



Luis Velasquez

Shore Acres "Wave" - *Rembrandt of the Sea* - as described by Samuel Boardman, first Oregon State Parks Superintendent

# Friends of Shore Acres



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## Shore Acres - "More than Lights"

*by Shirley Bridgham, Founder & Board Member*

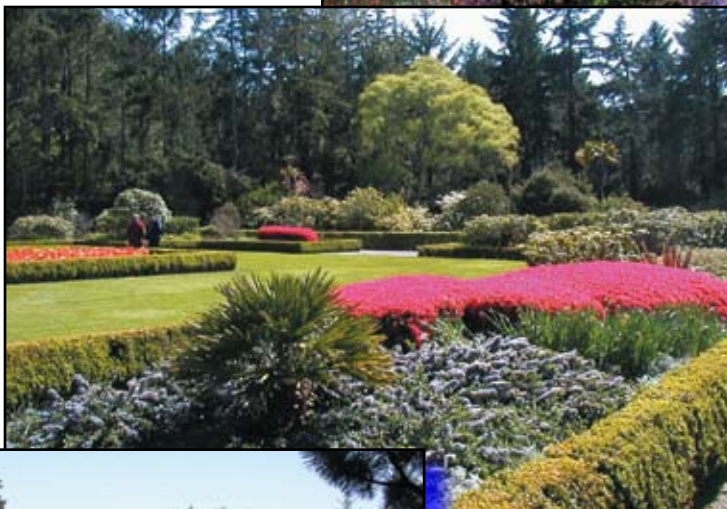
**W**hether it's the giant wave explosions and geological wonders at the cliffs, or the splendor of the formal gardens, Shore Acres offers something for everyone. We love lighting the gardens for the holidays, but we also love and appreciate the plants and flowers that make the park so special.

It surprises and amazes the Friends and staff as to how many people are surprised to find Shore Acres. But they and we are so glad when they do!

Lights visitors return to see the flowers and garden visitors return to see the lights! And our Information & Gift Center and annual events thrive and provide resources for us to help the park.



Landscape lights on huge west side trees help frame the formal garden full of lights.



Luscious colors dazzle visitors every spring.

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. is one of the most successful state park co-ops — providing educational and interpretive materials to visitors; helping the park with physical development projects; maintaining a well-visited web site; and contributing to economic development of the south coast.

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. has many plans to develop over the next five years as we approach the Friends' Silver Anniversary in 2011. A solid membership, excellent community support, a great board of directors, wonderful park staff, and dedicated volunteers — all combine to provide continued success.

This will be a banner year, as we help the park replace many rhododendrons and other plants and as we move into more low energy lighting for the holiday lights. We are investing in the future and thank all of you for your continued support that, indeed, makes Shore Acres "More than Lights." ~



The serenity of birds and blossoms at the 100' lily pond.

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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

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



### Dear Readers,

by Shirley Bridgham, Editor

In December 2006, the "Friends" turned 20 and presented the 20th annual holiday lights display. As you can see in the photo below, we didn't have many lights the first year, but the house was warm and welcoming and folks have returned year after year to enjoy this community tradition. Our 21st season will be even better as we replace a huge number of miniature lights with L.E.D. lights that will significantly reduce our energy use and, in turn lower the light bill! ~



December 1987

The first *Christmas at Shore Acres*, featuring 6,000 miniature clear lights, one Christmas tree and the decorated Garden House, drew more than 9,000 visitors.

