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Friends of Shore Acres

December 4, 2020



Photo by Luis Velasquez

*NO Holiday Lights for
2020 due to the Covid-19
Coronavirus Crisis. We
are so disappointed but we
will be back in 2021!*

*Friends'
34th Birthday
Dec. 4, 2020*

Aerial Photo by Memo Jasso

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an all-volunteer organization

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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



Where to begin . . . When we finished putting the lights away in January, I tackled the Holiday Lights Stats report. It's so amazing to see the total numbers and the places people come from. Next, it was time to do the 2020 Holiday Lights plan. Got it done, got the tags that we use to help our lights stringers done and updated the host team list. David replaced lights on several sculptures and he and Ray Daniels talked about a new sculpture for 2020. We were excited. New carpet for the Garden House had been approved and Robynn and Mike Reed were looking forward to decorating the house again. The Friends' annual flower day events, State Parks Day, the summer music festival garden concert, and a new Girl Scout event were set. Memberships were being tabulated and we were set for another banner year as Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

Then came March and all the terrible news about Covid-19. Our favorite parks were closed. Our Information & Gift Center was closed until further notice. We cancelled all of our upcoming flower day events and the music festival concert. But, worst of all, we had to cancel the 2020 Holiday Lights at Shore Acres. It was a very disappointing decision, but absolutely necessary, as you can see in David's article on page 3.

On May 14th, Sunset Bay, Shore Acres and Cape Arago opened for day-use, but we did not open the Information & Gift Center since our visitors to the park come from everywhere and most of our volunteers are over 60. Social distancing is nearly impossible in the IGC and Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. will not put anyone at risk.

Many people are working 24/7 to come up with a treatment or vaccine and we hope they will be successful as soon as possible.

In the meantime, David and I encourage you to get outside and enjoy the coastal fresh air and visit our beautiful parks that we are so fortunate to have.

David and I are optimists. We are looking forward to a better than ever Holiday Lights at Shore Acres in 2021.

Take care . . . and please stay safe.

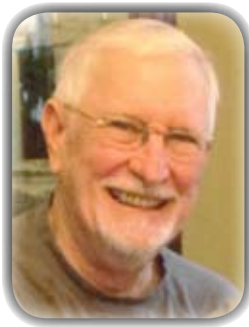
Shirley Bridgham

Co-chair, Holiday Lights since 1987

P.S. A huge thanks to all who contributed to this issue of the Journal!

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

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*A*s I write this on June 9, 2020, our three parks - Sunset Bay, Shore Acres and Cape Arago - are open.

Coos County and its surrounding counties have been doing relatively well in the Covid-19 Coronavirus Pandemic with low infection rates.

Unfortunately that doesn't give Holiday Lights 2020 a pass.

First and foremost, Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. in cooperation with Shore Acres State Park is focused on the health and safety of our visitors, volunteers and park staff.

- Traditionally, we see 50 - 60 thousand visitors during the 30+ nights with peak nights near 3,000 a night.
- Our visitors come from all over the country and even some distant nations. See 2019 stats on page 6.
- The gardens have many tight spaces outside with narrow paths around the pond, and the entrance near the undersea garden, where public distancing would not be possible.
- The Garden House and Information & Gift Center were not built for crowds needing the kind of monitoring that would challenge the joyful holiday spirit our visitors enjoy.
- Garden House staffing with 60 host teams would be a daunting challenge for many of our volunteers to greet and serve refreshments that visitors expect and deserve.
- The event without the Garden House is not an option. It is one of the primary draws and is essential to the experience.
- With all this said, the *elephant in the room* is that for those not from Oregon, you might not be aware of the State Executive Order that reopens the state to a more "normal" commerce and public services. We are currently entering the second of three phases that brings in previously non-essential services - with public distancing and adequate monitoring and hygiene. Like many large festivals, Holiday Lights at Shore Acres falls into the third phase with high numbers of visitors and many, if not most, from outside of the area.
- Bottom line: we need a broadly available vaccine or treatment for Covid-19 before we can qualify to greet visitors who have adopted this magical experience as their holiday tradition.

*We will see you and your families
in 2021, brighter than ever!*

THE MESSAGE WE E-MAILED ON MAY 27, 2020

We are sending this message directly to our 2020 host list so you will know Holiday Lights at Shore Acres 2020 is canceled. You will be on the updated list for 2021. You don't have to reply unless you want your group off the list. We are very disappointed that after doing the lights for 33 years, we have to miss the 34th until 2021. Stay safe. - Shirley and David Bridgham, Co-chair Holiday Lights since 1987

• • • SOME HEART WARMING RESPONSES • • •

"It breaks all our hearts to have one of the area's most precious holiday celebration canceled!"

"Our hearts are with you and cannot imagine the disappointment and sadness you must be feeling right now. We are very happy that you are looking out for you and the committee's health at this precarious time. Stay safe and healthy and we will see you next year. Thank you."

"So sorry, but we totally understand. Take Care!"

"You two have every right to be disappointed. You have given Oregon's Bay Area an event that is known throughout the country. Thank you for your efforts."

"Thanks and we will certainly host in 2021. Yes, I am personally disappointed as well. This wonderful community volunteer project brings a warm glow of community to the South Coast each year. Its magic on a cold clear night is almost spiritual. So I know it was a tough decision for both of you, but your love for the event is shared by thousands. Take care."

"Thanks for the notice Shirley and David. Bummer to hear but very understandable considering the circumstances."

"Thank you! We are sorry to hear this but 100% support your tough decision. Please keep us posted and stay well."

"Thank you for the email. I can imagine what a difficult decision this was for the board to make. Many thanks to you and the board for making the wise decision to keep all involved safe."

"Thank you for the tough decision you made about holiday lights. I know it was a very difficult thing for you to do."

"This saddens me, but I also understand completely why this decision was made. The safety of our community and our volunteers who diligently put on this event every year are paramount. We will look forward to Holiday Lights 2021!"

"I imagine this was very difficult but I thank you for making an early decision so all those involved with set-up and other work are not hanging on waiting. Although cancelling an event may be disappointing, it's a relief to just have an answer sometimes so we know what path to follow going forward. I also respect your wanting to keep everyone safe. This has been a challenging and uncertain time for sure!"

