or unique."

During Holiday Lights, the gardens and the IGC bustle with people of all ages. Multiple generations of families frequently come to view the lights. We often hear comments like "I came when I was little with my parents and now I'm bringing my kids" or "this is our 27th year to visit and we wouldn't miss it for anything." The most common words we hear are people coming through the door saying "Do you have those glasses"? Over the past two years we have been able to congratulate couples who just became engaged that evening at Shore Acres. People really appreciate this special event and all the hard work of the organizations, volunteers and Friends to make it happen!

In our down time we really enjoy walking the bluff trails watching the ocean. During storms you'll find us outfitted head to toe in our raingear observing the huge waves. On other days we will be exploring the south coast communities and the beaches. The Friends Committee and the park staff are always welcoming and great to work with. We look forward to the next couple of seasons. See you there! ■

## Another Way to Volunteer . . .



By Kathi Netter



On November 10, 2016, a dedicated group of loyal "Friends" met to make the annual batch of cider spice concentrate used to flavor the aromatic hot drink served in the Garden House during the Holiday Lights.

Using Peter and Karen Crosby's original recipe that has proved its popularity over the years, the team produced enough spice to flavor nearly 1,000 gallons of the cider brew.

The work itself took several hours, but, as always this enjoyable event was followed by lively conversation and good food.

Some time in October, 2017, the team will be meeting to tackle the task again. Anyone interested in helping should contact the Netter's at 541-269-7187. ■



Peter Crosby, Joan Clifton, Andrew Netter, Dennis Netter

**31ST ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS**  
**At least 325,000 LED LIGHTS**  
**THANKSGIVING - NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
**NOV. 23 – DEC. 31, 2017**  
**4:00 PM - 9:30 PM (EVERY NIGHT)**

Look for many surprises 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. 14th**  
**To help: 541-756-5401**  
**[bridgham@puerto.com](mailto:bridgham@puerto.com)**



# Holiday Lights 2016 — An Estimated 50,896 Visitors

27 Countries (Other than the U.S.) • 42 States and Washington, D.C.

Cities and Towns: 221 Oregon • 142 California • 70 Washington • 191 cities and towns from other states

**Aberdeen, SD** - Most beautifully decorated & enchanting for all

**Auburn, WA** - Hydrangea lights are great.

**Bandon, OR** - Thanks for our annual tradition!

**Boise, ID** - Amazing, coming every year

**Canyonville, OR** - No words to describe the beauty.

**Central Point, OR** - We come visit every year. Love it!

**Coos Bay, OR** - A work of art - thank you!

**Corvallis, OR** - So pretty - we come every year!

**Creswell, OR** - Amazing! So worth it!

**Dallas, TX** - Wonderful Christmas Tradition!

**Edmonton, AB, Canada** - Wonderful!

**El Salvador** - Great experience

**Eugene, OR** - Best lights in Oregon!

**Everywhere** - LOVE THIS PLACE!! Porcupine is great!

**Florence, OR** - !!!! Love the dolphin!

**Funibashi, Japan** - Very beautiful illumination

**Gold Hill, OR** - Loved Santa in his bubble bath!

**Hauser, OR** - As always, beautiful. Never gets old!

**Iowa** - Fun, enchanting!!

**La Center, WA** - Amazed by the lights

**Lane County, OR** - Out of this world!

**Lewiston, ID** - Awesome! Thank you!

**Longview, WA** - A place of wonder.

**Los Angeles, CA** - Thank you - it's gorgeous!

**Mapleton, OR** - This is incredible!

Love the light clusters.

**Medford, OR** - The "Best"

**Methuen, MA** - Breathtaking

**Moorehead, MN** - Beautiful!

Thanks!

