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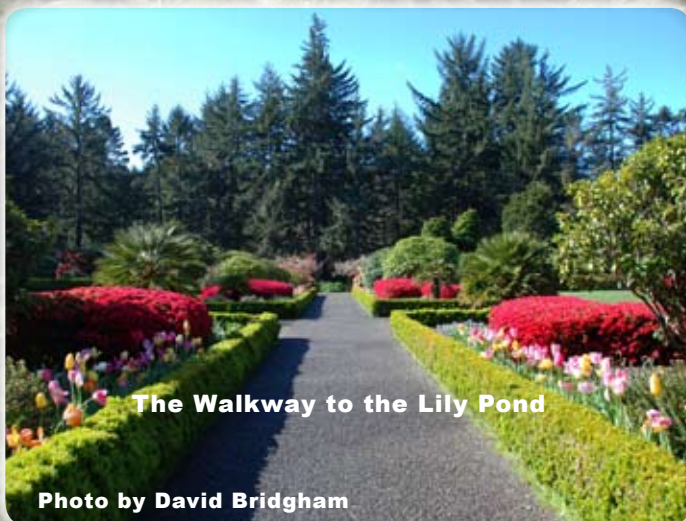
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The Walkway to the Lily Pond

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*Friends'
33rd Year*

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Our Mission . . .

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



FROM THE EDITOR . . .

By Shirley Bridgham



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

We have new pictures of David and me, thanks to Carol Ventgen. Carol and her husband Mike Perkins held a bon voyage dinner for David ahead of his trip to England and beyond in May. It was a trip of the lifetime with his son Phil.

This issue of the Journal showcases many of the activities that make the Friends and Shore Acres State Park so successful.

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*Shore Acres is a Very Special Place -
Thanks to All Who Keep it That Way*

KAREN WUETHRICH RETIRES

At her retirement potluck on June 27, 2019, a very happy Karen received a plaque that states: "In Recognition of Your 35 Years of Service to the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department - 2019"

Besides all those years of service to OPRD, Karen was also part of the original group that founded Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. In fact she was our first secretary and her signature is on our first set of *Official Minutes*!

We, the Friends, also thank her for all the nights she cheerfully worked during the Holiday Lights!

Thanks and Congratulations!



Photo by Jess Hayward

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

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Holiday Lights 2018 - We advised visitors to arrive early . . . and many did!

By David Bridgham, Holiday Lights Co-chair since 1987



After more than 30 years have we become discovered? Well, it's been a process that has developed over many years and the last several have been amazing.

In the early years, the Friends helped double the parking capacity at Shore Acres and have seen it reach its capacity yet again. In recent years, we have experienced long wait times at the entrance of the park with cars backed up – sometimes to Sunset Bay, and beyond – mostly on weekends.



Arrive early and enjoy the beautiful view at the sea wall and the spectacular gardens before it gets dark. Then experience the lights transformation as though someone is turning up a giant rheostat right in front of your eyes. ***If possible, plan your visit during the week. Friday thru Sunday can be very busy with vehicles waiting in line.***

Coming Soon . . .

33RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS
At least 325,000 LED LIGHTS
THANKSGIVING - NEW YEAR'S EVE
NOV. 28 – DEC. 31, 2019
4:00 PM - 9:30 PM (EVERY NIGHT)



The Magical Transformation at Dusk

Look for your favorite sculpture displays and – as always – the beautifully decorated Garden House and welcoming hosts with hot cider, punch, coffee and cookies!

LIGHTS SETUP starts Oct. 19
To help: 541-756-5401
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Last season, the park, with funding help from the Friends, tried vehicle staging from Sunset Bay. It failed in its goal of freeing up the entrance road of bumper-to-bumper traffic, and caused much frustration.

So this season there will be no vehicle staging.

For any possible emergencies, we will have a full-time EMT with "Jump-bag" & AED on site all nights and hours the lights are open.

In our PSAs last season, we suggested that visitors arrive early, and boy, did people respond. We have never seen so many folks at the sea wall.

I think this marks another tradition for many visitors – come early and enjoy the ***other great light show!*** ■

Comments 2018

Coos Bay, OR - "Sea Breeze Harmony"

Eugene, OR - "Best day for wave watching and lights!"

FRIENDS' INFORMATION & GIFT CENTER (IGC)

AN ALL-VOLUNTEER OPERATION MANAGED BY LOU KOLKHORST



OPEN HOURS

♦ Jan. THRU Feb. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM ♦ March THRU Thanksgiving Eve - 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Thanksgiving thru New Year's Eve - 3:30 - 9:30 PM ♦ 541-888-2472 ♦ 1-866-888-6100



A GROWING TRADITION

by Pam Stevens, local IGC Volunteers Coordinator



The Shore Acres Information and Gift Center has grown leaps and bounds from its early start. In the 1980s, local volunteers called garden sitters were asked to host a mobile retail cart in the gardens. They began selling early items including the Friends of Shore Acres logo cloisonné pin, notecards, berry finder and tidepool books.

A new store opened on June 18th of 1988 in conjunction with a Father's Day celebration. Early offerings included a logo sweatshirt, books, notecards and travel audio cassette tapes. This small 8' X 8' store was built on the garden entrance deck and welcomed thousands of visitors during its time. It was open on

weekends only in the beginning. In May of 1990, the Center was open seven days a week using Oregon State Park Hosts during the week and local volunteers on weekends. It closed after Holiday Lights and reopened in April.



David Bridgham and John Bergen
by the Garden Cart

Originally, it was called G.A.I.C. (Gift and Information Center). Docent training included a class at Southwestern Oregon Community College as well as hands-on at the store. The store manager was local photographer, Tony Mason. The original success of the garden cart really began to grow with the addition of the little Center.

In 1992, the Friends began construction of a bigger center. To create this new building, countless volunteer hours were donated by Park Rangers, Friends of Shore Acres, Boy Scout troops and also inmate labor from Shutter Creek. It opened for business in 1993 and also received a new name, Information and Gift Center or IGC. The new 576 square foot building was a welcome addition for Friends of Shore Acres and the park. Tony managed the IGC until Sept. 7, 1993. From 1993 to 1999 the IGC was managed by a committee of Friends' volunteers that included Ellen Garner, Mary Novak, Winnie Pitsenberger, Betty Kennedy, Kay Valois, and Shirley Bridgham, who managed it from 1999 to 2002.

In 2002, Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst became Volunteer Co-managers. Under their skilled direction, the Center continued to thrive providing a vast variety of special gifts to take home or give to friends and family.



The 8' x 8' GAIC built in 1988

The new building housed the Information & Gift Center until 2003 when once again, the need for a larger space became necessary. Oregon State Lottery money and funding from Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. enabled Oregon State Parks to build larger state-of-the-art Information and Gift Center as well as the welcoming entrance deck with the white columns. The cedar shingled building with its gambrel roof-line and dormers was styled after Simpson's first mansion, which burned to the ground on July 4, 1921. The new building provided 1536 square feet of display space to house the expanding gift items offered and was also made all-abilities accessible, including providing wheelchairs free of charge. Since that time, the IGC's inventory has continued to expand and provide unique items for our park visitors to enhance their visit to the beautiful gardens of Shore Acres.

Sadly, Volunteer Co-manager Sharon Kolkhorst passed away on March 14, 2017 after a hard fought battle with cancer. As she would have wanted, Lou has continued his service and dedication as Volunteer Manager.