## CALENDAR

**Bonsai Day** - April 14 - 11 am - 4 pm

**Rhododendron Sunday-Mother's Day** - May 13 - 11 am - 4pm

**State Parks Day** - June 2 - Free Parking

**Rose Sunday-Father's Day** - June 18 - 11 am - 4 pm

**OCMF Concert** - Saturday, July 21 - Noon - Celtic - Golden Bough

**SW Oregon Street Rods Show & Shine Car Show** - Aug. 11

**Sunset Classic Chevys Show & Shine Car Show** - Sept. 15

**Dahlia Day** - Sept. 22 - 11 am - 4 pm

**Orchids "Gems of the Rain Forest"** - Sept. 29 - 11 am - 4pm

**21st Annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park**

**Nov. 22 thru Dec. 31 - 4 pm - 10 pm**

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# Looking Back 20 Years

by David Bridgham, President, Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

The chronicles of Friends of Shore Acres, as written in our Journals, tell a tale of garden activities with hundreds of volunteers, hundreds of thousands of visitors and a consistent thread woven throughout. What a wonderful story. This is a story of reaching out to our south coast communities for help – inspiration – and partnerships.

The “Flower” events have been one of our mainstays these 20 years. Visitors especially enjoy a wonderful day in the gardens with our volunteer experts to talk with – along with George Guthrie, Shore Acres Head Gardener. The seasonal succession of blooms are highlighted along with specialty gardening from local chapters of bonsai and orchid growers. Displays in the garden house and the natural displays outside, are always a hit.

Through the years we have often had an extra surprise or treat along the way – cookies, coffee and punch in the garden house and seasonal “paint outs” with community artists creating paintings in the gardens while you watch! The woodcarvers in our area—and they are very well represented and talented—display and demonstrate in the garden house. Those are unexpected treats found from time to time by our traveling visitors. It often becomes the highlight of their travels. ~



**Rhododendron Sunday, Mother's Day 2006**

Rhody experts (L-R) Lee & John Vincent and Bob & Marjene MacIntyre of the Southwestern Oregon Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society join George Guthrie, Jr., Head Gardener, Shore Acres Gardens, to offer tips on growing rhododendrons.

## 20 Years and Glowing

Holiday Lights at Shore Acres began 20 years ago, too. While many things have been constantly carried forward, the effect is quite different 20 years later.

The Holiday Lights began as a community event and continues, even more so today, with waiting lists of community groups to participate in what has become our South Coast holiday tradition. The sculptures stay true to who and where we are. Garden and marine themes have stayed the course through the years. Respecting the symmetry and geometry of the formal English gardens has been the predominate lighting theme, even though there is an annual change and tweaking of the design layout.

These later years we have been especially pleased with our move toward advanced lighting displays with, first, rope lighting on sculptures, and second, L.E.D. (light emitting diode) lights for much of the display. We continue to frame the gardens and our lights display with more and more perimeter lighting. These large landscape lighting elements add a great deal of drama and scale to our unique location. ~



Life size whale sculpture designed by renown marine artist Don McMichael in 1991, got a new animated spout in 2004. Other McMichael designs include the pelicans, Orca, salmon, and leaping frog display. All are lighted by David Bridgham and the Friends.

## The Next 20 Years

Who knows for sure – I do know Shore Acres is in good hands with a community that loves it, continues to support it, and continues to participate in activities. It's still the place to bring our visitors to show off just how special our part of the south coast is.

The Friends are in a great partnership with state parks. This win-win is celebrated each time the Friends can help our park do something it can't do on its own, and the Friends enjoy a large dose of help and support from parks.

When you get down to it – it's about the people. Regardless what hat you wear— Friends of Shore Acres volunteer, State Parks management and staff, community volunteers and supporters — people are what make Shore Acres and the Friend of Shore Acres so great, and will into the future for some time to come. ~



**Rose Sunday, Father's Day 2006**

David Bridgham visits with (L-R) Jackie Schlaf and rose experts George Guthrie, Ray Duskin and Helen Doving.

# The "Gorse Society" and the Roses of Shore Acres *(an appreciation)*

by George Guthrie, Head Gardener, Shore Acres Gardens

People often wonder what it takes to grow roses successfully at Shore Acres. The 600 or so bushes growing in the garden "always" seem to be well groomed and well grown, healthy and happy despite growing in less than an optimum situation—in fact, the generally cool and often foggy summers here really provide as someone once said (I think it was me, actually) "the world's best conditions for growing rose diseases" (aargh!!!).