**Myrtle Point, OR** - THE PRETTIEST PLACE EVER

**North Bend, OR** - Just like home should be.

**Oakland, CA** - Love the tradition!

**Orlando, FL** - Great community tradition! We loved it!

**Phoenix, AZ** - Wonderful family event. Thank you!

**Portland, OR** - Epic

**Puyallup, WA** - ABSOLUTELY PERFECT

**Redmond, OR** - Best Lights Ever . . . Seriously.

**Reedsport, OR** - Wonderful Tradition

**Rogue River, OR** - Unique and Special

**Salem, OR** - So beautiful and creative. Thank you!

**San Francisco, CA** - Soooo Cool!

**San Jose, CA** - So Beautiful

**Scio, OR** - Thanks for your hard work!

**Seattle, WA** - This was Awesome

**Springfield, OR** - Awesome memories!

**Talent, OR** - My favorite place any time of year!

**Trinidad, CA** - Charmingly delightful!

**Turlock, CA** - Breathtaking!!!

**United Kingdom** - Fabulous!

**Veneta, OR** - Absolutely gorgeous! Thank you for sharing!!

**Victoria, BC, Canada** - Thank you for fabulous display!

**Bellingham, WA** - "Very well done! Butchart Gardens of Oregon"

**Gleneden Beach, OR** - "Best in the Northwest"

**Houston, TX** - "Houston has nothing like this! Thanks y'all."

**Madrid, Spain** - "Amazing!!!"

**South Africa** - "Stunning and creative"

**Tanzania** - "Most beautiful garden on earth. Thank you!"



## THANKS, LED LIGHTS\* PLEDGE SUPPORTERS 2016!

6,667\* **The Mill Casino Hotel and RV Park** \*

5,600\* **Abel Insurance Agency - Harry and Francie Abel** \*

3,334\* **Coastal Paper & Supply - Bob and Johanna Dillard** \*  
**Nasburg Huggins Insurance** \*

2,800\* **Edgewater Inn Motel, Coos Bay** \* **Jim and Diane Verger** \*

2,534\* **Prudential Seaboard Properties** \*

2,500\* **Barbara K. Mills** \*

2,334\* **Cornelia and Don Barnhart** \*

2,100\* **Captain John's Motel - Hon-chi Teng and Fang-chuan Lin** \*  
**The Portside Restaurant** \*

1,750\* **Dave's Pizza** \*

1,400\* **Azalea Acres, Inc. - Richard, Betty, Steven and Wesa Liles** \*  
**David and Shirley Bridgham** \*

**Coos Bay Grocery Outlet - Patricia & Sven Backman & Crew** \*

**J. W. White Painting-Jay and Melody White** \*

**Michael A. Gordon, CPA (Not Your Basic Bean Counter)** \*

**Miller's at the Cove Sports Bar and Grill** \*

**Pacific Corp/Pacific Power** \* **Nancy Robinson** \*

1,125\* **Coos Bay Fire Department** \*

834\* **Dennis and Jo Lynne Roberts** \*

807\* **Tom's Lock & Key-Steve and Cathy Clark** \*

700\* **Art Connection** \* **Best Western Holiday Motel** \*  
**Bob's Appliance - Bob and Gayle DePeal** \* **Martha Butler**  
**Cheslock Optical - Dr. James & Rhea Cheslock** \*  
**Honda World** \* **James and Archina Davenport** \*  
**Windermere / North Point Inc.** \*

500\* **High Tide Cafe LLC - Carol Rodde and Steve Raplee** \*  
**Pauline Vierra - In Memory of Ron Vierra** \*

420\* **Bonnie Fritz** -  
**In Memory of George Fritz and Pete Guldenzopf** \*

400\* **Charleston Harbor Inn - In Memory of John A. Castro** \*

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350\* **Gold Coast Truck Repair - Butch and Jacque Shields** \*  
**Betsy Groben** \* **Crystal & Gene Shoji - Shoji Planning, LLC**  
**Donald and Priscilla Zobel** \*

