



Shore Acres State Park
Before Friends - 1986

Album 3



Shirley Bridgham

How Friends of Shore Acres Happened

In 1986, the Communication Arts Group at Southwestern Oregon Community College decided to tell the story of Shoreacres and Shore Acres State Park by creating a multi-image slide show to be shown at the 5th annual Multi-Image Festival in September. After the Festival, Shirley Bridgham asked Andy LaTomme, manager at Shore Acres State Park, if the park wanted a copy. He said yes. Not long after, Andy asked Shirley and her husband David if they would like to help start a Friends group – a non-profit corporation in association with state parks. They said yes.

An organizational meeting was held on December 4, 1986 at 7:30 pm in Room 12 of Sumner Hall on the campus of Southwestern Oregon Community College. In attendance were Andy LaTomme, John Bergen, Mike Bodkin, David and Shirley Bridgham, John Garner, Marty Giles, George Guthrie, Dick Hansen, Ron Hjort, Tony Mason, and Karen Wuethrich. On that important night, Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. in cooperation with Shore Acres State Park began a long journey of success.

The Shore Acres Story was shown in slide format to thousands of visitors for years, then transferred to VHS tape for easier showing. In 2006, it was transferred to DVD. In 2013, it was transformed again, this time with additional photos courtesy of Caitlin Day, James McDermott, Sunset Bay State Park and the Coos Historical and Maritime Museum. Special thanks goes to Phillip Bridgham for rescuing the original sound track.

The program is about Asa Meade Simpson and his son Louis Jerome and the history of the magnificent estate that Louis called Shoreacres. It continues with what Shore Acres State Park was like in 1986 when the slide show was created. ■



Ward Robertson

Aerial and Gardens — 1986



Shirley Bridgham



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About the Friends' Albums

by Shirley Bridgham - 2014

It's time to preserve the Friends' photos and clippings using the following:

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- Adobe PhotoShop CS-3
- Adobe InDesign CS-3.
- Epson Presentation Paper - Matte
- Epson Premium Photo Paper - Glossy
- Epson Stylus Photo R2000 Printer

I will also save the album pages as PDF files. ■



Ward Robertson

Aerials - 1986



Ward Robertson

Note from Shirley Bridgham - September 2014



Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. was founded on December 4, 1986.

1st annual year Dec. 4, 1986 - Aug. 31, 1987

1st Birthday - Dec. 4, 1987

1st Christmas Lights - Dec. 11, 1987

2nd annual Year - Sept. 1, 1987 - Aug. 31, 1988

2nd Birthday - Dec. 4, 1988

. . . and so on. The annual year runs from September of one year to the end of August of the next year.

What an amazing journey it has been for David and me since 1986. Little did we know when we, the Friends, decided to bring more attention to Shore Acres State Park, by stringing some lights to celebrate Christmas in 1987, we would begin an awesome adventure that continues to this day.

So many volunteers, so many supporters, so many visitors, such a great board of directors, and always so much excellent cooperation from park managers, rangers and staff - all combine to make Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. one of the most successful non-profit Co-ops in the state of Oregon.

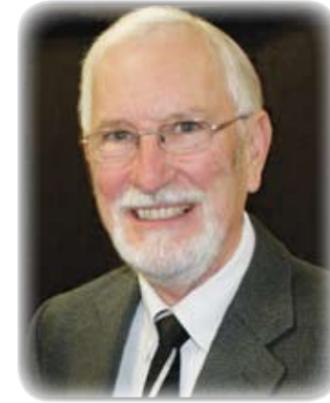
All these years, Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. has been truly blessed to remain an all-volunteer organization. It has made it possible to accomplish so many interpretive and physical development projects at Shore Acres. Visit our Information & Gift Center and pick up one of our membership brochures and you will find an extensive list.

I've been privileged to create and produce our slide shows, DVDs, and Newsletters and Journals. Not to mention, designing the lights display and seeing it come together like theater every season. Yes, it's a lot of work, but it's also a lot of fun. David has the challenge of designing and producing new sculptures and maintaining the old ones. When we read the comments in the guest books, we always get enthused to start the next season.

This year, I'm starting a project to preserve the Friends' archives in physical albums — this is the first album — backed up in a digital format for easy viewing by many. We have many photos, news clippings and other materials that will be included in the albums.

As I've started going through the archives, I'm reminded of how FoSA has grown and prospered in order to help Shore Acres State Park, Sunset Bay State Park and Cape Arago State Park. What a great reminder of why we do what we do. Our hope is that in the future, others will experience and enjoy the same opportunities. ■

Note from David Bridgham - September 2014



The following pages (and Albums) are a chronology of the efforts of Friends of Shore Acres, Inc., but even more than that, tell the tale of the enormous support that the Friends have enjoyed from our regional communities.

This was a movement whose time had come. The Oregon State Legislature had passed "Enabling" Legislation allowing non-profit 501(c)3 organizations to adopt a specific State Park to provide educational and interpretive services to its visitors. Well that's the dry legislative speak for find a core user group that loves that park and let it nurture and care for it.

Shore Acres State Park, 13 miles from town, is the touchstone that we all bring our friends and visitors to when we want to show off the beauty of the Oregon south coast. There was a built-in and pent-up desire to shower this special place with community pride and needed TLC. Outreach to our communities started with the planning sessions with FOSA Board members and volunteers. Dreaming of what could be, planning on now and the future.

Holiday Lights at Shore Acres is a night time interpretation of the formal English style gardens and the reflecting pond at the oriental garden. Historically, the original Simpson mansion built on the bluff at the stone wall, was a Christmas present to Louie Simpson's wife Cassie. From the very first lighting event we recognized the importance to the communities to open the Garden House for our visitors and start building traditions. After 27 annual lightings it thrills me to hear from adults with their young family when they tell us they came to see the lights as kids and now they're bringing their families to grow the tradition.

An important cornerstone to the Holiday Lights tradition is the consistency of our focus on major themes. We have stayed true to who we are and where we're at, interpreting the gardens with flower-lights, sculptures that are inspired by what's found in the gardens as well as many marine related sculptures. The Garden House is beautifully decorated with an old time (Simpson era) theme that fits this historic gardener's cottage.

There are those certainties in life - like the tide at our ocean's shore, the Bay and its tributaries - migrating geese, and the Holiday Lights at Shore Acres. When I see or hear a migrating flock of Canadian Geese I get an itch I can only scratch by stringing lights at Shore Acres.

You will see as you turn these pages that the secret sauce has always been to engage our community, give credit and ownership where deserved, and always try to improve this place that we all love. ■

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

Founded December 4, 1986



“The purpose of Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. is to participate in interpretive, educational, and physical development programs with Sunset Bay Management Unit.”

FoSA Bylaws

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Friends of Shore Acres
December 4, 1986
Minutes - page 2

A meeting was held on December 4, 1986 at 7:30 pm in room 12 of Sumner Hall on the campus of Southwestern Oregon Community College. In attendance were Andy LaTomme, John Bergen, George Guthrie, Karen Wuethrich, Marty Giles, Ron Hjort, Mike Bodkin, John Garner, Shirley Bridgham, David Bridgham, Dick Hansen and Tony Mason. Andy LaTomme opened the meeting by giving background information about the establishment of non-profit corporations in association with state parks.

Mike Bodkin reviewed the legal steps necessary to establish a corporation and to certify it as tax-exempt under federal and state laws: fees to be paid, legal liability of corporation members and the formation of an initial board of directors.

Discussion followed on the details of the above presentations. The group agreed that a preliminary date of June, 1987 was a goal for establishing the tax-exempt status of the organization and that the group should forego any solicitation of funds until this status has been obtained.

Those present introduced themselves to the group and completed a sign-up sheet with their names and addresses. Each person was asked if he or she desired to serve on the initial board of directors. All except Andy LaTomme, Ron Hjort, Karen Wuethrich and Mike Bodkin responded "yes."

Some discussion followed about the number of state park employees to be allowed to serve on the board at any one time. It was generally agreed that no more than 1/4 of the board should be composed of state park employees, however formal action on this was deferred until bylaws are adopted. It was agreed that the Sunset Bay State Park district manager would serve as a non-voting member of the board. There was some discussion about this and it was understood and agreed that the group would not undertake any projects without the approval of the district park manager or his designee.

Nominations were opened for chairman. Dick Hansen and John Bergen were nominated and declined. John Garner was nominated and unanimously elected. He conducted the balance of the meeting.

A motion to name the organization the "Friends of Shore Acres, Inc," was proposed, seconded and passed.

Mike Bodkin was named to act as legal agent for the Friends of Shore Acres (hereafter referred to as the "Friends") and was thanked for his work thus far. Discussion followed regarding the purposes of the Friends as required for the incorporation papers.

Mike Bodkin stated that he would use wording from a similar organization's application and that he expected the incorporation papers would be returned by the next meeting.

It was decided the scope of the organization would be discussed when bylaws were presented for adoption at a later meeting.

There was discussion about membership in general, voting vs. non-voting membership and graduated membership fees. Action on this was deferred until a later meeting.

A collection was taken to cover the cost of the incorporation fee. A total of \$13.00 was collected from the group.

It was proposed and approved that Mike Bodkin act as initial incorporator for the Friends.

Additional discussion about the purpose of the Friends took place. It was felt that the purposes stated in the articles of incorporation should be broad enough to allow the group to participate in a broad range of activities, including physical development in the park.

The agenda for the next meeting was discussed. It was decided that bylaws and the setting of goals for the group would take up most of the meeting. The board was asked to be prepared to discuss possible goals and committee assignments for that meeting. Dick Hansen was selected to lead the discussion on bylaws.

Andy LaTomme was asked to bring a copy of his park's master plan to assist in coordinating the goals of the Friends with those of State Parks. He was also asked to prepare a draft set of bylaws, based on those used by existing cooperating associations, to be mailed to board members before the next meeting.

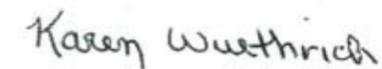
Andy LaTomme was asked to prepare a press release announcing the formation of the Friends with special mention of Mike Bodkin's contribution.

Karen Wuethrich was asked to prepare minutes of the meeting.

The date for a second meeting was set for January 13, 1987. Shirley Bridgham was asked to arrange for a meeting room at SWOCC. The suggestion was made that the board consider a fixed meeting date, e.g., the second Tuesday of each month. It was felt that this was a good idea, but no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Wuethrich

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

Annual Year - September 1, 1989 - August 31, 1990

September 12, 1989 - Annual Meeting - Garden House at Shore Acres

FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES - ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 12, 1989

The annual meeting of the Friends was called to order by Shirley Bridgham.

George presented the 1989 annual financial report - for details see the attached report. The board reviewed some of the similarities (and differences) between last year's report and this one - and some of the surprising correlation between the proposed budget projections we did earlier this year and actual results.

The election of board members followed. The recommendation of the nominating committee was to re-elect Dick Hansen, John Bergen, and elect Howard Hall and Ellen Garner. It was moved and seconded that we follow the recommendation and vote them in "all at once."

Discussion followed on applying for a possible economic development grant (of up to \$5,000.00 - matching). Dick suggested that we could propose using the money to create interpretive signs/displays at the lighthouse viewpoint and at Simpson Reef.

Andy talked about a proposed redesign of the G.A.I.C. We could remove the shutters on the east side - create a solid wall on which we could install shelving and display space. The south wall would be converted into a "regular" window (bought by the Friends).

We are still looking for more volunteers for the Center but Andy said that at least half a dozen camp hosts are applying to work at the Center next year.

David said that the G.A.I.C. volunteer philosophy should be not "selling" but "garden sitting" - i.e. greeting visitors, giving out info, and in general enhancing the public's experience in visiting the gardens.

Shirley closed the annual meeting and immediately convened a special board meeting.

FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES - SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 12, 1989

The board voted on new officers. It was proposed that David Bridgham be nominated for President, Al as Vice President and George as Sec/Treas. The board decided to approve the nominations and elect the whole "slate" of nominees as proposed.

President David's first official action was to hand out appreciation "awards" to out-going and on-going officers to wit "The Second Banana Award" to Dick Hansen, the "String Him Along" award to George, and the "Frayed Wire and Blown Circuit" award to Shirley.

Talk turned to gift items for Christmas - we are going to sell mugs, tree ornaments and sweatshirts (the sweatshirts for Christmas volunteers only).

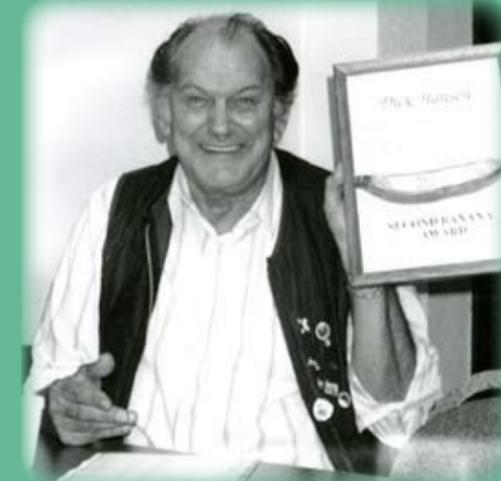
Discussion followed on possibilities for "kid items" that could be sold at the Center. Suggestions included - magnifying glass its, small puzzles and scarves with a map of the garden design. Another idea was to sell flower seeds (of the same type of our annuals display). We might also contract with a local nursery to grow plants for sale (ala the Tryon Creek Trillium Fest.) - we could split profits with them. Ellen Garner suggested it would be nice if we could select a kids item to be sold at Christmas.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Awards Presented



President David Bridgham presented a "String Him Along" award to George Guthrie, who was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.



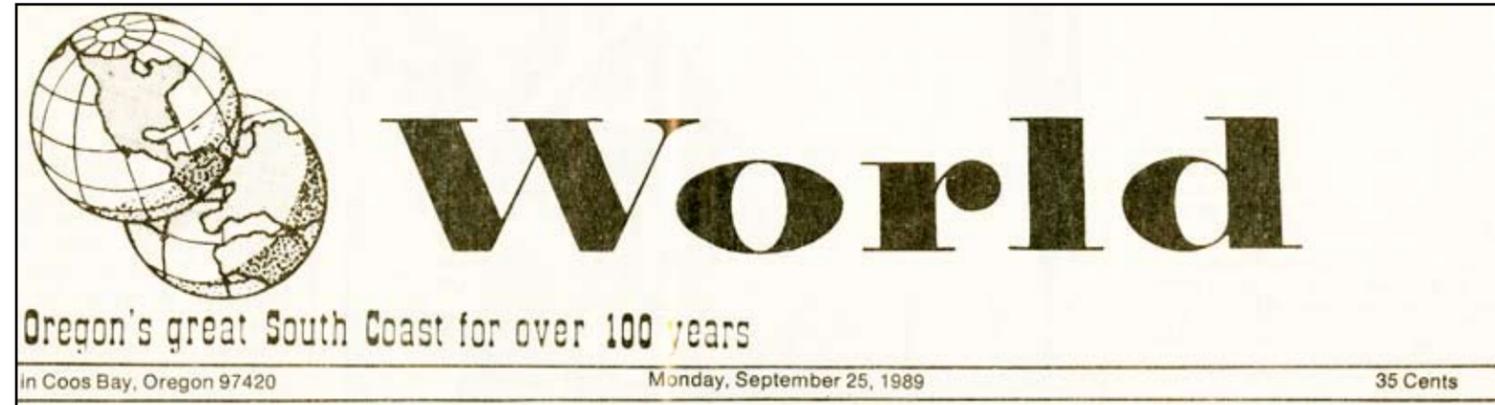
Outgoing Vice President Dick Hansen received "The Second Banana" award.



Outgoing President Shirley Bridgham received the "Frayed Wire and Blown Circuit" award.

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Daisies, Dahlias, Pond Lilies and Publicity



Park use, ratings analyzed

Area state parks are viewed as a specific tourist destination by most South Coast camp visitors, according to a survey of camp users just released by the state Parks and Recreation Division.

Statewide, the survey showed that 59 percent of all visitors to state parks list a particular park as a destination. The percentage was even higher at several South Coast parks, including Sunset Bay (75 percent), Bullards Beach (67 percent) and Shore Acres (80 percent).

Park visitors spend anywhere from \$17 per day to more than \$46 per day while visiting area parks, the survey showed. Visitors to state park campgrounds spent an average of \$17.49 per day per person, considerably below the day use park visitor at \$34.33 per day, on average. Visitors to Sunset Bay and Shore Acres state parks spent \$46.47 and \$45.14 per day per person, respectively.

More than 70 percent of most park campground users reported spending between one and three days
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World file photo

Shore Acres State Park gets high marks.

Park figures

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at the park. Longer stays were more popular at Harris State Park near Brookings and Honeyman State park, near Florence.

Viewing scenery, relaxing and just doing nothing, and experiencing solitude were listed as the most important activities for many park visitors.

Visitors were asked to rate the parks on quality. Statewide, 58 percent of campground users gave their park an "excellent" rating. On the South Coast, that average was 63 percent. Among day use area users statewide, 57 percent gave an "excellent" rating, again compared to 63 percent on the South Coast. Eighty-seven percent of visitors to Shore Acres accorded an "excellent" rating.

"Eighty-seven percent of visitors to Shore Acres accorded an *excellent* rating."



OPRD Co-Op Conference - Sept. 29-30, 1989

EXCERPTS FROM THE FRIENDS MINUTES OF OCT. 3, 1989

Co-Op Conference at Silver Falls State Park, Sept. 29-30

Reviewed activities. A variety of different co-ops and activities are going on throughout the parks system. Cape Blanco/Hughes House had an open house and received \$4,000 in donations for the event. They will have Christmas lights and an open house the week-end of December 15-17. Vista House on the Columbia River Gorge in a 9 month "season" grosses \$156,000. Champoeg has an "Indian Summer Festival" in addition to its historical pageant. Silver Falls had a highly successful Civil War "battle" etc. Friends of Shore Acres presented a slide show report of the past year's activities; highlights included the wiring of the gardens, Christmas Lights, pond cleaning, Mother's Day Rhododendron Sunday, Father's Day Rose Sunday, the Oregon Coast Music Festival and the new Gift and Information Center.

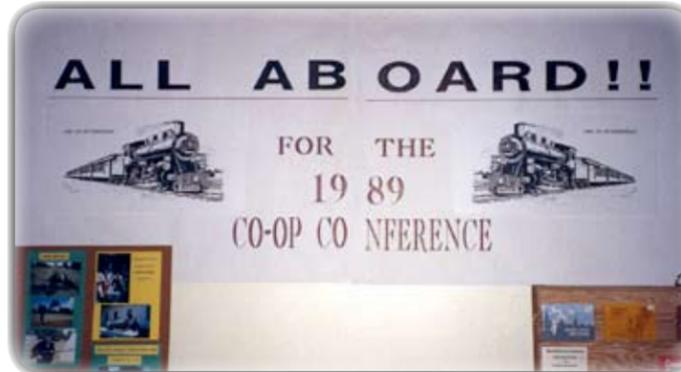
Dave Talbot spoke to the conference. His main points were that parks need co-ops and vice versa; and that there is a chance for "power struggles" between parks and co-ops. He also announced the availability of the challenge grant.

Parks Staff had a separate meeting at the conference and discussion on "Is It Worth it?" (to have co-ops). General consensus is "Yes" even though it often involved a lot of work and worry for parks during certain special events. There was a discussion of the challenge grants and the consensus was that co-ops should have a chance to go for it all, i.e., one co-op could possibly get all or most of the money available if the proposed project is worth it. Would have a committee made up of Salem staff people and at least one field manager (probably one who doesn't have a co-op) to evaluate co-op requests for grant money. Also would like to have an "advisory committee of park people to help counsel park districts interested in creating new co-ops.

Monte Turner, David Bridgham, George Guthrie



Gail Wolfe, Al Aslakson, Andy LaTomme



(L-R) Shore Acres State Park Manager Andy LaTomme, F.O.S.A. President David Bridgham and Vice President Al Aslakson



Planning Workshop

Al Aslakson conducted a workshop, "Planning for Co-ops." Our planning process has served as a "model" for other co-ops throughout the system. Al noted that there has been a lot more progress in planning and development since last year among Friends groups.

Volunteer Workshop/Co-Op Conference

The presentation stressed structural interviews, job descriptions, selection and training. Social experience and "fun" are regarded as major "reward" for volunteers. F.O.S.A. is the only group that has camp host volunteers join F.O.S.A. in order to participate. A survey of volunteers indicates that the availability of product discounts and more training are motivational for volunteers.

Ann Kopyy said that at the Coos County Historical Society they have no special recognition except for a certificate at their annual meeting.

Volunteers F.O.S.A

There was discussion about revamping our annual meeting-appreciation dinner to include a written summary of the past year's progress and achievements.

Al suggested that we keep money in the budget every year to send a F.O.S.A. member to the parks conference.