"Shirley and David, this is very sad news in a very troubling time, and we know how awfully disappointing it must be for you two. But you've created an incredible program that will live on and on, and we're looking forward to a grand 2021!"

- Memberships 2020 - Making a Difference

YOUR MAILING LABEL HAS A CODE THAT INDICATES YOUR "MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY / "YEAR" OR "GIFT"

LIFE (\$500)

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

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



Dick and Vicky Henschel, Concord, CA
Carolyn M. Kendrick, Portland
(In Memory of Lily Busick)
MJ Koreiva, Coos Bay
Alice and Jim Layport, Coos Bay
Dr. Michael and Carol Lucas, Concord, CA
Diane Mathis, Travelers RST, SC
Christine M. Moffitt, Coos Bay
Sue and Jack Mueller, Bandon
Dennis and Kathi Netter, Coos Bay
Mike and Robynn Reed, North Bend

Wanda Pike Rees, S. Pasadena, CA
Dale Sause, North Bend
Jim L. Scavera, North Bend
Seaboard Properties, Trina Mattoon, Coos Bay
Carol Jean Shining, Eugene
Liz Tarrant, Elgin, OR
Barbara L. Taylor and Steven Fowler, North Bend
Jim and Diane Verger, North Bend
Dick and Judy Wagner, North Bend
Dell and Roberta Willis, North Bend

SUSTAINING (\$250) - SU/20

Kent and Jill Hoddick, Portland • JW White Painting, Jay and Melody White Coos Bay • Col. Clair L. Shirey, Eagle River, AK

BENEFACTOR (\$100) - BE/20

Curtis and Eileen Adams, Coos Bay
John and Barbara Anderson, Coos Bay
Paula Bechtold, North Bend
Melanie Bloom, Coos Bay
George and Judy Buckingham, Chiloquin, OR
Mike and Lois Burk, Portland, OR
Dawn Buxton, Coos Bay
Jerry and Shirley Champagne Harris, North Bend
Ray and Dora Daniels, North Bend

George and Cherie Guthrie, Bandon
Dale and Susan Karstetter, North Bend
Kay Kerriden, North Bend
Lynn Larsen, Portland, OR
Chuck and Karin Lowrie, Pine Grove, CA
Bob Macy, Coos Bay
Ron and Kathy Metzger, North Bend
Shirl and Bob Pedro, Coos Bay

Donna Rabin and Steve Richardson, Coos Bay
Timm and Bob Etta Slater, North Bend
David and Brenda Slawson, Medford
Mark and Lori Stern, Bandon
Ed and Judy Swenson, Bandon
Michael and Barbara Taylor, North Bend
Ted and Carolyn Terry, Coos Bay
Sally J. Wilson, Bend

SPONSOR (\$50) - SP/20

George Ahuna, Coos Bay
Hank W. Beuttel, Corvallis
James and AJ Davenport, Coos Bay
Becky and Michael Duke, Coos Bay
Shirley Eidswick, Medford
Donna Flammang, Coos Bay
Leslie Gabel, North Bend



Blair Holman and Ginny Tabor, Coos Bay
Chuck and Mary Howard, Coos Bay
Monita Johnson, North Bend
Mary Paczesniak, Coos Bay
Anne Radford, The Dalles, OR
Dennis and Gail Robertson, Vancouver, WA

Dottie Rocheleau, Roseburg
Sharon Rogers, Coos Bay
Bill Russell, Bandon
Ellen Thompson, North Bend
Lyn Topits, Coos Bay
Karen McCarthy Walters, Medford



PATRON (\$25) - PA/20

Jay Anderson, North Bend
Bud and Barbara Baumgartner, Sweet Home
Ron and Marilyn Bolstad, Ashland
Cheryl Drumheller, North Bend
Alice (Bridgham) Freeman, Fairfield, CA
Jerry and Joady Gorelick, Coos Bay
Betsy Groben, Coos Bay
Helen Harris, Coos Bay

Dennis and Supaporn Johnson, Central Point
Judy Kaplan, Brookings
Mike and Penny Kielman, Eagle Point
Lou Kolkhorst, Coos Bay
Bill and Sharon Lemoine, North Bend
Paul and Noreen Lesage, Lake Oswego
Ida McBride, Lake Villa, IL
Lynda Mueller, Silverton, OR

Mike Perkins and Carol Ventgen, North Bend
Dennis and Jo Lynne Roberts, Vancouver, WA
Linda and Peter Ryer, Seattle, WA
Russell Shaddix, Arcata, CA
Sarah E. VanHorn, North Bend
Pauline Vierra, Reedsport
John Weibel, Staten Island, NY

FAMILY (\$15) - FA/20

Annie's Cottage, Paul & Annie Comfort, Coos Bay
Joan Clifton, North Bend
Susan T. and Robert J. Coraor, Schnecksville, PA
Peter and Karen Crosby, North Bend
Helen Doving, Coos Bay
Christine Hall, Bandon, OR
Constance and John Huntsman, Coos Bay

Carla Johnson, 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
Alice Schmidt, Coquille
Dick and Char Schmidt, Coquille
Arthur Schuldt, North Bend
Larry and Pamela Stevens, Myrtle Point
Irene and Brenda Sund, North Bend
Coco Sutton and Mike Hoyt, North Bend

INDIVIDUAL (\$10) - IN/20

Anne Bellomy, Coos Bay
Lorie Bunyard, Coos Bay
Clara Capron, Bellingham, WA
Jacqueline Cruse, Tenmile, OR
Lynn Danner, North Bend

Bonnie Fritz, Newberg, OR
Marilyn Hammond, Coos Bay
Karen Hensler, North Bend
Kathleen Hornstuen, Coos Bay



Patricia Johnson, Coos Bay
Don Lynam, Bandon
Betty Mault, Coos Bay
D.K. Rigsby, Coos Bay

Thanks!