### SPECIAL THANKS - 2016

- **Fred Meyer - 25th year** providing 100 cases of frozen apple juice for hot apple cider, 20 cases of frozen lemonade for punch and generous discount on cookies
- **Vend West - Lou Leberti and Terry Clinton - 28th year** - Food Storage and Delivery
- **Roto Rooter- Jim and Mike Collatt - 23rd year** of providing "Santacans" at a substantial discount.
- **Day Ship Supply - Bruce Day - 19th year** - Cookie Storage and Delivery

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# A WONDERFUL TRADITION! - SHORE ACRES HOLIDAY LIGHTS

By Robynn Reed, House Elf



**M**ark your calendar! As summer quickly begins to vanish (or appears on the coast with more sunshine and less wind) the crisp bite in the air reminds us fall is approaching. With fall comes the yearly Holiday Lights tradition @ Shore Acres State Park which continues to be a shining beacon around the community, country and world.

The (year long) preparations behind the scene come together and the volunteers begin to mark their calendars! Time to think about laying out the electrical cords, sculptures and tubs of lights! This year (2017) visitors will enjoy a freshly painted interior and exterior to the Garden House. Thank you to Ellie Kinney-Martial, Pam Stevens and crew who carefully dismantled the house providing an empty building for the painters. This same crew carefully re-assembled the house after the painters worked their magic.

When I first started as the Garden House Elf, we began and ended the season with a completely empty house. Since then, the kitchen has been updated, the interior has been painted (again) and the State Park allows us to furnish the house year 'round. Andy LaTomme provided a beautiful wooden mantle years ago. These touches provide a welcoming "homey" feel to visitors when the house is open on "flower days." People who rent the house for weddings, receptions and family gatherings hopefully enjoy this touch of "home."

I take great pleasure in "creating" a magical place to visit each year with help from wonderful people. The process takes 6-8 weeks and we try to create something different while recycling ideas and decorations. While others bemoan the early arrival of ornaments in the store I am their best customer in October and November! Over the years I have figured out a formula to decorate a tree or a room. You would be amazed at the large quantities of ornaments needed. I feel honored to have the opportunity to be creative on such a large scale and hope everyone enjoys the results. Several years ago I was joined by my co-elf Chloe Eberlein and she has provided a youthful perspective to the process. We brainstorm and decorate, change things and sometimes change things again . . . in the end we stand back and say "Wow!"

As the world becomes more computer/electronically influenced I hope people take the time to gather family, friends, co-workers and sweethearts to journey to this beautiful place. Come early on a stormy day and enjoy the crashing of the enormous waves on the cliff, watch as the lights magically appear as the sun sets. Watch the lights sparkle and dance in the

rain and wind - like a true Oregonian! Maybe enjoy a touch of frost or snow as it settles on the beautiful garden. Remember to visit the Garden House with all of its holiday finery and sample the cookies and hot spiced cider. The view from upstairs is unique and beautiful also. And Santa awaits in the tub for the children to enjoy.



May your families be blessed with health and happiness as the year comes to a close. May the memories you and your family make at the Holiday Lights stay with you for generations. ■

## GARDEN HOUSE 2016

Chair Robynn Reed; Co-Chair - Chloe Eberlein  
Michael and Adam Reed, Kris Ledyard, Ellie Kinney-Martial, Pam Stevens, Shutter Creek Correctional Officers and Work Crews



## 2016 "Kids" Room – Millicoma School –

MISS HOLLY YOVINO'S 4TH GRADE CLASS CREATED

HANDMADE ORNAMENTS AND PAPER CHAINS –

SAM B. \* HELENA B. \* GWYN B. . \* HANNAH C. \*

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## DONATED ITEMS - Bookcases & Louvered Screen