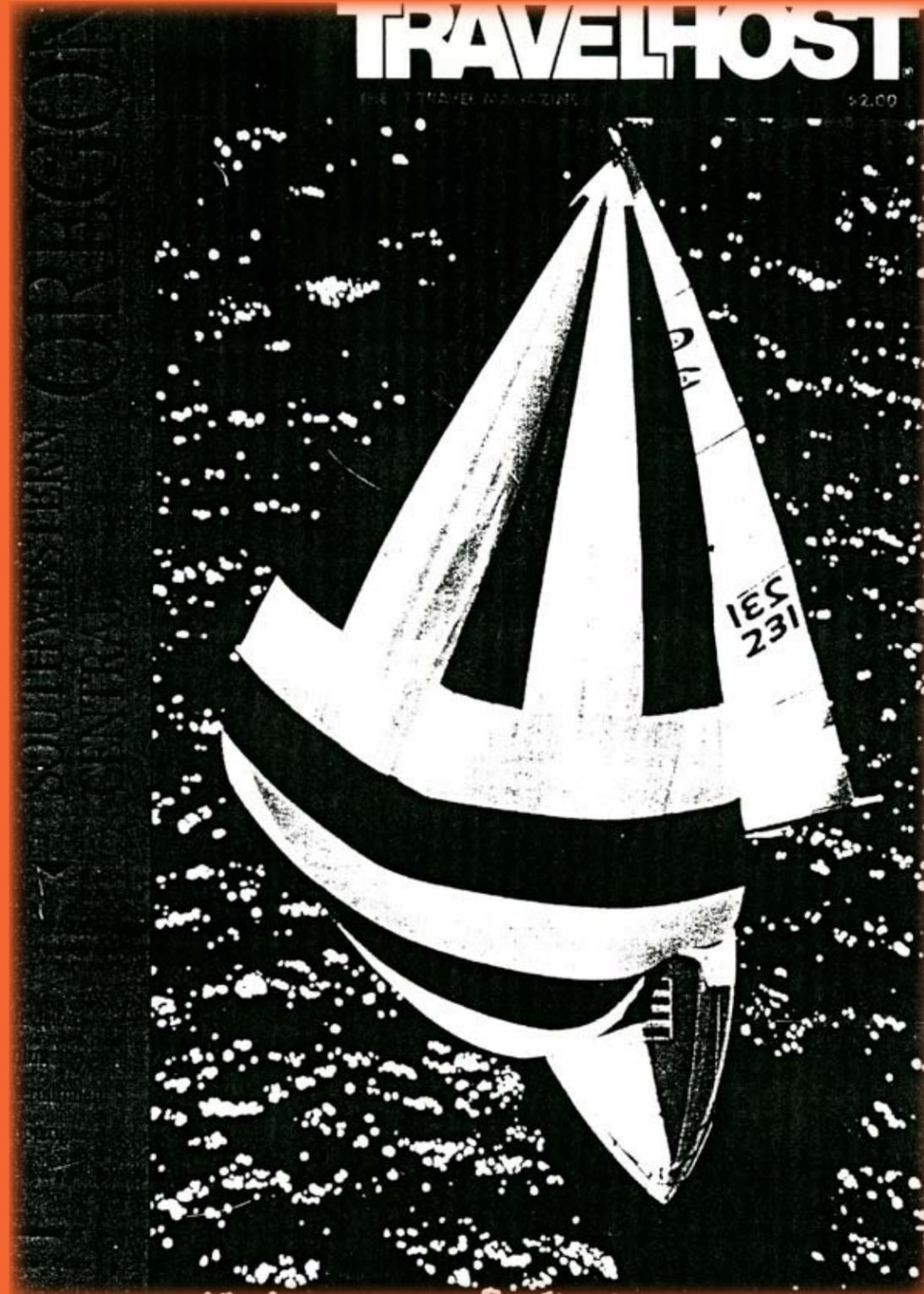
Finance Workshops/Co-Op Conference

The main point was that a CPA has devised a simplified report form for co-op income/expenditures. Each co-op will use this form as a quarterly report to Salem.

Roundtables/Co-Op Conference

Brainstorming on a variety of subjects . . . Other co-ops were surprised that we "over-mail" our newsletter to non-members as well as members. Some of them may try it.

Plentiful Publicity . . .



TRAVELHOST

ARTS ON THE COAST

Like flags heralding the advent of Autumn, vine maples mark the highway corridors that lead to the Oregon Coast. Their blaze of reds and yellows is an appropriate signal of the excitement and beauty that await coastal visitors who share the season that has been called "the coasties' own."

It is an invigorating time with spectacular changes in the ocean, a charged quality to the air and many inviting alternatives to fogbound beachcombing.

Goos Bay, long a cultural hub, boasts one of the Northwest's finest museums.

The September exhibition is "Contemporary Masters," a sampling of the Museum's print collection. "Textiles for Interiors" will be featured in October and the entire arts community celebrates with crafts, art and performances during the December "Community Holiday Exhibition."

The Newport Center for the Performing Arts offers a Fall Season that boasts an array of events ranging from solo performers Jill Timmons and Harvi Griffin to the San Francisco Opera's production of "Carmen." Every weekend features music, dance or theatre presented by coastal or national touring productions.

October dates are: "Carmen," Oct. 4 and 5. "Glass Menagerie," starts Oct. 6. Harvi Griffin (harp), Oct. 15. Pioneer Brass, Oct. 21. "New Works" (dance), Oct. 27 and 28.

November events: "Once Upon a Mattress," starts Nov. 3. "Fallen Angels," Nov. 29. "An Indian Tale" (dance), starts Nov. 24.

December events: Victorian Christmas (music), Dec. 8. Shirley Nanette and Trio (jazz), Dec. 9. Eugene Gleemen, Dec. 10. "Holiday in Harmony" (barbershop), Dec. 16. "The Play of Herod," Dec. 17. "Nut-cracker," Dec. 18. "The Winter's Tale," starts Dec. 28.

For information about gallery, theatre and other cultural offerings that complement your coastal ventures from Brookings to Astoria, call the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts, 265-9231.

SEPTEMBER 24, 1989

CHRISTMAS SHINES CAPE TO CAPE

Oregon's south coast will be ablaze with thousands of lights this holiday season as a chain of communities present old-fashioned Christmas celebrations at Shore Acres State Park in Charleston, in Bandon-by-the-Sea, and at the historic Hughes House on Cape Blanco.

SHORE ACRES STATE PARK

Splendid formal gardens perched on a bluff right above the roaring Pacific have made Shore Acres State Park, southwest of Goos Bay near Cape Arago, a nationally known tourist attraction. Christmas at Shore Acres is fast becoming a South Coast holiday tradition. The garden pathways and beds are outlined in strands of twinkling lights, and several huge outdoor Christmas trees preside over the spectacle. On hand to greet visitors are the Friends of Shore Acres, members of a volunteer organization which coordinates the event.

The focal point of the Shore Acres celebration is the quaint Gardener's Cottage, the only building left standing by the fires which ravaged the property, once the estate of timber baron Louis B. Simpson, in the early part of this century. Visitors enjoy hot cider, coffee, cookies, and punch, as well as the joyful sounds of carolers and choirs.

Admission to the Shore Acres Christmas open house is free (donations are gratefully accepted). The celebration begins Saturday, December 9 and runs daily through Sunday, December 31, with hours of 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. weekday evenings and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekends. For more information, contact the Friends of Shore Acres, P.O. Box 1172, Goos Bay, OR 97420, 888-4902 or 888-3732.

BANDON-BY-THE-SEA

Bandon-by-the-Sea is an artist's colony and port village 20 miles south of Charleston. With its restored, historic Oldtown district, art galleries, craft shops, boutiques, and intimate cafes, Bandon is the

essence of coastal quaintness. At no time of year is this more evident than during the town's December Festival of Lights, when businesses, boats, and homes all over town are decked out in thousands of tiny sparkling lights.

Bandon's Festival begins at dusk on Friday, December 1, with the lighting of the community Christmas tree in front of the Visitor Information Center in Oldtown. The sound of carols will be heard in the air as Santa Claus and Frosty the Snowman arrive.

Bandon Stables offers buggy rides by donation around Oldtown and to other locations after dusk. Join the caroling to the accompaniment of the jingle bells on the horse's reins as you take in the magic of the light display. Buggy rides are planned for every Friday and Saturday in December at dusk.

The Biblical Christmas story is celebrated weekends too with a living Nativity scene on Highway 101 near the entrance to Oldtown. Bandon's Ministerial Association sponsors this annual event.

For information, contact the Bandon Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1515, Bandon, OR 97411, 347-9616.

HUGHES HOUSE, SIXES

A magnificent late 19th century Queen Anne structure on Cape Blanco, this house was home to Patrick and Jane Hughes, Irish immigrants and ranchers who were among Curry County's first settlers. Now largely restored to its former rustic beauty, the Hughes House will welcome holiday revelers on December 15, 16 and 17 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The house will be lighted and decorated for Christmas by the Friends of Cape Blanco, who will offer visitors refreshments and invite them to join in the caroling.

The Hughes House is located in Cape Blanco State Park in Sixes, Oregon. For more information, contact Friends of Cape Blanco, P.O. Box 285, Sixes, OR 97476, 332-6774.

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Lighted entrance welcomes visitors at Christmas at Shore Acres

Ward Robertson photo

CHARLESTON

December 9-30 Christmas at Shore Acres. More than 15,000 miniature lights transform Shore Acres gardens into a shimmering Christmas wonderland. Gardener's cottage is furnished and decorated for the holidays. 5 to 9 p.m. each evening. Refreshments. Friends of Shore Acres, 13030 Cape Arago Hwy., 97420; 888-4902.

SHORE ACRES STATE PARK

Shore Acres State Park, located a short distance south of Sunset Bay, was the estate of Louis J. Simpson. The estate began as a summer home—a Christmas present for his wife in 1906. Gradually, the home grew into a three-story mansion. The house had an indoor swimming pool, 26 feet wide and 52 feet long, filled with either heated fresh or salt water. The third floor had a ballroom with a 2,736-square-foot dance floor. All this is in addition to the full complement of bedroom suites, sitting rooms, kitchen, dining room, den and library.

The Simpsons were lumbermen and ship builders and their ships returned to Coos Bay with exotic plants for the Shore Acres gardens. a Japanese garden built around a 100-foot lily pond bordered the formal garden.

In 1921, the original house burned to the ground. It was replaced with another home, this one 224 feet

long, but only two stories high. The new home gradually fell into disrepair, and the Simpsons, sold over 600 acres of the estate to the State of Oregon in 1942. By 1948 the house was in such poor condition that the State Highway Commission ordered it razed.

The State has worked to develop and restore the estate grounds and garden, making Shore Acres a unique park in the Oregon State Park System. The site of the two Simpson mansions is now the location of a glass-enclosed observation shelter. The shelter is an ideal place for wave watching. The viewer is protected from rain and spray and has a 180-degree view of the coast. Shore Acres is the site of some of the most spectacular wave action on the Pacific Coast, particularly during winter storms.

Most of the trails in the park are the ones L.J. Simpson had built for strolling, and many of the trails are close to the brink of the cliffs where the Pacific Ocean crashes on the rocks 75 feet below.

Our Staff

Lynn	Waitress
Barbara	Manager
April	Cook
Mary	Waitress
Kathleen	Waitress
Dorothy	Waitress
Jan	Kitchen Supervisor
Esther	Waitress/Hostess
Sherry	Prep Cook/Dishroom
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NORTH BEND—COOS BAY
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October 10, 1989

Shirley Bridgham
 The Friends of Shore Acres
 c/o Sunset Bay Park District
 13030 Cape Arago Hwy.,
 Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

Dear Shirley,

At long last -- enclosed are a couple of issues of Western Living Magazine's October issue containing the Shore Acres article labelled "Western Traveller." The magazine will be returning your transparencies shortly. I think the photos look great!

Thank you for all your help and patience. I hope the article will attract more Canadian visitors, so that you can collect more funds to maintain your lovely garden.

I am sorry the magazine misspelled (obviously a typo) George Guthrie's name. They are usually very careful about such things.

Yours truly,



Shirley Blevings

Shore Acres

A cliff-top garden is one of Oregon's best-kept secrets. By Shirley Blevings

About two-thirds of the way down the Oregon coast, past the Devil's Punch Bowl, past the Devil's Elbow and just south of the sand dunes, is Shore Acres State Park Gardens, often referred to as "Oregon State Parks' best-kept secret."

Up and down the coast, pamphlets, billboards and bumper stickers constantly remind visitors about Rogue River jet boats, myrtlewood factories, Trees of Mystery and those smelly Sea Lion Caves. But it isn't until you leave U.S. 101 at Coos Bay and drive some 20 kilometers southwest along the Cape Arago Highway that you discover Shore Acres, 743 acres overlooking the Pacific.

In 1905, Louis J. Simpson, a wealthy Coos Bay lumber baron, purchased this chunk of scenic real estate and built a palatial mansion on the edge of the cliffs—a perfect vantage point from which to see some of the wildest waves along the coast.

On the former site of that mansion, an observation shelter now displays photographs that show spray towering high over the cliffs, suspended in time above Simpson's elegant home.

A couple of hundred feet from this rugged ocean backdrop, Simpson had a garden designed as a Christmas present for his wife. Entering the garden from beneath a canopy of Monterey cypress, you can almost hear Sir John Gielgud discoursing on the manicured, European-style formal garden that stretches behind him. In fall, symmetrical floral beds display chrysanthemums, dahlias, begonias and roses, all bordered in boxwood. The juxtaposition of this cultivated, old-world aristocrat next to the untamed Pacific elicits oohs and aahs from surprised visitors.

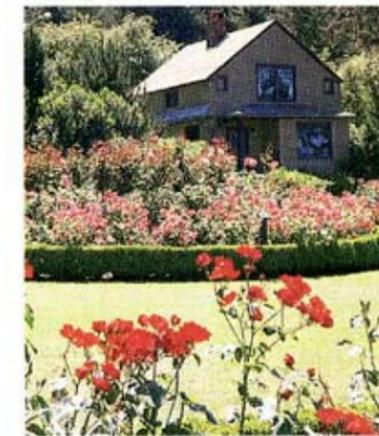
The Simpson garden provides an unexpected oasis in a journey of vistas of wind-swept waves, rock and sand. Stalwart Sitka spruce and shore pine separate salt spray and sandstone battlements from the care-



fully clipped boxwood. At the far end of the formal garden, beyond the balustrade, an oriental garden flourishes around a tranquil pond. Although the spirit of *shibusa* (refinement) lives in this Western interpretation of a Japanese garden, so does the west coast spirit of abundance and exuberance. "An authentic Japanese garden is much more

Two faces of water: breakers crashing on the coast, and the garden's oriental pond.

WESTERN TRAVELER



restrained," says head gardener George Guturie. The original Simpson garden occupied five full-time gardeners and contained more than 3,000

different plants, collected from around the world by the crews of Simpson's sailing fleet. Some of the original plantings still survive, and 65-year-old Chinese windmill palms from the Himalayas share ground with eight-year-old Monterey pines that are already close to 20 meters in height.

After Simpson sold his estate, in 1942, to the State Parks Division, it gradually deteriorated due to lack of funds. However, good judgment prevailed, and garden restoration began, in 1971, with the help of old photographs and information from Simpson's family and friends. Flower beds and hedges were replanted, the oriental pond was restored and replicas made of the bridge, stone lanterns and the two blue heron sculptures that stand patiently in the oriental pond.

The garden is open year round, offering visitors seasonal displays. Self-guided walks are available. (Wave displays in November are spectacular.) At Christmas, when winter storms whip the coast, the garden glows with decorated trees and myriad miniature lights.—Shirley Blevings

The setting might be rugged and wild, but inside the garden all is formality and order, with manicured, European-style flower beds and hedges.

Planning Meeting – Oct. 21, 1989 – 10 am - 4 pm

South Slough Sanctuary Conference Room

PLANNING MEETING
October 21, 1989

AGENDA

10:00 Name Badges - Sign-up
Agenda and Notes

10:10 Opening Remarks
David Bridgham President
Mission Statement

10:30 Lunch Count
Introduction - Planning Coordinator - Al Aslakson
Facilitator - Shirley Bridgham

11:00 Review 5 Year Plan and '88 Update

11:45 Media : In Search Of Excellence

12:15 Lunch

1:00 Open Forum:
Goal Setting
Prioritizing
Set Tasks
Assignments
Timelines
Recap



IN ATTENDANCE: FO SA BOARD MEMBERS, PARK STAFF AND SEVERAL NON-BOARD MEMBER "INTERESTED PARTIES." SHARON FORTUNE CATERED LUNCH WITH THE COST COVERED BY THE FRIENDS.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRIORITIES:

* Park Function

PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS -

Trail Improvements

- * Log bridges over low sections
- * General trail upgrades (Scouts, Trail Club, etc.)

Major General Improvements

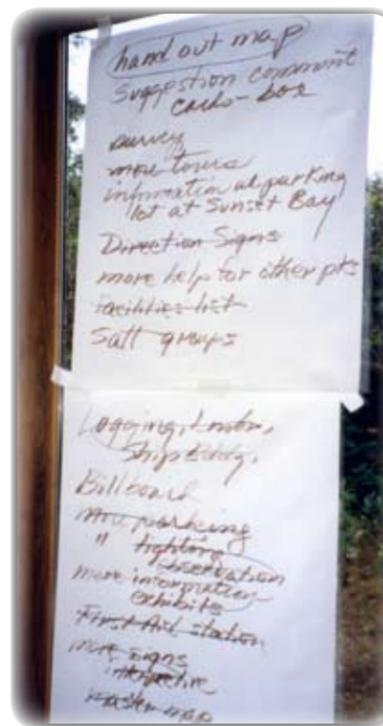
- * Additional parking
- Logging/lumber/shipping museum
- New fountain w/lights (park has design)
- Plant 5 yr. old myrtlewood tree
- * Add to lighting for parking

Misc. General Improvements

- Canopy
- Nightscaping - including pond, garden, and observation bldg. (both inside and out)
- Pay telescopes
- Topo map (in a building)

Signs

- Interpretive
- * Directional
- Plant replacements



Claire Kinman, Nellie Ripper, Jana Doerr, David Bridgham, Friends' President

HOUSE

Major Projects

- * Roof
- * Foundation
- Carpet - either carpeting or area rugs as appropriate
- Purchase refrigerator
- * Fireplace repair

Minor Projects

- Paint
- Wallpaper
- Redo ceiling
- Lights replaced with authentic fixtures
- Housekeeping supplies
- Storage space
- Finish cabinets
- Phone
- Sound system development (hooked to GAIC)
- Purchase one vacuum cleaner
- Fix doors upstairs
- Permanent interpretive displays on walls
- Management
- Safety-proof steps and porch both front and back
- Fix front door to open out and fix latch

HANDICAP ISSUES:

- Access
- * Wheelchair ramp to cottage (more permanent)

HISTORY AND RESEARCH:

- Living history tapes with SWOCC help (pioneers and the Pittams)
- The lost years
- Army history
- The Coast Guard as neighbors
- Artifacts available for display from the Simpson era
- Pre-Simpson history
- Model of 1st mansion

PR ACTIVITIES:

- Shore Acres information phone (GTE)
- Display space at local libraries
- Informational signs at Sunset Bay parking lot
- * Survey review (every 4 years)
- Maps of the world
- Inclusion in tour bus itinerary

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

- * Day Camp
- * Kids camp-outs (camporees?)
- Arbor Day/Presidents Day/Governor's Day
- Winter watching (storm and whale watching)
- Assorted trail walks/runs/biathlons/etc.
- Garden organizations events
- Jedediah Smith
- Audubon Society events

(Continued . . .)

Planning Meeting (Contin.)