PASSING THE GAVEL IN SEPTEMBER

FRIENDS ANNUAL YEAR - SEPT. 1, 2019 - AUG. 31, 2020



FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Kathi Netter, President, 2019-20



Being President of Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. this past year certainly has had its joys and disappointments. Holidays Lights 2019 was yet another immensely successful event, attracting a large number of visitors from near and far. Despite being one of our shortest seasons on record, the cookies, hot apple cider, punch and coffee were served in never-ending quantities! (Thank you, Fred Meyer for baking fresh batches of cookies at every request!) The volunteers kept the lights lit and for the most part, Mother Nature cooperated.

In January 2020, the Board met to work on and approve an ambitious budget to continue our goal and purpose of maintaining and enhancing our beloved Shore Acres State Park. Once that was accomplished, we were eager to move ahead. But then came March and April, and while we all were “quarantined” the Board of Directors continued to keep decision-making and projects going through e-mails between board members and Shore Acres managers and staff. Fortunately, several important projects were able to move forward, such as: trail maintenance, communications upgrade planning, and Garden House repairs and carpet replacement.

In May, it became time to think about the 2020 Holiday Lights season. Many decisions must be made months in advance and commitments solidified. With the unknowns of COVID 19 progression, the likelihood of the additional presence of the usual flu season, and consideration of the health of the many volunteers and visitors, the very difficult decision was made to cancel the Holiday Lights 2020 season. Many alternatives and work-arounds were suggested, but all were eventually deemed unworkable.

Other events at Shore Acres have also been cancelled such as the various annual Flower days and the July Summer Garden Music event. Check our website and Facebook page for further updates.

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. and its Board of Directors remain dedicated to our purpose and are looking forward to the renewed season and the 2021 Holidays Lights.

But in the meantime . . . much of the park is open for your enjoyment. The gardens, trails, beaches and viewpoints are all there for you! ■



FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

By Dora Daniels, President-Elect 2019-20



Friends of Shore Acres Inc. is an organization dedicated to assisting and supporting our own local Shore Acres State Park. It was founded on December 4, 1986 and continues today. We are a 501c3 corporation with a board of directors composed of up to 15 volunteers from our local communities. We love our park and take our positions very seriously.

I am looking forward to filling some big shoes as I assume the position of President of the Friends in September. As always, David and Shirley Bridgham have set us on a course of success with their vision and development of this organization and I hope to serve and represent the mission at their level of professional volunteerism.

We feel the health and safety of our visitors and volunteers is our primary concern. Thus, it is with a heavy heart the decision was made to not have our annual Holiday Lights Display this year. This decision had to be made in May due to many underlying steps needed to take place early in the year so that the Holiday Lights can happen. No one wanted this to happen, least of all the board members who pour their heart and souls, let alone

countless volunteer hours into this gigantic undertaking each year. We depend on so many volunteers to put together the displays, the structures, and the decorations. We cannot do this without our volunteers and I offer each of them our profound thank you for all they do. Our visitors come from all over the world and we are always so proud and honored to be able to present this holiday tradition to so many.

Shore Acres State Park is not just about the Holiday Lights of course. We have the year around gardens that can be enjoyed every day of the year. Depending on the season, you may see something different on each visit. There are hiking trails and walking paths to enjoy as well as the beautiful ocean and observatory. The sound of the roaring ocean never fails to be amazing. We are disappointed we cannot host the Dahlia Day in September, nor were we able to host Rhododendron Sunday/Mother's Day in May, nor State Parks Day or Rose Sunday/Father's Day in June.

I wish you good health and happiness and hope that you will have many opportunities to visit Shore Acres State Park to enjoy the many wonders and beauty the park has to share with our community. ■



33RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT SHORE ACRES THANKSGIVING THRU NEW YEAR'S EVE 2019

Stats compiled by Shirley and David Bridgham, Co-chair Holiday Lights since 1987

Thanks to all who help make this *community tradition* a reality!



Comments always include many *"better than ever,"* *"worth the trip,"* and *"a holiday tradition,"* but visitors often use **just one word:**

SOME OF OUR FAVORITES

Adorable!, Amazing,
Astounding, Awesome,
Breathtaking, Brilliant,
Cool, Dazzling, Epic,
Exceptional, Extraordinary



In 2019, one of our favorite views was turned into a 550 Piece Puzzle available in our Information & Gift Center.

*Fabulous, Fantastico!
Gorgeous, Impressive!,
Incredible, Inspiring,
Lovely, Magical, OMG!,
Outstanding, Perfection,
Romantic!, Sensational!!,
Spectacular, Speechless!,
Splendid!, Stupendous!,
Stunning, Sweet,
Unbelievable, Wonderful,
Wonderland, Wondrous!,
Wow!, Wunderbar, Yum!*

ALWAYS AMAZING GUEST BOOKS - 2019

- An estimated **59,544** visitors
- 34 nights (6 fewer than 2018)
- 9.10" rain (4.63" less than 2018)
- New states, cities, towns, areas and many repeat visitors.
- Many places listed with no cities
- Not everyone signed the guest books.
- Not everyone signed legibly.
- Not everyone listed where they were from.
- Some Google verification



TOTALS: 31 Countries, Provinces, & Territories (Other than U.S.)

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|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Africa | 12. Indonesia | 22. Nova Scotia |
| 2. Australia | 13. Italy | 23. Palau |
| 3. British Columbia | 14. Japan | 24. Panama |
| 4. Canada | 15. Jordan | 25. Saudi Arabia |
| 5. China | 16. Kodiak Island | 26. Scotland |
| 6. Columbia | 17. Madagascar | 27. South Africa |
| 7. Costa Rica | 18. Mexico | 28. South Korea |
| 8. England | 19. Morocco | 29. Spain |
| 9. France | 20. Myanmar | 30. The Gambia |
| 10. Germany | 21. New Zealand | 31. United Kingdom |
| 11. Guam | | |