As the local IGC Volunteers Coordinator, I'm amazed at how he finds so many new and unique items to include in the IGC Inventory. *(Continued page 5)*



The 24' x 24' IGC built in 1993

FRIENDS' INFORMATION & GIFT CENTER (IGC) *(Continued from page 4)*



Shirley Bridgham

One of the new park themed items offered this year is the new Shore Acres Holiday Lights puzzle. It is a 550 piece puzzle that was specifically made for our Information & Gift Center and is the perfect gift for Shore Acres enthusiasts.

In addition, the IGC carries Shore Acres History and Holiday Lights DVD's, historical books on Shore Acres and the local area, postcards, T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, stuffed animals, a penny smashing machine and a wide variety of other branded Shore Acres items. We also have a large selection of beautiful Cathedral Bells, garden and cookbooks, bird sculptures, walking sticks, yard spinners, stained glass, wall lights, camping items, children's toys and other items. All proceeds go to the Friends of Shore Acres and in turn, are put back into Sunset Bay Management Unit for park interpretation and enhancement.

The Shore Acres Information and Gift Center continues to be an all-volunteer enterprise for the Friends. It is open daily including holidays except for inventory during the first day or two of January. Come check out one of the finest information and gift centers on the Oregon Coast! ■



The IGC built in 2003

If you are a local resident and would like to volunteer at the Information and Gift Center, please contact Pam Stevens at 541- 551-1290 or email plwarnerstevens@gmail.com

PASSING THE GAVEL IN SEPTEMBER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Dennis Netter, President, 2018-19



Shore Acres State Park and associated features is one of the major attractions to both local residents and visitors. It is a source of pride for people to enjoy and share during all seasons. The Friends of Shore Acres group strives to enhance this experience.

Major Park projects that were completed in 2018 and anticipated in 2019 include: replacing the bridge at the lily pond, replacing the garden entrance deck, ornamental lantern restoration, replacing the name plaques on the gifts and memorials display, improved walkways, roadways, interpretive signs, rose garden watering system, communications and electrical upgrades, and a native plant garden section.



Of course, the major focus is maintaining the on-going activities and attractions of the gardens.

Extreme gratitude is owed to the numerous dedicated and talented individuals who volunteer to make a visit to the gardens an attractive and enjoyable experience. ■

FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

By Kathi Netter, President-Elect, 2018-19



While the President has reviewed the many accomplishments the Friends helped to enable during the past year, I would like to acknowledge the outstanding and continuing support Shore Acres, the Park Staff and the Friends of Shore Acres have received from our communities and visitors – near and far. We all have a shared love of the place, whether it be for the impeccably maintained, always colorful gardens, the dramatic seascape that is forever changing, the seasonal activities that enliven the gardens or – of course – the joyous Holiday Lights that light up what otherwise could be a hibernating, damp winter setting with artistically designed lighting, a warm and cozy Garden House filled with the aromas of spiced cider and cookies. With a crew of dedicated volunteers that always come forward to help when needed, Shore Acres shows its pride. And I think it is fair to say that we volunteers enjoy it. Lasting friendships are created and it is a good feeling to contribute to something as awesome as Shore Acres.

Aren't you glad to be a part of it? And Thank You! ■

Holiday Lights 2018 – An Estimated 67,128 Visitors – 13.73” of rainfall

35 Countries and Provinces (Other than U.S.) 44 States and Washington D.C.

670 Cities, Towns & Areas: 237 Oregon • 138 California • 76 Washington • 219 Cities, Towns & Areas from Other States

Aloha, OR - Terrific in daylight and dark!!
Amity, OR - Marvelous - Brings Tears To My Eyes
Bandon, OR - Always the highlight of the holidays!
Bend, OR - Best Christmas tradition ever.

Bronx, NY - Great to be back!
Barrington, NH - Amazing!
Brookings, OR - My dream come true.
Caldwell, ID - GREAT
Central Point, OR - Worth the drive.
Cincinnati, OH - So pretty!

Colorado Springs, CO - Truly amazing.
Coos Bay, OR - Simply Perfect!
Cream Ridge, NJ - Beautiful! Even in the rain!!
Espanola, NM - So Magical! Thanks!
Eugene, OR - So beautiful and perfect!
Eureka, CA - Absolutely Beautiful!

Coos Bay, OR - Sea Breeze Harmony

Eugene, OR - Best day for wave watching and lights!

Glenden Beach, OR - Best in the Northwest

Wiesbaden, Germany - Beautiful

Firestone, CO - Awesome!
Ft. Stewart, GA - Great!
Glide, OR - Every year a tradition, beautiful job.

Grants Pass, OR - Mind Blowing “Eye Candy”

Hartford, CT - Great experience!
Hong Kong - Gorgeous
Jacksonville, OR - Thank you. We come every year!
Lakewood, CA - Love Oregon - Magnificent Gardens

Lebanon, OR - Come every year!
Leipsic, OH - Very nice
Los Angeles, CA - Always a magical time!
Maui, HI - Beautiful
Medford, OR - My favorite kind of walk in the park!
Milwaukie, OR - Best Annual Light Display in Oregon
Mountain Home, ID - Worth the drive!
New Paltz, NY - Outstanding as always!
Newberg, OR - This is a real life Hallmark movie.
North Bend, OR - Never a disappointment
Okemos, MI - Beautiful
Orange County, CA - Really Spectacular
Osborne, KS - Amazing!
Petersburg, AK - 10th visit, Excellent once again!
Portland, OR - Light Art at its best!
Portland, OR - Terrific Community Effort - Thank You!
Prineville, OR - WOW!

Roseburg, OR - Very well Done !!!
Roslyn, WA - Beautiful!

Sacramento, CA - Annual Tradition
Salem, OR - What a treasure!

San Leandro, CA - Beautiful Winter Holiday
Sandpoint, ID - Family Tradition!

Seattle, WA - Always a nice tradition!
South Weber, UT - Love it!

Stockton, CA - Stunningly beautiful!

Sutherlin, OR - I’ve always wanted to see the inside of this house. I was not disappointed.

Vancouver, WA - Definitely worth the trip.

Walonia, MN - Breathtaking!

Winston, OR - First time, but not the last

THANKS, **LED LIGHTS*** PLEDGE SUPPORTERS **2018!**

- 7,200* **The Mill Casino Hotel and RV Park ***
- 7,000* **Abel Insurance Agency - Harry Abel ***
- 3,334* **Nasburg Huggins Insurance ***
- 2,100* **Captain John’s Motel - Paul Tang *
Barbara K. Mills ***
- 2,000* **Martha Butler * Pacific Corp/Pacific Power ***
- 1,800* **Michael A. Gordon, CPA (Not Your Basic Bean Counter) ***
- 1,750* **Dave’s Pizza ***
- 1,667* **Coastal Paper & Supply - Bob and Johanna Dillard ***
- 1,500* **Cornelia and Don Barnhart ***
- 1,474* **Tom’s Lock & Key-Steve Clark and Brooser Clark ***
- 1,400* **Azalea Acres, Inc. - Richard, Betty, Steven and Wesa Liles *
Best Western Holiday Motel *
David and Shirley Bridgham *
Coos Bay Grocery Outlet -
Patricia and Sven Backman and Crew *
J. W. White Painting-Jay and Melody White *
Miller’s at the Cove Sports Bar and Grill * Umpqua Bank ***
- 1,125* **Coos Bay Fire Department ***
- 1,000* **Dennis and Jo Lynne Roberts ***
- 700* **Art Connection * Cheslock Optical -
Dr. James and Rhea Cheslock *
James and Archina Davenport *
Bonnie Fritz - In Memory of George Fritz
and Pete Guldenzopf *
Betsy Groben * Honda World *
Kinnee’s Gifts N’ Shells *
North Point Inc. * Jim and Diane Verger *
Pauline Vierra - In Memory of Ron Vierra ***
- 667* **Nancy Robinson ***
- 500* **High Tide Cafe LLC - Carol Rodde and Steve Raplee ***
- 400* **Charleston Harbor Inn - In Memory of John A. Castro *
Donald and Priscilla Zobel ***
- 360* **Cedar Electric & Construction, Inc. ***
- 350* **Gold Coast Truck Repair - Butch and Jacque Shields *
Shoji Planning, LLC ***