Dealing with this sad state of affairs takes lots of work; pruning, deadheading, fertilizing and it was and is hard to get the right people with the right skills to do the job right. Our park staff has done its best to keep the roses happy but let's face it, there are more roses needing help than there are helping hands to do the necessary work on the consistent basis week in week out — enter "The Gorse Society" to the rescue!

The "Gorse Society" is a group of wonderful folks who for many, many years have come in and volunteered their time, energy, and vast expertise doing all those tasks the roses really need. Serious students of Shore Acres historical trivia are uncertain about the exact origin of the "gorse" part of the name—some say that it refers to the "prickly" nature of the members (untrue) or perhaps they really "stick to it" doing their job year in and out, or maybe even an opportunity to give the much maligned floral scourge of nearby Bandon some (very little) respect as our band of buddies work away under its mostly symbolic and purely imaginary banner.

Anyway, starting every February, Jay, Ray "the two Helens" (Helen H. and Helen D.), and Tom begin the growing year by cutting back (shortening) and thinning out/reducing the number of stems for all the roses in the garden. The roses still may be dormant in their winter snooze at that time of year, but our friends in the society are certainly not as



Four members of the "Gorse Society" (L-R) Ray Duskin, Jay Dow, Helen Doving and Helen Harris (Tom Fuller not available for photo )

they spend the equivalent of at least a solid week of work for 4 or 5 people cutting and sawing away on each bush cutting away the bad and enhancing the good and in the meantime generating multiple garbage can loads of surplus stems for us to haul away but resulting in roses primed to go into spring ready to bloom and grow.

In April, they start feeding the roses — bags and bags of fertilizer, plus gypsum (to improve drainage), calcium (to "sweeten" our acid soil), and even Epsom salts (providing needed magnesium) are carefully applied around each plant. The process is repeated at intervals throughout the growing season to give the plants a needed boost after each flowering cycle is finished to prepare for a new round of blooms to come on. And when the roses are blooming, our formidable flower friends are back snipping off all the flowered out and funky looking blossoms so all the bushes look neat and tidy.

Finally, in the fall, the "Gorsies" will lightly prune back the taller rose bushes so the coming winter winds will not blow them over.

There you have it — the hardworking members of the Gorse Society are doing something wonderful for our roses at every season of the year and why they keep on doing it is somewhat of a mystery but your humble scribe thinks that part of the reason is they really love what they do — they love roses and they love the opportunity to make both the roses at Shore Acres and the many people who come to see those roses happy. Yes, they work steadily away at their tasks but they are

laughing and talking among themselves as they work, enjoying what they do and enjoying each other and enjoying making contact with the visitors to the garden. Like the bees that come to the flowers, people are drawn to these smiling, happy, and hardworking folks who are happy to chat with them, answer questions, and give impromptu demonstrations on the practical care and feeding of roses to anybody who asks.

Having gorse in your garden is serious cause for alarm but having the Gorse Society in the Shore Acres gardens is an on-going benefit and blessing to flowers and flower lovers alike—garden gnomes, elves, angels, or fairies need not apply to work maintenance magic on the Shore Acres roses—we have the "Gorsies" instead! Thanks so very much Ray, Jay, Helen D., Helen H. and Tom for all your wonderful work and beautiful results that all can see and enjoy.

## Zonta Rose

Speaking of roses and the kind people who seem to keep company with them, Shore Acres has been the beneficiary of a donation of a "Zonta" rose from Patty Sweet. Patty is affiliated with the local chapter of Zonta (an international service organization of business and professional women) and contacted us to see if there was a garden space available for roses and if she could provide money to fill said space with a rose representing her club. As luck would have it, we were looking to replace some roses in one of the circle beds in the front rose garden so we were happy to be able to work with her. The 2006 Zonta rose is "Easy Going" a gold colored floribunda flower type. Hopefully, under our often challenging rose growing conditions, it will live up to its name with beautiful blooms that will both please our visitors and serve as a floral "spokes-plant" for the generosity of the sponsoring organization. Many thanks Patty and Zonta!