TOTALS: 45 STATES, AND 632 CITIES, TOWNS, AND AREAS

CA 115 * OR 234 * WA 69 * Other 214

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|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Alabama (2) | 16. Kansas (4) | 31. North Carolina(3) |
| 2. Alaska (11) | 17. Louisiana (1) | 32. North Dakota (1) |
| 3. Arizona (12) | 18. Maine (2) | 33. Ohio (2) |
| 4. Arkansas (1) | 19. Maryland (3) | 34. Oklahoma (2) |
| 5. California (115) | 20. Massachusetts (4) | 35. Oregon (234) |
| 6. Colorado (17) | 21. Michigan (8) | 36. Pennsylvania (3) |
| 7. Connecticut (2) | 22. Minnesota (4) | 37. South Carolina (2) |
| 8. Delaware (1) | 23. Missouri (3) | 38. South Dakota (3) |
| 9. Florida (7) | 24. Montana (9) | 39. Tennessee (5) |
| 10. Georgia (4) | 25. Nebraska (2) | 40. Texas (18) |
| 11. Hawaii (5) | 26. Nevada (9) | 41. Utah (7) |
| 12. Idaho (13) | 27. New Hampshire (3) | 42. Virginia (2) |
| 13. Illinois (6) | 28. New Jersey (2) | 43. Washington (69) |
| 14. Indiana (1) | 29. New Mexico (4) | 44. Wisconsin (6) |
| 15. Iowa (1) | 30. New York (5) | 45. Wyoming (6) |

MISSING (5)

Kentucky, Mississippi,
Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia



Since 1997, Robynn and Mike Reed have coordinated and completed house decorating, with each season's decorations an inspiration to visitors. The 2019 season was exceptional again. Our B&B winners, Marie and Dave Ballard of Bandon, Oregon, wrote in the guest book - *"Once in a lifetime experience at the Ultimate B&B!"*

More Comments and Stats at www.shoreacres.net

Holiday Lights Kudos and Supporters

- Ashland, OR - Coolest house ever!
- Atlanta, GA - Beautiful light show
- Bandon, OR - World class!!
- Bend, OR - Always worth the drive!
- Birmingham, AL - So beautiful!
- Bolder, CO - So wonderful!
- Box Elder, SD - Amazing
- Boyne Falls, MI - Great show
- Bristol, TN - Oh so wonderful!!
- Camas, WA - Awesome every year!
- Canby, OR - Outstanding!
- Centennial, CO - Love the cups!
- Chandler, AZ - Great tradition
- Chemult, OR - Tradition - here yearly!
- Chico, CA - Always a beautiful time
- Coeur d'Alene, ID - Love this Place!!
- Coos Bay, OR - Yea! No Styrofoam cups!
- Coquille, OR - Very creative & beautiful
- Corvallis, OR - What a fun surprise!
- Cream Ridge, NJ - Magnificent!
- Crescent City, CA - Amazing - Bluffs, wow
- Creswell, OR - Always worth the trip!
- Eugene, OR - Better than in my dreams!
- Gleneden Beach, OR - Best in the Northwest
- Gold Beach, OR - Magical as always
- Grants Pass - A fairy wonderland!
- Humbolt, CA - We love you!
- Junction City, OR - Our all time favorite
- Kalama, WA - Just gorgeous & enchanting!
- Klamath, CA - Just beautiful!
- La Pine, OR - Great memories
- Long Beach, CA - Love it!!
- McMinnville - Enchanting wonderland
- Medford, OR - My God!!!
- Mill City, OR - We come every year!
- Milwaukie, Wisconsin - Splendid!
- Minnesota - Breathtaking! Enchanting!
- Mt. Angel, OR - So beautiful!
- Myrtle Creek, OR - Christmas tradition
- Myrtle Point, OR - What a lovely experience
- New Zealand - So beautiful - Love it!!!
- Newberg, OR - Beyond my expectations!
- North Bend, OR - You gotta go upstairs!
- NY, NY - Love it
- Oakland OR - Our Christmas tradition
- Otter Rock, OR - As always - wonderland!
- Paso Robles, CA - Worth the drive
- Port Orford, OR - My favorite place!
- Post Falls, ID - Breathtaking!
- Puyallup, WA - Beautiful!!! worth the trip
- Roseburg, OR - Gets better every year
- Sacramento, CA - Loved it!
- Salem, OR - Best lights in the state!
- San Diego, CA - I love this place!!!
- Seattle, WA - Wonderful!
- Sonoma, CA - Fabulous - so thankful
- Sydney, Australia - Delightful!!
- Talent, OR - Perfect
- Whistler BC, Canada - Fabulous!
- Yachats, OR - Magnificent & magical!
- Yoncalla, OR - Stunning

THANKS, **LED LIGHTS*** PLEDGE SUPPORTERS 2019!

- 10,000* Abel Insurance Agency - Harry Abel *
- 7,500* The Mill Casino Hotel and RV Park *
- 3,500* Best Western Holiday Motel *
- 3,334* Martha Butler *
- 2,800* Portside Seafood Restaurant, Joe Tang and Family
- 2,667* Barbara K. Mills *
- 2,334* Coastal Paper & Supply - Bob and Johanna Dillard *
- 2,100* Captain John's Motel - Paul Tang *
- Michael A. Gordon, CPA (Not Your Basic Bean Counter) *
- 2,000* Pacific Corp/Pacific Power *
- 1,750* Dave's Pizza *
- 1,667* Cornelia and Don Barnhart *
- Pam Howard and Tom Castle *
- 1,400* Azalea Acres, Inc. * David and Shirley Bridgham *
- Coos Bay Grocery Outlet - Patricia & Sven Backman and Crew *
- J. W. White Painting-Jay and Melody White *
- Miller's at the Cove Sports Bar and Grill *
- 1,125* Coos Bay Fire Department *
- 1,000* Dennis and Jo Lynne Roberts *
- 814* Tom's Lock & Key - Steve Clark & Brooser Clark *
- 700* Art Connection * James and Archina Davenport *
- Betsy Groben * Honda World *
- North Point Inc. * Chuck Pritchard and Rose January
- Jim and Diane Verger *
- Pauline Vierra - In Memory of Ron Vierra *
- 667* Nancy Robinson *
- 483* Seaboard Properties *
- 467* Donald and Priscilla Zobel *
- 400* Charleston Harbor Inn - In Memory of John A. Castro *
- High Tide Cafe LLC - Carol Rodde and Steve Raplee *
- 360* Cedar Electric & Construction, Inc. *
- 350* Gold Coast Truck Repair - Butch and Jacque Shields *
- Shoji Planning, LLC *



SPECIAL THANKS - 2019

- **Fred Meyer - 28th year** providing 100 or more 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 - 31st year** - Food Storage & Delivery.
- **Day Ship Supply - Bruce Day - 22nd year** - Cookie Storage and Delivery.
- **Dave's Trees - Dave Hannah - 19th year** of providing 26+ Christmas trees for groups to decorate.
- **Roto Rooter- Jim and Mike Collatt - 26th year** of providing "Santacans" at a generous discount.

