



Album 8



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:

- Epson Expression 11000XL Scanner
- 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

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.

Friends of Shore Acres
December 4, 1986
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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.

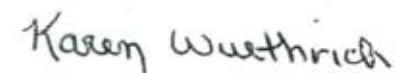
Andy LaTomme was asked to prepare a press release announcing the formation of the Friends with special mention of Mike Bodkin's contribution.

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, 1994 - August 31, 1995

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. Annual Meeting - September 13, 1994 MINUTES – *Highlights (Details on File)*

The Annual Meeting of Friends of Shore Acres, Inc., was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Ann Koppy. Board members present were Al and Judy Aslakson, David and Shirley Bridgham, Georganna Casey, Doris Emmett, Ellen Garner, George Guthrie, Jo Hower, Ann Koppy, Terry Richards, Carl Siminow and Dick Van Natta. Directors absent (excused) were Bob Emmett, Charles Kocher, Gerry Livingston and Gregg Nelson. Guests included Don and Carol Todd, Archi Rosenthal, Maurice Wray and Mary Novak.

David Bridgham, on behalf of the nominating committee, nominated Ann Koppy, Georganna Casey, Doris and Bob Emmett, David Bridgham and Al Aslakson to serve as Board members. After brief discussion, Judy Aslakson moved to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the two nominees. George Guthrie seconded. Motion carried.

Shirley distributed copies of the August financial report and for the 12-month fiscal period ending August, 1994. Ellen reported that the Gift Center has had good sales with new items being added including postcards, place mats, etc.

George Guthrie stated that the Parks Department wanted to extend compliments to the Friends and Volunteers for their assistance during the past year. Accomplishments during the past year included completion of the cabinets in the Gift Center.

Al moved to adjourn the annual meeting. Carl seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Georganna Casey, Secretary



Summer / Autumn Dahlias at Shore Acres Gardens



Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. Board Meeting, September 13, 1994 MINUTES – *Highlights (Details on File)*

The Board Meeting of Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. was called to order at 7:50 P.M. by President Ann Koppy. First order of business was election of officers for 1994-95. On behalf of the nominating committee, David Bridgham nominated Georganna Casey-Secretary; Shirley Bridgham-Treasurer; Dick Van Natta-President-Elect and Doris Emmett-President. All were unanimously elected. Ann passed the gavel to new President Doris Emmett to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed and passed as submitted.

Shirley gave a financial report of the monthly and annual status. Details were in a report that she distributed to everyone. Both reports were accepted as submitted.

Gift Center Report: Ellen stated that the Christmas sweatshirts are selling and said the Gift Center will be open from 7:00-10:00 P.M. each evening during the Lights.

The August 28 picnic was a success, but fewer guests than expected were in attendance.

The Shore Acres booth at the Blackberry Arts Festival attracted many visitors. Some volunteered to assist with holiday lighting. Shirley said there have been many contributions toward the holiday lights in December. Stringing of lights will start November 6.

Don and Carol Todd are making preparations for decorating the Garden House in December. The theme will be "An Old Fashioned Christmas."

George said reflectors are being installed on the highway leading to Shore Acres and the work on the back porch of the Garden House has been completed.

Maurice suggested the possibility of training someone to give interpretive stories in the garden, e.g., a story-teller acting as Louis Simpson's gardener talking about plants and garden planning.

The Friends' Annual Banquet will be held at the Red Lion on October 6.

A hearty "thank you" round of applause was accorded Ann Koppy in appreciation of her capable fulfillment of the office of President during the past year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Georganna Casey, Secretary*



Dick Van Natta, Doris Emmett, and Georganna Casey

Another Season – More Cookies!

THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - October 18, 1994

Food / recipes

Linda Meierjorgen, Editor

It's never too early to make holiday cookies

Bakers for Shore Acres...



World photos by Linda Meierjorgen
Ella Mae Stuart, left, and Martha Wheeler, want you to help bake Shore Acres cookies.

... making 48,000 cookies!



Cream 12 pounds of butter? No problem with this machine.

Cookie Bakes at North Bend and Marshfield High Schools

By Linda Meierjorgen
Coast Life Editor

It's very hard to ruffle Martha Wheeler.

She's been making lunches for North Bend school kids for years.

When she calmly says "you take 12 pounds of butter," she causes heads to turn among ordinary cooks.

Between now and December, she and a crew of volunteer elves will make 48,000 cookies — there's no mistake in the zeros — 4,000 dozen cookies.

These sugar and chocolate chip cookies will be consumed by visitors to the annual holiday lights display at Shore Acres State Park botanical gardens, Dec. 1 through Jan 1.

If you would like to help bake some of them, join in work parties from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 at Marshfield High School or a baking party from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at North Bend High School. Call Ella Mae Stuart at 756-9539 for details.

The elves have already made some 15,000 sugar cookies, Wheeler says.

Friends of Shore Acres officials Dave and Shirley Bridgham have stored them away in freezers at Vend West Services, Inc. — "I felt like a squirrel getting ready for winter," Shirley says.

On the other hand, if you're going to host over 50,000 visitors to see more than 100,000 lights strung in the gardens and to enjoy the decorations and warm atmosphere of the gardener's cottage, it helps to have those cookies stored away.

Last year, the elves baked some 34,000 cookies and these had to be supplemented by that bane of the proud cook's existence — store-bought holiday cookies. Thus the increase to 48,000 cookies, Stuart says.