# Other news from the Gardens

by George Guthrie, Head Gardener, Shore Acres Gardens

## “Living Fossils”

Shore Acres is going to be the home of two “living fossils” thanks to a very generous donation from a local resident Betty Brandt, who has given the park two baby “wollemi pines” for eventual planting out in the garden.

The “living fossil” moniker comes from the fact that while there have been fossils found of plants with similar or identical characteristics dating from 50 or more million years ago, a small grove of real living plants was only discovered in an isolated valley in Australia in 1994.

While they are commonly called “pines,” the trees (scientifically designated as *Wollemia nobilis*) are actually much more closely related to the “monkey puzzle tree” (*Araucaria araucana*) already planted at Shore Acres and in a number of other local gardens.

The plants are still small and we will wait until they are significantly larger before they find a new home in an appropriate spot somewhere in the garden.

While no one knows how the trees will do in cultivation here under conditions that are undoubtedly different from their Australian home, some of the original trees that their discoverers found are over 100 foot tall so we may have to allow for some possibly significant future growth. Mrs. Brandt purchased the plants from the National Geographic Society and has donated them in honor of her two grandsons, Robert and Richard Dallas. ~



“Wollemi pines” (*Wollemia nobilis*)



“Monkey puzzle tree” (*Araucaria araucana*)



Gift from Parker Sanderson  
*Schefflera delavayii* (a handsome and hopefully hardy member of a largely tropical plant group planted right next to the entrance to our Information & Gift Center)

## Parker Sanderson

On a sad personal note, I received news awhile back of the passing of Parker Sanderson. Parker, along with his partner Sean Hogan, were the founders and owners of Cistus Design Nursery on Sauvie Island near Portland. Parker and Sean were long time sources of gardening information and inspiration to yours truly as well as (through both purchase and donation) sources of rare and interesting plants to grow and display at Shore Acres.

Examples of some wonderful plants given by them to the garden is a specimen of *Schefflera delavayii* (a handsome and hopefully hardy member of a largely tropical plant group planted right next to the entrance to our Information & Gift Center) and *Jubaea chilensis* a beautiful palm tree native to Chile and critically endangered in its native habitat currently residing near the pond garden. These plants are either extremely rare in cultivation in the Pacific Northwest or very expensive to purchase if you can find them or both. They are relatively young plants now but hopefully will have a chance to grow to majestic maturity over time—and serve as a kind of living legacy to Parker’s generous love of plants and gardens. ~



## Thanks, Lights Pledge Supporters 2006!



Landscape Lighting on the giant Monterey Pines



Spectacular L.E.D. lights on Christmas trees.

### Special Thanks to Fred Meyer -

15th Year of donating 100 cases of frozen apple juice for hot apple cider and Discounts on cookies & frozen lemonade for punch