SPECIAL THANKS - 2018

- **Fred Meyer - 27th year** providing 147 cases of frozen apple juice for hot apple cider, 20 cases of frozen lemonade for punch and generous discount on cookies
- **Vend West - Lou Leberti and Terry Clinton - 30th year** - Food Storage & Delivery
- **Roto Rooter- Jim and Mike Collatt - 25th year** of providing “Santacans” at a substantial discount.
- **Day Ship Supply - Bruce Day - 21st year** - Cookie Storage and Delivery

More Comments and Stats at www.shoreacres.net



Holiday Lights - Some Favorite Scenes



1994 Gray Whale: Design - Don McMichael; Fabrication - Industrial Services; **2015 Spout Animation**-Solid State Digital Controller; **2017** Re-finishing and Lighting - David Bridgham



2017 Leaping Dolphin: Recycled from an earlier SWOCC Display; Lighting by David Bridgham; Support stands by Ray Daniels, **Animation** - Solid State Digital Controller



2012 Koi Underwater in Lily Pond: Design, Fabrication and Lighting - David Bridgham



2003 "Leaping" Frog in Pond: Design - Don McMichael; Fabrication-Eric's Artistic Expression; Lighting-David Bridgham; **2015 Animation**-Solid State Digital Controller



A Favorite View from the Garden House Window at Dusk - A Tantalizing Transition from Daylight to Dark!

A Young Visitor's Perspective

Sequora Dresser
Mrs. Hood
English, period 7
12/13/18



Sequora Dresser

SHORE ACRES LIGHT SHOW

Every winter, my family and I go out to see the Shore Acres Light Show. Shore Acres is a state park located in Charleston, Oregon by Sunset Beach. Before you go into the park, there is a store where you can buy "glasses" that make the lights different shapes, and other things in the store just to keep for a reminder that you went to the light show. After you leave the store, you begin to see the lights. There are lights that look like they're moving and some that just look like animals; there is a whale spitting out water, frogs, birds, snails, cricket and many more. The lights are so pretty. You will see lights of all colors; such as, blue, green, purple, yellow, and orange. When you see the bright lights of all different colors, it makes you wish you could stay forever, but it does get cold. You might want to wear a big puffy coat and some warm gloves, maybe even bring some hand warmers. As you walk around, you notice that there

is a house to visit. When you walk in, the first thing that you hear is "hello" in a welcoming tone. There is also apple cider and cookies; the cider is warm, it warms you up right away. The cookies are warm and tasty and they bring that joy to you. On the outside of the house, the building looks small, but on the inside it is huge. The house is welcoming; it's the type of house that you would see in a movie. The house is warm and happy. When you go upstairs, you see bedrooms filled with more lights and different colors like blue, white, pink, gray and so on. This is an important tradition for our family. My family and I don't get to spend a lot of time together, so this is one of the many things that we get to do together. It's a great and fun thing to do with your family, especially if you like Christmas lights.

NOTE FROM WOODLAND HOOD - SEQUORA'S TEACHER

The writing came from North Bend Middle School where the students had a great discussion in class when it was shared - so many students have wonderful, rich memories of going to the lights with their families and friends. It's a great topic for a descriptive piece of writing because it taps into many strong feelings of closeness and delight and childhood wonder.

Winners of the Ultimate Bed & Breakfast



Winners 2018 - Laura and Dan Relyea
Riverside Drive SW - Albany/Corvallis, OR

Dear Shirley & David

We were incredibly privileged to be recipients of the 2018 New Year's Eve Ultimate Bed & Breakfast experience.

As you recommended, we came to view the park in late afternoon and watched the mood change as dusk set in. We stepped out to observe an amazing sunset and get some dinner.

When we returned to the park and informed the entry attendants that we had won the raffle, they were as excited for us as we were. All who greeted and guided us during our stay treated us like royalty.

We walked the grounds again, this time when fully dark out. Everything really came to life! Then from upstairs in the Garden House, with the fog settling in and our glasses off, the entire landscape took on an aura of Monet.

Breakfast (courtesy of The Pancake Mill) was delicious. We enjoyed David's guided tour of some of the behind-the-scenes projects and plant propagation.

Thank you for delivering breakfast, for sharing La Monte's story with us and taking the time to send us a copy of his story. We hope he (with Caroline!) is doing well. For the energy, enthusiasm, and vision you give to Shore Acres State park, for the kindness and respect you show to volunteers and visitors alike, Thank you.

Grateful for a truly memorable experience,

Dan & Laura Relyea

ULTIMATE BED & BREAKFAST

An overnight stay for two adults in the Shore Acres Garden House - **9:30 PM New Year's Eve - 10:00 AM New Year's Day with a catered breakfast, courtesy of The Pancake Mill.** Winning ticket will be drawn at the Garden House on Dec. 25 at 4 PM. Winner need not be present to win. A benefit for Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. and Shore Acres State Park.

Tickets for 2019 Available (*only 300 will be sold*) at the Information & Gift Center

ELF REPORT ON GARDEN HOUSE DECORATING AT SHORE ACRES HOLIDAY LIGHTS

by Robynn Reed, Garden House Elf



It is always fun and even though my world gets a little crazy, I wouldn't miss it for the world. People ask if I am this creative at "my" house? I will leave that a mystery. lol

My mom (Shirley Bridgham aka Holiday Lights Creative Genius) came up with a fun idea for this Journal. The two pictures shown give you a glimpse into the steps I use when decorating. My friend Patty Sanden helped last year. She had no idea what the process was when I decorate and said she has so much more appreciation for the display after seeing what takes place.

The house is left furnished for the "off season" when it is rented for events and used for flower days. When it is made available the end of September for decorating the invasion begins . . .

The Shutter Creek Crews carry the trees and garland to the house from the storage buildings and I bring out the tubs – lots of tubs – of decorations from the closets. I spend the off season gathering ideas and creating a "plan" in my mind.

When I begin, the garland and trees are bare and one of the biggest jobs is putting up all the garland above windows and doorways. Next come the trees. This is followed by adding lights . . . lots of lights! My husband Mike did an amazing job last year! So many lights! This is followed by layers . . . and layers of ornaments. It is like a puzzle figuring out the pattern and spacing for the first layer followed by all the rest. The finishing touches are the ribbons and top/center pieces to make a beautiful, shiny creation. Tip: you can never have too many ornaments . . .