Holiday Lights - Volunteers and Supporters

GARDEN HOUSE DECORATING - ROBYNN REED, CHAIR



Writing this on June 12, 2020 as the Covid-19 craziness continues to evolve around us . . .

Looking at the efforts going into protecting the health of the public makes one appreciate good health. Not everyone is fortunate to be in a healthy position and some are at higher risk than others.

I encourage everyone, especially those who are in a medically fragile state, to continue to use caution as they navigate life's journey through this crisis.

For 33 years the "Holiday Lights" event has opened for the public to enjoy and share with family and friends. People build life long traditions and memories and enjoy the beautiful setting, lights and house. I look forward to the tradition returning in full brilliant color with new and re-used ideas.

In 2021, the doors will be open, the house will be bursting with holiday bling, and the hot cider, punch, coffee and cookies will be waiting.

Take care,

Robynn "House Elf" Reed

2019 - GARDEN HOUSE DECORATING - Chair - Robynn Reed • Michael Reed, Patty Sanden • Shutter Creek Correctional Officers and Work Crews • Miss Holly Yovino's 4th Grade Class-Millicoma School, Coos Bay School District: Melted Snowman Ornaments • Dani B, River B, Damion C, Carson C, Anani C, Briley C, Narrye D, Leo D, Mia F, Dixie G, Paige J, Griff K, Warren L, Eternity M, Emma M, Axel O,- C, Gus O, Liz O, Carson P, Grace P, Addyson S, Khloe S, Haylee V, Emma W, Shannon Y, Zianna Y, Kairissa D

DONATED ITEMS - Bookcases & Louvered Screen - Butch & Kathy Hutchinson • Victorian Houses - Caroline & Bob See • China Figurines - Debbie Webb • Colorful "Ornament" Mittens - Marlene Davis • Christmas City Collection - Ron and Kathy Metzger • Radio - Dayton Hughes • Radio Light - Ray Daniels • Entrance Table and 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 & Joan Clifton • Antique Clock - Jim & Mary Ann Howard • Antique Sled and Toboggan - Ceciliani Family • **LOANED ITEMS** - Ship's Wheel- John McKeown • Misc. Items - Mike, Robynn & Adam Reed

Thanks!



Holiday Lights - Volunteers and Supporters

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



(L-R) Ray Daniels, Dell Willis and Stephen Clark

LIGHTS STRINGERS - David Barnhart • Dave Boone • David and Shirley Bridgham • Victoria C. • Shirley Champagne-Harris • Stephen Clark • Carol Currier • Ray Daniels • Lynn Danner • Bill Davis • Sinead Duggan • Russell and Vickie Earl • Susan Ferguson • Edith Forkner • Amy, Kathy and Steve Greig • Marilyn Hammond • Alicia Hoshall • Sue Hoshall • Kimberly Humbert • Janine King • Alaina Kuckuck • Brian Leigh • Mo Lowder • Skylar Lucas • Brooke Morgan • Harold Naneng • Mike Perkins and Carol Ventgen • Elaine Plummer • Megan Realander • Mike and Robynn Reed • Larry and Pam Stevens • Victoria Thorsen • Celeste and Scott Timberlake • Al Wakeley • Dell and Roberta Willis • Alex Zenzuni

HOLIDAY LIGHTS "TAKEDOWN EXPERTS" - David Barnhart • Avery Bridgham • David and Shirley Bridgham • Phil Bridgham • Stephen Clark • Ray Daniels • Archi Davenport • Bill Davis • Russell and Vickie Earl • Mike Enyeart • Susan Ferguson • Maureen (Mo) • Wayne Metz • Mike Perkins and Carol Ventgen • Judy Reiningner • Dell and Roberta Willis • Alex Zenzuni

Thanks

**BUTTERFLIES -
CHARLESTON FIRE & RESCUE**



Austin Cybulski - up the ladder? No problem!

Chris Owen



L-R - Daryl Kemmerle, Hunter Betzinger, Niall Meeks, Austin Cybulski and Conner Corpus

Chris Owen

INDISPENSABLE COOS BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS - NO STRANGERS TO LADDERS AND GOING HIGH!



L-R-Jillian Black, Emilia Thompson and Tamera Beardsley.



Trevor Niehoff and Jeff Adkins at the base of the ladder, Jonathan Torres on the porch roof, and Rhylen Purisina and Kyle Lovelace at the chimney.

THE REST OF THE CREW - Mark Anderson • Uriel Gonzales • Nick Holder • Michael Wright

Holiday Lights - Volunteers and Supporters



Coos Bay Elks Lodge #1160, one of 26 groups to decorate trees. L-R - Dave Borchert, Pat DiGiacomo, Lou Kolkhorst, Cindy Lusby, Les Hofer and Karen Hofer.

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 • City of Coos Bay • Coos Bay Elks Lodge #1160 • Coos Bay Rail Line, Inc. • Coos County Radio Club • Cutting Edge Hair Designs • Down 'N Dirty Truck Club • Edward Jones • Girl Scouts of Oregon & SW Washington • Hwy 101 Harley Davidson and Can Am • Jacobs • Kairos NW • Les' Sanitary Service Inc • Mid Coast Mustang and Ford Club • 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 Education Service District • South Coast Office Supply • Southwestern Oregon Community College • Sub Zero Racing Team

DOZENS OF SCULPTURE DISPLAYS DEMAND EXPERTISE.