**6,388 Lights** - Abel Insurance Agency-Harry & Francie Abel \* **6,000 Lights** - Captain John's Motel \* **5,555 Lights** - Singlehouse Auto Wreckers \* **4,444 Lights** - The Mill Casino-Hotel \* **4,000 Lights** - Dick & Donna Frank \* Thomas & Sons Transportation \* **3,333 Lights** - A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.-South Coast Chapter \* **2,778 Lights** - Jim & Diane Verger \* **2,422 Lights** - Prudential Seaboard Properties-Earlene Brown \* **2,222 Lights** - Huggins Insurance-Bob & Janet Huggins \* Nancy Robinson \* **2,000 Lights** - Azalea Acres Inc.-Richard, Betty, Steve & Wesa Liles \* BELFOR USA Group Inc. \* Best Western Holiday Motel \* David & Shirley Bridgham \* Kathryn S. & Walter W. Clark \* Coastal Paper & Supply-Johanna & Bob Dillard \* Edgewater Inn Motel, Coos Bay \* Hargens Construction Co.-Gary & Rody Hargens \* Mary E. Havel & Family \* J. W. White Painting-Jay & Melody White \* **1,500 Lights** - Dave's Pizza \* Dominos Pizza \* Molly's "The" Pizza Parlor \* **1,388 Lights** - Cornelia & Don Barnhart \* **1,344 Lights** - Tom's Lock & Key-Steve & Cathy Clark \* **1,222 Lights** - Timm & BobEtta Slater \* **1,125 Lights** - Coos Bay Fire & Rescue \* **1,111 Lights** - Coos Head Garden Club \* Ray Gapp \* J. C. Penney Co. Employees \* Bea & Lane Justus \* Northwestern Mutual Life-Dick & Janice Vigue \* Oyster Cove L.L.C.-Martha Butler \* Edward E. Stevenson \* **1,100 Lights** - Michael A. Gordon, CPA, LLC \* **1,000 Lights** - Adventure Kayak & Kite Shop-Bob & Kayla Carr \* Art Connection \* Audio Video Specialists \* Bay Group Anesthesia Service PC \* BNT Promotional Products \* Bob's Appliance Sales & Service-Bob & Gayle DePeal \* Books by the Bay \* Cardinal Services, Inc. \* Coach House Restaurant-Carole & Jim Lorenz \* Coast Metal Works-Tony & Mary Ann Dub \* Coos Bay Grocery Outlet-Patricia Backman & Staff \* Judith Hansen \* Hearthside Rehabilitation & Care Center \* Jim & Cindy Hough \* Ron & Kathy Metzger \* Wayne & Carol Murray \* North Point Inc.-Ed Meyer \* Pacific Mobile Services Inc.-The Chaney Family \* Dr. Ted Terry & Staff \* **955 Lights** - Bruce's Street Rods-Bruce & Kittie Lou English \* **555 Lights** - Judge Paula M. Bechtold \* This Olde House Bed & Breakfast Inn-Sally White \* **500 Lights** - Benetti's Italian Restaurant-Joe Benetti \* Betty Kay Charters-Margery & Bill Whitmer \* Charleston Harbor Inn-in memory of John A. Castro \* Cottonwood Studio-James & Archina Davenport \* George & Barbara Domenighini \* Gold Coast Truck Repair-Butch & Jacque Shields \* Betsy Groben \* Paul & Marie Haugland \* High Tide Café, LLC \* Honda World \* House at Lighthouse Beach-Stan & Janet Thompson \* K & K Sound Systems Inc. \* Diane & Kevin Keiser-in memory of Heidi Nerbovig \* Kinnee's Gifts N' Shells \* Marineau & Associates \* Betsy & Walt McClure \* Myrtle Lane Motel \* North Bend Lanes/Back Alley-Bob, Mark & Marianna Mattechuck \* Allan M. Olson \* Shoji Planning & Development-Crystal & Gene Shoji \* Slippery Slope Soap Shop, Ron & Pauline Vierra \* Ticor Title Insurance Company \* John & Teri Whitty, in memory of Mary Ballantyne

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"Shore Acres" Dahlia



Dazzling Dahlias in September



## Holiday Lights 2006 — More than 45,000 Visitors

### VISITORS, COUNTRIES & STATES

An estimated 45,792 visitors

37 Countries from Argentina to the Virgin Isles

49 States (missing Delaware)

### CITIES AND TOWNS

218 Oregon; 155 California; 74 Washington

To see the detailed report, go to [www.shoreacres.net](http://www.shoreacres.net) and click on Holiday Lights (upper left list on the home page).

### COMMENTS

LED lights, a great addition! - North Bend, OR

Fabulous! - Salt Spring Island, B.C., Canada

Every year we come back, so here we are again. - Gresham, OR

Worth the drive, every time! - Klamath Falls, OR

A special place! Thank You! - Gold Hill, OR

**We're moving . . . here. - Miami, FL**

Lover-ly - Cottage Grove, OR

We haven't a light show like this in France. Very pretty.