For those who begin holiday

baking about now and tenderly roll out and cut, or press spritz cookies, or bake holiday sweet breads, envision an organized army in your kitchen.

In one day, the volunteers baked 15,000 cookies — 10 batches in about 5 hours, Stuart explains.

Wheeler has been on this baking blitz for six years; Stuart has been chief elf for three and they've worked out the kinks in the operation.

Wheeler mixes the recipe using materials purchased by the Friends of Shore Acres with funds raised throughout the year.

Usually three to four volunteers turn one of the batches (see recipe nearby) into rolls and place them on a tray to go in the cooler for 15 to 20 minutes. These rolls of dough are then sliced right on the tray, making rows of cookies seven deep and five wide; it takes two to four people to do the slicing, Stuart explains.

It takes roughly 10 to 12 minutes to bake a batch with about 35 cookies on each sheet; there are four ovens at North Bend and each will hold five sheets of cookies at a time.

The volunteers are anxious to try out Marshfield this weekend because new food services Director Dan Gordner has a "cookie machine" which will help in making the chocolate chip cookies, Stuart explained.

It takes two people or so to handle the ovens and make sure the cookies don't get burned and to count the trays.

When the cookie effort started over eight years ago, volunteers could bring their own cookie dough to North Bend High

School where they could stay and help bake it or crews would bake it.

That proved to be tasty, but inefficient, Stuart said, because "we had all kinds of cookies and some of them went into the oven at the same time...so we had to guess baking times all the time."

After the cookies are baked, cooled, and packaged ready to freeze for the holidays, there remains one of those major household-type jobs, Stuart and Wheeler note.

It's called clean up. Volunteers are really needed to help out with this task, because, come Monday morning early, Wheeler and school cooks must be in the kitchens preparing nutritious lunches for students.

"We have to leave that kitchen spotless," Stuart stresses. The more people who help, though, the less time it takes.

If you have a passion for making things sparkle, may be this is your role in making the annual Shore Acres Christmas light gala the best ever.

By the way, you get to munch cookies and sip punch or coffee and listen to entertainment — 32 nights of entertainment.

"We need folks to come out and sing, dance, play music, in general, to help make the holiday festive," says Bridgham. Those who would like to entertain may call Wanda Graham at 756-6789. If no one is home, leave a message on the answer-

ing machine and she will schedule you or your group for a night of entertaining during the holidays.

Last year, over 65,000 visitors viewed the 125,000 lights in the garden, coming from six continents, 35 countries, 47 states, 29 of Oregon's 36 counties and 186 Oregon towns and cities.

It took over 3,000 volunteer hours to bring this holiday joy to the season. Along with the 34,000 cookies, visitors consumed 840 gallons of apple cider, 200 gallons of punch, and 7 cases of pounds and pounds of coffee.

Friends of Shore Acres volunteers will replace some 25,000 lights, add 10,000 more and visitors will find over 135,000 lights shining in the gardens for a week longer than last year. In addition, bus and recreation vehicle parking will be added on the exit road to the park, freeing up parking spaces for more private cars.

The lights are always a surprise and not every lighting effort is publicized before the holidays — but rumors are a giant humpback whale will "breach" the lawn in the southwest quadrant of the gardens spanning some 50 feet in lights.



Martha Wheeler

...here's the recipe

Creative cooks can convert it for home

Just how much do you love cookies?

If you want to make 15,000 cookies in one day, here's the recipe to choose. It's tried and tested by the Friends of Shore Acres volunteers who bake all those holiday cookies you consume at Shore Acres State Park botanical gardens Dec. 1 to Jan 1.

Volunteers use this recipe to make 1,500 cookies, then make 10 batches in one day.

Actually, you can reduce this recipe to match just one batch of cookies at home — we'll leave it up to the expert cookie bakers among you to figure out how:

SUGAR COOKIES

12 pounds butter
10 1/2 pounds of powdered sugar

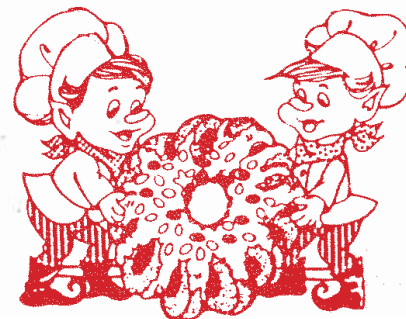
3 pounds of granulated sugar
24 eggs
20 pounds flour
1/2 cup baking soda
1/2 cup cream of tartar
1/2 cup of vanilla
1 Tablespoon real almond extract

Cream butter, powdered sugar and granulated sugar until light and fluffy; add eggs and cream again.

Add remaining dry ingredients and blend until mixed thoroughly; add vanilla and almond extract, blend briefly.

Shape into long rolls and chill in cooler for 15 to 20 minutes, then slice to make uniform size and thickness of cookie. Bake at 375 for 10 to 12 minutes.

Ten batches of this recipe will make 15,000 cookies!