- Butch & Kathy Hutchinson \* Victorian Houses

- Caroline & Bob See \* China Figurines - Debbie

Webb \* Decorative Ladder - Doug Eberlein \*

Radio - Dayton Hughes and family \* Radio Light

- Ray Daniels \* Entrance Table and Roll Top Desk-

Marshfield Bargain House-Save Schneiderman

\*Antique doll - Headlands Country Mercantile; \*

Crochet Lace Doilies - Sarah Kimball \* Needlepoint

Santa Picture - Shary Brams \* Lanterns - Jack Gilham

& Joan Clifton \* Flower Quilt Square - Rochelle

Wiese \* Antique Clock - Jim & Mary Ann Howard

\* Colorful "Ornament" Mittens - Marlene Davis

\* **LOANED ITEMS** - Ship's Wheel- John McKeown \*

Norman Rockwell Plates - Ann Mintonye \*

Misc. Items - Mike, Robynn & Adam Reed



# Holiday Lights - Making Memories

## HOLIDAY LIGHTS & LIGHTING DESIGN DAVID & SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM CO-CHAIR SINCE 1987

### LIGHTS STRINGERS - 2016

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**CRYPTOMERIA AND BUTTERFLIES** - Charleston Fire & Rescue - Chief Mick Sneddon, Captain Rusty Shield, Katy Dawson, Tyler Hoffeditz, Chris Owen

**HOLIDAY TREES** - Donated by Dave Hannah - Dave's Christmas Trees - Lots at Farr's True Value Hardware and near Pony Village Theaters  
**Tree Decorating Coordinator** - Dawn Buxton



David Forkner and Shirley Champagne-Harris



Bay Area Kiwanis' Dan Thompson



Mike Perkins

### LIGHTS TAKE-DOWN EXPERTS JAN 5-18, 2017 - 4.98" RAIN

David Barnhart, David Bridgham, Shirley Bridgham, Dallas Carter, Shirley Champagne-Harris, Joan Clifton, Karen Coulter, Dora Daniels, Ray Daniels, Archi Davenport, Bill Davis, David Forkner, Wayne Metz, Mike Perkins, Mike Reed, Robynn Reed, Adam Reed, Rusty Shield, Carol Ventgen, Dell Willis, and **Bay Area Kiwanis** - Mert Greif, Marty Kulick, John Lemos, Bill McCaffree, Dennis Stumpf, Dan Thompson, Scott Traylor, Pat Varga



**LIGHTS ON GARDEN HOUSE - COOS BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS** - The top guy on the roof is Fire Chief Mark Anderson. Also on the roof is FF Travis Martin. On top of the yellow ladder is FF Frank Kaiser. FF Zach Breitreutz is in the camouflage jacket. The bald guy is Battalion Chief Jeff Adkins and the one in the yellow coat is FF Caleb Owens. *Not pictured* - Brandon Amaral, Jennifer Adkins, Tyler Bennett, Tamara Beardsley, Kevin Cunningham



Joan Clifton and Dave Barnhart



Preson and Layne Phillips



Les' Sanitary Service Inc.' "Sanitation and Recycling" Tree - Bob and Lisa Richardson, Jake Perry, Becky and Bill Richardson, Stephanie Stinson

### TREE DECORATORS

AMVETS Post 10 \* Bay Area Hospital Auxiliary Volunteers \* Bay Clinic LLP \* Bikers for Christ, Coos County Chapter \* Bonneville Power Administration \* CH2M Hill \* Chappelle Enterprises \* City of Coos Bay \* Coos Bay Elks Lodge #1160 \* Coos County Radio Club \* Cutting Edge Hair Designs \* Down N' Dirty Truck Club \* Girl Scouts of Oregon & SW Washington \* H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group) \* Kairos NW \* Les' Sanitary Service Inc \* Mid Coast Mustang and Ford Club \* Oregon Coast Community Action \* Pacific Coast Corvette Club \* Pigeon Point Dairy Queen \* Ruby Tuesdays Red Hat Society \* South Coast Cruisers Car Club \* South Coast Education Service District \* South Coast Office Supply \* Southwestern Oregon Community College \* Subzero Motorsports \*