SETUP - David Bridgman, Ray Daniels, Bill Davis, Mike Perkins

- 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!



Players from the Southwestern Oregon Community College Softball Team help string lights in the Lily Pond area.

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

Holiday Lights - Volunteers and Supporters



Cider Spice Makers: L-R - Karen Crosby, Joan Clifton, Dennis Netter, Andrew Netter and Peter Crosby. Kathi Netter took the picture. Karen and Peter developed the "secret recipe" many years ago.

Thanks!

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- Apple Juice for Hot Apple Cider and Lemonade for Punch - Fred Meyer donated 136 cases frozen apple; 20 cases frozen lemonade
- Cookies - Fred Meyer, Donna Koski - Coordination and Generous Discount
- Food Storage and Delivery - Day Ship Supply - Bruce Day, Vend West Services - Lou Leberti
- Lunches and Snacks for Volunteers - Shirley Bridgham, David Barnhart, Stephen Clark
- Chili Discount - Wendy's Old Fashion Hamburgers
- Housekeeping - Shirley and David Bridgham, Dora and Ray Daniels, Norma and Bill Davis, Kathi and Dennis Netter, Robynn and Mike Reed, Pam and Larry Stevens
- Breakfast for B&B Winners - The Pancake Mill-Gary Goodson and Beverly Rice
- Buttons - Dell and Roberta Willis
- Electrical & Lights - Generous Discounts-Farr's Hardware - Jay Farr, Kellogg Plastics, Inc
- Sanicans - Generous Discount-Roto Rooter- Jim Collatt



HOST TEAMS - COORDINATOR SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM

ABATE of Oregon Inc. • Aging and People with Disabilities • Banner Bank • 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 • Bykes for Tykes • Cardinal Services • Coos Bay Fire Department • Coos Bay Lions Club • Coos Bay Police Officers Association • Coos Bay School District • Coos Bay Yacht Club • Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary • Coos County OSU Extension • Coos County Sheriff's Department • Coquille H.S. Key Club and Kiwanis • Coquille Friends • Cutting Edge Hair Designs • DHS Foster Care & Adoption Program • Doric Chapter #53 • Friends of Shore Acres Board • Giddings Boatworks • Hauser Citizen Patrol • Hauser Dune Riders 4-H Club • Hwy 101 Harley Davidson & Can-Am • Job's Daughters Bethel #17 • Johnson Rock Products • July Jubilee Princesses • Life Care Center • Life Change Church • MHS Student Leadership Team • Mid Coast Mustang & Ford Club • Miss Coos County Scholarship Pageant • New Year's Revellers • One Big Happy Family • Oregon Coast Community Action • Oregon Coast Photographers • Oregon Hunters Association • Over the Hill Gang • Pacific Coast Corvette Club • Rayonier • Seaboard Properties • Shoreline Community Church • Soroptimist International of Coos Bay • South Coast Cruisers Car Club • South Coast ESD • South Coast Singles • South Slough Estuarine Reserve • Southwestern Oregon Rose Society • Star of Hope • Sunset Classic Chevys • The Beauty Bar • The Mill Casino and Hotel • The Wine Divas • TRIO (at SWOCC) • Umpqua Discovery Center • United Way • Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area

ENTERTAINMENT - COORDINATOR KATHI NETTER

Bandon Carolers • Bay Area Concert Band • Bay Area Hospital • Charleston Community Baptist Church • Gold Coast Chorus • Kingsview Christian Church • Lighted Hula Hoops • Marshfield High School "New Horizons" • Pacific Community Church • Saints-n-Aints Square Dancers • Sea Breeze Harmony Chorus • Side of the Tide-Morris Dance Group • The Grinch & the Whoville Carolers

OREGON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Sunset Bay State Park, Shore Acres State Park, Larry Becker, Janet Sobczak, Adan Jones, Rider Frey, Greg Short, Jess Hayward, Ivan Hartert, Mary Sue Wheeler, Irla Taylor-Lang, Courtney Crowther, Sherri Laier

THANKS ALSO TO: Bay Area Chamber of Commerce • Charleston Information Center • Coos Bay/North Bend Promotions Committee • Coquille Valley Sentinel • Friends of Shore Acres Members and Board • KCBY TV; KMTR; KOBI TV - Matt Jarvis; KHSN//KOOS / KBBR /KACW; KMHS; KOBI TV; KSHR/KWRO/KBDN • Phyllis Love • Myrtle Point Herald • News Review-Roseburg • North Bend Information Center • Oregon Coast Magazine • The Oregonian • Oregon's Adventure Coast • The Register Guard • Seattle Times • The World- Beth Burbach, Bethany Baker • Luis Velasquez • VIA Magazine • Wegferds' Printing & Publishing- Karen, Dell and Staff

AND ANYONE WHOSE NAME WE HAVE MISSED!

Holiday Lights - Looking Back



6,000 MINIATURE LIGHTS



25,000 MINIATURE LIGHTS



100,000 MINIATURE LIGHTS



250,000 LIGHTS - MOSTLY L.E.D.



275,000 LIGHTS - MOSTLY L.E.D.



300,000 LIGHTS - MOSTLY L.E.D.



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SANTA IN THE TUB - A "MUST"



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2020 UPDATE

By Pam Stevens, Local IGC Volunteers Coordinator



**DUE TO THE COVID-19
PANDEMIC, THE IGC IS
CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE!**

**WHEN WE REOPEN, THE
NORMAL HOURS OF
OPERATION WILL BE:
10:30 AM - 4:30 PM DAILY
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

Looking for information about the park and local area? Check no further than the Friends of Shore Acres Information and Gift Center. We have trained volunteers on duty to answer questions or provide leads on where to find the answers.

The Information and Gift Center is also the perfect place for gift buying! We like to call it the gift that give twice! The actual purchase of your gift and the net proceeds that go to Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. In turn, funding is provided by the Friends to Sunset Bay Management Unit for park interpretation and facility enhancement projects.

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.

In 2019 we brought back a traditional favorite with the new Shore Acres Holiday Lights puzzle. It is a 550-piece puzzle that was specifically made for our gift center and is the perfect gift for Shore Acres enthusiasts.