Chris and Donna Flammang, Tony Mason, Nellie Ripper, George Guthrie

Special Projects:

- Photo Contest
- Music Festival concert
- Evening summer concerts
- House open weekends
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Garden Party and art show/painting/wine/cheese event
- 1890's Box Social - Jerrie Van Natta, Dick Hansen, Connie Eslinger and Ann Kopyy will do
- Life Savers Weekend - Jana Doerr will do

Tours:

- Other parks (for "Friends")

VOLUNTEERS:

- In-service training
- Name tags/badges for all workers
- Host sign and name badges
- Host/hostess aprons and vests

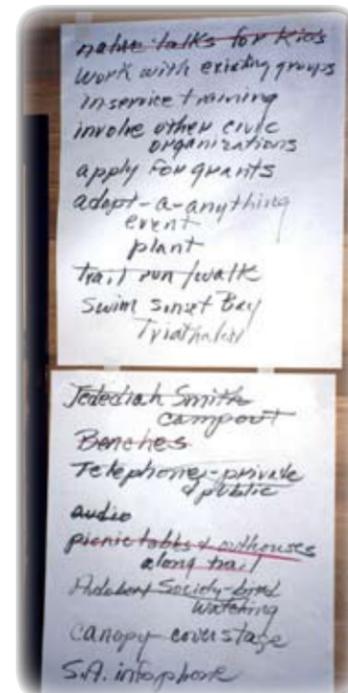
LECTURE SERIES:

- Tree identification
- Geology
- Wild flowers
- Birds
- Pruning and Grafting (roses, rhodies, etc.)
- Weavers
- Flower arranging
- Bonsai
- Tide pooling
- Gardening groups
- Children nature talks (schools, etc.)
- Campfire programs
- History

GIVE AWAY MATERIALS:

Brochures:

- Historical
- Plant ID sheets
- Trail maps
- Greenhouse tour
- Coast trail maps
- Other parks, campgrounds, etc.
- "What you can do for us" list



GAIC ITEMS FOR SALE:

- Magnifying boxes
- T-shirts, sweatshirts
- Bumper stickers (walking the trail and different sayings)
- Bronze cranes
- Hand-out maps
- Simpson book
- Plants and seeds
- Postcards (gardens and historic)
- Slides
- Pillows, quilts, and place mat kits
- Hats, mugs, glasses, wine glasses, cups
- Sun visors, rain bonnets
- Flowers on special days (by contract with nursery)
- Book bags and markers
- Stationery
- Plant guides
- Shore Acres coffee table book
- Ecology book of SA
- Audio/video tapes
- Sunglasses
- Bud vases
- Belt buckles
- Patches

FUND RAISING:

Collectors Series:

- Christmas cups
- Christmas ornaments
- Wine glasses

ONGOING:

- Memorials
- Donations
- Estate planning
- Bequests
- Endowments
- Grants **Bill Doerr will do**
- Corporate sponsors
- Membership dues
- Gift and information center
- Workshops, tours, in-services
- Telescopes
- Christmas lights donations

New Projects:

- Service group support
- Limited edition posters
- Rain insurance
- "What you can do for us" list
- Special Events and Activities as listed in that section

OTHER:

- Cape Arago Highway residents decorate/light their homes
- Sponsor use of park by other groups and take % fee

– AT THE GARDENS – NEW ELECTRICAL OUTLETS



David Bridgham



George Guthrie



George Jones

Getting Ready . . .

Christmas Lights and Open House at Shore Acres



December 9 - 31, 1989
Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Week nights 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
(Including Christmas Eve and Night)



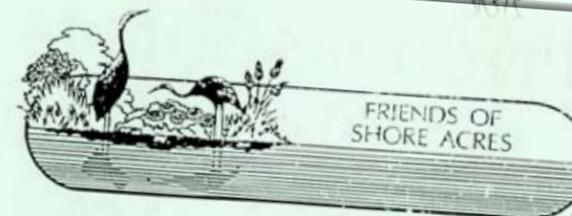
antique furnishings
music and entertainment
refreshments



For more information, call 888-4902 or 756-5401.

A community event coordinated by
The Friends of Shore Acres

Christmas Lights and Open House at Shore Acres



YOU SAID "YES" I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH CHRISTMAS

Christmas at Shore Acres '88 was "beautiful" according to the comments in our guest books. This and other positive descriptions were left by some of the nearly 20,000 visitors who enjoyed the Christmas lights, hot cider, cookies and the warm hospitality of the garden house. We asked our guests if they would like to help in this community event. Your "yes" is part of that wonderful response.

We really need your help this year. We are increasing the outdoor lighting to 25,000 miniature white and colored lights, four large outdoor trees, three indoor trees, a larger stage for nightly entertainment and the garden house will be decorated from top to bottom. We will serve 1500 doz. cookies, over 500 gal hot cider and open the garden house to visitors for 21 nights. This year the weekend hours for the garden house are expanded to 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

As you can see we've got our work cut out for us and we can use your help. The areas where we can use most of the help is in stringing outdoor lights on the boxwood hedge and in the flower beds. We will start with the outdoor lights on December 2 (Saturday) 12:00 noon, what is not strung will be done Sunday 3rd starting at 10:00 am.

We invite all of our volunteers to a special "Volunteers Only Preview Night" December 7th (Thursday). You will get a sneak preview 2 days before we open the display to the public.

If you intend to become a active part of what has been called an "instant tradition" please RSVP at our message phone 756-5401.

Thank you

David Bridgham
David Bridgham
President

The Friends of Shore Acres, P.O. Box 1172, Coos Bay, OR 97420
(503) 888-4902 or 888-3732

Getting Ready . . .

Can you help with lights?

Friends of Shore Acres is looking for willing volunteers to help string almost 25,000 lights to decorate the botanical gardens at Shore Acres State Park for the holiday season.

Volunteers should report to the gardens at noon, Saturday, Dec. 2.

This year, the organization has mapped out the grid system for the lights and new electrical connections have been provided.

Both changes will make it easier for volunteers to string lights.

Any lights not finished on Saturday, will be finished beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 3.

The gardens this year will boast both white and colored lights, with four large outdoor trees, three indoor trees, a larger stage for nightly en-

tertainment and double-lighting on the garden house itself.

The festivities at the gardens, including nightly entertainment, and tours of the totally decorated garden house, will begin Saturday, Dec. 9.

Last year, some 20,000 visitors toured the house and gardens. This

year, volunteers are getting ready to serve 1,500 dozen cookies and 500 gallons of hot cider.

If you want to help with lights, show up on Saturday. If you would like to help with some other task, call the organization at 888-4902 or 888-3732.

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CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT



SCHEDULE

9th	North Bend First Presbyterian Church Choir Ron Crouse, Steve Simpkins & Christmas Band	18th	Geno the clown Hauser Church adult choir
10th	Western Rivers Girl Scouts singers SWOCC Southwesterns	19th	Charleston Church Rainbow Cloggers
11th	Hauser Church, Teen Celebration, Kid's Praise	20th	Methodist Church w/Dave Stewart
12th	Rainbow Cloggers Kingsview	21st	Four Square Church Barbershop Quartet
13th	Kim & Kevin Paulson LDS Youth	22nd	Celebration Church
14th	Runeberg Dancers Sweet Adelines	23rd	Melody Caldera
15th	West Coast Gymnastics Geno the clown Pam Lancaster	24th	Valerie and Ben
16th	NBHS Choice Edition Rainbow Cloggers	25th	Kotch Graham and Carolyn Regal
17th	TBA	26th	TBA
		27th	TBA
		28th	TBA
		29th	Ken Keyes
		30th	Ken Keyes
		31st	TBA

ALL ENTERTAINMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
AND "WEATHER DEPENDENT"



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The Presbyterian choir is just one of many groups set to entertain each evening, weather permitting.

CHRISTMAS AT SHORE ACRES - AN "INSTANT TRADITION"

By the time you get your newsletter, Christmas Lights and Open House at Shore Acres will be underway. Last year nearly 20,000 visitors came and since we've expanded the weekend hours this year we expect an even greater number.

More than 50 volunteers were at the gardens to help set up the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd and as a result, almost 25,000 lights have been strung, the garden house has been furnished and decorated, more than 500 dozen cookies have been baked (a start towards the 1500 dozen needed), entertainment has been scheduled and dozens of hosts are ready to welcome everyone with hot cider, cookies, punch and coffee.

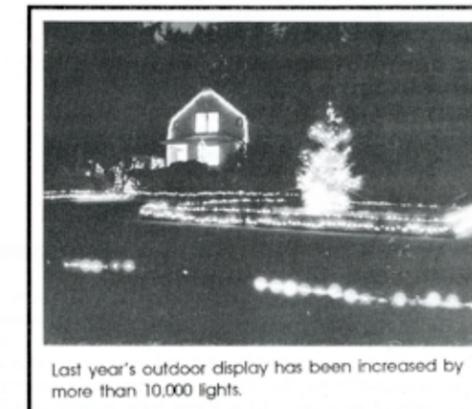
This year's event promises to be the best yet and as a direct result of the cooperative effort the Friends, the park staff and the hundreds of volunteers put forth, Christmas at Shore Acres becomes once again truly a community event.

Christmas Lights and Open House at Shore Acres



December 9 - 31, 1989

Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Week nights 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
(Including Christmas Eve and Night)



Last year's outdoor display has been increased by more than 10,000 lights.

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Tis the Season for Christmas Lights on the Coast

The coast will sparkle with thousands of lights this holiday season as communities present old-fashioned Christmas celebrations at Shore Acres State Park in Charleston, Bandon-by-the-Sea, and the historic Hughes House on Cape Blanco.

The formal gardens at **Shore Acres**, south of Coos Bay/North Bend, will again be lighted from Sat., Dec. 9 through Dec. 31, (including Christmas Eve and Christmas).

The Garden House will be open from 5-9 p.m. during the week and from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. on weekends. Admission is free.

Sponsored by The Friends of Shores Acres, the Christmas event last year attracted nearly 20,000 visitors from 38 different states and 16 foreign countries.

Nearly 25,000 lights will twinkle through the gardens and around the garden house which will be filled with turn-of-the-century antiques and decorated through-

out.

Visitors will be treated to hot spiced cider, cranberry punch, hot coffee and freshly baked cookies. Entertainment is scheduled for most evenings.

For information call Shirley or David Bridgman at 756-5401; George Guthrie, 888-3732 or the Sunset Bay Park District office at 888-4902. For entertainment information, call Della Gibbens at 888-4076.

Bandon-by-the-Sea's Festival of Lights begins Dec. 1 with the official lighting of the entire community beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 8.

Visitors will find businesses, homes, boats and the Bandon Lighthouse outlined in thousands of lights.

A live nativity scene will be presented on weekends at the

entrance to Oldtown, and old-fashioned horse-and-buggy rides will be available to tour the community while caroling.

For information call the Bandon Chamber of Commerce, 347-9616.

The historic **Hughes House**, a late-19th Century Queen Anne structure on Cape Blanco at Sixes, will be lighted, decorated and open to visitors Dec. 15-17 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

The house was once home to Patrick and Jane Hughes, Irish immigrants and ranchers who were among Curry County's first white settlers. The house has been restored to its former rustic beauty.

Friends of Cape Blanco will offer refreshments. Visitors are invited to join in caroling. Call 332-6774 for more information.



Getting Ready . . .



David Bridgham, Co-Chair Holiday Lights



Large Christmas tree "planted" in the center walkway



George Guthrie, Shore Acres "Head Gardener"



Volunteers work on stringing 25,000 lights



Volunteers Dick Van Natta and Ginger Sawyer

A couple of volunteers made the news . . .



Merrie Holbert decorates the garden entrance.

The World - December 4, 1989
Jan and Harry Dolezal



Photo courtesy of Friends of Shore Acres

Like Christmas elves, volunteers like these for the Friends of Shore Acres State Park swarmed through the park's formal gardens Saturday, decorating for the annual holiday display that opens next weekend. The free open house at the gardens is set for Dec. 9-31, with weeknight hours from 5 to 9 p.m. and weekend hours of 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Not only are the gardens decorated, but the inside of the gardener's cottage is decorated with antiques, and will be stocked with cookies and beverages for visitors, who will also hear caroling each evening.



Shore Acres State Park Manager Andy LaTomme works on the stage.



Merrie Holbert (L) and Diane Verger (R) get some help.



Gerry Livingston offers suggestions to Andy LaTomme and her husband Charlie Kocher on decorating the stage.



A Garden House Makeover for Christmas



Elegant velvet covered furniture in the living room



David Bridgham, Tony Mason, Robin Harms, Sue Graeser



Large Christmas tree in the living room



New counter for refreshments built by Don Harms



Van driver delivered furniture to the Garden House. Volunteers David and Shirley Bridgham, Frank Smith, Sue Graeser, Robin and Don Harms, and Friend were ready to unload and decorate.



"Thanks" Scrolls in the Kitchen



Myrtlewood chairs for visitors



Don Harms and Claire Kinman



Display of Historical Photos of Simpson's Shoreacres estate

A Garden House Filled with Memories



Claire Kinman, Jerrie Van Natta and Alta Wilson

Borrowed Furniture

Willing Hands

Beautiful Results





Food/Recipes

LINDA MEIERJURGEN
Food Editor



A caroling couple pauses to enjoy the Christmas lights during the annual open house at Shore Acres State Park botanical gardens and gardener's cottage.

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At Shore Acres gardens...

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Some 25,000 lights will turn the formal gardens into a fairytale of pathways and Christmas trees, with area choral and instrumental groups providing entertainment almost every night. The organization plans to serve some 18,000 cookies and 500 gallons of punch, while welcoming visitors to the traditionally decorated gardener's cottage full of antiques and holiday finery.

The gardens will be open free every night from 5 to 9 p.m., including Christmas Eve and Christmas Day evening.

Each year, hundreds of volunteers are organized to attach the lights and test them, decorate the cottage, serve as hosts and hostesses, to entertain, to bake and to clean up.

President of the organization is David Bridgham, with his wife, Shirley, serving as this year's general chairman. Sue Graeser masterminds the conversion of the simple gardener's cottage into a warm, home full of antiques and handcrafted holiday decorations, historic quilts and other treasures. Sharon Fortune and hundreds of baking elves throughout the community will serve up the cookies.

Cornia Edinger and committee have produced a white, porcelain Christmas tree ornament depicting the cottage and gardens on one side, and a heron on the other side of a beach sand dollar. It will sell for \$9 during the open house. Holiday cups will be available, as well, showing the cottage inside a wreath, and selling for \$6.50.

New paths have been built to funnel guests in and out of the cottage efficiently, and the entertainment area will be located in the gardens on a larger stage this year. A tentative schedule of entertainment can be found on Page 1A.

The event is a wonderful place to take a child, or visiting family and friends.

With music drifting through the winter-chilled gardens, sparkling with thousands of lights, walking the steps to the cottage and its familiar treasures, smells and tastes of Christmas, is like walking back to your own childhood—a lovely way to renew the holiday spirit!

(See related story Page 2A)

At historic Hughes House...

SIXES RIVER—The Friends of Cape Blanco State Park will host "Christmas at the Hughes House," from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 15, 16, and 17.

This charming Victorian house was the home of the Patrick Hughes family, early coast pioneers. It was built in 1898 at the mouth of the Sixes River and is currently being restored to portray the way of life of the era.

The event has been coordinated with the Friends of Shore Acres holiday celebrations and with the holiday lighting celebrations at on the Coquille River, at Bandon.

The festivities will include garden lights, holiday decorations will fill the house with a Victorian theme.

Volunteers will serve mulled cider and homebaked cookies and local choirs will sing Christmas carols each evening. The event is open to the public free of charge.

The Friends of Cape Blanco is an all-volunteer organization supported by membership dues, donations from interested individuals, and fundraising events.

The primary project of the group is restoration of the Hughes House, a structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places. As a first step, the front parlor will be refurbished and redecorated in Victorian style.

The house was home to a pioneer farming family and was used as an early day gathering place for a church, as well.

To reach the Hughes House, follow Highway 101 signs to Cape Blanco State Park.

Yulefest brings Lucia...

BROOKINGS—The third annual "Jule and Lucia Fest" will be held beginning at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Brookings.

First and second generation Scandinavians and their families may share in the celebration.

In keeping with tradition, the event starts with the Lucia procession, followed by singing of Scandinavian carols and hymns, as well as

dancing around the Christmas tree.

Glogg, coffee and Scandinavian Christmas treats will be served. Those planning to attend are asked to bring a dish of cookies or cakes or other sweets, figs, dates, oranges or apples—all traditions in Scandinavian homes. In addition, bring a small gift (under \$2) for exchange with a person of the same sex.

Reservations are required and should be made by calling 469-5622 or 469-4252 before Thursday, Dec. 7.

Lights, lights...and more...

Cities along the South Coast have joined the holiday tradition by providing street decorations and trees for the enjoyment of residents and visitors.

In Gold Beach, the city coordinated a drive to place more than 40,000 lights along Highway 101 through the city, involving more than 100 businesses, county and state offices, and schools. The city also boasts lighted decorations on utility poles. The drive was sponsored by the Gold Beach-Wedderburn Chamber of Commerce, and the Gold Beach Merchants Association.

In Bandon, boats berthed in the Coquille River string lights on their masts and spars, and the city fire department outlines the exterior of the historic Bandon Lighthouse with white lights. Santa Claus and Frosty the Snowman will arrive at dusk Friday, Dec. 8, at the Bandon Chamber of Commerce information center in old town on the waterfront. Christmas carols will be sung and the community Christmas tree will be lighted. Bandon Stables will offer buggy rides, by donation, around old town, every Friday and Saturday at dusk during the holidays, and the traditional living Nativity scene will again be held near the entrance to old town.

In Coos Bay, and in North Bend, streets have already been decorated and city Christmas trees are up. The Coos Bay tree sits atop the mall roof stretching over Highway 101 and the North Bend tree is in the lawn area at Highway 101 and Washington Street.

In Myrtle Point, and in Coquille, Christmas trees have also been lighted with ceremonies and holiday decorations can be found on major streets.

Throughout the holiday season, The World wishes you and your family the best of good cheer!

Want to help bake 18,000 cookies for Shore Acres?

If you would like to help the Friends of Shore Acres volunteers bake over 18,000 cookies for the upcoming "open house" at the botanical gardens here's how to do it.

There are two ways. You can make your own dough and bring it to be baked at a giant baking party slated from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, at North Bend Junior High School.

You can just show up that day, too, to help juggle the cookie sheets in and

out of the oven or help with storage.

If you can call Southwestern Oregon Community College weekdays at 888-2525 to volunteer to make dough or to give already baked cookies. They'll give you more information if you call.

The organization will accept any kinds of dough or cookies, but it's fun for volunteers to share holiday treats and traditions, too!

Shore Acres lists events

A tentative schedule of performing groups and entertainers has been established for the annual Christmas "open house" sponsored by the Friends of Shore Acres at the park's botanical gardens and gardener's cottage.

Entertainment will be offered every night on a larger stage located in the gardens—unless the weather is just too awful for songs!

On opening night, Saturday, Dec. 9, the North Bend Presbyterian Church Choir will perform at 6 p.m. and the Bay Area Community Concert Band will perform at 7 p.m.

The following night, Sunday, Dec. 10, Girl Scouts from throughout the region will carol beginning at 5 p.m., followed by Elsie Robson and the Southwesterners from Southwestern Oregon Community College.

Monday, Dec. 11, the Hauser Community Church Choir and families will conduct a "Teen Celebration" and "Kid's Praise" event at the gardens.

Tuesday, Dec. 12, the Rainbow Cloggers will perform in the early evening, followed by the students and families from Kingsview Christian School.

Kim and Kevin Paulson will sing from 5:30 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 13, with youth from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints performing from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

On Thursday, Dec. 14, the Bay Area female barbershop group, the "Sweet Adelines" will perform at 7:30 p.m., with the Scandinavian Runeberg Dancers starting the evening at 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 15, Pamela Lancaster will open the evening at 7:30 p.m., with Geno the Clown performing from 7 to 8 p.m., and youngsters from the West Coast Gymnastics Academy performing a 45-minute show at 7 p.m.

The "Choice Edition" ensemble from North Bend High School will open the evening at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16, with the Rainbow Cloggers performing at 7:30 p.m.

Geno the Clown will perform from 7 to 8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 18, and the adult choir from Hauser Community Church will perform following.

Charleston Community Church will perform Tuesday, Dec. 19, with the Rainbow Cloggers opening at 7 p.m.

The Rev. Dave Stewart and the choir of the First United Methodist Church of Coos Bay will perform Wednesday, Dec. 20.

On Thursday Dec. 21, the Bay Area Barbershop Quartet will perform at 7:30 p.m., preceded by the Bay Area Foursquare Church congregation.

On Friday, Dec. 22, the Celebration Church will perform beginning at 7 p.m.

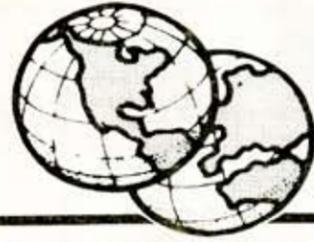
Melody Caldera will perform from 7 to 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 23, with Wanda Graham and Carolyn Regal performing on Christmas Day evening, Dec. 25.

Students and staff from Ken Keyes College will perform both Friday, Dec. 29 and Saturday, Dec. 30.

Other dates will be announced later. If your group would like to perform at the gardens contact Shirley Bridgham at SWOCC by calling 888-2525.



Donna and Chris Flammang in World Photo



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The gardens will be open free every night from 5 to 9 p.m., including Christmas Eve and Christmas Day evening.

Each year, hundreds of volunteers are organized to attach the lights and test them, decorate the cottage, serve as hosts and hostesses, to entertain, to bake and to clean up.

President of the organization is David Bridgham, with his wife, Shirley, serving as this year's general chairman. Sue Graeser masterminds the conversion of the simple gardener's cottage into a warm, home full of antiques and handcrafted holiday decorations, historic quilts and other treasures. Sharon Fortune and hundreds of baking elves throughout the community will serve up the cookies.