Most people may not realize that each garland and tree is a new creation every year. I obviously re-use ornaments over time but I try to mix it up and make it "different" from year to year.

This was a big surprise to Patty who assumed the garlands were decorated once and reused each year. Nope . . . that would be boring. lol

My goal each season is to make the Garden House a warm, welcoming and inviting spot to enjoy a hot cup of cider and yummy cookies. Since we all have busy lives it provides a beautiful holiday destination with the amazing light display outside which is unparalleled anywhere. We can all get our "holiday fix" in "our own back yard" on the beautiful Oregon coast! Add in the amazing wave display it is not surprising people travel from all over to visit our little corner of the world. From "family tradition" to "first visit" people leave wonderful comments and return home planning their next visit.

May your lives be blessed with happiness and good health! Remember to count your blessings, hug your loved ones and tell them you love them. Make every day special and come visit the beautiful lights display!

See you there!

Elf Robynn Reed

Note: Shorter season this year due to the calendar and date of Thanksgiving . . .



Robynn and Mike start with just the lights on a bare tree, creating a gorgeous tree for the living room.



GARDEN HOUSE DETAILS

CHAIR - ROBYNN REED

Michael Reed, Adam Reed, Andrea Stratton
Patty Sanden, Maria, Gary and Isabelle Smith
Shutter Creek Correctional Officers and Work Crews

2018 GUEST CONTRIBUTORS - Miss Holly Yovino's

4th Grade Class-Millicoma Intermediate School,
Coos Bay School District - Snowman Ornaments
1. D.A. * 2. H.B.* 3. L.B.* 4. K.D.* 5. J.D.* 6. L.E. *
7. J.F.* 8. C.G. * 9. R.H.* 10. H.L.* 11. L.L.*
12. D.M. * 13. M.M.* 14. A.M.* 15. S.R.*
16. B.R.* 17. L.R.C. * 18. P.R.* 19. L.S.* 20. S.W.*
21. W.W.* 22. L.W.* 23. C.W.

EVERY YEAR CONTRIBUTORS

Donated Items - Bookcases & Louvered Screen - Butch & Kathy Hutchinson
Victorian Houses - Caroline and Bob See * China Figurines - Debbie Webb
Colorful "Ornament" Mittens - Marlene Davis
Radio - Dayton Hughes * Radio Light - Ray Daniels *
Entrance Table & Roll Top Desk- Marshfield Bargain House-Steve Schneiderman
Antique doll - Headlands Country Mercantile; *
Crochet Lace Doilies - Sarah Kimball *
Needlepoint Santa Picture - Shary Brams
Lanterns - Jack Gilham and Joan Clifton
Antique Clock - Jim and Mary Ann Howard
Antique Sled and Toboggan- Cecilian Family
Loaned Items - Ship's Wheel- John McKeown
Misc. Items - Mike, Robynn & Adam Reed



Holiday Lights - Volunteers and Supporters

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

Lights high on the house and on hundreds of shrubs in the Gardens



Coos Bay Fire Department Volunteers

(L-R) Row 1 - Michael Wright and Darren Tolan, Row 2 - Zach Anthony and Jacob Attebery, Row 3 - Della McDermitt and Nick Holder, Row 4 - Natalie Wilson and Jonathan Torres, Top Row - Angie Anderson, Mark Anderson and Jason Wilson.



(L-R) Nick Holder, Jacob Attebery



Dave Barnhart joined our team in 1998. He travels from Gleneden Beach each weekend for 6 weekends during setup and for the necessary weekends during takedown. He also helps direct other volunteers like the those from the Key Clubs and the college.



PUTTING UP BUTTERFLIES - Charleston Fire & Rescue Volunteers - (L-R) Captain Don Marr, Firefighter Nicholas Terrell, Firefighter Debbie Kemmerle, Deputy Chief Daryl Kemmerle, Firefighter Connor Corpus, Engineer Ed Powers, Engineer Tina Powers, Firefighter Jon Benson

LIGHTS STRINGERS - David Barnhart, Jo Bereson, Shirley and David Bridgham, Stephen Clark, Carol Currier, Ray Daniels, Bill Davis, Becky Duke, Russell and Vickie Earl, Susie Evers, Susan Ferguson, David Forkner, Edith Forkner, Keith Grohall, Linda Hill, Kimberly Humbert, Holly Makowski, Judy Makowski, Tanya Nelson, Mike Perkins and Carol Ventgen, Timm and Bob Etta Slater, Preston Slater, Pam and Larry Stevens, Celeste and Scott Timberlake, Dell and Roberta Willis

HOLIDAY TREES - Donated by Dave Hannah

- Dave's Christmas Trees - Lots at Farr's

Hardware and next to Pony Village Theaters, North Bend * Tree Decorating Coordinator

- Dawn Buxton - Bay Area Hospital Auxiliary Volunteers * Bay Clinic LLP * Bonneville Power Administration * * Chappelle Enterprises * Coos Bay Elks Lodge #1160 * Coos Bay Rail Line, Inc. * Cutting Edge Hair Designs * Edgewater Inn Motel * Edward Jones * Girl Scouts of Oregon & SW Washington * H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group) * Jacobs * Kairos NW * Les' Sanitary Service Inc * Mid Coast Mustang and Ford Club * Oregon Coast Community Action * Over the Hill Gang * Pacific Coast Corvette Club * Ruby Tuesdays Red Hat Society * SCUUF - South Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship * South Coast Cruisers Car Club * South Coast ESD * South Coast Office Supply * SW Chapter of American Council for the Blind and CB and NB Lions Clubs * Southwestern Oregon Community College * Sub Zero Racing Team *

GARDEN AREAS BY GROUPS - Bay Area Kiwanis, Coos Bay Garden Club, Coos Bay/North Bend Rotary, Marshfield High School Key Club, North Bend High School Key Club, Ocean Boulevard Veterinary Hospital, Southwestern Oregon Community College Softball Team

Thanks!



Holiday Lights - Volunteers and Supporters



Too much fun! - Stephen Clark and Dell Willis



Clockwise starting with David Bridgham on the bank, Ray Daniels, Dell Willis and Stephen Clark



The Leaping Frog sculpture display has been a favorite ever since Don McMichael designed it in 2003
L-R - Dell Willis, Stephen Clark, Ray Daniels, David Bridgham and Carol Currier.

More Kudos and Thanks!