*Thanks!*



# Holiday Lights - More Memories by Volunteers



Coos Bay Fire Department Hosts

## ENTERTAINMENT-COORDINATORS - DINO AND CINDY COOLEN

American Heritage Girls \* Bay Area 4-Square Church \* Bay Area Concert Band \* Cape Blanco Ringers \* Charleston Community Church \* Christ Lutheran Church and School \* Cultural Ecology Int'l Folk Dance Band \* First Baptist Church Youth Tone Chime Choir \* Gold Coast Barbershop Chorus \* Hillcrest School Choir \* Kingsview Christian School \* Lighthouse School Choir \* LTOB Opry Singers & Dancers \* NB First Presbyterian Church \* New Horizons \* North Bend Middle School Band \* Perfect Fourth \* Saints-N-Aints Square Dance Club \* Santa \* Sea Breeze Harmony Chorus \* Bandon Carolers \* Shaymus & Friends \* South Coast Community Choir \* South Coast Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts \* Sweet River \* SWOCC Vocal Jazz Ensemble \* Whoville Carolers

**A huge thanks to Dino and Cindy for coordinating entertainment for the past 12 seasons. In 2017, they are handing over the reins to Kathi Netter 541-269-7187**

## HOST TEAMS 2016 - COORDINATOR - KATHY METZGER

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc. \* Aging and People with Disabilities \* Am-Vets Post #10 \* Avamere Rehabilitation Center \* Awesome Cuts \* Banner Bank \* Bay Area Bonsai Society \* Bay Area Hospital \* Bay Area Kiwanis \* Bay Eye Clinic \* Bay Area Sunrise Rotary \* Baycrest Village \* Bayside Terrace \* Bikers for Christ \* Bikes for Tykes \* BNT \* Boy Scouts Troop #156 \* Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon \* Connect the Boardwalks \* Coos County OSU Extension \* Coos Bay Yacht Club \* Coos Bay School District \* Coos Bay Fire & Rescue \* Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary \* Coos Bay Lions Club \* Coquille H.S. Key Club and Kiwanis \* Coquille Friends \* Cutting Edge Hair Designs \* DHS Foster Care & Adoption Program \* Doric Chapter #53 \* First Call Resolution Community Alliance Team (C.A.T) \* Friends of Shore Acres Board \* Grange Co-Op \* H.O.G. - Harley Owners Group \* Hauser Citizen Patrol \* Hauser Dune Riders 4-H Horse Club \* Job's Daughters Bethel #17 \* Johnson Rock Products \* July Jubilee Princesses \* Les' Sanitary Service \* Life Change Church \* Life Care Center of Coos Bay \* Marshfield Student Council \* Metzger's Minions \* Mid Coast Mustang & Ford Club \* Miss Coos County Scholarship Pageant \* New Year's Revellers \* North Bend School District \* North Bend School District \* Oregon Hunters Association \* Oregon Coast Community Action \* Over the Hill Gang \* Pacific Home Health & Hospice \* Pacific Coast Corvette Club \* Pacific Cove Humane Society \* Prudential Seaboard Properties \* Shoreline Community Church \* Soroptimist International of Coos Bay \* South Coast Shopper \* South Coast ESD \* South Coast Cruisers Car Club \* South Slough Estuarine Reserve \* South Coast Singles \* Southwestern Oregon Community College \* Southwestern Oregon Rose Society \* Star of Hope \* The Mill Casino & Hotel \* Umpqua Discovery Center \* United Way \* Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area

*Thanks!*

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*Members make a difference! Thanks!*



# Holiday Lights - More Memories and Thanks

**BUTTONS** - Dell and Roberta Willis

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**HOUSEKEEPING** - Shirley Bridgham, Joan Clifton, Dora Daniels, Kathi and Dennis Netter, Robynn Reed

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**VOLUNTEER MANAGERS - LOU & SHARON KOLKHORST**

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CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE B&B BEDROOM