Thanks. - Annecy, France

Superb! - Mt. Angel, OR

Breathtaking - Monroe, OR

Perfect! - Lake Tahoe, NV

Better & better every year! - Pleasanton, CA

Dazzling! - Philomath, OR

Beautiful light display, warm and friendly people,

Merry Christmas! - Union City, CA

M-M-M-good! - Bluff Dale, TX

Amazing, a one-of-a-kind sight! - Lathrop, CA

**Excellent. Happy 20th Anniversary! - Coos Bay, OR**

Beautifully detailed! - Florence, OR

Thank you so much for your service! - Portland, OR

Every year we love it more. Thanks! - Sweet Home, OR

Breathtaking! - Green River, WY

Awesome! - Duluth, GA

Exquisite! - Sheppardson, Australia

Fabulous! - Keene, NH

Incredible! - Pocatello, ID

Gorgeous as always! - Seattle, WA

It's everything we've always heard about it! - McMinnville, OR

**5 Stars! - San Francisco, CA**



Holiday Lights 2006 featured more L.E.D. lights in the display. Note the pink/purple lights on the large rhody near the House.



Garden House decorating is coordinated by Robynn Reed. Each year a traditional theme is highlighted with innovative touches and surprises. Thanks, Robynn!



Exbury "Yellow"  
Deciduous Azalea in front of the Garden House

### THANKS SUSTAINING MEMBERS (\$250)

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JW White Painting- Jay & Melody White, Coos Bay

Sally Wilson, Bend



## Holiday Lights 2006 — More than 1,500 Volunteers



Dave Hannah (L) – Dave's Trees – and Mike Hague deliver 26 large cultured Christmas trees (*donated by Dave*) for groups and organizations to decorate.



Jack Gilham and David Bridgham don waders to put up the leaping frog display. Helping from the bank is Kenn Kennedy, long time board member and lights stringer.



In the Garden House, Maxine Johannesen (L) and Joan Clifton, get lunch ready for the volunteers. Our famous hot dogs and Wendy's chili lunch have become another "tradition." Joan filled in for long time volunteer Cappy Klein who was unavailable due to illness.



Ray Daniels, head of the welding department at Southwestern Oregon Community College, delivers the new aluminum frame for the Orca Whale display. This year, the Orca display gets a new net and new lights!

### THANKS SPONSOR MEMBERS (\$50)

Al & Judy Aslakson, Rapid City, SD  
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## Ultimate B&B Winners and the Information & Gift Center (IGC)



Wally and Nancy Coleman, Grants Pass bought ticket #129 in the IGC. Nancy wrote in the guest book, "Lucky us!!! We are the winners of the raffle and are spending New Year's Eve in this inspirational cottage and garden. Thank you!"



Look for new chocolate bar wrapped in colorful scenes of Shore Acres

Thanks, Bob Dixon!

Near the Information & Gift Center, Bob built a new brochure rack to provide information to park visitors even when the IGC is closed.



Looking across Hino crimson azaleas toward the towering Monterey cypress and Friends' Information & Gift Center.

The **Information & Gift Center (IGC)** is open all year. This **all-volunteer** operation, managed by Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst, is a primary source of funding for many of the Friends' activities.