- Breakfast for B&B Winners - The Pancake Mill- Gary Goodson and Beverly Rice
- Buttons - Dell and Roberta Willis
- Cider Spice - Kathi & Dennis Netter, Kris Clinton, Karen and Peter Crosby, Dora Daniels
- Electrical & Lights - Generous Discounts, Farr's True-Value Hardware - Jay Farr, Kellogg Plastics, Inc. - Doris Miller
- Food Storage and Delivery - Day Ship Supply - Bruce Day Vend West Services - Lou Leberti , Terry Clinton
- Housekeeping - Sharon Bessey, Shirley and David Bridgham, Dora and Ray Daniels, Norma and Bill Davis, Dorie Hokema, Ellie Kinney-Martial, Kathi and Dennis Netter, Robynn and Mike Reed, Pam and Larry Stevens
- Lunches and Snacks for Volunteers - Shirley Bridgham, David Barnhart, Stephen Clark
- Chili Discount - Wendy's Old Fashion Hamburgers
- Bay Area Chamber of Commerce
- Charleston Information Center
- Coos Bay/North Bend Promotions Committee;
- Coquille Valley Sentinel
- Friends of Shore Acres Members and Board
- KCBY TV; KMTR; KOBI TV - Matt Jarvis; KHSN//KOOS / KBBR / KACW; KMHS; KOBI TV; KSHR/KWRO/KBDN
- Phyllis Love, Graphic Artist
- Myrtle Point Herald; News Review-Roseburg
- North Bend Information Center; Oregon Coast Magazine
- The Oregonian; The Register Guard; Seattle Times
- The World- Beth Burback; Bethany Baker
- Luis Velasquez; VIA Magazine
- Wegferds' Printing & Publishing- Karen, Linda, Dell & Staff
- ***And anyone whose name we have missed!***

Holiday Lights - Volunteers and Supporters

NBHS Key Club volunteers string lights in the Pavilion Yard and Greenhouse Yard



North Bend High School Key Club - L-R) Dylan Walling, Haydenn Matzner, Ashley Truax, Nick Williams, Hailey Crawford, Betsy McDowell, Hannah Briggs, Paige Martin, Skya Locken, Nathan Monohon, Aydan Wisely, Jayce Craig, Stevie Watkins, Madalyn Hampel, Mathew Frischman, Ayako Harper, Molly Richcreek, Caitlin Oliver, Lily Vaught, Alyssa Landrum *not pictured: Alicia Jurado - Photo by Connie Mitchell, Advisor

HOST TEAMS - COORDINATOR KATHY METZGER

A.B.A.T.E. * Aging and People with Disabilities * Banner Bank * Bay Area Bonsai Society * Bay Area Hospital * Bay Area Kiwanis * Bay Eye Clinic * Bayside Coffee * Bayside Terrace * BNT * Boy Scouts Troop # 156 * Boys and Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon * Cardinal Services * Coos Bay Fire Department * Coos Bay Lions Club * Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary * Coos Bay Police Officers Association * Coos Bay School District * Coos Bay Yacht Club * Coos County OSU Extension * Coos County Sheriff's Department * Coquille Friends * Coquille H.S. Key Club and Kiwanis * Cutting Edge Hair Designs * Job's Daughters * DHS Foster Care & Adoption Program * Doric Chapter #53 * First Call Resolution Community Alliance Team (C.A.T.) * Friends of Shore Acres Board * Giddings Boat Works * Hauser Citizen Patrol * Hauser Dune Riders 4-H Horse Club * H.O.G. - Harley Owners Group * Johnson Rock * Jordan Cove * July Jubilee Princesses * Life Care Center * Life Change Church * Marshfield High School Key Club * Marshfield High School Students * Metzger's Minions * Mid Coast Mustang & Ford Club * Miss Coos County Scholarship Pageant * New Year's Revellers * North Bend School District * One Big Happy Family * Oregon Coast Community Action * Oregon Coast Photographers * Oregon Hunters Association * Over the Hill Gang * Pacific Coast Corvette Club * Rayonier * Rest, Relax, Recover Massage Center * Seaboard Properties * Shoreline Community Church * Soroptimist International of Coos Bay * South Coast Cruisers Car Club * South Coast E.S.D. * South Coast Singles * South Coast Surgery Center * South Slough Estuarine Reserve * Southwest Physical Therapy * Southwestern Oregon Community College * Southwestern Oregon Rose Society * Star of Hope * Sunset Classic Chevys * The Beauty Bar * The Mill Casino and Hotel * The Wine Divas * TRIO * Umpqua Discovery Center * United Way * Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area *

After many years of coordinating the host teams, Kathy Metzger has retired. A huge thanks for her excellent work! Shirley Bridgham is coordinating the host teams for 2019.

OREGON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Sunset Bay State Park, Shore Acres State Park, Larry Becker, Denice Hardy, Janet Sobczak, Rider Frey, Jess Hayward, Adan Jones, Greg Short, Irissa Taylor-Lang, Stuart Thomas, Mary Sue Wheeler



PARK HOSTS - 2018

Arthur and Janette Carr, Susan and Jay Feagan, Billy and Cheryl Henry, Ellen Johnson, Susan and Wayne Johnson, Kathleen and Richard Kruger, Gary Meineken and Julie Schwarze, Janice Petroski, Dennis and Jo Lynne Roberts, Judith Cole and Dan Schneider, Douglas and Rose Thompson, Neil and Beverly Townsend, Mary Kay and Gary Van Hooser

INFORMATION & GIFT CENTER VOLUNTEERS -

VOLUNTEER MANAGER - LOU KOLKHORST

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULER - PAM STEVENS

Lorie Bunyard, Joan Clifton, Cherie Cloudt, Jackie Cole, Lynn Danner, Norma Davis, Barbara Dodge, Sharon Frank, Ethel and Louie German, Marilyn Hammond, Patricia Johnson, Kris Kain, Betty Kennedy, Clay Morrow, Betty Owen, Linda Pearson, David Rigsby, Darrell and Carol Sanders, Pam and Larry Stevens, Debbie Wigant, Carlotta Wyatt

ENTERTAINMENT (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

Little Ole Opry * Kingsview Christian School * Saints 'n Aints Square Dancers * Myrtle Point High School Show Choir * Myrtle Point High School Band * Sea Breeze Harmony Chorus * Charleston Community Baptist Church * Hillcrest Choir * North Bend Middle School * Bob Bowers * Pacific Community Church * Bay Area Concert Band * Lighthouse School Choir * Christ Lutheran Church & School * Makayla Wingert, Lighted Hula Hoops * The Grinch and The Whoville Carolers * Bandon Carolers * Coquille High School Symphonic Band * Gold Coast Chorus * Side of the Tide Morris Dancers * Cape Blanco Ringers

Holiday Lights - Volunteers and Supporters

DOZENS OF SCULPTURE DISPLAYS DEMAND EXPERTISE.

SETUP - David Bridgham, Ray Daniels, Bill Davis, Mike Perkins, Carol Ventgen

- Animals on the Gate: Porcupine, Raccoon, Deer, Rabbit
- Bugs and Turtles
- Bumble Bee
- Butterflies
- Dolphins
- Dragonfly
- Flowers
- Frog Leaping in Pond
- Gray Whale
- Herons / Cranes
- Hummingbird and Fuchsia Flower
- Koi Underwater in Pond
- Lighthouse
- Mushrooms
- Orca Whale
- Pelicans
- Puffins
- Salmon "Schooling"
- Seagulls
- Sea Lions
- Shasta Daisies and Ladybug
- Ship - "Western Shore"
- Squirrel
- Undersea Garden - Dolphin, Jellyfish, Kelp, Octopus, Red Crabs, Red Snapper, Sea Anemone, Sea Horse, Sea Star, Sea Urchins, Seagull/Duck



Every Season Spectacular!

Installation of large scale sculptures, large Christmas trees, hedge stakes, path chains, etc - Shutter Creek Correctional Officers and Work Crews

SEE "SCULPTURE DISPLAYS" BROCHURE FOR MORE DETAILS.

Thanks!