**THANKS ALSO TO:** BAY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE \* CHARLESTON INFORMATION CENTER \* COOS BAY/NORTH BEND PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE \* COQUILLE VALLEY SENTINEL \* FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES MEMBERS AND BOARD \* KCBY TV \* KMTR \* KOBV TV - MATT JARVIS \* KHSN//KOOS / KBBR /KACW; KMHS; KOBV TV; KSHR/KWRO/KBDN \* PHYLLIS LOVE \* MYRTLE POINT HERALD \* NEWS REVIEW-ROSEBURG; NORTH BEND INFORMATION CENTER \* OREGON COAST MAGAZINE \* REGISTER GUARD \* THE OREGONIAN \* THE WORLD- BETH BURBACK; LOU SENNIC \* LUIS VELASQUEZ \* VIA MAGAZINE \* WEGFERD'S PRINTING & PUBLISHING- KAREN, LINDA, DELL & STAFF

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*Thanks for  
your support!*

# Holiday Lights - Making Memories

**SCULPTURE DISPLAYS SETUP** - David Bridgham, Ray Daniels, Bill Davis, Mike Perkins, Carol Ventgen, Dell Willis



- **SHASTA DAISIES AND LADYBUG** - Design, Fabrication and Lighting - David Bridgham



- **ANIMALS ON THE 'EXILE GATE'** - PORCUPINE, RACCOON, DEER, AND RABBIT- Design, Fabrication, and Lighting by David Bridgham



- **KOI IN POND** - Design, Fabrication & Lighting - David Bridgham
- **FROG IN POND** - Design - Don McMichael; Fabrication-Eric's Artistic Expression; Lighting and Animation - David Bridgham; Concrete bases - Jack Gilham

- Bumble Bee - Design, Fabrication, Lighting and Animation - David Bridgham
- Butterflies - Design, Fabrication & Lighting - David Bridgham
- Dragonfly - Design, Fabrication and Lighting - David Bridgham, Dell Willis
- Flowers - Design, Fabrication and Lighting - David Bridgham, Joan Clifton & Jack Gilham
- Garden Bugs & Turtles - Design, Fabrication and Lighting - David Bridgham, Dell Willis
- Gray Whale - Design - Don McMichael; Construction - Industrial Services, Lighting - David Bridgham
- Herons / Cranes - Design, Fabrication & Lighting - David Bridgham & Frank Smith
- Lighthouse - Design and Fabrication - Ray Daniels, Lighting - Ray Daniels and David Bridgham
- Mushrooms - Design & Lighting - David Bridgham
- Orca Whale - Design - Don McMichael, 2016 Fabrication - Ray Daniels, Lighting - David Bridgham
- Pelicans - Design - Don McMichael, Fabrication - Eric's Artistic Expression; 2015 Pole Supports - Ray Daniels; Lighting - David Bridgham
- Puffins - Design - Don McMichael, Fabrication & Lighting - David Bridgham
- Salmon "Schooling"- Design - Don McMichael, Fabrication - Eric's Artistic Expression, Lighting - David Bridgham
- Seagulls - Redone from Earlier SWOCC Display - Lighting and Animation - David Bridgham
- Sea Lions - Design - Don McMichael, Fabrication - Eric's Artistic Expression, Animation - Tom Kyle; Lighting - David Bridgham, Joan Clifton, Jack Gilham
- Ship - "Western Shore" - Design & Fabrication - Ray Daniels, Back Support - Jack Gilham, Lighting - David Bridgham
- Squirrel - Design & Fabrication - Eric's Artistic Expression; Lighting - David Bridgham



- **FUCHSIA FLOWER AND HUMMINGBIRD** - Design, Fabrication, Lighting and Animation - David Bridgham

**INSTALLATION OF LARGE SCALE SCULPTURES, LARGE CHRISTMAS TREES, HEDGE STAKES, PATH CHAINS, ETC — SHUTTER CREEK CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND WORK CREWS**



*Thanks!*



- **UNDERSEA GARDEN** - Original Fabrications - David Bridgham & Frank Smith, Rope Lights - David Bridgham; Frame - Jack Gilham, Red Crabs - David Bridgham, Refurbished Seagull/Duck and Boat - Ray Daniels. 2016 Dolphin - Fabrication & Lighting - David Bridgham; Setup - Mike Perkins and Carol Ventgen



# State Parks Day – June 3, 2017

Story and Photos by Ellie Kinney-Martial, Ranger Supervisor

State Parks Day at Shore Acres was celebrated by more than 1,000 guests.