Valiant Volunteer Bakers



Volunteer bakers at North Bend High School



Co-Chair Ella Mae Stuart and Martha Wheeler



Volunteer bakers at Marshfield High School

COOKIES REPORT

The best and most valiant cookie bakers in the world baked 48,000 cookies for the Holiday Lights and Open House. Chairing the three marathon bakes, which were held in the kitchens of North Bend and Marshfield High Schools, were Ella Mae Stuart, Martha Wheeler, Dan Gordner, Leslie Cook, and Dolly Austin. The multiple ovens at North Bend and a new cookie machine at Marshfield were a huge help in getting the job done. ■

A BIG THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

Bobbie Beberger, Barbara Becker, Marsha Bell, Lily Busick, Laura Collins, Helen Doving, Doris Emmett, Alberta Esch, Florrie Fox, Vera Fusano, Kelly Giddings, Kate Gigler, Dannielle, Thomas, Jacob and Denise Green, Maren Greif, Pearl Groves, Stacey Hall, Sarah Humbert, Della Hunsaker, Mary Hunter, Sarah Johnson, Connie Lilley, Lora and Kathleen Lindeman, Anna Mae Barnes, Cindy Mallman, Maxine McKenzie, Paula Neill, Mary Novak, Mary Pat Green, Barb Phillips, Irene Quick, Betty Renner, Wanda Robb, Kristi Santivasci, Marlene Sharp, Helen Shefstad, Shirley Shellabarger, Ruth Shutter, Charlotte Skinner, Jean Sorenson, Debra Taylor, Ann Toman, Kay Valois, Allen, Julie and Lucy Varoujean, Jean Weaver, Gail Wigler, Lois Wiin, Angie Woral, Laura Yoshida, and Gina Young. ■



Lots of dough . . . lots of cookies . . . and lots of smiles in getting the job done!

Special Volunteer Jobs



Terry Clinton (L.) and Lou Leberti (R.) of Vend West Services pick up frozen apple juice at the Coos Bay Fred Meyer store. Fred Meyer donated 30 cases and the Friends bought 45 more at slightly above cost. The juice was stored in Vend West's walk-in freezers. ■

(Left to right) Friends' President Doris Emmett with the help of Vera Fusano, Winnie Pitsenberger, and Marie Heisen cooked and packaged hundreds of cups of cider spice at the First Presbyterian Church in North Bend. Made the church so fragrant! ■



Keith Ott and Frank Smith put lights on the new 45' life size gray whale sculpture. ■



David Bridgham usually "gets" to do the steps of the Garden House. ■



Waves crash against the rocky shoreline at Shore Acres State Park along the Southern Oregon coast.

Driving from Bandon, take US 101 north to Seven Devils Road; at the junction of Cape Arago Highway turn left and follow the signs. From Coos Bay, take the Cape Arago Highway through Charleston and follow the signs.
Photo by Larry Geddis, courtesy of the Oregon Tourism Division.

Coming Up Next Issue --

* Legislative Poll

* Avoid Auto Repair Fraud

* Wet Weather Driving

* More "Show Your Card & Save"

Opportunities!

Out in mid-January!



Shore Acres State Park Festival of Lights December 1 - January 1.
Photo courtesy of the Oregon Tourism Division by Craig Tuttle

Winter On The Coast

Activities For Everyone

Oregon's 400 miles of pulic coastline offer a captivating show during the winter storm season. December also signals the start of whale migration.

Relax and enjoy nature's awesome display of crashing waves from a cozy room overlooking the beach.

Take a brisk invigorating hike in the salt air. Comb the beach for hidden treasures unearthed by the winter storms.

Shore Acres Light Festival

Family Fun

An "Old Fashioned Country Christmas" is the theme of the eighth annual Holiday Lights & Open House at Shore Acres State Park along Oregon's southern coast.

More than 135,000 dazzling lights will decorate the quaint garden house, ten towering Christmas trees and the manicured botanical gardens.

Lights Accent Gardens

The festival runs nightly, December 1 through January 1, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Sculptures of life-size cranes and flying pelicans illuminate the botanical gardens. A new 45-foot spouting grey whale sculpture joins the light exhibit this year.

Walking Tour

Volunteer carolers serenade visitors along the 30 to 45 minute walking tour. Friends of Shore Acres Committees, a non-profit group, sponsors the festival.

The park is located just 12 miles west of Coos Bay on Cape Arago. There are no park or admission fees, however donations are accepted.



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Getting Christmas Trees and Stringing 135,000 Lights



Volunteer firefighter Steve Schneiderman headed up the volunteers from the Coos Bay Fire Department and North Bend Fire Department. Their awesome task? Put the lights up high on the house!



SWOCC Forestry students (Left to Right) Mike Pettibone, Rod Timothy, Sam Wilson, Zoe Eckstein, Tammy Shine, Mike Ortloff, Mike Emmons, Jason Shipman, Corey Woodruff, Brian Lovell, Camille Lovell, Craig Richards, Dr. Ben Fawver (instructor), Jamie Lilienthal (*not pictured, but taking the photo, Professor Bill Lemoine*). Coos Head Builders provided the truck and driver Fred Gonzales so these foresters could pick up a load of Noble fir trees from Tom and Grace Lou Heyman's place at McKinley. Douglas fir trees were provided and delivered by the folks from Bureau of Land Management. Will and Judy Spearin also donated a Noble fir. ■



Donna and Chris Flammang help every year.



Bridgham's grandson Adam Reed



Volunteer firefighters are willing to go where most won't go!



A family affair - (Left to right) Jessica, Jennifer, Jacob, Kyle and Stafford Owen were first-time light stringers at Shore Acres.



Bill Breitmeyer and Luke Soules work as a team.

An “Old Fashioned Holiday House”



Bonnie Koreiva checks out the stairway to upstairs.