Connie Eslinger and committee have produced a white, porcelain Christmas tree ornament depicting the cottage and gardens on one side, and a heron on the other side of a beach sand dollar. It will sell for \$9 during the open house. Holiday cups will be available, as well, showing the cottage inside a wreath, and selling for \$6.50.

New paths have been built to funnel guests in and out of the cottage efficiently, and the entertainment area will be located in the gardens on a larger stage this year. A tentative schedule of entertainment can be found on Page 3A.

The event is a wonderful place to take a child, or visiting family and friends.

With music drifting through the winter-chilled gardens, sparkling with thousands of lights, walking the steps to the cottage and its familiar treasures, smells and tastes of Christmas, is like walking back to your own childhood—a lovely way to renew the holiday spirit!

(See related story Page 2A)

At historic Hughes House...

SIXES RIVER—The Friends of Cape Blanco State Park will host "Christmas at the Hughes House," from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 15, 16, and 17.

This charming Victorian house was the home of the Patrick Hughes family, early coast pioneers. It was built in 1898 at the mouth of the Sixes River and is currently being restored to portray the way of life of the era.

The event has been coordinated with the Friends of Shore Acres holiday celebrations and with the holiday lighting celebrations at on the Coquille River, at Bandon.

The festivities will include garden lights, holiday decorations will fill the house with a Victorian theme.

Volunteers will serve mulled cider and homebaked cookies and local choirs will sing Christmas carols each evening. The event is open to the public free of charge.

The Friends of Cape Blanco is an all-volunteer organization supported by membership dues, donations from interested individuals, and fundraising events.

The primary project of the group is restoration of the Hughes House, a structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places. As a first step, the front parlor will be refurbished and redecorated in Victorian style.

The house was home to a pioneer farming family and was used as an early day gathering place for a church, as well.

To reach the Hughes House, follow Highway 101 signs to Cape Blanco State Park.

Yulefest brings Lucia...

BROOKINGS—The third annual "Jule and Lucia Fest" will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Brookings.

First and second generation Scandinavians and their families may share in the celebration.

In keeping with tradition, the event starts with the Lucia procession, followed by singing of Scandinavian carols and hymns, as well as

dancing around the Christmas tree.

Glogg, coffee and Scandinavian Christmas treats will be served.

Those planning to attend are asked to bring a dish of cookies or cakes or other sweets, figs, dates, oranges or apples—all traditions in Scandinavian homes. In addition, bring a small gift (under \$2) for exchange with a person of the same sex.

Reservations are required and should be made by calling 469-5622 or 469-4202 before Thursday, Dec. 7.

Lights, lights...and more...

Cities along the South Coast have joined the holiday tradition by providing street decorations and trees for the enjoyment of residents and visitors.

In Gold Beach, the city coordinated a drive to place more than 40,000 lights along Highway 101 through the city, involving more than 100 businesses, county and state offices, and schools. The city also boasts lighted decorations on utility poles. The drive was sponsored by the Gold Beach-Wedderburn Chamber of Commerce, and the Gold Beach Merchants Association.

In Bandon, boats berthed in the Coquille River string lights on their masts and spars, and the city fire department outlines the exterior of the historic Bandon Lighthouse with white lights. Santa Claus and Frosty the Snowman will arrive at dusk, Friday, Dec. 8, at the Bandon Chamber of Commerce information center in old town on the waterfront. Christmas carols will be sung and the community Christmas tree will be lighted. Bandon Stables will offer buggy rides, by donation, around old town, every Friday and Saturday at dusk during the holidays, and the traditional living Nativity scene will again be held near the entrance to old town.

In Coos Bay, and **in North Bend**, streets have already been decorated and city Christmas trees are up. The Coos Bay tree sits atop the mall roof stretching over Highway 101 and the North Bend tree is in the lawn area at Highway 101 and Washington Street.

In Myrtle Point, and **in Coquille**, Christmas trees have also been lighted with ceremonies and holiday decorations can be found on major streets.

Throughout the holiday season, The World wishes you and your family the best of good cheer!

ALMOST FULL SIZE - PAGE 2-A
Tuesday, December 5, 1989, The World, Coos Bay, Ore.

Want to help bake 18,000 cookies for Shore Acres?

If you would like to help the Friends of Shore Acres volunteers bake over 18,000 cookies for the upcoming "open house" at the botanical gardens here's how to do it.

There are two ways. You can make your own dough and bring it to be baked at a giant baking party slated from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, at North Bend Junior High School.

You can just show up that day, too, to help juggle the cookie sheets in and

out of the oven or help with storage.

If you can call Southwestern Oregon Community College weekdays at 888-2525 to volunteer to make dough or to give already baked cookies. They'll give you more information if you call.

The organization will accept any kinds of dough or cookies, but it's fun for volunteers to share holiday treats and traditions, too!

A Daunting but "Happy" Task - 18,000 Cookies



Sharon Fortune, Cookie Baking Chair and Bonnie Koreiva



Pearl Groves - Head Baker, North Bend HS



Happy Cookie Bakers - They did it!

To bake 18,000 cookies mix holiday cheer, family recipes, willing hands

Most of us treasure family holiday recipes, and spend at least some time during the season at the oven, turning out cookies and other holiday treats for our families.

Try to imagine then, volunteers for Friends of Shore Acres turning out over 18,000 cookies!

If you would like to help in this labor of love, see story on Page 2A.

If you want to make some of the organization's cookies for your own family, here are some of the recipes planned this holiday season.

SNICKERDOODLES

- 1½ cup sugar
- 1 cup margarine
- 2 eggs
- 2¾ cup flour
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Reserve 2 Tablespoons sugar and 2 teaspoons cinnamon. Cream

margarine and sugar, add eggs and blend well. Sift dry ingredients and add, mixing well. Shape into balls, roll in sugar and cinnamon mixture. Bake on an ungreased cookie sheet at 400-degrees for 8 to 10 minutes.

CHOCOLATE CRINKLES

- ½ cup oil
- 4 squares melted chocolate
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt

Melt chocolate and cool slightly. Combine oil and eggs, add sugar and mix well. Add vanilla and chocolate. Sift dry ingredients and add; mix well. Refrigerate until stiff enough to handle. Roll into balls, then in powdered sugar, coating well. Bake at 350-degrees, on a greased cookie sheet, 10 to 12 minutes.

RIBBON COOKIES

- 1¼ cup sugar
- 1¼ teaspoon baking powder
- 2½ cups flour
- 1 cup margarine
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 ounce melted chocolate
- ¼ cup chopped nuts
- 2 Tablespoons finely chopped marachino cherries

Cream margarine and sugar, add eggs and vanilla, and mix well. Sift dry ingredients and add, mixing well.

Divide dough into three parts. To one part add the melted chocolate. To another part add the nuts. To the final third, add the cherries and pink food coloring.

Line a bread pan with foil and press the layers on top of each other. Refrigerate until well chilled. Slice thin. Bake at 375-degrees for 10 minutes on an ungreased cookie sheet.

COOKIE FROSTING

- 2½ cups powdered sugar
- 3 Tablespoons butter
- 2 Tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon rum extract
- ½ teaspoon vanilla

Mix all ingredients well, until of spreading consistency.

GUM DROP COOKIES

- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 cups quick oatmeal
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 cup gum drops
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Mix in the order given, creaming the shortening and sugars, adding eggs and vanilla; sift dry ingredients and add, mixing well. Stir in oatmeal, coconut, gum drops and chopped nuts. Roll into small balls. Press fairly flat with a fork. Bake at 375-degrees for 10 minutes.

NUTMEG COOKIE LOGS

- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 cup margarine
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 teaspoons Rum extract
- 1 egg
- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg

Mix ingredients well and divide dough into six, equal parts. Roll each part into a long rope about ½-inch in diameter. Cut into 3-inch lengths. Place on ungreased cookie sheet and bake at 350-degrees for 10 to 12 minutes or until light golden brown.

Cool and frost with frosting below. After frosting, run the tines of a fork through the frosting to resemble tree bark.

PEANUT BLOSSOMS

- 1¾ cup flour
- 1 teaspoon soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 Tablespoons milk
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup margarine
- ½ cup peanut butter
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine all ingredients and roll into small balls. Then roll in sugar and place on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake for 10 minutes at 375-degrees. Immediately upon removing sheet from oven, place chocolate star or chocolate kiss in center of cookie and press down.

Opening Night, Dec. 9, 1989 – 25,000 Lights



Phyllis Love, Graphic Artist at Southwestern Oregon Community College and member of the Friends, designed the Christmas Lights at Shore Acres poster and the sweatshirt for volunteers.



Robynn Reed visits with Donna and Frank Smith. All helped with setting up the Christmas Lights display.

Coast briefs

Shores Acres lights go on today

CHARLESTON — With 25,000 lights in a fairyland display through the formal gardens, Christmas at Shore Acres State Park officially opens to the public today.

From today through Dec. 31, the lights, refreshments, antique decorations in the gardener's cottage and live volunteer musical presentations will greet visitors to the gardens, in an effort sponsored by the Friends of Shore Acres.

The garden house opens to the public at 11 a.m. today, with some of the lights turned on during the daylight hours. At dusk — around 5 p.m. — the lights of the special Christmas trees decorating the gardens will be turned on.

The hours for the display are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends, and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays.

Entertainment for tonight at the gardens will be provided by the North Bend Presbyterian Church Choir tonight at 6 p.m. and the Bay Area Community Concert Band at 7 p.m. On Sunday, the Girl Scouts will sing the carols of the season at 5 p.m., followed by Elsie Robson and the Southwesterners of Southwestern Oregon Community College.



Donna Smith holds Robynn and Mike Reed's baby boy Adam born in October just ahead of setting up the lights.

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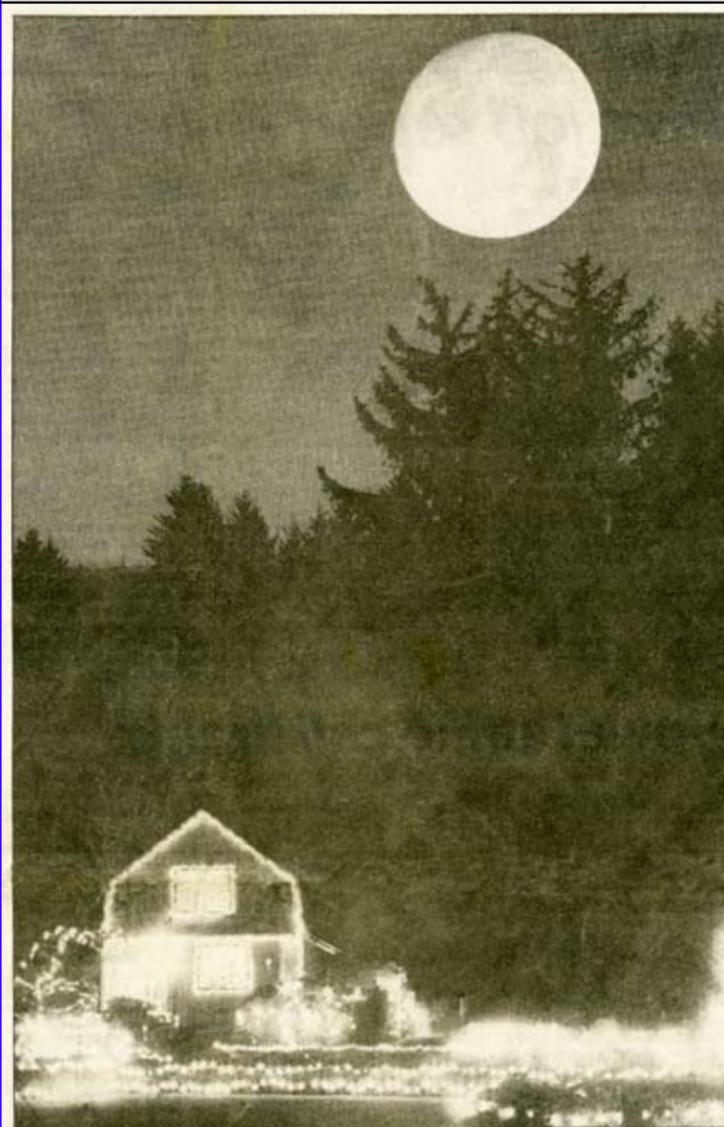
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Garden House open with hot cider, cranberry punch, coffee and cookies



World photo by Andy Cripe

A real light show

Though the almost-full moon was gigantic on Saturday night, World photographer Andy Cripe made a double exposure to achieve this stunning photo that merges the moon's natural light show with the man-made show at Shore Acres State Park near Charleston. The largest crowd ever turned out at Shore Acres Saturday night, enjoying the lights and music from the North Bend Presbyterian Church choir and the Bay Area Concert Band ensemble, under clear, still, and moonlight flooded skies. Dave

Bridgman, president of the Friends of Shore Acres reports that some 1,600 people enjoyed the holiday festivities on opening night. The gardens remain open every night through the holiday season from 5 to 9 p.m., including Christmas Eve and Christmas Day evening. On weekends, the hours are extended to 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. so visitors can drop in during daylight hours to enjoy the refreshments and decorations in the cottage.



Formal Garden's center brick planter filled with a small Christmas tree

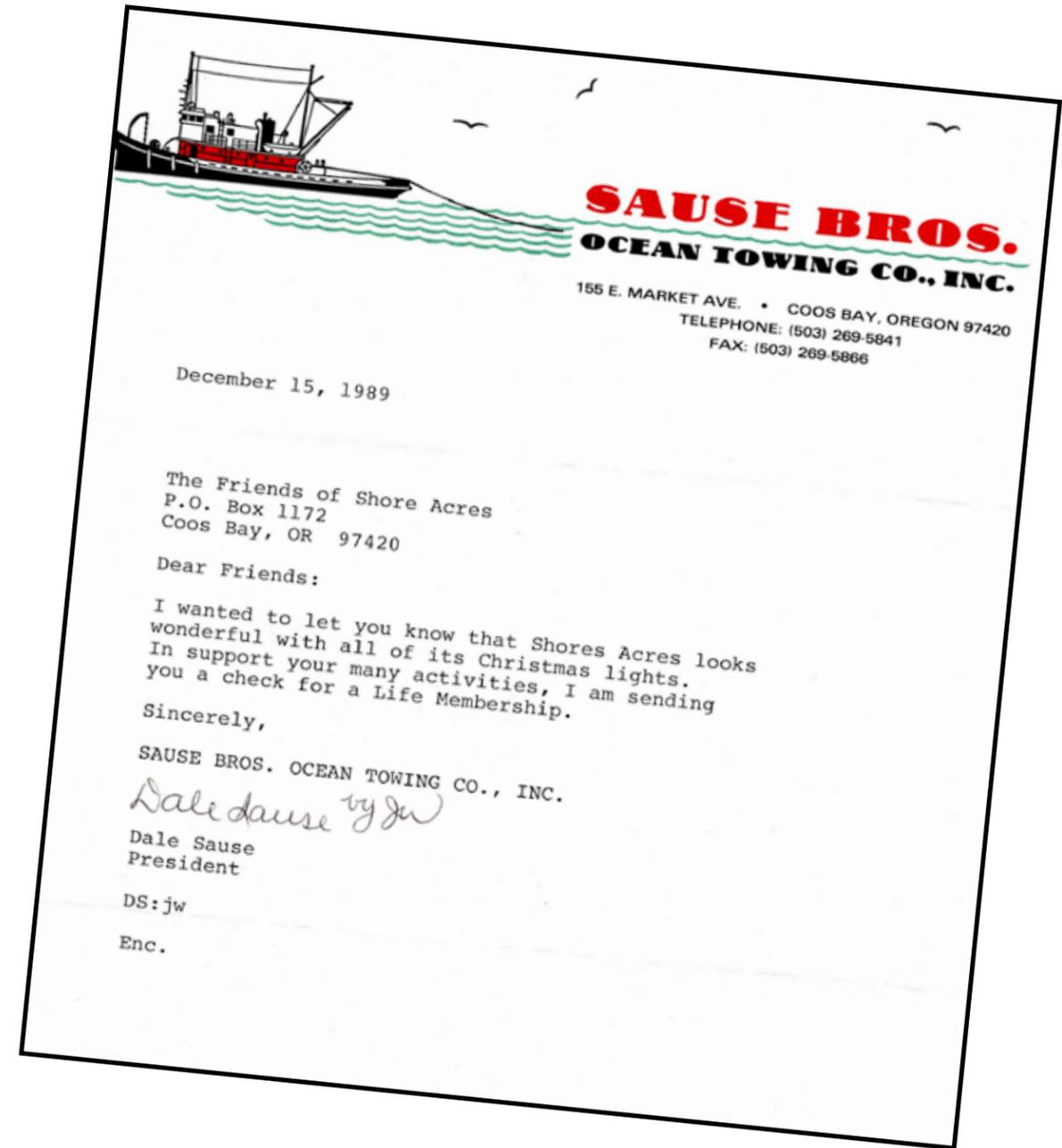
More Photos and Nice Results!



Dusk is a favorite Time for many.



Lots of Cookies



Life Member

State park certificates a gift idea

Oregon State Parks can help with your Christmas shopping for friends and relatives who camp.

Plan to purchase a state parks gift certificate that can be redeemed for an overnight stay in any of 50 state park campgrounds, including 17 that are open year-round.

The \$10 certificates can be purchased and used at any time of the year, but some people think they are particularly appropriate during the coming holiday season, according to David G. Talbot, state parks administrator.

The certificates come in \$10 denominations. Change, if necessary, will be made in "rainchecks" that can be used just like cash in any state park campground. There is no time limit on when the certificates must be used.

Certificates may be purchased at the State Parks Division, 525 Trade St., S.E., Salem, OR 97310; state park regional offices in Portland, Tillamook, Coos Bay, Bend or LaGrande; and all state parks that are open during winter months.

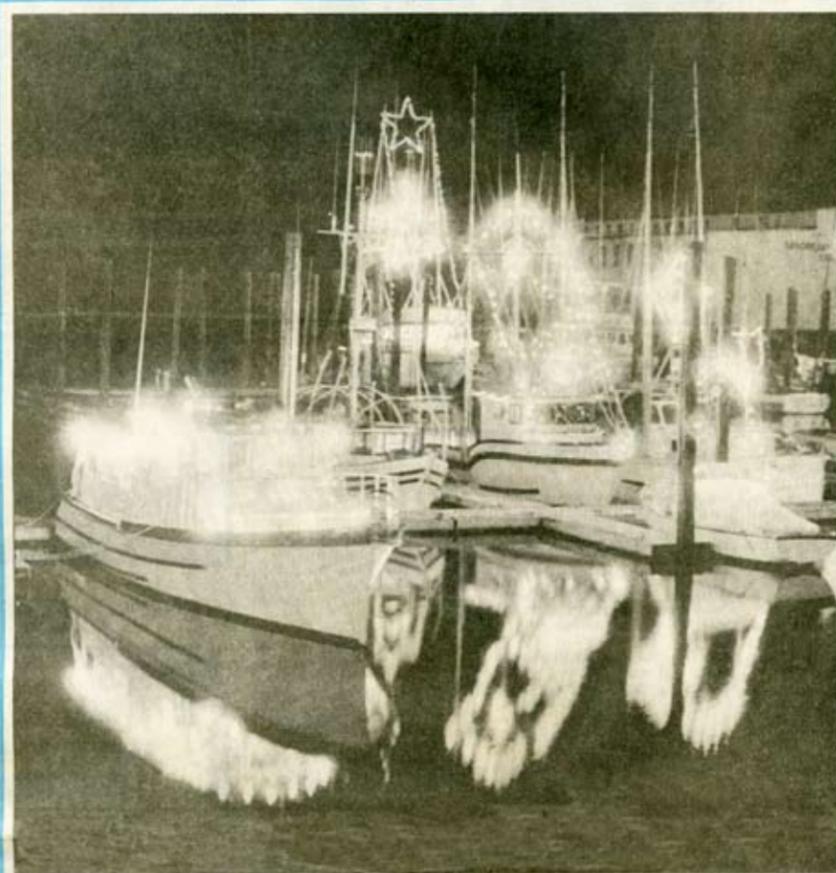
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	South Umpqua	48	Illinois Valley	45	Myrtle Point	71	

Merry Christmas

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Christmas lights on fishing boats at Bandon provide a festive seasonal reminder.

Christmas lights abound

'Tis the season for all to shine

People looking for illumination this holiday season will find plenty to light their fancy on the South Coast.

In addition to the "instant tradition" of lights at Shore Acres State Park, houses on the coast are donning Christmas ornaments and lights.

Here are some areas where people can see fine displays, according to a variety of sources including chambers of commerce, police patrols and proud neighbors who have called *The World* over the past week:

— **North Bend.** Several houses on Edgewood Drive off Newmark Avenue are decked out for the holidays. Oak Street also has houses with colorful decorations.