THE HOLIDAY LIGHTS "TAKEDOWN EXPERTS"

- **Wed., Jan. 2, 2019** - David and Shirley Bridgham, Bill Davis - Lights off Christmas trees, controllers picked up
- **Sat., Jan. 5 and Sun., Jan. 6** - David Barnhart, David and Shirley Bridgham, Stephen Clark, Ray Daniels, Archi Davenport, Bill Davis, Becky Duke, Russell and Vickie Earl, Mike Perkins and Carol Ventgen, Frank Smith, Dell and Roberta Willis, and tree sponsor groups - Warm white round lights, blue round and blue mini lights, pond perimeter lights and stakes, walkway lights and stakes, trees and displays signs and lights, unplugged landscape lights, seagulls and rugs, flower cluster lights, both Cryptomeria trees' lights, rose pergola lights, added picture tags to chain lights, sanicans lights removed, highway sign lights removed, moved cider thermoses, covers, etc. from house to B-1, Undersea Garden sculptures and lights removed, small landscape lights picked up, bench lights removed, Christmas tree decorations removed, lights sorted by year and packed in tubs
- **Wed., Jan. 9** - Charleston RFD firefighters Nick Terrell, Conner Corpus and Trenton McGahan took butterflies down and picked up bug sculptures
- **Thu., Jan. 10** - Shutter Creek Corrections 10-man crew, David and Shirley Bridgham, and Ray Daniels - Large sculptures, large landscape lights, undersea garden frame, hedge stakes, etc. and lights packing
- **Sat., Jan. 12 and Sun., Jan. 13** - David and Shirley Bridgham, Stephen Clark, Ray Daniels, Archi Davenport, Bill Davis, Russell and Vickie Earl, Joanie Lawrence, Robynn and Mike Reed, Larry and Pam Stevens, Celeste and Scott Timberlake, Coos Bay Fire Dept., and tree sponsor groups - Lights off the Garden House, removed frog sculptures and Koi from the pond, most of the remaining lights, sorted and packed lights in tubs, the remaining Christmas tree decorations picked up. Robynn and Mike got started on the Garden House.
- **Mon., Jan. 14** - David and Shirley Bridgham, Ray Daniels - Remaining lights packed in tubs, B-1 and B-2 storage buildings organized
- **Thu., Jan. 17** - Shutter Creek Corrections 10-man crew, Ray Daniels, David and Shirley Bridgham - Picked up white chains, extension cords, Christmas trees, moved items from House to B-1 and B-2
- **Tue., Jan. 22** - Shutter Creek Corrections 10-man crew, Ray Daniels, David Bridgham - Finished pickup of white chains, extension cords, Christmas trees, and more park cleanup.
- **January/February** - Robynn and Mike Reed making progress on the Garden House with plans to be done Feb. 10.



UNDERSEA GARDEN, ANOTHER FAVORITE FOR ALL AGES!
(L-R) Mike Perkins, Bill Davis and Carol Ventgen



CIDER SPICE MAKERS - (L-R) Karen Crosby, Peter Crosby, Dora Daniels, Kris Clinton (Netter's friend from Minnesota who came to help), Kathi Netter and Dennis Netter

- Memberships 2019 - Making a Difference

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David and Shirley Bridgham, North Bend
Bruce's Street Rods-

Bruce and Kittie Lou English, Bandon
Don and Margaret Burdg, Coos Bay
Joe and Allene DaPRON, Bellevue, WA
Johanna and Bob Dillard, North Bend
Ann Evanow, Westlake
Rich and Jody Hamel, Bandon
Merry Anne Hamlin, Medford
Hargens Construction Co.-
Gary and Rody Hargens, Coos Bay



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MJ Koreiva, Coos Bay
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Dr. Michael and Carol Lucas, Concord, CA
Diane Mathis, Fasley, SC
Christine M. Moffitt, Coos Bay
Dennis and Kathi Netter, Coos Bay
Mike and Robynn Reed, North Bend

Wanda Pike Rees, Pasadena, CA
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Seaboard Properties, Earlene Brown
Coos Bay
Carol Jean Shiningier, Eugene
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Jim and Diane Verger, North Bend
Dick and Judy Wagner, North Bend
Dell and Roberta Willis, North Bend

SUSTAINING (\$250) - SU/19

JW White Painting, Jay and Melody White Coos Bay

BENEFACTOR (\$100) - BE/19

Curtis and Eileen Adams, Coos Bay
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Patricia Ashley, North Bend
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Melanie Bloom, Coos Bay
George and Judy Buckingham, Chiloquin, OR
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Dawn Buxton, Coos Bay
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Jay Flaxman, Coos Bay
George and Cherie Guthrie, Bandon
Kent and Jill Hoddick, Portland, OR
Judy Isaacson, Aberdeen, WA
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Chuck and Karin Lowrie, Pine Grove, CA
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Ron and Kathy Metzger, North Bend
Hugh and Jacalyn Pinkston, Coquille
Donna Rabin and Steve Richardson, Coos Bay
Timm and Bob Etta Slater, North Bend
David and Brenda Slawson, Medford
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SPONSOR (\$50) - SP/19

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Cheryl Drumheller, North Bend
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Gail Mueller, Myrtle Point

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Mary Paczesniak, Coos Bay
Bob and Shirley Pedro, Coos Bay
Dennis and Gail Robertson, Vancouver, WA
Lyn Topits, Coos Bay
Karen McCarthy Walters, Medford



PATRON (\$25) - PA/19

Jay Anderson, North Bend
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Pauline Vierra, Reedsport
John Weibel, Staten Island, NY

FAMILY (\$15) - FA/19

Annie's Cottage, Paul and Annie Comfort,
Coos Bay
Rhoda L. Beauchemin, North Bend
Anne Bellomy, Coos Bay
Patricia Borchert, Coos Bay
Jo Anne Bunnage, Corvallis, OR
Joan Clifton, North Bend
Peter and Karen Crosby, North Bend

Jerry and Joady Gorelick, Coos Bay
Betsy Groben, Coos Bay
Christine Hall, Bandon, OR
Mike Hoyt and Coco Sutton, North Bend
Constance and John Huntsman, Coos Bay
Betty Kennedy and Debbie Wigant, Coos Bay
Ray and Lori Lee, Coos Bay
Rick and Ellie Martial, Coos Bay

Janet McIntire, Rockaway Beach, OR
Stephen and Lori Metschan, Black Diamond, WA
Barbara and Bernie Metzger, North Bend
H.M. and Mary Rines, Yoncalla
Arthur Schuldt, North Bend
Pamela and Larry Stevens, Myrtle Point
Irene and Brenda Sund, North Bend

INDIVIDUAL (\$10) - IN/19

Lorie Bunyard, Coos Bay
Clara Capron, Bellingham, WA
Jacqueline Cruse, Tenmile, OR
Lynn Danner, North Bend
Alice (Bridgham) Freeman, Fairfield, CA

Lailah Hamblin, Portland
Marilyn Hammond, Coos Bay
Karen Hensler, North Bend
Patricia Johnson, Coos Bay
Don Lynam, Bandon



Betty Mault, Coos Bay
Paul Poresky, Myrtle Point
Dave Rigbsby, Coos Bay
Richard Schmidt, Coquille

Thanks!