Putting the canopy over the bed were (front to back), Jenna Hjelstrom, Adam Reed, Andy Hjelstrom, Robynn Reed, Sally Jones, Carol Todd, Don Todd. The Todd's were really wrapped up in their work! Many others also helped create our *old fashioned holiday house*.



Upstairs bathroom with claw bathtub



Child's bedroom featured a crib filled with bears, a train, a village, a Christmas tree and toys.



Holiday Lights – New Life Size Whale Sculpture

THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - November 30, 1994



Matthew Reeves, 6, Coquille, adjusts the decorations on one of the trees at Shore Acres. World photo by Dean Guernsey

Lights shine at Shore Acres

CHARLESTON — If one more string of lights is added anywhere, it will blow a circuit, says Shore Acres Holiday Lights organizer Shirley Bridgham.

But then, to the casual observer, it's hard to see where any more lights could be strung in the formal gardens of Shore Acres State Park.

The eighth annual display offers 135,000 lights beginning Thursday at 4 p.m. and running until 10 p.m. every night through Jan. 1. It is sponsored by

the Friends of Shore Acres in partnership with Shore Acres State Park.

There's no parking fee and admission is free, but donations are accepted.

Another light display at a state park also boast 130,000 lights this year. The display at Honeyman State Park near Florence is open from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. daily through the holiday season.

At Shore Acres, refreshments are offered in the fully decorated Garden House.



The life size gray whale, designed by well-known marine artist Don McMichael was a real crowd pleaser. Don and his wife Sharon also bought the lights for the whale. Fabrication was done by "a whale of a group" at Industrial Services – Alfred Moore, Casey Page, David Andrews, Glen Thurber, Harry Dolezal, James Wilson, James Cutrell, Jim Guernsey, John Guernsey, John Alcock, Keith Wilson, Marvin Dale Busby, Monty Page, and Wendy Guernsey. Adding the fine sculpture wire patterns to the whale were David Bridgham, Frank Smith, and Keith Ott. Stringing the lights on it were Cappy Klein, Keith Ott, Dick Van Natta, and Frank Smith. Schaefer's Paint Works donated the paint and Industrial Steel transported the whale to Shore Acres. *Thanks to all who helped!*

Holiday Lights – Entertainment, B&B Winners, Etc.



Caroling started early some nights. Entertainment was weather permitting.



Pat and Bill Morgan, owners of the Coos Bay Dairy Queen, won the *Ultimate Bed & Breakfast*. Ninety (of 100 available) tickets were sold. The Morgan's stayed New Years Eve and enjoyed the *Ultimate Breakfast* prepared and delivered by Kaarina and Dave Scolari on New Year's morning.

EVENTS

HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT SHORE ACRES will run from Dec. 1 through Jan. 1 — every night including holiday evenings — at the botanical gardens in Shore Acres State Park, Charleston. The eighth annual show will feature over 135,000 lights in the gardens, with the gardener's cottage offering holiday decorations, hot cider, punch and cookies to visitors. Entertainment will include the boys and girls of Camp Fire from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12 and the Bay Area Community Band from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13 followed by the Bay Area Hospital Carolers throughout the evening Thursday, Dec. 15. Saturday, Dec. 10 you can catch a bus in the west parking lot of Pony Village Mall, North Bend, at 7:30 p.m., sponsored free by area businesses, returning from the gardens by about 9 p.m. Call 756-5401, 888-4902 or 888-2472 for information.



Bud Baird and Wanda (Kotch) Graham (our entertainment scheduler) added festive notes to preview night.

THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - December 10, 1994

State parks provide gift of nature

One holiday gift can wrap together Oregon's lakes, rivers, ocean beaches, natural areas and historic places.

An Oregon Parks and Recreation Department gift certificate may be the perfect gift for friends and relatives who visit state parks. The certificate can be used toward an overnight stay in any of 50 state park campgrounds, including 20 that are open year-round, and yurts at eight coastal parks.

The certificate also may be redeemed to purchase a \$20 day-use permit. Permits for the 1995 season will be available by mid-January. They allow unlimited entry into the 24 state parks where day-use fees are charged.

The \$10 gift certificates can be purchased and used at any time of the year.

There is no time limit on when the certificates must be used.

Shore Acres Events for 1995

THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - January 23, 1995

Shore Acres flavors each month

CHARLESTON — The lights of Christmas have all been stored away, but Friends of Shore Acres want South Coast residents to know the gardens have something to offer each month of the year, says Doris Emmett, president.

"We'd like visitors to learn what the gardens have to offer in all seasons — buds and blooms, storms and sun," she says.

In order to foster this awareness, the Friends will sponsor a monthly event at the gardens throughout 1995, Emmett explains.

These begin with a "Boots and Slickers" day, Sunday, Feb. 12, in time for Lincoln's birthday.

The gardener's cottage in the botanical gardens will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. serving warm beverages and snacks, as well as a chance to look at pictures of the early days at Shore Acres.

The gift shop will introduce its new line of merchandise that day, too.

In the gardens the buds will show and some foliage will begin to unfurl as spring draws nearer.

If the waves are breaking, as they are in South Coast photographer Jackie Schlaf's photo below, or if there is "liquid sunshine" for the day, you will need to wear "Boots and Slickers," Emmett says.

Some of the events will bring professionals to the gardens to answer questions about how to grow the bulbs, dahlias, roses, and other plants there.

Some events will be held in conjunction with other South Coast activities and some will feature entertainment.