Looking for a volunteer position? The IGC is managed by Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. and is strictly an all-volunteer endeavor. We use a combination of local volunteers as well as Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) park hosts. The position requires you to be able to greet visitors, answer questions about the park and surrounding local area, cash handling with a cash register, stocking store items and light cleanup. Our dedicated volunteers find this job to be both challenging and rewarding.

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



The IGC built in 2003

A HUGE THANKS TO OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

FRIENDS VOLUNTEERS - 2019 AND 2020

Lorie Bunyard, Cherie Cloudt, Barbara Cribb, Lynn Danner, Norma Davis, Barbara Dodge, Sharon Frank, Ethel and Louie German, Marilyn Hammond, Patricia Johnson, Kris Kain, Betty Kennedy, Dorothy McCurdy, Clay Morrow, Betty Owen, Linda Pearson, David Rigsby, Darrell and Carol Sanders, Larry and Pamela Stevens, Barb and Mike Taylor, Ellen Thompson, Wesley (Mickey) Thompson, Debbie Wigant, Patti Worthen, Carlotta Wyatt

PARK HOSTS - 2019 AND 2020

Gale and Steve Andersen, Dave and Dee Austin, Arthur and Janette Carr, Judy Cole and Dan Schneider, Don and Joyce Dirks, Robert Downing, Susan and Wayne Johnson, Gary Meineken and Julie Schwarze, Bryan and Kimella Modrall, John and Pam Ragan, Dennis and Jo Lynne Roberts, Gypsy Rose, Jeff and Sue Sauter, Gina Simone and Thom Schneidt, Bonnie Steinhoff, Gary and Mary Kay Van Hooser, Lance and Pam Waage, Tom and Pat Whitaker

FACEBOOK

Did you know Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. is on Facebook? We started our page over 5 years ago and have now grown to over 3500 followers. Our page is used to keep visitors informed of what is happening at Shore Acres State Park.

We like to share lovely views of what is blooming in the gardens as well as beautiful scenes from Sunset Bay State Park and Cape Arago State Park.

While there are several Facebook pages relating to Shore Acres State Park run by individuals, look for this official logo to stay up to date!



2020 - A YEAR OF TRANSITION AND UNCERTAINTY



By Larry Becker, South Coast District Manager, Oregon Parks & Recreation Department

This year will mark one of the most challenging years to date for the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department. State parks are funded by user fees and lottery dollars. The loss of these revenue sources in March of 2020 will have an impact on the agency for the next couple of biennial. While we are opening up campgrounds to limited use and some of the businesses that provide lottery games have opened the revenues currently being generated will not be sufficient to fill the deficit and meet funding for continued operations. The impact of the COVID-19 closures and restrictions has forced state parks to hire only 77 of the 415 seasonal staff statewide; and at the end of June we will lay off 47 permanent staff in Salem and field operations.

What does all this mean to the Friends of Shore Acres, Shore Acres State Park and the Sunset Bay Management Unit? It means a reduced level of visitor service in education, interpretation, park amenities and maintenance. Shore Acres will have a staff of 3 persons instead of 8 and there will be no Shutter Creek Correctional persons in custody support to augment the team.

Recognizing the challenges that staff reductions bring, we elected to not plant flowering annuals this year which will reduce the color of the formal garden. There also will be a reduction in trimming the shrubs, mowing, and irrigation. We realize this will provide a different aesthetic quality to the garden and are hopeful the visitors will be able to appreciate the beauty of the greenery without the color.



Greg Short

The Observation Building at Shore Acres State Park

Park staff have been working diligently to keep the roses healthy and trimmed and we hope to continue that maintenance throughout the summer.

Through all this, park staff has maintained a positive “we can do it” approach to their work. The Friends have generously funded materials and supplies to insure we can offer visitors a safe, enjoyable experience even with limited resources. This unforeseen event has demonstrated the importance of the relationship between the Friends and Shore Acres State Park in working cooperatively to continue to offer visitors to the Coos Bay area a “world class” experience. ■

A “HIGH HELD” GOAL FULFILLED



By Adan Jones, Park Ranger Supervisor, Sunset Bay Management Unit



Being a park ranger has always been a high held goal for me growing up. I never really understood what that would mean to me when I did finally become one. When I came to Sunset Bay State Park in October of 2016, I started out as a Park Ranger 1. Now I have been promoted to Park Ranger Supervisor and it has been one amazing ride. I have been able to experience and live the

very best in what an organization like the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) in cooperation with Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. can accomplish.

It is a dynamic relationship I never anticipated, and really have grown to respect, and appreciate. I am truly blessed to be a part of an ideal and belief system that is so concentrated on community and the well being of Shore Acres, its staff, and the Friends. It is so amazing to be surrounded by people who love what they are doing so much, that you cannot help but want to be a part of it. Being a part of the Sunset Bay Management Unit, the Shore Acres team and working with the Friends of Shore Acres in accomplishing goals has created a love for an area I never ever anticipated. This is easily seen in the eyes of every volunteer, board member and the park rangers who work in it every day. Also, I’m convinced we will come through the Covid-19 crisis together and get back to what we do so well, keeping our parks in the Sunset Bay Management Unit the best they can be. ■

Editor’s Note: Sunset Bay Management Unit includes Sunset Bay State Park, Shore Acres State Park, Cape Arago State Park, Golden & Silver Falls State Natural Area, and Yoakam Point State Natural Area

PARK PROJECTS & NEWS



A "Powerful Partnership"
Since 1986



Jess Hayward

A REAL STAND UP SIT DOWN JOB - The deck on the south side of the Friends of Shore Acres Information and Gift Center has a sweet new bench, courtesy of Host Thom Schneidt's hard work. Even cooler: the bench was made from salvaged wood from the Monterey Cypress tree that fell in the park on June 16, 2018.



David Bridgham



David Bridgham

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.



David Bridgham

NEW BENCHES AND RETAINING WALL - Elika Paki, who is now a park ranger in the Umpqua Lighthouse Management Unit was the lead ranger on the retaining wall near the old tennis courts and concretions at the bluff. He also was most instrumental in creating the new benches made from the wood from the Monterey Cypress that fell in the in the gardens near the Information and Gift Center on June 16, 2018.