A Visitor with Memories of Long Ago



Charles Bullock with his daughters (from Left) Becky, Suzanne, Nancy and family friend Lois Jones



From Left: Dewey Dresser and family, Man who built the house dad designed; Charles Bullock with his wife Vivienne and son David



Shore Acres

by Becky Stendahl

After my father, Charles Bullock, graduated from Oregon State in 1950 (In horticulture, nursery management), his first job out of college was with the Oregon State Parks Department. His job: Head Gardener of Shore Acres. He also helped build tables and benches at Cape Arago and Sunset Bay.

In the early 1950's, the ballroom wing of the old Louis J. Simpson mansion was the only part of the main house that had not been torn down.

Since fellow Parks employee Dewey Dresser's family lived in the current Garden House, Dad drew up a plan to create a two story head gardener's house out of the remaining shell of the mansion. That structure (no longer here) was where he lived with my Mother and brother David, until they left in 1953.

Dad says, when he worked at Shore Acres, a lot of people didn't even realize the park was there. The once grand mansion was dilapidated, the tennis courts and small golf course were in bad condition and the ponds were leaking. At the end of the war, the money wasn't there for big renovations, but it was a nice place to work. It still featured palm trees, crushed rock paths, and beautiful rhododendrons.

For employees it was almost like having their own personal park including their own secluded beach (Simpson Beach). It was so quiet in those days, dad noticed a lone couple making their way from the cliff top to the beach one day. While dumping a load of weeds, he was surprised to see that same couple in their birthday suits having a lot of fun in the sand. Let's just say it made quite an impression since he still remembers it 66 years later.

He also remembers when best friends Pete and Lois Jones came to visit and Pete (despite warnings) got trapped while fishing on a sea stack near the tennis courts, when the tide came in. (Dad came to the rescue with a plank)

Dad loved his work at the park except when maintaining the top of the hedges because snakes would sun themselves there.

In 1953, tired of the fog and low pay, Dad moved his small family to Eugene where he started his own wholesale nursery, his wife Vivienne started her work as a teacher and they raised four kids.

On December 15th, 2018, just short of his 93rd birthday, we were able to bring Dad back to Shore Acres to see the beautiful Christmas light display. Shore Acres historians Shirley and David Bridgham were kind enough to give my Dad a very warm welcome and personal tour of the park (including a side jaunt to get a glimpse of the famous private beach). We were all very impressed with the park, the beautifully decorated Garden House and the amazing electric displays. Thank you so much for your hospitality! ■

PARK PROJECTS

By Denice Hardy, Park Manager, Sunset Bay Management Unit



It was a busy spring and early summer for projects at Shore Acres. There were several large projects that were completed by Park Rangers and contractors. These projects were funded by the Friends of Shore Acres and they will not only improve how beautiful the park is but also help staff to more effectively do their job.

IRRIGATION SYSTEM UPGRADE AND NEW SOD: In February, Park staff began cutting up and removing the sod in the All America Rose Selections (AARS) Display Garden as well as multiple other areas of the park in preparation for the new irrigation upgrade. Most days from February to Mid-March you could hear the sod cutter or the trencher as staff were preparing for the pipe. Of course the weather didn't cooperate so most days you could also see muddy boots, uniforms, and an occasional smile on the face of the rangers and Department of Corrections crews who worked hard to keep the project moving forward. There were many unexpected surprises underground that also kept the Rangers on their toes or on their knees in most cases. The project was complex, had multiple unexpected issues, but the final product was worth the trials. As a result of the upgrade, staff will no longer have to spend half their day dragging hoses from one area to the next. Additionally, once the final electrical connection is made, a majority of the watering will occur from 9:00 PM to 7:00 AM reducing the chance of slips and the occasional unexpected shower when a sprinkler head goes haywire. The project included over 2000 feet of pipe, 200+ sprinkler heads, addition of 9 new watering zones (including the All America Rose Selections (AARS) Display Garden and the herb garden), 3 new mixing stations, and new sod throughout the All America Rose Selections (AARS) Display Garden as well as south of the pavilion.



NEW ASTRO TURF: Wow it almost looks like new sod! Though it looks that good, it really is new astro-turf. Contractors completed replacement of the astro-turf at the pavilion in May and what a difference.



A "Powerful Partnership"
Since 1986



Our Mission . . .

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

Park projects fit the "physical development programs" part of the Friends' Mission. They are made possible by the success of our Information and Gift Center, the Holiday Lights, and membership and community support.



TUFF SHED STORAGE: Storage is always in high demand and this year the Friends paid for a new storage shed to store our Department of Corrections (DOC) tools.

Photos by Denice Hardy and Adan Jones

PARK PROJECTS

Photos by Denice Hardy and Adan Jones

GREENHOUSE FACE-LIFT: Jess Hayward started as the Park Ranger 1 for Shore Acres in January and immediately began working on a face-lift for the greenhouse. Jess says the changes she has made in the greenhouse are part of a three-year plan to bring the greenhouse to a vision she has had for it since she started as a Ranger Assistant with Shore Acres in the summer of 2016. She has completed a general clean up, gotten rid of old and dying plants, repotted many plants in need of larger pots, added colorful pots to the plants that will remain in the greenhouse, started plants that will eventually make their way into the garden, and brought in a lot of new plants, succulents, and cacti. One of the things Jess is most excited about is how well the new Passion Flower vines are doing. They were only a couple of inches tall a month ago and are growing like weeds.



NEW WEST FENCE: West Coast Fence replaced the old wooden fence with new no-climb fencing and new posts. The fence looks great. Staff will be working to install porcupine prevention wires at the base and ensure there are no areas where critters can get in the garden

COMING SOON . . .

- New aggregate walk east of the pond
- Park Host Laundry
- Locks for doors in the Garden House



FLAG: After almost a year, the flag is flying high again at the Observation building.

Editor's Note:

While I was in the process of creating this Journal, we (the Friends' Board of Directors) received an e-mail from Denice.

We appreciate all of her hard work and wish her great success in Texas. ■

Thanks!

Hello Everyone,

I have resigned my position with OPRD to accept a position with Texas State Parks and Wildlife. It was a difficult decision that I pondered for almost a year. I really need to be closer to my aging father and my family. I have enjoyed working with you all and wish you all the best. My last day will be this Friday, June 28th.

You truly are the best Friends group in the state of Oregon and continue to do amazing work for the park and SBMU. Thanks for all you do.

Take care.

*Denice Hardy, Park Manager
Sunset Bay Management Unit*

New Interpretive Signs at Simpson Reef Overlook

SIMPSON REEF INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

by Paul Reilly, Program Coordinator Coastal Region, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

In June of 2018, the Simpson Reef Overlook interpretive signage was replaced in partnership with USFWS and by funding from the New Carissa oil spill settlement. Simpson Reef was one of 35 sites selected along the Oregon Coast that met criteria for new interpretive signage. Dawn Harris of USFWS, Brian Fowler of OPRD, and other USFWS and OPRD staff compiled a list of sites and decided on interpretive content to be included in this project.

BACKGROUND: This project was made possible by the Natural Resource Trustee Council for the 1999 New Carissa Oil Spill. The New Carissa was a bulk freighter that ran aground near Coos Bay, Oregon, spilling 70,000-140,000 gallons of heavy fuel oil and diesel into the marine environment. Federal, State and Tribal natural resource agencies collected 1,085 bird carcasses over the course of the incident. Computer modeling estimated that a total of 2,465 seabirds and waterfowl were killed by the spill, primarily Cassin's and rhinoceros auklets, common murrelets, Brandt's cormorants, surf scoters and northern fulmars.