The holiday lights? Of course, they'll be offered again from Nov. 30 to Jan. 1, 1996.

For questions on the events, or to volunteer your services to the Friends of Shore Acres organization, call 756-4450.

The park and trails at Shore Acres are open regular hours during the winter and make for dramatic viewing during storms.

Each season brings subtle changes to gardens ranging from winter heather and buds on trees, to the first forsythia and bulbs, to violets and primroses of early spring.

Head gardener George Guthrie is in charge of the botanical gardens and their upkeep, but gets help from volunteers in horticulture throughout the year, too.

The gardens contain a rose viewing area sometimes missed by visitors because it is to the rear of the formal flower beds. Here, gardeners can find All-America and other prize winning roses later in the year.

There is access to the beach and to trails along the bluffs both north to Sunset Bay and South to Cape Arago from the park.

Stop at the gift shop to pick up maps, cards, photos, and historical materials about the former Simpson estate and the surrounding park — one of the most visited state park in Oregon.

● February: "Boots and Slickers," Sunday, Feb. 12, during park hours; garden house open from 1 to 4 p.m.

● March: "Bloomin' Bulbs Bash," Saturday, March 18, during park hours; reception in gardeners cottage; bulb experts to answer questions.

● April: You can help Friends and the Bureau of Land Management clean the pond in the Japanese garden. The event is not open to the general public but to volunteer call 756-4450.

● May: Mother's Day on Rhododendron Sunday, May 14, with members of the Southwestern Oregon Rhododendron Society on hand to answer questions.

● June: Father's Day on Rose Sunday, June 18, with members of the Southwestern Oregon Rose Society on hand to answer questions.

● July: The gardens will again host an outdoor concert for the annual Oregon Coast Music Festival. Friends will again serve their popular ice cream sundaes!

● August: The annual picnic for the Friends of Shore Acres and volunteers will be held.

● September: "Dahlia Daze" will feature a fall walk in the gardens with members of the South Coast chapter of the Dahlia Society on hand to answer questions, Sunday, Sept. 24.

● October: Friends of Shore Acres will hold an annual dinner and elect officers. Holiday cookie bakers begin baking.

● November: Prior to Thanksgiving will be the last time to see the gardens in their most dormant period.

● December: Every single day more than 135,000 lights will fill the gardens with holiday sights; entertainment is offered, and the garden house is open in the evenings for holiday cookies and beverages.



Photo by Archi Rosenthal



Photo courtesy Friends of Shore Acres

Waves crash on the bluff near the lookout at Shore Acres State Park during wild winters.

Join us for the DAFFODIL STROLL at Shore Acres State Park

Saturday, February 18 ♦ 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Free admission and refreshments

Tour displays of exotic daffodils, spring flowers and bulbs. Experts from the Oregon Daffodil Society will be available to answer questions.

For further information call 756-4450 or 888-3732.

Sponsored by the Oregon Daffodil Society, Shore Acres State Park, and Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.



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Daffodil Stroll / Bloomin' Bulbs Bash – Feb. 18, 1995

THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - February 9, 1995

'Bulb bash' blossoms at Shore Acres

CHARLESTON — The early warm weather has produced a fine crop of bulb blooms at Shore Acres State Park botanical gardens, head gardener George Guthrie says.

As a result, the "Boots & Slickers" Sunday, planned for Sunday, Feb. 12, will be combined and moved to Sunday, Feb. 18, for a daffodil stroll called "the Bloomin' Bulbs Bash" with the Oregon Daffodil Society.

The unusually warm and wet weather has produced a fine showing of the Simpson estate gardens bulb offerings ranging from crocus, to hyacinth to hundreds of varieties of daffodils and narcissus.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the garden house open for warm beverages and cookies from sponsors the Friends of Shore Acres.

The daffodil stroll is cosponsored

by the Oregon Daffodil Society and several of their representatives will be on hand to answer questions about the blooms and how to grow them, as well as identifying the various ones in the gardens.

Many of the blooms opening out now have been donated by the society and daffodils will be on display in the garden house, too, with pictures to view while enjoying hot coffee.

Stan Baird, a nationally-recognized daffodil authority, from Blue Lake, Calif., will be on hand to offer suggestions and answer questions.

The Friends of Shore Acres have promised an event in the gardens each month of the year during 1995 — partly to showcase the wonders of the facility during all seasons and partly to raise funds for further garden improvements.

For information call 756-4450 or the park at 888-3732.



Betty Jane Forster (Shedd), Lee Brassfield (Cloverdale), Stan Baird, Regional Vice President of the American Daffodil Society (Blue Lake CA), Lenard Forster (Shedd), Christine Kemp (Fortuna CA), Howard Brassfield (Cloverdale OR). All Helped answer questions about daffodils.

Wending one's way through daffodils was a delightful experience for more than 300 people who attended the Daffodil Stroll on February 18 at Shore Acres Gardens. Not only were the lovely color spots in the gardens appreciated, the display of unique and varied and colored blooms shown by the Oregon Daffodil Society was unsurpassed. The vast groupings were shown with individual stems in bud vases throughout the Garden House. Guests from the society showing their prize blooms were from Shedd and Cloverdale, Oregon and Fortuna and Blue Lake California.

Guests and visitors were served cheese and crackers, cookies and beverages by Friends of Shore Acres volunteers. President-elect Dick Van Natta, took charge of the food counter with the help of Bob and Betty Renner, Bob and Doris Emmett and George Guthrie. Archi Rosenthal photographed the event for the Friends Journal and the Friends' archives. The weather was great and so was the enthusiasm. ■



Dick Van Natta and Doris Emmett are ready with refreshments for visitors.