Festivities included a performance by fifth grade students from the Hillcrest Elementary School Marimba Ensemble, led by instructor Sharon Rogers.



Members of the Coos Bay Garden Club set up in the garden house and offered visitors an opportunity to create their own unique dried flower card. Front L-R - Mary Kerr, Michi Sherwood, Maria Wartnik; Back L-R Linda Frick and Char Young



Friends of Hinsdale Gardens were also on site to answer gardening questions.



Happy Visitors!

*Thanks!*



Friends of Shore Acres volunteer and retired Park Ranger Pam Stevens served refreshments and later joined in the fun – taking time to create her own flower card.



# Rose Sunday, Father's Day June 18, 2017

Story by Shirley Bridgman, Founder and Board Member

## ANOTHER TRADITION STARTED IN 1989



Shirley Bridgman

Rose Sunday, Father's Day June 19, 1989

Members of the SouthWestern Oregon Rose Society have been involved with Rose Sunday on Father's Day every year since 1989. Besides setting up a delightful display in the Garden House, they answer the many questions that visitors have while Friends volunteers serve punch, coffee and cookies. It's a win-win situation for all involved – *especially Shore Acres.* ■



Lou Kolkhorst

*Thanks!*



Joan Clifton and Kathi Netter (RT) serve coffee, punch and cookies.



Photos, except Garden House, by Ellie Kinney-Martial,

## Thanks to Other Flower Day Volunteers in 2017

**RHODODENDRON SUNDAY/MOTHER'S DAY – MAY 14, 2017** – Southwestern Oregon Chapter of the American Rhododendrons Society – Liz Hultin, Jack Hackett, Dan Nickell, Candy & Pete Baumer, Marjene and Bob MacIntyre

**BONSAI DAY - AUGUST 19, 2017** – Bay Area Bonsai Society – George and Eva Ahuna, Betty Kennedy, Sabrina Burdett, Ken Savel and Ursula Langley, Norm Herning

## One more Flower Day this year

**DAHLIA DAY – SEPTEMBER 23, 2017**  
Southern Oregon Dahlia Society



## 2018 Schedule

- **MAY 13, 2018 – RHODODENDRON SUNDAY/MOTHER'S DAY** – Southwestern Oregon Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society
- **JUNE 2, 2018 – STATE PARKS DAY**
- **JUNE 17, 2018 – ROSE SUNDAY/FATHER'S DAY** – SouthWestern Oregon Rose Society
- **AUGUST 18, 2018 – BONSAI DAY** – Bay Area Bonsai Society
- **SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 – DAHLIA DAY** – Southern Oregon Dahlia Society



# NEWS ABOUT INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

By KRISTIN HOVENKOTTER-GRECO, RANGER ASSISTANT

This summer of 2017 has been fabulous for the Interpretive Staff in the Sunset Bay Management Unit. Our new Rocky Shores Interpreter, Mara LaMont is enthusiastic and excited to help visitors learn about the cultural and natural treasures of our parks! She enjoys leading the Shore Acres Simpson Stroll on Sundays as well as having the Garden House open on Thursday afternoons. Her other favorite programs include leading guided tidepool walks at Cape Arago and the Beginning Birdwatching program in the campground. She has written a stirring evening program about Seafaring called "Symphonies on the Sea" which involves snippets of music and tales of nautical lore to give an idea of what it meant to be a member of the crew of a sailing vessel. She also enjoys introducing campers to our mascot, JR Beaver!