— **Coos Bay.** Incredible displays can be seen in the Westgate neighborhood off Ocean Boulevard. Other brightly lit houses can be seen on Vista and Marion streets, Pacific Avenue and at the corner of Neese and Wallace off Ocean Boulevard. A house in Englewood at the corner of 19th and California streets is notable.

— **Coquille.** Dick Woodworth was the winner of the city light judging contest for the decoration of his house at 472 W. 17th St. while second place went to Ron Tollenaar at the corner of West Fourth and Cedar streets. Larry and Carol Marone of 589 E. 11th St. took third place.

— **Reedsport.** The Fern Acres neighborhood off Ranch Road shows some impressive displays. First place in the Lower Umpqua Chamber of Commerce light contest was L.W. Franklin at 740 Elm St. while second place went to Coleman Porter on Marsh Street in Gardiner. The Quilt Connection in Winchester Bay won first place in the commercial division.

— **Gold Beach.** From the Rogue River Bridge all the way through town, businesses have put out a special effort this year. More than 40,000 lights are estimated to be shining in the city's business district.

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Lighting up

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— **Glasgow.** Many houses on the hillside overlooking the bay are painting the landscape with Christmas color.

— **Myrtle Point.** First place in the city's light contest in the commercial division went to Coquille Valley Accounting at 614 Maple St. First place in the residential contest inside the city limits was awarded to Pat and Dan Wooley of 1110 Hermann St. Harry Brown at 424 18th St. won second place while third was given to Linda Glass at 654 Sixth St. Evelyn Redford won first place among the houses judged outside the city limits for the decorations on her house across the street from the Bridge Tavern. Marium Brown on Gravelford Road one mile north of town was second in the out-of-town category while third was awarded to Leroy Brown on Broadbent Road about three miles east of town.

— **Bandon.** The city has an overall display of white lights, particularly in the Old Town section, including the Coquille River Lighthouse across the river. First place in a light judging contest was awarded Harry and Judy Abel on Meado-Hill Road north of Bandon. June Hogue on Oregon Avenue was the second place winner while third place went to Hugh McNeil at 980 Second St. The retail winner was the Country Merchant at Highway 101 and Elmira Avenue.

The World - December 27, 1989

Shore Acres State Park

Astounding crowds eat up cookie supply

Though the response to a plea for cookies last week was "absolutely fabulous," the Friends of Shore Acres State Park could still use more cookies to stock their open house at the park through New Years Eve.

The Friends Christmas light display in the formal gardens of the park includes an open house in the garden cottage with free beverages and cookies. When the display opened on Dec. 9, the Friends had stocked in over 10,000 cookies, according to organizer Shirley Bridgham; by Dec. 20, they were almost gone.

Last week's request for cookies brought in so many cookies that Bridgham says she stopped counting, but the "astounding" crowds of Christmas weekend have gone through the supplies. No official count is available yet, but she said this year's crowds have surpassed last year's visitor count of about 20,000.

Cookies can be dropped off at the garden house anytime this week, according to Bridgham. The hours on the display are 5 to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 30 and 31, the last day of the display.

Note - December 29, 1989

Oregon State Parks

*Seasons Greetings and Thank You
From All of Us to All of You.*

*Your special gifts of
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Watching for whales

Mrs. R.K. Conrad of Coos Bay, left, along with Sarah Qualman and Kathy Qualman, both from Portland, keep an eye out for whales Wednesday at Shore Acres State Park south of Charleston. Volunteers are on hand at Shore Acres and at the Umpqua Lighthouse on the South Coast to help coastal residents and

visitors spot migrating California gray whales. The volunteers, who have participated in training sessions at the Mark Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, are to be at their posts from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day through New Year's Day, according to organizers.

Famous Shore Acres "Wave" at Shore Acres State Park

"For seascape photographers, the Rembrandt of the sea awaits the click of your camera" - Description by Samuel H. Boardman, Oregon's first State Parks Superintendent



Coast Life

LINDA MEIERJURGEN, Coast Life Editor

OCA says yes to winter tourism on the coast

Yes, says the Oregon Coast Association, there is tourism on the Oregon Coast outside the traditional summer tourist season.

"Whale watching, storm watching, the most productive beachcombing, winter camping and community events" are all reasons to visit the coast in the winter and spring, and are highlighted in the OCA's "Yes book" that is officially called Oregon Coast Travel Guide.

Yes, says the OCA, the coast is open for business. Yes, the prices are lower. Yes, there are things to do. Yes, the weather is often nice, but the stormy weather also has its fans on the coast.

The "Yes Season" winter-spring visitor promotion campaign, now in its fourth year, includes "Fantasy Weekend Giveaways," coupons for many coastal businesses, suggestions for activities, and listings of winter events.

The "Yes Book" has been going out to member business and tourist centers throughout the west since the beginning of the month, bringing a positive response, according to Wes Posey of Reedsport, OCA field representative.

"We've got a lot of good weather, lots of activities which happen only during the 'Yes Season' and a hospitality industry which needs the business," he explains.

"It's not the easy thing to do," says Judy Densmore of the Sunset Motel in Bandon and an OCA board member. "but it's what the industry needs ... so we're doing it."

The travel guide include feature stories about key attractions along the coast, mile-by-mile listings of what to see along Highway 101 and key adjacent highways like the Cape Arago Highway, listings of special events set for the winter and spring, and dozens of coupons backed by Fantasy Weekend entry forms.

Those who receive the guide can fill out entry blanks for several free weekend drawing including a "fantasy weekend" at Salishan Lodge, the coast's only five-star resort. Other weekend giveaways include free dinners, golf packages, and myrtlewood products.

The free guides are available at OCA member business, information centers on the coast, or by writing "Yes", P.O. Box 670, Newport, 97365.

An additional two-pound package of materials about the Oregon Coast, including a mini seashore gift, is available for a \$5 mailing and handling charge at the same address.

Other OCA board members from the South Coast are Coos County Commissioner Gordon Ross and Tim Gannon of Real Oregon Gifts.



Volunteers Pamela Royer and Chuck Newton offer advice on whale watching at Shore Acres State Park

World Photo by Andy Cripe



Dear Friends,
We were so impressed by your efforts to "light" up the world by Shore Acres. It was just beautiful. I was struck by how well you were organized - the punch making details, Cookies brigade and the wonderful Christmas items for sale. Even though 40,000 + lights is a staggering job, I'm confident you'll reach it in 1990. Thanks again.
Linda Lopez

December 30, 1989

Note from Linda Lopez, Volunteer Coordinator, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

The World - January 2, 1990

Crowds set record for Shore Acres

Christmas at Shore Acres was an outstanding success, according to Shirley Bridgham, the Christmas project coordinator for the Friends of Shore Acres.

After preliminary tabulations, Bridgham said that 35,000 people visited Shore Acres State Park between Dec. 9 and 31, with some 20,000 cookies, 500 gallons of cider, and 19,000 cups of coffee and tea provided by The Friends of Shore Acres during this time.

One half of the cookies were donated by the community in response to articles in The World about the cookie supply being short, according to Bridgham. "We did not run out of cookies, which was wonderful," Bridgham said.

Visitors came from 36 states and 16 countries, according to Bridgham.

Friends of Shore Acres used 25,000 lights to decorate the area this year and Bridgham said that next year that will increase to 40,000.

The World - January 24 1990

State parks rate high

More than 90 per cent of visitors to Oregon State Parks campgrounds and day-use areas rate the parks as "excellent" or "good" in response to a survey recently compiled.

The survey found that all park qualities were rated as "satisfactory" or better, according to Don Eixenberger, Parks research analyst. Highest marks went to employee courtesy, cleanliness of grounds, picnic sites and ease of registration, Eixenberger said.

He noted that the aging of America's population was documented by the survey. "Those 65 years or older comprise nearly 16 per cent of all surveyed visitors compared to 10 per cent in 1984," he said.

Families continue to constitute a high percentage of visitors with

nearly one fourth of the visitors 13 years old or less and 22 per cent between ages 35 and 49.

Eixenberger reported that the survey showed common activities to include viewing scenery and wildlife, relaxing, and enjoying solitude.

Park visitors have a substantial impact on the communities in the vicinity of the park. "Overall, each visitor will spend an average of \$26 per day within 25 miles of the park. Based on 1987 attendance, these expenditures total about \$250 million a year," Eixenberger said.

Visitors traveled an average of 124 miles to reach the park. For most, the park they were visiting was a planned destination, but most out-of-state residents also were visiting other state parks during their stay in Oregon.

The statistics are based on 17,000 surveys collected during the summer of 1988. Eixenberger said he has spent the past several months analyzing the information and creating a computer program that reports the findings on a park-by-park basis.

"In future surveys, which are conducted every four years, we will be able to analyze changes in visitor profile and satisfaction for individual parks as well as the entire state system," he said.

Visitors were surveyed at 40 parks—both overnight campgrounds and day-use areas. The survey consisted of 24 questions.

Shore Acres
Garden House
January 20, 1990
"Shakedown" Meeting
Lots of ideas to make
Christmas at Shore Acres
even better!



David Bridgham leads the meeting.

Friends' Quarterly Newsletter reports results . . .



Volume III, No. 2

Quarterly Newsletter

March 1, 1990

CHRISTMAS AT SHORE ACRES 1989 AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS FOR THE 3RD YEAR

STATS

35,000 visitors
75% increase over last year

Guest Book

13,800 registered
153 Cities in Oregon
43 States

17 Countries

6 Canadian Provinces

Lights

8550 lights added '89
25,000 on display
15,000 to be added '90
total of 40,000 for this year

Refreshments

over 2000 doz cookies served
865 doz baked by Cookie Committee
1000 + doz donated from community
525 gal hot apple cider

Volunteers

Outside decorating -
50 volunteers = 200 hr

Hosting -

200 host shifts = 900 hr

Related tasks - 400 hr

Total - over 1500 hr



Garden House beckons visitors.

Photo Ward Robertson

SOME OF THE FOLKS THAT MADE IT HAPPEN ! !

Iva Adams
Pearl Affholter
Marilyn Andrews
And Sew It Goes-Jean Kyle, Jean Bradford
Ashworth's-Frank Brown
Al Aslakson
Anna Mae Barnes
Bay Area Concert Band-WilburJensen/Ron Crouse
Bay Area Four Square Church
John & Dottie Bergen
Bette's Beauty Boutque
Marvin & Laura Lee Blenz
David & Jean Bradford
David & Shirley Bridgham

Melody Caldera
Celebration Group-First Assembly of God
Charleston Church-Malcolm Turkington
Choice Edition-North Bend HS
Coos County Forest-Bob Laport & Mike Risso
Coos County Historical Society Museum-
Ann Koppy, Julie Koppy
Coos Head Builders-Tom Graham, Fred Gonzales
Joe Cortez
Karen & Peter Crosby
Fred Meyer Donation Committee-Shirley Nettrover
D & N Furniture-Dave & Norma Frost
Johnnie Davis
Bill & Jana Doerr

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FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS

Jean Dunbar
Elf Nursery-Esther Floyd
Connie & Ariann Eslinger
Farr's True Value Hardware-Jay Farr
First Presbyterian Church Choir-Elaine Bessey
Chris & Donna Flammang
Deborah Ford
Sharon Fortune
Four on the Shore-Chris Beebe
Sue Fox
Ellen Garner
Della Gibbens
Girl Scouts-Debbe Schulz
Bob Golden
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Pearl Groves
George Guthrie
Howard Hall
Dick & Nan Hansen
Don & Robin Harms
Bill & Lois Harvey
Hauser Community Church-Mary Shisles
Ron & Bernice Hjort & family
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Joanne Jensen
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KCBY/Bruce Bennett & Co.
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Tony & Bonnie Koreiva
KBBR-Elise Hamner
KHSN/KOOS-Cal Sherwood
KOB-Matt Jarvis
KSOR Guide
KYNG-Jim Oliver
Kyle Electric-Tom Kyle, George Jones
Pam Lancaster
Gene Landrum
Andy, Sue, & Matthew LaTomme
LDS Youth-Marilyn Aremeeka
Catherine & Jack Littlefield
Phyllis & Kaarina Love
Harry & Sabra Lockett
Tony Mason
Dorita McCarthy
Joy McCarthy
Methodist Choir-Dave Stewart
Ann & Phil Morgan
Carol & John Murdock
Loretta Noble
Ocean Spray Cranberry-Dennis Chesselet
Oregon Pacific Evergreen
Oregon State Parks-Region 3/Ron Hjort
Oregonian-John Griffith
Pancake Mill-Gary Goodson & Beverly Rice
Kim & Kevin Paulson
Bob & Margaret Perkins

Friends go to
great heights!



Bows, a new addition



Movin' on....

Newsletter credits Friends and Volunteers

FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS

Claire, Gerrie, Alta



Cookie Crew

Welcome to Shore Acres



Surprise visit

- Mike Perkins
- Prime Time-Gail Snyder
- Darlene Prowell
- Rainbow Cloggers-Larry & Shirley Beman
- Julie Reed
- Mike & Robynn Reed
- Alice Richter
- Nellie Ripper
- Ward & Monica Robertson
- John & Nancy Rulifson
- Runeberg Dancers-Nelda Elifie
- Safeway North Bend-Leroy McKinney
- Wm. & Ginger Sawyer
- Audrey Scheel
- School District 13
- Schroeder's Furniture-Jackie Bunnell
- Phyllis Shelly
- Eugene, Crystal & Chris Shoji
- Ruth Shutter
- Frank & Donna Smith
- Lucy Sorenson
- Soroptimists
- South Beach State Park-John Allen
- Ginger Souza
- Southwestern Oregon Street Rods Club-Deano & Jane Lounsbury
- Stanford & Son
- Ruth Shutter
- Sunset Bay Park District-Andy LaTomme & staff
- Sweet Adelines/Mary Lou Beebe
- SWOCC Forestry Club-Bill Lemoine
- SWOCC Southwesterns-Chris Rosman
- Sharon & Glenn Thomas
- Lyn & John Topits
- Bev Tumsuden
- Twin City Services-Johanna Dillard
- Dick & Jerrie Van Natta
- Luis & Josefina Velasquez
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- Marty Wheeler
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and all of the anonymous cookie bakers, light stringers, hosts, entertainers, decorators, and volunteers whose names we may have missed!

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FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS



"Now let me explain . . ."



Dusk - a favorite time



Presbyterian choir opens season



Keeping watch

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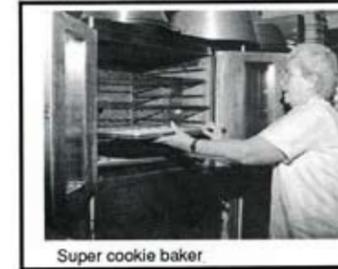
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What goes up, must come down!



Spring Pond Cleaning - BLM and Scouts join Friends for annual Pond "Muckraking"

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Photo courtesy Shirley Bridgham

The lush vegetation at the pond in Shore Acres State Park near Charleston seems to overwhelm volunteers Lloyd Geraths, Ron Patnode and David Bridgham, who joined other volunteers Gregg Nelson, Lisa Bode, Lewie Patnode, John Fields, Matt Fields, Scott Knowles, Kermit Baty, Tim Grubert, Steve and Barb Fowler, Paula Wilson, and Chris, Laurel and Whit Hamilton. Other volunteers were Scouts from the Order of the Arrow: Matt LaTomme, Matt Drechsel and Robert Monroe. Park personnel helping out on their own time were Frank Eckley, his son Shad, and Andy LaTomme, plus

others from the Friends of Shore Acres, Mike Bishop, David Bridgham, Shirley Bridgham, Connie Eslinger, in her daughter Arianne, and Gloria Geraths. The contingent was out in force to clean out the pond at the park. Thanks to the local Bureau of Land Management Office, the group had the use of a high volume pump, so the bucket brigade saw only limited duty. Hal Sinclair, who had donated a number of the lilies at the pond, was on hand to care for them. The group drained the pond, swept it clean, picked up the coins and trimmed the shrubbery.



New Plant Markers – Welcome Interpretation

As part of an Eagle Scout Project, Stuart Leslie took on the job of cutting and installing the posts for new plant markers purchased by the Friends. Helping with the project were Leslie family members including Lanny, Evelyn, Don Russ, Norma and Kyle. Also volunteering were Jim, Judy, Jennifer, Jared and Joseph Moyer, Levi Littrell and Peter Ballantyne. Park personnel included Andy LaTomme, George Guthrie and Ellie Kinney-Martial. ■



Peter Ballantyne



Levi Littrell



Lanny Leslie, Stuart's Dad



George Guthrie, Head Gardener



Evelyn Leslie, Stuart's Mom



Finished Plant Marker



Andy LaTomme, Park Manager

Priceless Publicity



Rhododendron Sunday – Mother's Day

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Coast Life

LINDA MEIERJURGEN

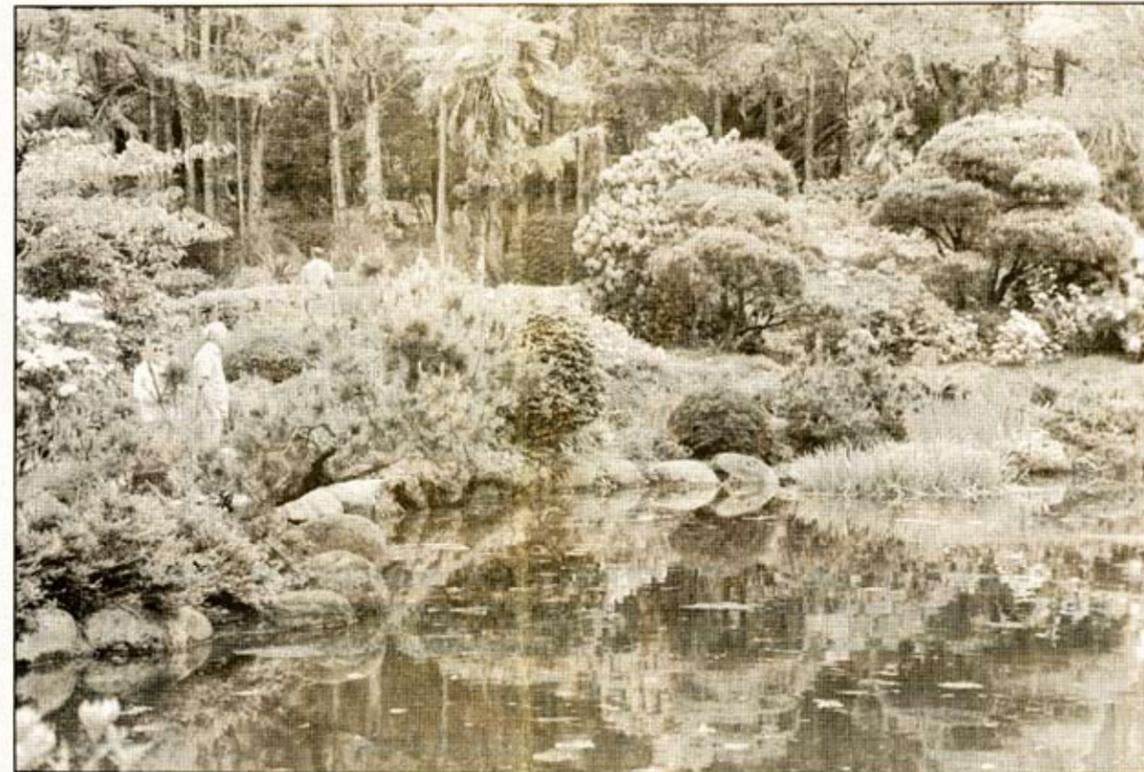


Photo courtesy Dave Bridghan.

Families treating mom to a Sunday drive on Mother's Day will find special events at rhododendron-filled Shore Acres State Park.

Visit gardens for Mother's Day

Mothers will be special guests at Shore Acres State Park botanical gardens, Sunday, May 13, in honor of "Mother's Day."

Visitors will be surrounded by rhododendrons at the height of their bloom, with experts from the South Coast chapter of the American Rhododendron Society on hand to answer questions about the lovely blooms and their cultivation.

The garden house will be open from noon to 4 p.m., with displays and refreshments, sponsored by the Friends of Shore Acres, the non-profit support group for the gardens.

Visitors will have a chance to see the "Shore

Acres Story," telling about the historic Simpson estate of 637 acres, and the formal gardens containing more than 3,000 plants Louis Simpson gave to the state.