Visitor studies daffodil information.



Betty and Bob Renner helped host the event.

The Color of Green – March 18, 1995

THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - March 15, 1995

EVENTS

“SEABIRDS OF COQUILLE POINT,” will be discussed by Nancy Morrissey of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the next in the Bandon Storm Watchers series of talks at 3 p.m Saturday, March 18, at Harbor Hall, in Old Town, Bandon. The free lectures are sponsored each Saturday through April 8 by the Bandon Storm Watchers. Call (503) 347-8810 for information.

“THE COLOR GREEN” is the theme for an 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. display by the Bay Area Bonsai Society Saturday, March 18, at Shore Acres State Park. The display will be held in the garden house and will include a variety of examples of bonsai. Tea and fortune cookies will be served by the Friends of Shore Acres and society members will be on hand to answer questions. Visitors will also be directed to the Oriental section of the garden near the reflecting pond. For information on the free event call 756-4450 or 888-3732.



In the Garden House, visitors take a close look at exquisite bonsai.

Cloudy skies and a few sprinkles did not stop hundreds of visitors from enjoying the bonsai display at Shore Acres Gardens, Saturday, March 18. Members of the Bay Area Bonsai Society displayed their beautiful examples of this age-old art form that transforms plants into exquisite miniatures.

Club members participating included George and Eva Ahuna, George Brown, Larry Casey, Catharine Greiner, Ursula Langley, Beverly Leege, Betty Meister, Bob and Betty renner, Lois Strong, and Ken and Doris Windred.

Tea and fortune cookies were served by Friends volunteers Georganna Casey, Doris and Bob Emmett, Dick Van Natta, Mary Jo Jamsgard, George Guthrie and Bob and Betty Renner. ■

THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - March 20, 1995



Bob Renner demonstrates the sculpting of branches with copper wire on a shimpaku juniper Saturday at Shore Acres.

Trees fit for leprechauns

By Camille Tipton
Staff Writer

Beverly Leege, 70, points to a tiny tree covered with pinkish-white buds and whorls of bright green leaves. The tree, with its gnarled trunk and rounded crown of blossoms, is no bigger than a puppy.

"This bonsai is 20 years old but it will still have a full crop of fruit if they put it out where the bees can get to it," said Leege, who has more than 45 of the miniature trees at her house. "This is just a common, old fashioned crabapple like our grandmothers used to make jam out of."

Volunteers from the Bay Area Bonsai Society presented a special display of the carefully cultivated trees Saturday at Shore Acres State Park. More than 100 people visited the five-hour exhibit appropriately named "The Color of Green" in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Leege says anything with a woody trunk can be turned into a bonsai, which literally means "a tree in a tray."

"Basically, you restrict the plant's roots so its leaves begin to



A fly lands on a 10-year-old Kalmiopsis Leachiana.

shrink," she said, explaining there are three basic sizes of bonsai trees. The smallest bonsai are under 10 inches tall and called "mame." Medium sized ones range between 10 to 21 inches while giant bonsai can get up to 56

inches tall. The sizes were set by the Japanese thousands of years ago, Leege said.

"They really do shrink. You just have to be patient," she said.

Fist-sized rocks looked like boulders next to shallow trays of

aged-looking, weather-beaten groves of junipers and birches. A gnarly, 60-year-old English Ivy with quarter-sized leaves stands watch near a sub-alpine fir that has the same wind-whipped look of its mountain counterpart.

"They live the same lives as their giant counterparts," Leege said. "They need to live outdoors and have a lot of sunlight and good air circulation. You have to be careful with freezes because of the shallow trays, though. They get the cold from all sides."

"The older the tree, the lower its branches hang. We can get the same aged-look by wrapping copper or aluminum wires around the branches and training them to grow down," said the society's secretary Bob Renner, while demonstrating the technique on a munchkin grove of junipers.

Anyone interested in learning more about bonsai can attend the society's monthly meeting which will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Coos Bay Library. A guest speaker will discuss how to root trees over rocks in traditional Chinese fashion.

“Brush and Flush” – April 1, 1995

On a sunny *April Fools’* Saturday, the annual “brush and flush” (to borrow a phrase from Gregg Nelson) of the lily pond was successfully completed. Seventeen adults and eleven kids from BLM did the deed in about an hour.

George Guthrie emptied the pond ahead of time, took care of the lilies and saved the goldfish and salamanders.

While some major sludge had to be hauled by wheelbarrow, most of it was flushed down the very efficient drain that BLM installed several years ago. The BLM fire truck supplied the flushing power.

Friends of shore Acres volunteers helped Lloyd “BBQ” Fritz (BLM) prepare lunch for the bunch.

Thanks to everyone who helped!

THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - May 5, 1995

State parks tally 12,000 volunteers during 1994

Nearly 12,000 volunteers contributed 244,000 hours of service last year to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, reported Director Bob Meinen in observance of National Volunteer Week.

“I have a pretty simple message to the thousands of volunteers who are helping make Oregon a better place to live and re-create: Thank you,” Meinen said.

Volunteer assistance is provided through three formal programs and one statewide special event.



AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE!