Mara LaMont

Mara thanks the Friends of Shore Acres for providing her this amazing opportunity to help others love learning about nature as much as she does!

Our team of 6 interpreters (3 staff, 3 volunteers) does at least three programs a day, sometimes as many as six or seven, plus having Shoreline Education for

Awareness volunteers staffing the Simpson Reef Overlook with spotting scopes several days a week to educate people about the amazing marine mammals along our coast. We have also provided field trip experiences for about a dozen local schools and three summer science camp groups. The most popular field trip is to visit the tidepools, either at Sunset Bay or at Cape Arago. Guided tidepool walks at Cape Arago are one of our most loved summer interpretive programs as well, and in just May, June, and July, we introduced over 400 park visitors to the wonder of our tidepools.

Other programs from this summer have helped park visitors to appreciate things in a wide range of cultural and natural topics, including owls, shipwrecks, sharks, native plants, the eclipse, berries, the Simpson family, seaweed, the Cape Arago Lighthouse, how to make cordage, slugs, whales, World War II on the West Coast, the mysterious octopus, and many more! Sandy, Kristin, Mara, and our volunteer interpretive hosts, Karen, Lance, and Kay all thank you from the bottom of our heart for your support of interpretive programming in the parks! ■



Mara with a field trip group at the Sunset Bay tidepools



Kristin Hovenkotter-Greco  
Lunar Eclipse Day, August 21, 2017



The seastars appear to be beginning to make a comeback at Cape Arago, after seeing their numbers drop significantly the past three years, due to Seastar Wasting Disease.

## PARK STAFF CHANGES SINCE THE 2016 SUMMER JOURNAL



### BOARD MEETING OCT. 18, 2016

Friends President Ray Daniels presents Preson Phillips with a gift certificate to use in the Information & Gift Center.

Preson has accepted the position of Operations Support Manager for the Coastal Region – He is moving to Newport and will report for duty at the Coastal Region Office in Seal Rock on November 1st.

### STATE PARKS REPORT APR. 17, 2017

Preson has accepted a new position as the Central Coast District Manager. He will remain in Newport with an office at the Coastal Region Headquarters in Seal Rock.

Welcome Denice Hardy who started her position as Manager for the Sunset Bay Management Unit on March 15, 2017.

### STATE PARKS REPORT JULY 18, 2017

Pam Stevens is retired May 1st after 37 years of service with OPRD – Sunset Bay Ranger Garrett Albiston has filled her position and began working at Shore Acres July 11th.



Denice Hardy



Garrett Albiston

*Congratulations  
To All!*



# 2017 Planning and Preparation Behind the Scenes



Saul Bridgham

**RECONDITIONING THE 45' GRAY WHALE**  
David Bridgham begins the arduous task of preparing the metal of the gray whale for all new rope lights.

*A three step process – acid to remove rust, rust blocker, and top coat paint to finish – whew! Too big to powder coat, which is what we do on the smaller sculptures.*



Shirley Bridgham

David and his son Saul (visiting from California) put new rope lighting on the frogs that croak at the pond.



Shirley Bridgham

**NEW LEAPING DOLPHIN DISPLAY**  
David puts LED rope lighting on the 5TH dolphin. Look for the new display which will be placed northeast of the Orca display.

*Every Season  
Something New*



Saul Bridgham

## ORCA WHALE\* – SUCCESS IN 2016

Design - Don McMichael; Lighting and Installation - David Bridgham, Ray Daniels

*2016 Animation-Solid State Digital Controller*

*\* Originally designed by Don McMichael in 1995 using miniatures on a large net; in 2004 changed to standard rope light, then LED rope in 2008. \* 2016, replaced by new fabrication in aluminum by Ray Daniels - no more net!*



Dora Daniels



Dora Daniels



The Orca Whale leaping perfectly in 2016. Photos by Shirley Bridgham