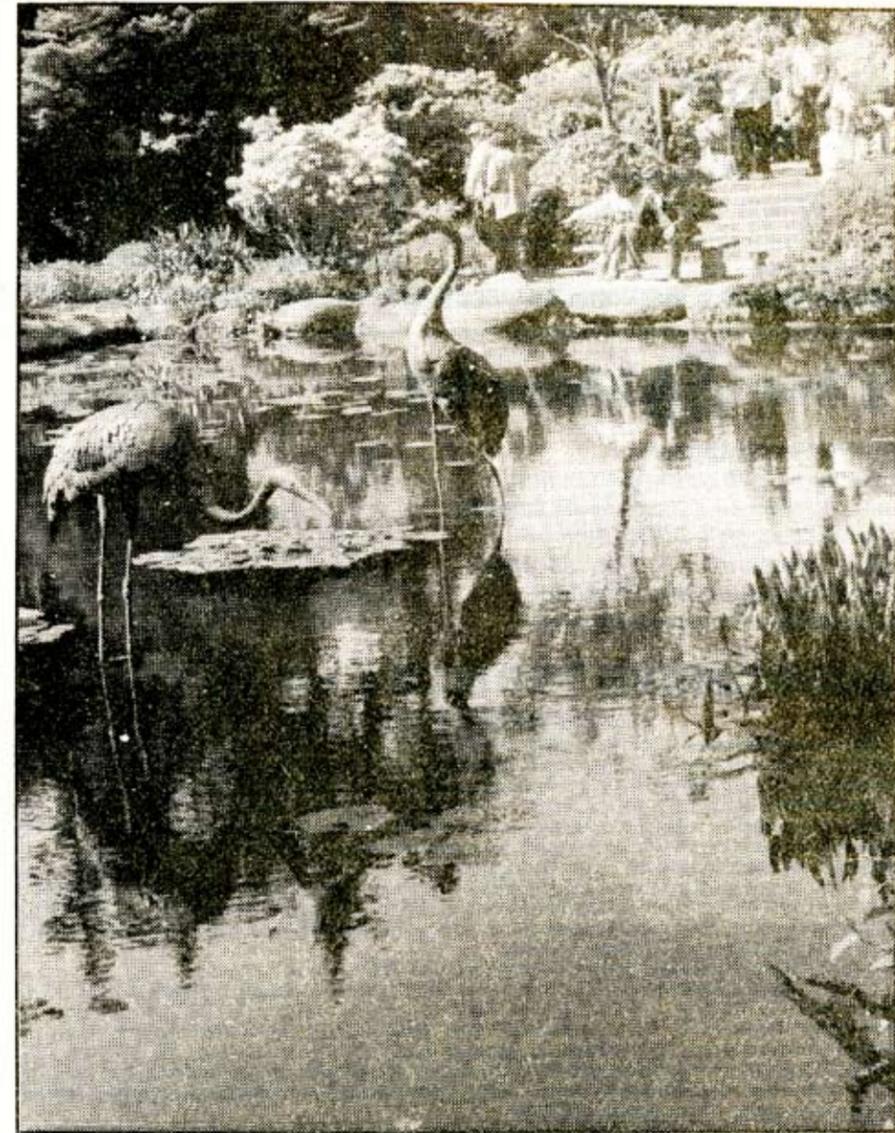
George Guthrie, in charge of the gardens, explains that azaleas, of both evergreen and deciduous types, tend to have smaller leaves than rhododendrons, and their flowers come in clusters of small flowers—sometimes many flowers, sometimes not so many. Rhododendrons tend to have comparatively large, evergreen leaves and large flowers in many-flowered clusters. You can also count the stamens in the blossom or take a microscope and look at the undersides of the leaves.

The azaleas at Shore Acres are typified by "Kosters Red" and the "Cecile" hybrids, with the rhododendrons including "Jean Marie" and "Unique," along with the native rhododendrons blooming throughout the South Coast right now.

Bloom displays of specimens from the winning rhododendrons at the recent show of the rhododendron society will be on display at the garden house.

The ESA sorority will also be taking photos of mothers and their families in the gardens, at a cost of \$4 each, with the proceeds going to local charities.

Gorgeous Gardens and Friends welcome visitors



World photo by Charles Kocher

Special Mother's Day activities at Shore Acres State Park drew between 2,000 and 3,000 visitors to the botanical gardens Sunday, taking advantage of the pleasant spring weather to view the peak of the rhododendron blossoms. In addition to the splendor of the gardens, Friends of Shore Acres offered a display of historical photos and refreshments in the Garden House, while the ESA Sorority offered photos of visitors amid the blossoms. The next special event for rhododendrons is the annual Rhododendron Festival at Florence next weekend; the next special event for Friends of Shore Acres is a three-day Memorial Day open house featuring displays honoring 200th anniversary of the U.S. Coast Guard.

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What Friends are for

Volunteer hosts welcome visitors, preserve chapters of Oregon history

By ANN HUNT

Special writer, *The Oregonian*

On a dark and stormy night, when the wind sobs and the shutters shudder it's easy to believe that the ghost of Muriel Trevenard climbs the stairways of Yaquina Bay lighthouse.

It was more than 100 years ago, the story goes, that a group of teenagers explored the lonely, abandoned lighthouse. Trevenard dashed back inside to find a lost handkerchief — and never again was seen alive. The building was searched again and again, upstairs and down. All that was ever found was her handkerchief and a bloodstain.

Throughout the century, there have been reports of sudden chilling drafts on the stairs, of doors that will not open or will not close, of a mysterious presence and strange, eerie sounds.

What happened to Muriel Trevenard? The search for an answer goes on.

Les and Dorothy Wall, hosts at the historic Newport lighthouse, say that the schoolchildren that come by the busload are fascinated with the legend. They tap on the walls and search for secret chambers or passageways. They poke at the ancient floors (made of bricks carried as ballast on sailing ships) to see whether any masonry can be dislodged to uncover a grave.

HOW TO VOLUNTEER

For information about volunteering in a Friends historical preservation group, contact:

■ **Friends of Cape Blanco**, restoring the Hughes House (near Port Orford) 332-2975 or 332-6774.

■ **Friends of Champoeg**, historical site for Oregon, townsite project (near Newberg), 678-1251.

■ **Friends of Old Fort Stevens**, military history projects (near Astoria), 861-2000.

■ **Friends of Silver Falls**, natural scenic area preservation, development (east of Salem), 873-8681.

■ **Friends of Shore Acres**, preserve, develop and show English Formal Garden site (near Coos Bay), 888-4902.

■ **Friends of Tryon Creek**, preservation of natural region in urban setting (Portland), 636-4398.

■ **Friends of Vista House**, landmark building and viewpoint on scenic Columbia River Gorge, 695-2230.

■ **Friends of Yaquina Bay Lighthouse**, preservation and interpretation of historic lighthouse (Newport), 867-7451.

■ **Friends of Collier State Park**, preservation, development of outdoor logging museum (north of Klamath Falls), 783-2471.

The Walls have never met the ghost. But they enjoy sharing the landmark's history with the visitors from all over the world — more than 2,200 in the week of spring vacation alone. This is the earliest aid to navigation standing within the range of the landfall recorded by Capt. James Cook, they explain — a voyage that led to the Louisiana Purchase.

It is the only wooden frame structure that combined a keeper's dwelling and light tower, and Newport's oldest existing building. It was established in 1871 and discontinued three years later when another lighthouse providing better visibility from the north was built.

Wall, a retired Albany mechanic, and his wife, both 62, are two of the 4,000 volunteers who reported 167,205 hours of service to the state Parks and Recreation Department last year. The Walls guide tours and arrange for weddings in the lighthouse's old-fashioned parlor. "It gives me a lot of pleasure to see people getting the good out of this place," he says.

Dorothy Wall operates the gift shop. She recalls with amusement the visitor who purchased polished rocks and seashells for her aquarium, and asked, "Are they waterproof?"

At Shore Acres Gardens



Snowball Bush - Viburnum Species

They live in a mobile home among the rhododendrons. "We can hear the sea lions barking, and the fog horn. When the tide's out, we can see the wreck of the Blue Magpie beyond the jetty."

This is one of 22 locations throughout Oregon where volunteer hosts welcome visitors and prevent vandalism. Information on the program and sites available may be obtained by calling Linda Lopez, volunteer coordinator for Oregon State Parks, 373-1360, in Salem.

Other volunteer opportunities exist in nine Friends groups. Friends activities include conducting classes, planning special events, helping to restore buildings, protecting the environment and preserving chapters of Oregon history. For these uses, groups raised more than \$403,000 last year.

Friends of Champoeg help sponsor the annual Champoeg Pageant and Indian Summer Festival near Newberg.

Friends of Collier Logging Museum north of Klamath Falls restore donated exhibits and plan a new interpretive center.

Friends of Old Fort Stevens, Astoria, restored an old Army truck and give tours of gun batteries and military displays. At Silver Falls State Park, east of Salem, Civil War battles are re-enacted.

Near Coos Bay, Friends of Shore Acres have concerts and a dazzling display of Christmas lights. A summer concert program and Trillium Festival is held at Portland's Tryon Creek. Vista House Friends continue the battle of restoration, maintenance and interpretation of the distinctive Columbia River Gorge observation building, where Oregon arts and crafts are sold.



Coast Life

LINDA MEIERJURGEN, Coast Life Editor

Memorial Day weekend at Shore Acres Park

Friends help Coast Guard mark 200th birthday

The Friends of Shore Acres will help the U.S. Coast Guard celebrate its 200th birthday Memorial Day weekend with the gorgeous gardens offering Coast Guard displays ranging from jet helicopters and speed boats, to historic equipment.

The garden house will be open from noon to 4 p.m. each day with a display of artifacts dating from the original "life-saving stations" on the coast to modern days. The display has been organized with the assistance of Ann Koppy of the Coos Historical Museum. A video of Coast Guard activities will be shown as well.

A U.S. Coast Guard HH-65A jet helicopter will be stationed on duty near the observation shelter on the bluffs at Shore Acres each of the three days as well, with an elaborate system of back-up communications ready to dispatch it on search and rescue cases, if necessary, just as it would be dispatched from homebase at Group Command North Bend.

A rigid-hull, inflatable lifeboat will also be on display during the three-day event, with members of the Friends and U.S. Coast Guard personnel on hand to answer questions from children and adults.

The event will also feature the opening of the Umpqua Lighthouse above Lake Marie Park, in Winchester Bay, at the mouth of the Umpqua River.

The participation of Coast Guard personnel from the North Bend Flight Command and Charleston Boat Station has been made possible due to cooperation from Cmdr. Mike Lovett, commanding officer of Group North Bend, and Lt. Doug Stephan, public affairs officer, Group North Bend.

Today's Coast Guard focuses on



World photo by Andy Cripe

A U.S. Coast Guard HH-65A helicopter, based at Group Command North Bend, performs rescue exercise above waters of Coos Bay recently.

maritime safety, military readiness and law enforcement, but in 1790 when Congress authorized construction of 10 government vessels, the Coast Guard was the "Revenue Cutter Service" and was born to enforce customs and tariffs on maritime commerce—in short, they battled

privateers and smugglers.

As the country grew, more cutters joined the fleet and they took on fighting duties, first in a tiff with France, then in the War of 1812 and the Mexican War, Civil War and the Spanish American War. In fact, the Coast Guard has had a role in every major war, in-

cluding Vietnam and the Grenada expedition.

In the 1800s, the Life Saving Service was formed and in 1915 that service and the Revenue Cutter Service joined to become the U.S. Coast Guard.

In 1939, the Lighthouse Service—even older than the revenue cut-

ter organization, became part of the Coast Guard and in 1942, the bureau of navigation and steamship inspection was also absorbed.

The role of the Coast Guard today includes enforcing fisheries regulations offshore, fighting

pollution, maintaining navigation aids, protecting ports and waterways, breaking ice, and maintaining defense readiness. The Coast Guard responds to over 70,000 calls for help with search and rescue missions annually, and saves an average of 5,000 lives per year.

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Playing pilot

The opportunity to see two familiar Bay Area fixtures at once drew close attention from crowds Sunday as a Dolphin helicopter from the U.S. Coast Guard's North Bend Air Station sets down at the ocean overlook in Shore Acres State Park. "We should stage out of here every weekend," quipped a pilot when he saw the interested crowd. He promptly invited youngsters to sit in the cockpit and try on a pilot's helmet. The display at the overlook and in the garden house of the park is a Memorial

Day weekend event honoring the 200th anniversary of the Coast Guard, which continues this afternoon. Helicopters from the air station were scheduled to be at the park when available throughout the day. While the rain probably kept some visitors away, the Coast Guard display kept numbers normal for other holiday weekend, according to landscape maintenance superintendent George Guthrie. The crowds got heavy enough to have the park open the center field for parking, he said.



World photo by Charles Kocher

Summer Events – 1990

Let's Go!

June-July 1990

The World  south coast  week

Music Festival offers concerts for two full weeks during July

The annual Oregon Coast Music Festival opens July 14, bringing two full weeks of concerts to the Bay Area, ranging from ballet to brass bands, chamber music to full symphony concerts.

A free festival brochure is available at most travel information centers, or can be obtained by calling 267-0938.

Tickets are available by calling the same number, or are for sale directly at the Music Festival's ticket kiosk near the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce office in downtown Coos Bay (beginning June 15).

The Frame Stop in Coos Bay, The Emporium at Pony Village Mall in North Bend, all branches of Security Bank, or the Coos Art Museum gift shop.

Tickets for the Festival Orchestra concert at Newport can be purchased only by calling the NPAC Box Office at 265-ARTS.

The festival is sponsored by the Music Enrichment Association of Coos Bay.

The concerts, listed by date, performer and concert location, are:

July 14 — Eugene Ballet Company, Marshfield Auditorium, Coos Bay.

July 15 — Alan Chow piano recital, The Boat House, Charleston.

July 17, 18, 19 — Festival Chamber Players with Alan Chow piano, Reedsport, Bandon and Florence.

July 20, Southern Light, Shore Acres State Park, Charleston.

July 20, Uwe Kropinski jazz guitarist and David Friesen bass, Marshfield Auditorium, Coos Bay.

July 21, Festival Chamber Players with Alan Chow piano, Marshfield Auditorium, Coos Bay.

July 21, Bay Area Concert Band, Mingus Park, Coos Bay.

July 22, Coos Bay Sunday Morning live broadcast, Coos Art Museum.

July 24, Festival Orchestra with William McGlaughlin, guest conductor, Marshfield Auditorium, Coos Bay.

July 26, Brandenburgs and Brew, North Bend location to be announced.

July 27 and July 28, Festival Orchestra with Gary McLaughlin, conductor, and Jill Timmons, piano, Newport Performing Arts Center and Marshfield Auditorium in Coos Bay.

Shore Acres roses at peak

CHARLESTON — Now is the time to visit the Shore Acres Botanical Garden and State Park west of Charleston to see roses at their finest. Rose lovers can preview next year's All-America Rose Selections in full bloom and see exactly how the new varieties perform in individual climate and soil conditions.

The Shore Acres Botanical Garden is one of 140 gardens throughout the U.S. that displays the award-winning roses in cooperation with All-America Rose Selections, Inc. (AARS), a non-profit organization of U.S. growers and introducers who test new rose varieties to determine which, if any, can be recommended to the public as exceptional.

Each year's outstanding roses are sold with special AARS tags in local garden centers, nurseries, and through mail-order companies. The public gardens must meet very strict requirements established by the AARS Public Gardens Committee. In addition to the professional quality of the garden, such things as the number of visitors, service to the public, and the amount of horticultural information available are considered before accreditation by AARS.

A complete listing of all AARS public gardens, as well as information on rose selection, planting and care, is available in a new full-color brochure entitled "The Wonderful World of Roses." To order a copy, send a check for \$1, plus a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to: Dept. TGT, AARS, 221 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill. 60601.

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Air Show is July 14-15

The North Bend Air Show brings all kinds of flying machine and aviation enthusiasts to the North Bend Airport July 14 and 15.

Featured acts for this year's show include plans for the Hay Ban Bolds from Canada, the Golden Knights U.S. Army Parachute Team, Coors Light Silver Bullet, Pepsi Skydancer, the American International Jet Aerobatic Team, Skylark North Aerobatic Team and the George and Mach Announcing Team.

In addition, a full complement of fixed displays is being planned, along with concession stands offering everything from local food fare to aviation souvenirs.

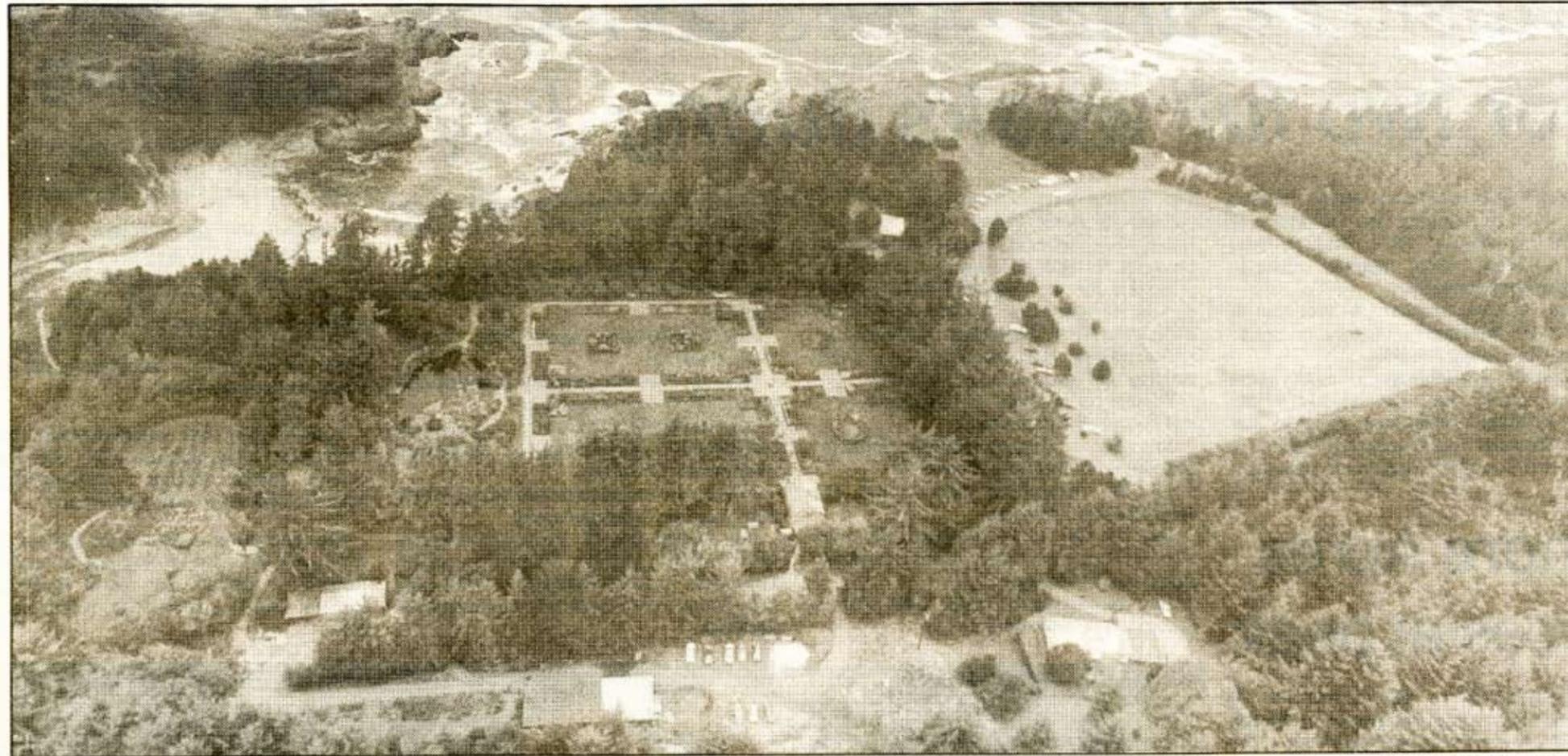
The schedule of events at the show is not yet fixed, but can be obtained by calling 756-1723 or writing the North Bend Air Show at 1321-D Airport Way, North Bend, 97459.

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On the edge of Cape Arago west of Coos Bay, the botanical gardens of Shore Acres State Park lie hidden just behind the first row of trees from the edge of the ocean cliffs. Originally the abandoned estate of a South Coast timber baron, Louis J. Simpson, the site is now a popular state park and the gardens that once featured plants from around the world have been

restored to their earlier splendor. In this aerial photo, the formal gardens are in the squares at the center, with a Japanese style garden around a pond just to the left, and a rose test garden further to the left. Other attractions at the park include an overlook where ocean waves crash in for a spectacular show (right) and a sheltered cove that

features a pleasant and often empty beach, with an access trail to the headlands further south. The park has also become a focal point for special activities — tours, nature programs, weddings, concerts, historical displays and Christmas lights — through the efforts of the Friends of Shore Acres support group.

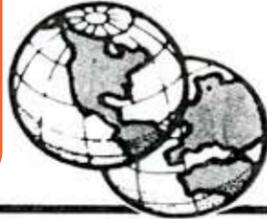
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Rose for dad

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Coast Life

LINDA MEIERJURGEN, Coast Life Editor

Treat Dad to a "Rose Sunday" at Shore Acres

Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, is "Rose Sunday" at Shore Acres State Park botanical gardens, hosted by the Friends of Shore Acres, the park staff, and the Southwestern Oregon Rose Society.