Park hosts donate the most hours to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Hosts stay in a park and assist visitors by staffing entrance booths, cleaning visitor facilities, and in general helping visitors enjoy the park system. While most stay one month at a park, some extend their stay to three months or more. These “extended service” hosts bring special skills to the park system in public program development, park maintenance, office operations and other areas.

A new program developed last year — Partners in Parks — encourages groups or businesses to adopt a park. Partners have assisted with park planning, beautifying trails and parking areas, and providing educational programs.

The 1994 Great Oregon Beach Cleanups (cooperative ventures with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism and OPRD) in spring and fall were powered by more than 7,000 volunteers.

Several thousand volunteers have organized to form 13 nonprofit “friends” organizations, each dedicated to supporting interpretive and educational programs at numerous parks. Friends groups are active at Shore Acres and Cape Blanco state parks on the South Coast.

In cooperation with park staff, these groups organize other volunteers, provide public programs, help plan and conduct special events, and perform other services.



BLM volunteers are used to the muck; they’ve cleaned it before!



The result - a clearly beautiful pond.

Rhododendron Sunday / Mother's Day – May 14, 1995



George Guthrie, Shore Acres' Landscape Maintenance Superintendent, answers questions about rhodies and azaleas.

Mothers were honored at the annual Rhododendron Sunday held on Mother's Day, May 14. Between 500 and 600 moms, families, and other visitors were treated to the natural beauty of blooming rhododendrons interspersed with demonstration by weavers, spinners, wood carvers and artists.

Representing Headles and Treadles, the local weavers' guild were Isabel Buschman, Mona Crucitti, Fred Knapp, Virginia Slaney, Elaine Almquist, Dana Hoffman, Jean Fowler and Pat Anderson.

A steady flow of visitors and cooperating weather allowed for leisurely viewing and questions from those in attendance.



Woodcarver Ava Abrahamson demonstrates her woodcarving skills and displayed many of her wood carvings that included exquisitely delicate angel ornaments.



Fred Knapp demonstrates his skills.

The artists and woodcarvers came from Charleston and Coos Bay. The Garden House was hung with works representing Shore Acres Gardens and the many flowers found there. Artists contributing and sketching in the gardens included Alice Ellis, Charles Edmunds, Merrie Holbert, Pat Weaver, Sara Spaugh, and Dorothy Vaughan.

Refreshments of home baked tea breads and cakes were provided by Shore Acres board members. President-Elect Dick Van Natta manned the coffee pot and punch bowl with assistance from Carl Siminow, Bob Emmett and Georganna Casey.

President Doris Emmett lent her considerable talent to the gala pink bows and blooming table arrangements. Shore Acres volunteers Pearl Affholter, Vera Fusano, Helen and Pete McElravey welcomed visitors and gusts and made sure the cake platters were never empty. ■

Thanks to all who helped!



Charles Edmunds demonstrates his artistic skills.

What's coming up

EVENTS

KALMIOPSIS AUDUBON SOCIETY will sponsor a nature hike at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 17, at Otter Point State Park near Gold Beach. Bring water, lunch and binoculars for this moderate 2½ hour hike. Dorthea Peterson will lead the hike with birding, botany and biology as topics of interest. For more information call her at (503) 247-7944.

"DISCOVER NEW RIVER" is the topic for Steve Langenstein of the Bureau of Land Management in the third of the Summer Saturdays. Meet at 9 a.m., June 17, at the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce in downtown Coos Bay for the free hike at New River south of Bandon. Bring a sack lunch and wear comfortable shoes. The events are sponsored each week by the Cape Arago chapter of the National Audubon Society and South Coast resource agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management and others. For information on the full summer of Saturday events call 756-0100.

"ROSE SUNDAY: A DAY FOR DADS," will be hosted by the Southwestern Oregon Rose Society with tips from head gardener George Guthrie at Shore Acres State Park botanical gardens — full of blooming roses — for Father's Day. The event runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 18, and is open free to the public. There will be wood carving from the South Coast woodcarvers and the North Bend Senior Carving Group; the South Coast Men's Gold Coast Singers will perform from 2 to 3 p.m. and the SWOCC Women's Barbershop Chorus will perform from noon to 3 p.m. There will be gift drawings for Dad in the gift shop and refreshments will be served in the garden house.

Bonny Drug Store in Coquille. Call 396-4563 for information.

"J.B." by Archibald MacLeish won the Pulitzer Prize for drama when it opened in the late 1950s with the puzzles of a businessman who could be a modern-day Job. It will be offered at 8 p.m. June 16, 17, 23 and 24 and at 2 p.m. June 18 and 25, at the On Broadway Theater, 226 Broadway Ave., Coos Bay. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens. To make reservations call 269-2501.

"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF" continues at the Performing Arts Center, in the Brookings-Harbor Shopping Center, with the Chetco Pelican Players offering the classic Broadway musical focusing on an impoverished Jewish family in Russia soon after the turn of the century. "Sunrise, Sunset," "If I Were a Rich Man," and "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" all come from this play. Performances continue at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays June 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and July 1 and at 3 p.m. Sundays June 18, 25, and July 2. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. Call (503) 469-4696 or (503) 469-4696.

GALLERIES

COOS ART MUSEUM hosts a show of contemporary Northwest art from the Laura Russo Gallery in Portland continuing through July 8, at the museum, at 235 Anderson Ave., Coos Bay, is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays; it is closed Sunday and Monday. Call 267-3901 for information. Works by 31 regional artists, from one of most respected galleries in the Northwest, will include abstract paintings by Carl Morris, sculpture by Mel Katz, and works by Salley Haley and Michele Russo.