In the IGC you will find books on gardening, local history of the area and the gardens, children's books, cookbooks, birds and animals and more; VHS tapes & DVD's on Shore Acres history and the gardens, Oregon lighthouses and covered bridges; screen savers on Shore Acres Gardens, holiday lights, and lighthouses; children's and ladies T-shirts, adult's jackets and sweatshirts, barbecue aprons, baseball style caps; silver and wildflower jewelry; placemats, soap, pictures, art, postcards, note cards, calendars, ship models, science kits, thermometers, kaleidoscopes, playing cards, birds and animals with authentic sounds approved by Audubon. Check out our penny smasher machine (with 4 designs) and other new items being added during the year, including garden accessories, lighthouse collectibles and more. ~

### Want to Volunteer?

Please call 541-888-2472 or 1-866-888-6100 or call one of our volunteer coordinators: **Betty Kennedy, 267-7597** or **Vee Elliott, 888-5447.**

## THANKS PATRON MEMBERS (\$25)

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## OUR THREE PARKS AND THE EAGLE SCOUT CONNECTION

By David Bridgham, Chairman —  
Chinook District, Boy Scouts of America

The Chinook District of Boy Scouts of America has a rich history in being an important part of Sunset Bay, Shore Acres, and Cape Arago State parks. There isn't a park or hardly any spot in between that hasn't benefitted from an Eagle Scout project and the energies that Scouts bring to our public spaces.

As Chairman for Chinook District, I look around with pride and satisfaction at many accomplishments that have not only enhanced our parks, but have helped build character in many Scouts.

The most recent project is the paver stone paths leading toward the Observation Building from the Shore Acres parking lot. You may have noticed the former asphalt path was in a state of ruin. Scout David Perrin successfully planned, engineered, enlisted Scout help and completed the first section of the path, a very long and arduous section complete with many special stone cuts to fit. The remainder of the path awaits another Eagle Scout applicant. The Friends joined in this project with the needed materials. We were pleased to review this project with a fine presentation to the Board by David on the construction details and its merits.

There have been many amenities added to our parks made possible by Eagle Scout projects, paths – bridges – railings, you name it, our area Scouts are adding enjoyment and safety to countless visitors now and into the future.

Congratulations to our Boy Scouts, Eagle Scouts, the Chinook District, and Eagle Board Chair Bob Gunther and his Board. ~



New path site after removal of asphalt.

## David Perrin's Eagle Scout Project

by Shirley Bridgham, Editor

When Boy Scout David Perrin presented his Eagle Scout Path Project to the Friends' board, it was met with both appreciation and approval. The project was to replace 295 lineal feet of the path going to the Observation Building at Shore Acres State Park.

The new width of the paths would be 6 feet and the asphalt would be replaced with 6x4 Tudor style granite colored paving stones. The target date for completion was July of 2006. David presented a detailed and estimated budget for materials and supplies to be funded by FoSA. Total cost at completion was \$6,543.

Labor was supplied by Scouts, State Parks and Shutters Creek Inmates. David's Scouts crew included Dwain Benavidez, Brady Menzenberg, Damon Chase, Tom Chase, George David, Kyle Beechly, Linnae Beechly, Kyleray Katherman, Corey Riley, Brad Johnson and David's dad Peter Perrin.

All worked long and hard and it took a little longer than planned to complete the project but it was finished on August 16, 2006. ~

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Peter Perrin offered his expertise and help.



Looking over the project are (L-R) Linnae Beechly, Peter Perrin, Kyle Beechly, Kyleray Katherman and David Perrin.



David finishes a row of granite colored paving stones.



Completed Path Project - Beautiful!

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## Entertainment, Pond and Icy Takedown!

Entertainment coordinators Dino & Cindy Coolen scheduled 39 groups (595 people) to perform.



Luis Velasquez

Gold Pannies of the Riverboat Revue



Luis Velasquez

Gold Coast Barbershop Chorus of "Oregon's Bay Area"



Luis Velasquez

Lights, Frogs and Herons in the Pond at Twilight

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Please visit our web site to see more photos and names of all who helped with the holiday lights display.

Every season we paper the kitchen walls in the Garden House with "Thanks Scrolls" of all the names of those who sign the volunteer forms.

Also, this Journal is posted as a PDF on the web site for you and others to download and print. It will print best on photo quality paper.



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Volunteers (L-R) Dell Willis, David Bridgham and Jack Gilham take down frogs in icy pond. Dell hands "splash" to Mike Perkins (R)