The event runs from noon to 4 p.m., with displays and a video shown in the garden house, and refreshments served.

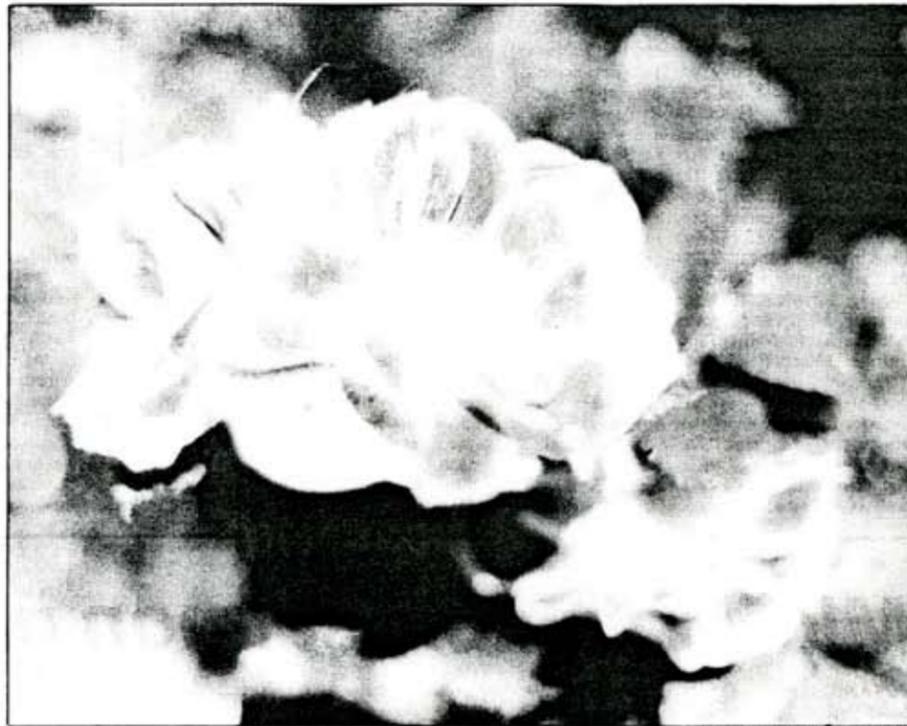
Rosarians Ray Duskin, Jay Dow, and Helen Doving will be on hand in the gardens to answer rose horticultural questions.

Now is the time to visit the gardens to see the roses, not only in the formal area adjacent to the garden house, but in the All-America Rose test garden to the southeast of the pond.

The garden is one of several in Oregon, at Portland's Washington Park, Bush Gardens in Salem, and in Eugene, to serve as a test garden for the program.

It joins 140 gardens across the United States that displays the award-winning roses in cooperation with the All-America Rose Selections, Inc., a non-profit organization of growers and introducers who test new rose varieties to determine which, if any, can be recommended to the public as exceptional.

So that people may see the win-



World photo by Linda Meierjorgen

Prize-winning roses flaunt their blooms at Shore Acres Botanical Gardens — take Dad to see them.

ner before they are offered for sale, plants are sent to AARS-accredited gardens in time that they will be in bloom when the winners are announced in June. Currently, the 1991 winners, which will be on sale next spring, are on display at Shore Acres adjacent to the 1990 winner, "Pleasure."

Tell Dad to take time to smell those roses!

A complete list of the public gardens, as well as information on rose selection and care, is available in a new brochure entitled "The Wonderful World of Roses." To order a copy, send a check for \$1, plus a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Dept. TGT, AARS, 221 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill., 60601.

The Rosarians on hand will be able to answer questions about the four winning roses on display, as well as the other All-Americas grown in the garden. Many of the Southwestern Oregon Rose Society members also help to test the All-America selections in their own gardens.

The Rosarians will be able to point out which roses do best in the moist and moderate temperature coastal climate, as well as growing tips to make the roses in home gardens flourish.

More than 19 million American households grow roses, according to a Gallup poll in 1989. The plant is native to America, and the first fossil remains of a rose, estimated to be about 40 million years old, were found in a slate deposit in Florissant, Colo.

George Washington grew a new hybrid at Mount Vernon that he named after his mother, the Mary Washington rose, a favorite of historic rose gardens, and in 1986, the rose became the official national floral emblem, thanks to an act of Congress.

In Greek mythology, Flora, the goddess of all flowers, created the rose. She made it from by changing the lifeless body of a beautiful young girl into the exquisite flower. Apollo, the sun god, blessed the flower with his warm rays. The rose was named by the goddess Aphrodite after her son Eros. Flora gave the rose to Eros — thus making the flower the everlasting symbol of love.

Rose Sunday / Father's Day – June 17, 1990



State Parks system faces funding dilemma

By CHARLES KOCHER
Managing Editor

Plans for improving the Oregon State Parks system to meet growing demands are nice, but Director Dave Talbot said Friday no one answered where the funding will come from.

Talbot was in the Bay Area to meet with parks officials and Eleanor St. Laurent of Charleston, a member of the State Parks and Recreation Commission.

The separate Parks Department with its own commission is new this year, with only two members of the commission held over from the former parks commission that was advisory to the Transportation Commission.

"We're excited about the prospects of a new commission and the leadership opportunities it presents," Talbot said. "It's a change from working with a Transportation Commission that did parks part-time."

The change comes at a time when the pressure for the parks system to expand is growing. The recommendations of the 2010 Committee, which reviewed state parks for the 1989 Legislature, included remodeling and repair of existing facilities, building five major new parks, adding 100 campsites a year, and offering more facilities for boaters, hikers and windsurfers.

Only one of those area — camping — is paying for itself. "The campgrounds are totally self-supporting," Talbot said. "Where we don't do well is other places."

The \$1 day-use fee at some parks —



DAVE TALBOT
Parks Director

including Shore Acres State Park near Charleston — is only cost-effective at a dozen of the locations.

"We're more than a campground," Talbot said in describing the problems associated with expanding campsites in areas where other concerns such as viewpoints, wildlife management and wetlands protection must be considered.

Asked what plans he might pursue on the South Coast — if funding were available — Talbot mentioned Sisters Rocks south of Port Orford, Coquille Point at Bandon, and Crissey Airstrip at the California border.

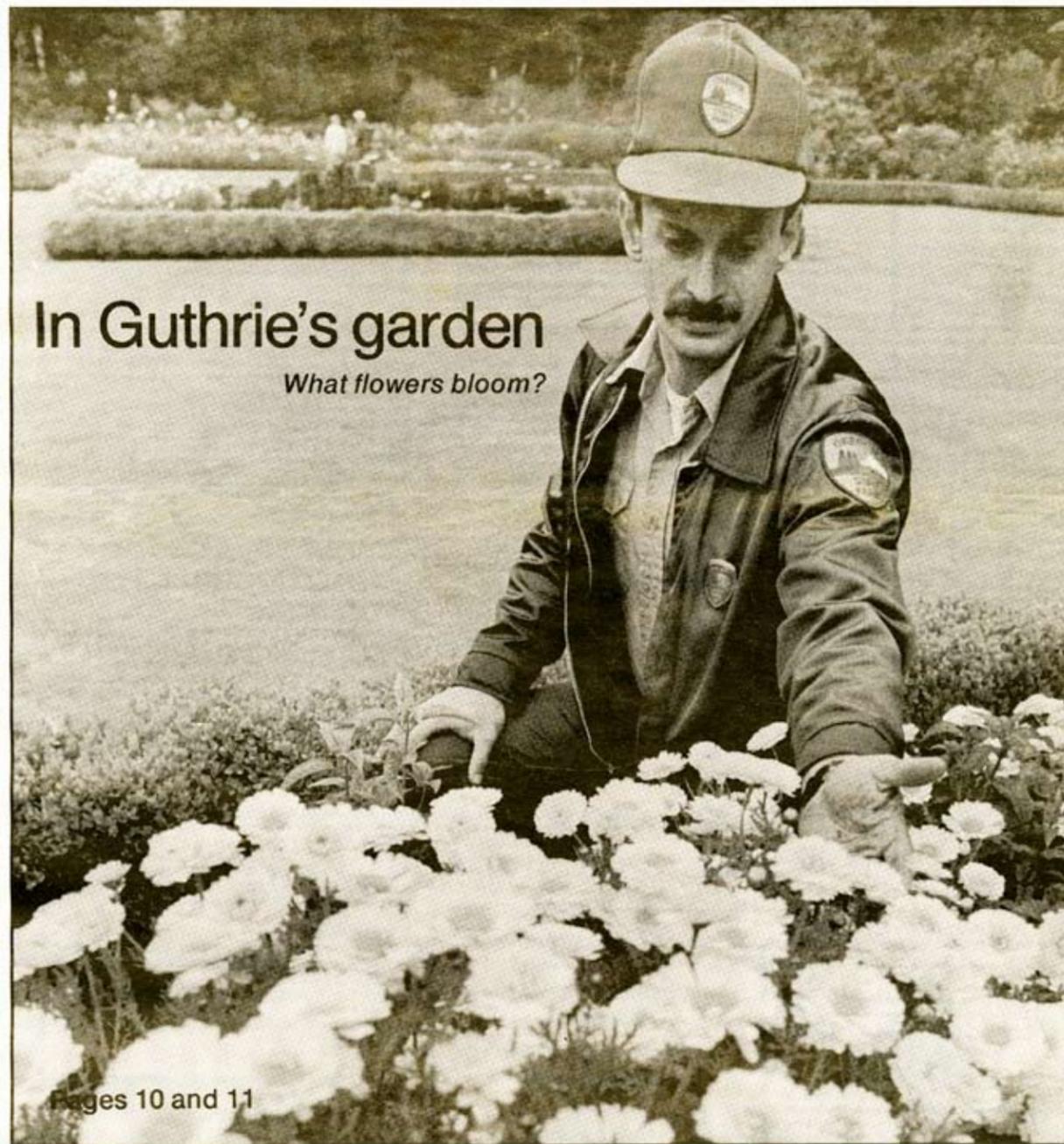
In a briefing paper prepared for the gubernatorial candidates, the Parks and Recreation Department suggests several possible funding options including a real estate transfer tax, a soft drink tax, dedicating a portion of the lottery proceeds to state parks, a separate gas tax on recreational vehicles, or an addition to the auto registration fee.

The bulk of State Parks funding at this time comes from camping and other fees, and the license registration for recreational vehicles.

The Parks Department is also proposing a \$74.6 million list of projects to be accomplished over six years, including repairs and renovations, land purchases, developing more interpretive projects, and beginning a marketing program to increase income to the system.

Other members of the new Parks Commission include Chair Brian Booth of Portland, Vice Chair Lynn Newbry of Talent, Gertrude Boyle of West Linn, Gay Greger of Portland, Roger Hamilton of Bonanza, L.L. Stewart of Eugene, and St. Laurent.

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In Guthrie's garden

What flowers bloom?

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When you visit Shore Acres . . . learn the stories of the plants . . . have a chat with George Guthrie

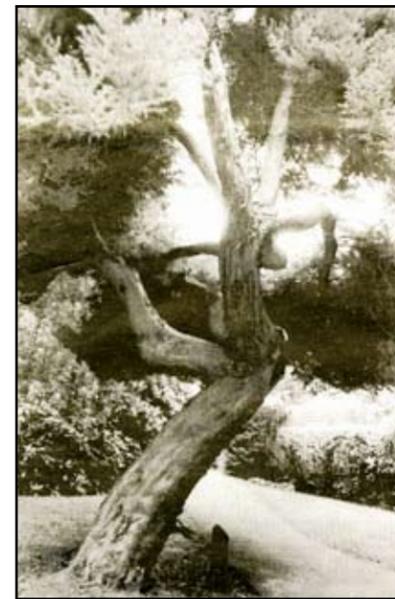
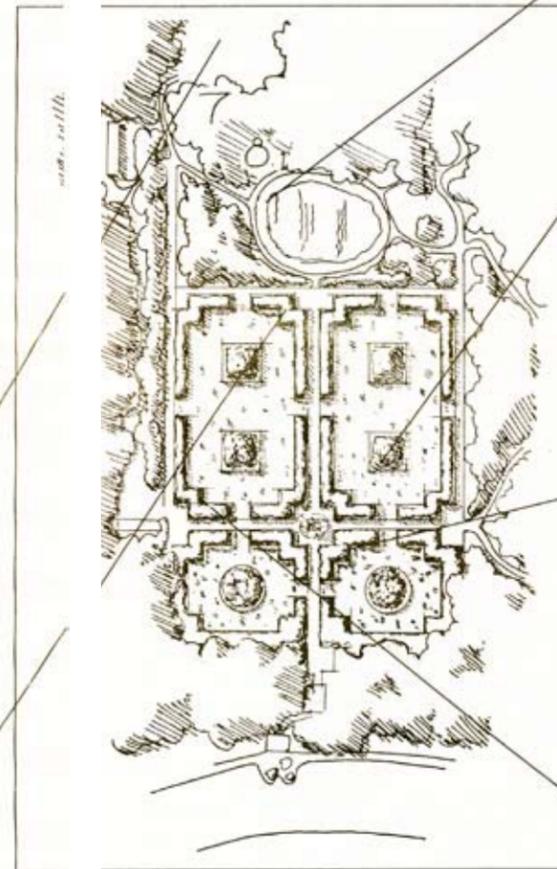
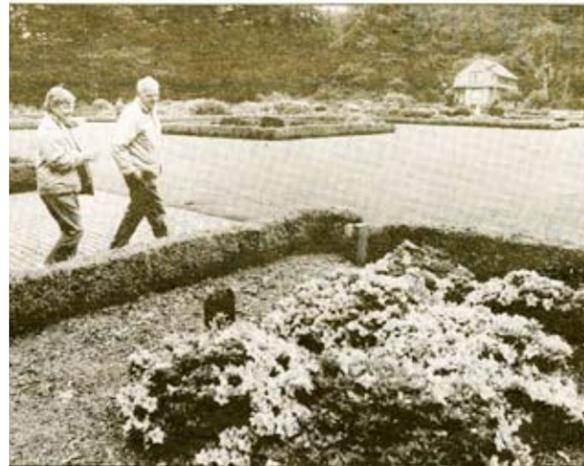
Originally built as a summer home and present for his wife, in 1906 Louis J. Simpson began what is now known as Shore Acres State Park.

He eventually built a three-story mansion, complete with an indoor heated swimming pool and ballroom, and the gardens contained some of the most exotic and rare plants in the area. At one time, five full time gardeners cared for over 3,000 plants from all over the world.

The first home was destroyed by a fire on July 4, 1921, and the replacement fell into disrepair and was eventually acquired by the state in 1942.

The grounds became an Army headquarters during World War II. After the war, the state did not have enough money to restore the gardens, so the pond was filled, and most of the flower beds were converted to lawn. Some of the original plants did survive to become the seeds of the garden restoration that began in 1975.

Today the formal gardens follow the original layout, with about 10 percent of the plants left over from the time of the Simpsons.



- 1 "A pie plant with a thyroid problem," Guthrie says of the Prickly Rhubarb. A native of South America, this plant is found in abundance in the gardens because the seeds spread everywhere, even over the cliff and into the ocean. "It's kind of like gorse," he adds.
- 2 "Roses are like cars, the 1991 models are already selected," Guthrie says of the roses displayed in the All-America display garden. The garden, one of only a handful in the state, displays the top roses selected from test gardens across the nation. One of the 1991 winners, a hybrid tea, is called "Perfect Moment." The name is tame compared to names of past winners. "Some breeder with a sick mind developed the names. If you collect his set, you can be slapped by anyone, anywhere," Guthrie says of some of the other names.
- 3 The warm-climate Hibiscus thrives at the gardens as well, a thousand miles or more away from the southern latitudes it favors. Travelers in more tropical regions find its vivid red, purple, yellow, or orange blossoms spilling over garden walls and Spanish patios.
- 4 "Everything in the garden is just so. I think it is nice to have something stand up and say hello," Guthrie says when pointing at the Coast Lily, a native of Oregon. Listed as endangered by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Guthrie says the flower grows well out at Shore Acres, even if it doesn't always fit in with the landscape design.
- 5 The Lavender Cotton plant can be seen toward the front of the garden although it won't be recognized by its name, as it has yellow flowers. It was once used as a herb, but Guthrie says he encourages it because of its gray foliage that "harmonizes and contrasts so well in the garden."
- 6 Gallardia looks like a daisy gone crazy, with multi-colored centers, atop its hardy stems from June through early fall, it fills in several flower beds in the formal gardens with yellow blooms and bright centers or orange, brown, red and other colors.
- 7 The Australian Banksia plant is in the Macadamia plant family native to the "Land Down Under." It was planted by Guthrie as an experiment and has just taken off. The plant is named after Sir Joseph Banks, one of the most famous botanists of the 19th Century. (Not shown.)
- 8 The "Mount Fuji" Oriental Flowering Cherry tree growing in the garden is between 60 to 80 years old and planted by Mr. Simpson's gardeners as part of the Oriental garden. In the springtime, the blossoms cover the tree, turning it into a "cloud of white," according to Guthrie. (Not shown.)

Every plant has a story to tell, and George Guthrie makes it his business to listen.

Briskly walking from one plant to another, Guthrie points, describes, relates to, and entertains with stories about every plant growing at Shore Acres State Park.

The only full time gardener in the state parks system, for the past six years Guthrie has been pruning, planting, growing, and nurturing one of the most unique parks in the state.

"Plants are like people, they don't act like they tell you they will in books," Guthrie says. "Plants don't read books." He shows many examples, including a dwarf rhododendron that was supposed to be 3 or 4-feet tall, but instead stands at least 8-feet high.

Another example is the Australian Banksia plant, which Guthrie grows as an experiment. Even though the plant favors a much warmer climate, sure enough the books

were once again mistaken. Guthrie points to it thriving at Shore Acres.

Guthrie grew up in state parks in Central Oregon watching his father, who also worked for Oregon State Parks Division, plant trees and maintain parks. Guthrie calls himself a "park brat," says his interest in gardening was sparked.

After attending Central Oregon Community College and

Southern Oregon State College, Guthrie went to work for the state parks in 1973.

"I received most of my education at the school of hard knocks," Guthrie says of his horticultural endeavors. And he doesn't think he has a green thumb, either. "It comes and it goes," Guthrie says of his knack of growing plants. He points to one plant, called a Stokes aster from China, and says it will become "George's disaster" if it doesn't flower.

Guthrie finds his Shore Acres job a challenge, but the end result is worth it.

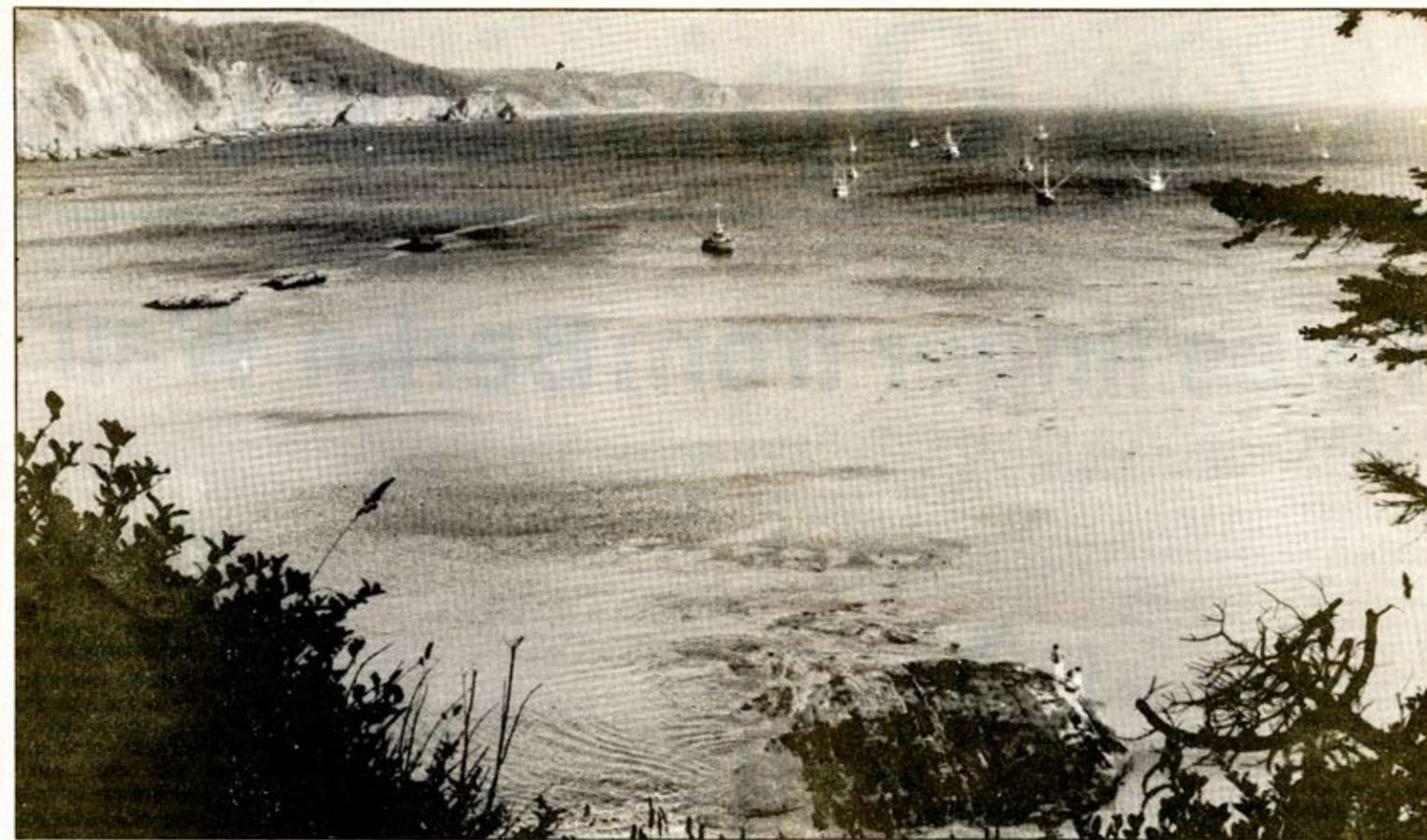
"Most people who come here are so happy to be here. It really gives them immediate enjoyment," Guthrie observes. He is always on hand to answer questions, chat about plants, share horticultural tips.