World file photo

Take Dad to smell the roses

"Rose Sunday" at Shore Acres State Park will give families a chance to let Dad smell the roses on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The free event blooms with activity for the whole family, as Head Gardener George Guthrie and members of the Southwestern Oregon Rose Society providing tips on growing the blooms. The gardener's cottage will have wood carving and demon-

strations from the South Coast Woodcarvers and North Bend Senior Carving Group. The South Coast Men's Gold Coast Singers will sing from 2 to 3 p.m. and the Women's Barbershop Chorus from Southwestern Oregon Community College will sing from noon to 3 p.m. There will be refreshments and a gift drawing for Dad's Day, too. Call 888-4902 for information.

Rose Sunday / Father's Day – June 18, 1995



ROSE SUNDAY * A Day for Dad at Shore Acres Gardens June 18, 1995 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Roses, roses, roses with consultants
from the Rose Society of South
Western Oregon and tips from
George Guthrie, Shore Acres' Head Gardener

- ◆ Enjoy wood carving at its best from the South Coast Woodcarvers and the North Bend Senior Carving Group
- ◆ South Coast Men's Gold Coast Singers - 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ Women's Barbershop Chorus/SWOCC - 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ Refreshments in the Garden House
- ◆ Special gift drawings for Dad in the Information & Gift Center

Come do it for Dad!

Sponsored by Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.
in partnership with Shore Acres State Park



Dads and families head for the Garden House to see wood carvings and have refreshments.

The Coos Shoreline Chapter of Sweet Adelines and the Gold Coast Chorus sang barbershop favorites enjoyed by everyone.

In the garden, members of the South Western Oregon Rose Society answered the many questions about roses and handed out the updated Shore Acres Roses brochure. Experts included Jay Dow and George Guthrie, Shore Acres' Landscape Maintenance Superintendent. ■

Showers did not dampen anyone's spirit on Rose Sunday, Father's Day.

Visitors were eager to get the latest information on roses and see the wonderful wood carving on display in the Garden House.

Demonstrating their skills and displaying their beautiful wood carvings were Don Capehart, Bill Fredericks, Larry /Roberts, Mary Langenberg, and bill and Dorothy Buck – all members of South Coast Wood Carvers.

Friends volunteers serving refreshments in the Garden House included Bob and Betty Renner, Georganna Casey, Carl Siminow, and Doris and Bob Emmett.



Friends board members Carl Siminow and Bob Renner offer refreshments to visitors from Florida.

A Delightful Day for Dads, Families and Visitors



Don Capehart



Coos Shoreline Chapter of Sweet Adelines



Bill Fredericks



Bill and Dorothy Buck



In the Gift Shop, Charlotte Skinner and Georganna Casey admire the many interesting items available to visitors.



Gold Coast Chorus

Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert – July 21, 1995



Bea Faris and Gladys Ivy serve a sundae to a happy Kenn Kennedy.



Friends' Board member David Bridgham visits with OCMA Board member Bob Macy.



Crowds and picnic baskets were the order of the day.

The garden concert at Shore Acres is a highlight of the annual Oregon Coast Music Festival. This year was no exception. *Golden Bough's* Celtic and folk music delighted the large audience and Friends of Shore Acres' fresh raspberry and chocolate sundaes were a sellout.

Sundae sellers included Connie Eslinger, Jean Donason, Bea Faris, Gladys Ivy, Vivian Day, Bob and Betty Renner, and Bob and Doris Emmett.

Parking cars were Don Harms, Cranson Fosburg, David Bridgham, Frank Smith, Charlie Kocher, Roger Collins, George Guthrie and park staff.

Shirley Bridgham photographed the event for the Friends' *Journal* and historical records. ■



Golden Bough is always a favorite group.



Friends' volunteers directed cars in a full field of parking.

England “Blooms” in Oregon - August 13, 1995



Betty Renner visits with Mike Hanlon's guests from Kawagoe City, Saitama, Japan. Kinya Yamada was in the United State to see his daughter Sanae Yamada graduate from the University of Oregon.

The Sunset Chapter of the American Fuchsia Society, Coos Bay Area, in cooperation with the Friends of Shore Acres, presented an exquisite collection of fuchsias at Shore Acres Gardens, August 13. Fuchsia Society president Ellie Joyce and members Nita Byers and Mary Cervantes provided plants., Dale and Susie Marcy, Alice Harper and Lou Wear shared their knowledge of growing fuchsias with the many visitors.

In the Garden House, visitors enjoyed refreshments served by Friends volunteers Bob and Betty Renner, Doris Emmett, Dick Van Natta, and Georganna Casey.

Kim Edd's sparkling accordion music drifted through the gardens and everyone savored a beautiful sunny day at Shore Acres Gardens. ■



Friends' member Brownie Ruggles enjoys the accordion music of Kim Edd, so ably helped by daughter Jenna.

Tribute to our 1994-95 President Doris Emmett

Doris Emmett deserves a lot of credit for leading the Friends through one monthly adventure after another this pas year. And even though she will be past president, she's not done. You won't want to miss the Dahlia Daze and Fall Walk she has planned for September 24. Doris has done a super job of running our board meetings, keeping us on track and enthusing us with her enthusiasm. We do appreciate her efforts. Thanks, Doris! ■

Shirley Bridgham, Friends' Journal Editor and Archivist

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

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