As a part of the New Carissa oil spill settlement, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is charged with implementing a public education project aimed at the protection of seabirds and marine mammals along the Oregon coast. The objective of the program is to design, fabricate and install regulatory signs and, where appropriate, interpretive panels at public access points where people could potentially disturb seabird colonies or marine mammal haulouts and other marine resources managed by the USFWS.

The primary goal of this project is to inform visitors of the protected status of Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge and its resources. This project involves identifying key locations along the Oregon Coast that lead visitors to or near seabird colonies or marine mammal haulouts. Those sites will then be posted with signs/interpretive panels that inform visitors that the nearshore rocks and islands are part of the refuge system and are closed to public access. The signs will also educate the public about the need to protect nesting seabirds and marine mammals from human disturbance. Many of the sites are located within state parks and are immediately adjacent to major and minor seabird colonies. Other sites will be selected based on heavy (300k+ annual visitors) public use.



SITE AND SIGN SELECTION PARTICULAR TO SIMPSON REEF:

The overarching theme of this project is "The iconic sea stacks of Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge teem with seabirds, marine mammals and tidepool life in a rich and remarkable community sustained by one of the most productive ocean edges on Earth. Every person who visits the coast can take actions to help this rugged, yet vulnerable community thrive." Additionally, this project stated its goal as helping visitors "see the island rocks all along the Oregon coast as life-filled communities that are delicate, wondrous and worth protecting."

What You Can See

Simpson Reef overlook provides a view of an extensive rocky intertidal area, kelp forest and numerous small rocks and islets. The reef is one of the most outstanding locations on the west coast of the US to observe marine mammals. Five species of pinnipeds use this site as a haul out. Two species (Harbor seals and Northern elephant seals) are known to breed there. It is a major migratory, resting and non-breeding area for California sea lions and Steller (northern) sea lions. In the spring and fall seasons, the rocks and islands of the reef complex can host several thousand seals and sea lions, and numerous species of diving ducks aggregate here. With binoculars or a spotting scope, the area just beyond the reef is an excellent place to observe the northward migration of pacific loons that stream by the reef for several weeks by the thousands.

Migrating and summer resident Gray whales are frequently observed here. In addition, Killer whales and Blue whales also are observed from this location. Clearly, Simpson Reef is a very valuable and incredible site that ties in nicely with the theme and goal of this project.

Dawn Harris from USFWS, Brian Fowler from OPRD, and John Peters of Interpretive Graphics worked in collaboration to develop and install the interpretive content and signage at this site. ■



SPOTTING SCOPES OFFER CLOSE-UP VIEWS



SIMPSON REEF OVERLOOK HISTORY

Since the summer of 1991, volunteers from S.E.A. (Shoreline Education for Awareness) have provided education and interpretation at Simpson Reef Overlook. To help their efforts, Friends of Shore Acres Inc. provides an interpretive brochure that also is available at Shore Acres and local visitor centers. ■

Thanks to S.E.A.!

ROCKY SHORES NATURALIST 2019

by Denice Hardy, Manager Sunset Bay Management Unit

Daniel Dobrosielski grew up on coastal plains of Maryland. He started his academic career at the University of Maryland College Park, where he received a degree in theater and minor in Russian language. In 2014, he began his natural resource endeavors in the Student Conservation Association. Here his nature skills were honed in as he taught environmental education along with working on their trail crew in Western Massachusetts. From there, he traveled to the bayous of Texas, the rocky coasts of Maine, the mosquito infested barrier islands of the Delmarva Peninsula and the interior of Alaska. Throughout his travels he taught about the various ecosystems he inhabited, connecting visitor to their natural world. We are very excited to have his special skill set and happy presence here at Sunset Bay Management Unit. ■

Editor's Note: The Rocky Shores Naturalist program is funded by Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. as part of the Friends' Educational and Interpretive Mission.



Interpretive, Educational & Entertaining Events

By Shirley Bridgham

Every year since 1989, the Friends have sponsored flower days and other events that help fulfill the "Interpretive and Educational" part of our mission. Various organizations offer displays and experts with Friends' volunteers taking care of providing coffee, punch and cookies in the Garden House. Groups that have helped include:

- Southwestern Oregon Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society
- SouthWestern Oregon Rose Society
- Pacific Orchid Society
- Bay Area Bonsai Society
- Southern Oregon Dahlia Society

In addition, other groups offer their help with the annual State Parks Day, the first Sunday in June. A huge thanks goes to Board member Betty Kennedy for doing a wonderful job of getting the Friends' volunteers who participate.

Since last summer's annual Journal we have held the following events:

Bonsai Day - Aug. 18, 2018

Thanks goes to George and Eva Ahuna, Ursula Langley and Al Eslinger of the Bay Area Bonsai Society. Friends volunteers Betty Kennedy and Deb Wigant took care of serving refreshments.

Dahlia Day - Sept. 29, 2018

Thanks goes to Paulette Woodward of the Southern Oregon Dahlia Society and Friends volunteers Carol and Darrell Sanders, Deb Wigant and Betty Kennedy, who took care of serving refreshments.

Holiday Lights at Shore Acres

Nov. 22 thru Dec. 31, 2018

Rhododendron Sunday/Mother's Day

May 12, 2019 - Note from Candy Baumer of the Rhododendron Society - *"We had a great day at the Park. It worked out well to place blooms and information brochures there on Saturday. Liz Hultin of Bandon and Pete and I were there until 4:00 on Sunday. Park visitors were so nice and very appreciative of the hosts and us being there."*

THREE MORE EVENTS IN 2019

Bonsai Day, Aug. 17

Dahlia Day, Sept. 28

Holiday Lights at Shore Acres

Nov. 28 thru Dec. 31, 2019

State Parks Day – June 1, 2019



Tide Morris Dancers



Friends of Hinsdale Garden
Tom Clarke, Eva Clarke, Sue Martino

State Parks Day was celebrated at Shore Acres with gardening information, refreshments and entertainment. The Coos Bay Garden Club members Mary Robertson and Nelda Leifer and Friends of Hinsdale Garden shared information about gardening and their respective organizations. At the Pavilion, the Hillcrest Elementary Marimbas Band the Tide Morris Dancers provided entertainment. In the Garden House, Dora and Ray Daniels and Betty Kennedy and Deb Wigant served refreshments. ■

Thanks!



Rose Sunday / Father's Day - June 16, 2019

SouthWestern Oregon Rose Society members Lou Kolkhorst, Mary Anne and Ed Kreutzer, and Corrine Clifton presented their annual and beautiful display of cut roses in the Garden House.

Friends volunteers Dell Willis, Deb Wigant and Betty Kennedy served punch, coffee and cookies, the traditional refreshments that visitors have come to expect when the Garden House is open. ■



Thanks!

Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert - July 20, 2019

Che's Lounge the Band



After a 2-season absence, the Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert returned to the park. In the Garden House, Friends volunteers Dora Daniels, Betty Kennedy, Dell Willis and Barb Taylor took care of selling the Friends' traditional raspberry and chocolate sundaes, as well as lemonade and coffee. Thanks goes to Kathi and Dennis Netter for the raspberries! ■

Friends' volunteers David Bridgham, Ray Daniels, Lou Kolkhorst and Dell Willis were ready to help Ranger Jess Hayward with parking.