"Sometime I can hardly get from one end of the garden to another without getting asked questions," Guthrie

said during our interview. Like clockwork, not five minutes later a couple strolled by and asked Guthrie about some of the hybrid tea roses. He smiled and responded with an entertaining and enlightening story.

Guthrie oversees a beautiful, unique garden, and, when not grooming and pruning nurturing his plants, he's an interesting tour guide to boot.

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World photo by Charles Kocher

Anchored for the night

More than a dozen boats from the commercial salmon fishing fleet catch the side lighting of the setting sun as they anchor in the shelter of the South Cove of Cape Arago one evening this week, with the shoreline to Bandon stretching out behind them. Dropping behind the headland

offers protection from the northerly summer winds and avoids the time spent going back and forth into port. The views from Cape Arago are among the many vistas offered from South Coast headlands that attract visitors from around the world. Among other local favorites are at Umpqua Lighthouse State Park near

Winchester Bay, Coos Head overlooking the Coos Bay jetties, Coquille Point in Bandon, Battle Rock State Park and Humbug Mountain State Park in the Port Orford area, and dozens of spots on the scenic coastline between Gold Beach and Brookings.

Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert

Picnic concerts are next

While the formal indoor concerts of the Oregon Coast Music Festival continue this week, be packing your picnic baskets for the traditional outdoor concerts next weekend.

The best part is the price: free. Mother Nature often makes the concerts memorable by providing glorious summer weather for the events.

What is traditionally the best attended concert of the festival is set for 12:30 p.m. Friday, July 20, at Shore Acres State Park near Charleston, featuring the group "Southern Light," which plays an original blend of music that draws from ethnic, classical and jazz traditions. The array of their instruments includes dulcimers, guitars, flute, piano, voice, synthesizers and many unusual percussion instruments.

The annual poolside concert by the Bay Area Concert Band is set for 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at Coos Bay's Mingus Park Swimming Pool.

The band, directed by Robert Gillett, will perform marches, show tunes and popular light classical music.

Special performances will include a trombone solo by John Kendall, a trumpet trio involving Wilbur Jensen, Steve Moon and Pete Kranick.

Among the band's selections will be music from the musical "Gigi," "Lady of Spain," and three marches — including a new selection, "Peggy's March" written by Bay Area Concert Band member Peggy Christensen.

The band has performed for the music festival every year since its inception.

Again this year, tables will be set up on the pool deck and the public is invited to bring their lunch and enjoy it along with the music.

For more information about these or other Oregon Coast Music Festival events, call 269-0938.



Don Harms helps park cars in the field.



Field parking works in July.



Friends sell raspberry sundaes and lemonade.



"Southern Light" entertains crowd.

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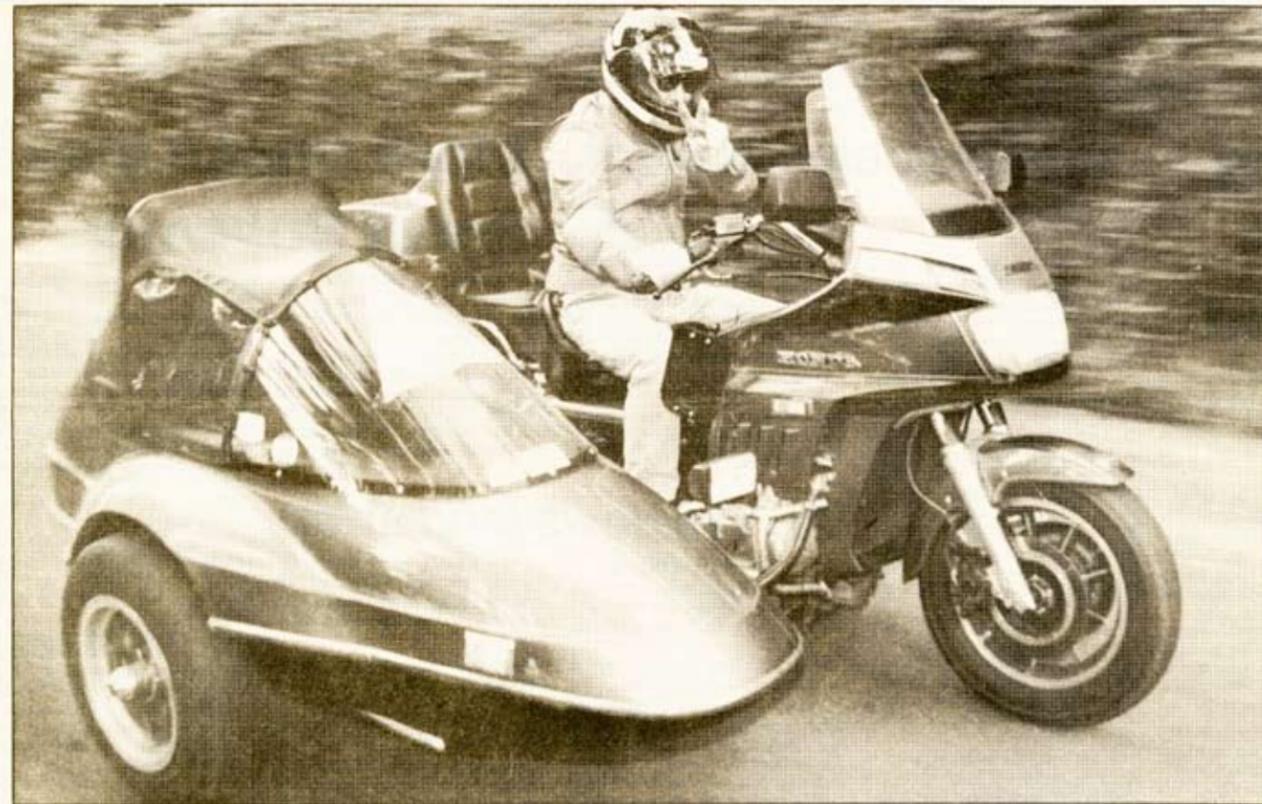
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Richard Krammes, a Virginia dentist, flashes victory sign on the way to the Sunset Bay campground Wednesday evening.

Sidecar drivers rally at Sunset Bay

CHARLESTON — Seeing a motorcycle with a sidecar is unusual, but have you seen a few more in the past few days?

Motorists in the Bay Area should expect to see motorcycles and sidecars regularly through Saturday, as close to 250 bikers from the Annual United States Sidecar Association holds its annual national rally this week at Sunset Bay Campground.

The group has reserved the entire campground for the event.

Bikers began arriving last night from sometimes as far as Georgia to attend the rally, dubbed the Sidecars by the

Sea. A trophy will be awarded to the biker riding the longest distance.

"We'll have about 250 sidecars driven by people from all over the country here," said Mike Phillips, the main organizer of the rally.

"Most of these people plan their vacations around attending these," he added. In past years the rally has been held in place such as Illinois and Georgia.

"We like to hold these in areas that are fun to get to and be in," Phillips said of the reason Sunset Bay was chosen this year.

Some people go to extraordinary lengths to attend the rally. John Williams, a Harley Davidson dealer from Naperville, Ill., totaled his Harley sidecar, but came to the rally anyway with pictures of the accident. He will be taking an instructor's course offered at the rally, one of the events planned for the rally.

Cost of the sidecars range from \$1,500 to \$3,000, according to Williams.

"Take everything you know about riding a motorcycle or driving a car and throw it out the window, driving a sidecar is totally different," said Williams, who added that sidecars can

go through snow better than cars, and through rain and wind better than "solo" bikes. "In short they are the perfect touring machine," Williams said.

Richard Krammes, a dentist from Virginia, may be the longest traveler to the rally. "I have been riding 30 years and every year I need to take a 6,000 to 8,000 mile trip to clear my head," Krammes said.

The rally will include visiting, riding in the area, and a poker run Saturday morning with riders leaving every 30 seconds from Sunset Bay.

Gift and Information Center (GAIC) at Garden Entrance

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Gifts at Shore Acres

Volunteers and visitors gather at the new visitor center and gift shop at Shore Acres State Park botanical gardens. The gift shop is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, staffed by the park "hosts" during the week and by volunteers from the Friends of Shore Acres on weekends. In a new service this summer, a multi-image slide show, "The Shore Acres Story" is shown five times daily to visitors to the gardens in the garden house, also courtesy of the Friends organization, with help from an Oregon Parks Division grant.

Showings are at 11:30 a.m., and 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. each day. The slide show gives the historic background of the Simpson family estates and the development of the gardens. At this point in the summer, the guest house has hosted up to 120 visitors per day, Friends spokesperson Shirley Bridgham said. The gift shop features books, brochures, and the brand new, white, Shore Acres Gardens sweatshirt, among other items.



Customers look at interpretive/educational items in the GAIC.



Friends volunteers Doris and Bob Emmett share information.



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Friends of Shore Acres sponsor history project

Friends of Shore Acres State Park will sponsor a living history project on the park and the region.

The concept will involve interviewing living residents who can tell something of the history of the Cape Arago area from 1905 to 1975, especially Shore Acres tales.

The interviewees will be chosen from a prepared list, as well as from leads developed during the interviews.

The Friends are especially interested in people who have knowledge of Louis J.

Simpson, his life, and his former estate.

The organization hopes to complete the project in about nine months and has allocated \$2,500 for funding it.

Recording equipment and blank tapes will be furnished by the Friends. The interviewer will secure signed releases from the interviewees, and complete a synopsis of the tapes in a typed report at the completion of the project.

The project will seek information on the

clearing of land at Shore Acres, building of structures, barns, roads, the first and second mansions, the gardens themselves, memorable visitors, the floor plans of the mansions, buildings at Sunset Bay.

Information on the personal life of L.J. Simpson will also be sought. Information on the Civilian Conservation Corps projects in the region and the state acquisition of the property is also sought.

Anyone wishing to help out with this project should submit a list of related experience, a

5-minute sample interview tape, and three sample questions on the above topics, by Aug. 17, to the Friends of Shore Acres. Call 888-4902 or 756-5401.

The organization expects to let a contract for the project by Sept. 5 and hopes to complete the effort by March 31.

The Friends hope to enrich the available history of the region and to provide a full experience for visitors to the botanical gardens and coastal overlook at the park.



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Nancy Arnold and Tom Ransford catch some music and rays at Shores Acres.

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"Southern Light" stars in Friday afternoon concert.

Friday was the day for sun, music, bliss

Nancy Arnold of North Bend and Tom Ransford of Charleston were just two of the 1,200 spectators listening to music and basking in the sun Friday as part of the Oregon Coast Music Festival held out at Shore Acres State Park from noon to 2 p.m. "Southern Light" played a fusion of jazz, folk and classical on instruments from medieval to modern during the concert. After a jazz concert Friday night featuring David Friesen and Uwe

Kropinski, events will continue this weekend starting today with the Bay Area Concert Band at Mingus Park at 12:30 p.m.

Then this evening pianist Alan Chow and the Festival Chamber Players will perform at the Marshfield Auditorium at 8 p.m. Finally, for those who want more music, a local performance will be featured on the Coos Bay Sunday Morning radio show on KSBA-FM, 88.5 FM. The radio show begins at 10:30.

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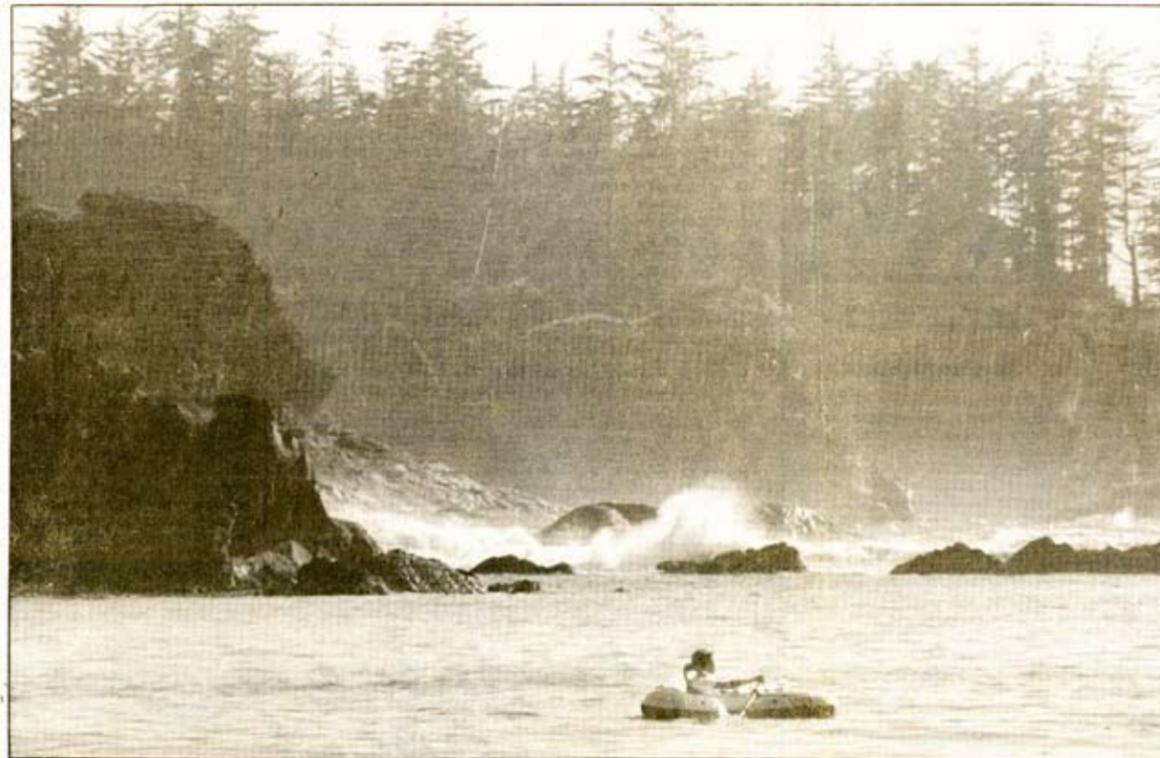
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For a pleasant place to paddle away a lazy summer afternoon, there's nothing like Sunset Bay State Park near Charleston.



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July 26, 1990

David Bridgham
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Dear Dave:

I wanted to send you a note and let you know how much I appreciated our meeting last night.

As I said to you, the Friends of Shore Acres have really made remarkable accomplishments and it is a real pleasure to see the great work you are doing.

I know that I speak for Andy and George when I say your group is truly appreciated. Keep up the excellent work.

Sincerely,


Ron Hjort, Regional Supervisor
Region 3 State Parks

RAH:c

cc Linda Lopez
Andy LaTomme
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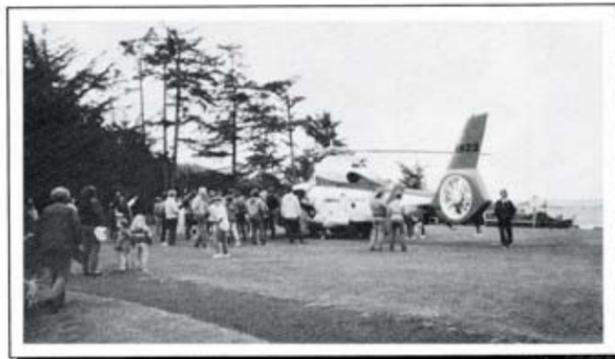


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VISIT THE GARDENS

GARDEN NOTES

by George Guthrie



Ironically, one of the most distinctive symbols of Southwestern Oregon, our native myrtlewood tree, is probably also the most misunderstood. Everybody seems to love something about the myrtle, especially all the neat knick knacks that are made (and sold) from "genuine Oregon myrtlewood."

But few of us seem to know much about the plant itself. After reading the "legend of the myrtlewood" on some of the postcards you can come away thinking that our myrtle should be a likely candidate for rare and endangered species classification. After all, "it only grows here and in the Holy Land."

Luckily for it and us, however, Oregon myrtle not only grows wild around here but extends naturally down through a large part of California. Its scientific name, *umbellularia californica*, indicates that it was first discovered in the golden state anyway, and it doesn't grow in Palestine at all.

Why the conflicting stories? Probably the whole mess derives from a confusion of names. Cross the state line and "Oregon myrtle" becomes "California laurel," not to mention California bay, pepperwood, and several other names as well. Because of the differing names, people come to the conclusion that they are different trees - but to mutilate Shakespeare, "A myrtle by any other name smells just as strong!"

The Holy Land connection comes from the fact that there is something called a myrtle in that neck of the woods - the "true" myrtle (*myrtus communis*) is at best a shrub and has very different flowers and fruit - it's not even a third cousin twice removed to our plant - but because it has the same name it is believed to be the same thing. No way!

Since we're speaking about names, in England our myrtle tree is admired and much planted, but is known as the "headache tree" due to the strong odor of the leaves which allegedly give overindulgent sniffers a real pain. In fact, in



laurel? pepperwood? myrtle?
Ask George!

Victorian times, ladies were advised to keep away from the tree lest they be overcome by the scent and swoon. How's that for a legend?!

Actually, there's a tremendous amount of interesting bits of history, botany, woodcraft and cuisine (the leaves can be used as a substitute for true bay leaves which come from the Grecian laurel (*laurus nobilis*, a close relative of our tree). But, I think you get the picture - even without the legend and the hype, our myrtle is a useful, beautiful and an interesting tree in its own right.

George

THANK YOU, FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS!

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Petty Officer Gordon Shirey
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Petty Officer J.D. Lawrence
Lieutenant (j.g.) Tim Fitzpatrick
Petty Officer Bob Sacks
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Shore Acres Concert
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Raspberry Sundaes -
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(details and names, next issue)

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Chris and Donna Flammang
Jan Shields
David and Shirley Bridgham

And anyone whose names we may have missed!

Parks and Recreation Commission Tour

August 9, 1990

State park coast tour scheduled

The Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission will be making a trip to the Oregon Coast beginning Wednesday.

The commission was appointed by Governor Goldschmidt in January to be a policy making body for the Oregon State Parks System, according to Ron Hjort, manager of the state parks division office in Coos Bay.

"The purpose of the trip is to help the commission familiarize itself with what we do at the parks along the coast," Hjort said. Also on the tour the commission will meet with county commissioners, mayors and other representatives of local government in the area, along with numerous Friends groups of the parks along the coast.

Some highlights of their tour include trips to numerous state parks along the coast beginning Wednesday at Fort Stevens State Park, where Governor Goldschmidt will talk to the commission. Then Thursday the commission will begin their day at Cape Lookout State Park, then travel down the coast to Yaquina Bay State Park, Washburne State Park, and Honeyman State Park, before spending the night at the Red Lion in Coos Bay.

The group will be hosted by the Friends of Shore Acres in a dinner at the popular state park Thursday night.

Friday, the commission will visit Bullards Beach State Park, Cape Blanco State Park, Boardman State Park, and Harris Beach State Park, ending their evening at Jot's Resort in Gold Beach.

On Saturday the commission will tour Tugman State Park, then head back up to Portland.



Ron Hjort (R) welcomes visitors



Nice crowd



Al Aslakson (L), Monte Turner (Red Jacket), Andy LaTomme (R)



Connie Eslinger (L), Bill Sweet (Tan Jacket)

A Very Pleasant Evening at Shore Acres



Ready and Waiting . . .



Guests enjoying dinner



(L-R) Ellen Garner, Tony Mason, Celia Sheridan and guests.



(L-R) Gordon Ross, Andy LaTomme, guest and George Guthrie

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