Editor's Note: Story about the Monterey Cypress in the 2018 annual Summer Journal available at www.shoreacres.net.



COOPERATIVE PARK PROJECTS & NEWS



Jess Hayward

SET THE CYCLE TO 'THANKFUL' - Rangers at Shore Acres State Park, together with Dept. of Corrections work crews, fashioned an early holiday gift for park hosts this 2019 season: a brand-new laundry facility! The park's newest building is modest yet mighty, much like the dedicated hosts that volunteer at the park. Park staff and volunteers would like to thank the Friends of Shore Acres for donating the funds that made the new facility possible. Jo Lynne and Dennis Roberts were obviously delighted!



Jess Hayward

THE SUN NEVER SETS ON VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS - Sunset Bay MU (Management Unit) held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Event in September, inviting hosts, Friends group members and other volunteers from across the MU for a day of hot dogs, hamburgers, cake and conversation. Allison Watson, Statewide Volunteer Coordinator and minor celebrity, skipped down the coast from HQ to join the festivities.



Jess Hayward

PROTECTING AGAINST PORCUPINES - How did you spend the extra day in February this year? Nate Hayward, a Boy Scout in a local south coast troop, took advantage of the additional 24 hours to work toward his "Citizenship in the Community" merit badge by volunteering at Shore Acres State Park. Jess Hayward, Park Ranger, spent her day with Nate to help him achieve that goal. The morning kicked off with litter pickup duty, then the pair moved on to the big project for the day: "porcupine protection cages." Don't worry, they weren't trying to cage any prickly creatures; instead Jess and Nate erected cages around the park's young rose bushes. Each year the growing bushes attract nibbles from porcupines, but the cages will deter the 'pines from snacking, and ensure the plants grow into beautiful blooms. Nate and Jess capped the day by giving the maintenance shop an early spring cleaning. Staff and volunteers at the park send their thanks to Nate for all his help!



COOPERATIVE PARK PROJECTS & NEWS



SHORE ACRES' RANGERS / GARDENERS



Greg Short



Jess Hayward

ENTRANCE RAMP REPAIRED - The wood supports under the ramp had rotted away. The Trex board on top was still good. Greg and RJ and the 4-man DOC crew were able to in less than a week tear everything apart and rebuild it. Now the ramp no longer sags downward as you walk on it.



Greg Short

NEW FENCING FINISHED - The local deer population was kind of enough to show us the rather large holes in our fence that they used to come and go thru the gardens. Last section of fence was installed in November of 2019.



Janet Sobczak



Greg Short

Rangers Greg Short and Jessica "Jess" Hayward are responsible for maintaining the gardens and facilities at Shore Acres.

Most of the projects shown in this Journal were completed in 2019 and early 2020 before the park had to close due to Covid-19.



Janet Sobczak



Greg Short

Covid-19 Signage May 14, 2020 - Opening back up to visitors with signs to help inform all visitors to abide by the Covid-19 protocols.



COOPERATIVE PARK PROJECTS & NEWS



Greg Short



Greg Short

Greg Short removed two wood rot damaged windows and coordinated and worked with Vintage Window Restoration in Albany, Oregon to get those two windows repaired. Greg reinstalled the windows before Shore Acres opened back up to the public again on May 14, 2020.



Andy LaTomme

Editor's Note - Rare snowfall at Shore Acres in 1989. In 2001, some of the giant trees south of the house were removed to make room for the Pavilion.



Greg Short

Greg Short designed and created a new plant bed and walkway for visitors to get an up close view of the Monkey Puzzle tree. Jess Hayward planted a few plants in the new plant bed. Some other plants were also planned, but it has been challenging working with nurseries to get certain plant materials.



Greg Short

Greg also designed and created a clean distinct plant bed upgrade between the Pavilion and the Garden. With a very limited Garden Staff of just Greg and Jess, this additional space in the plant bed was created to help save time with garden maintenance, weeding, and wear and tear on the mowers.

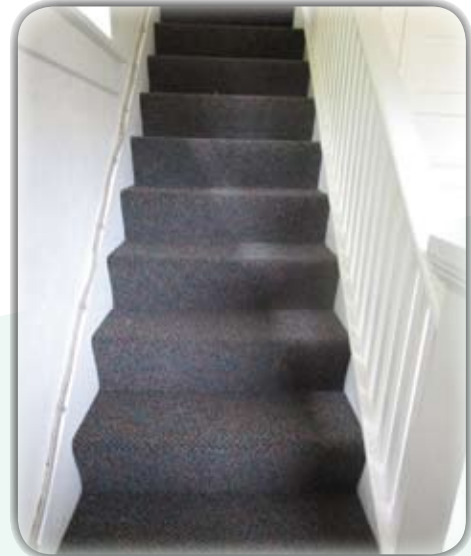
During the history of this site, a row of trees was once in this area of the Garden, and some of the stumps and roots are still present just below the surface.



COOPERATIVE PARK PROJECTS & NEWS



Editor's Note: The new carpet replaced carpet that was installed by the Friends in 1998.



Jess Hayward coordinated and worked hard to finally be permitted to have a carpet contractor get the new carpet installed in the Garden House. Greg Short monitored the carpet contractor. These photos were taken by Jess.

RETIRED BUT STILL WORKING

By Janet Sobczak, Park Specialist, Sunset Bay Management Unit



Val Augustine

Larry Becker, Manager for the South Coast District (and all-around great guy) retired from the agency after 39 years of service. Larry's official last day was April 30, although he has graciously agreed to stick around part time while the district finds a replacement to fill his well-worn boots.

Staff up and down the south coast, and indeed the agency, are sad to hear of Larry's retirement, but are buoyed by fond memories of working with him over the years.

Larry represents unconditional dedication, congeniality, hard work, and commitment, and members of his staff are incredibly grateful for his nearly four decades of contributions to the agency.

On that note, we were not just going to let him slip silently into the sunshine of retirement. The district office staff threw Larry a special "SCOMP" (Stay Clear of My Personal Space) retirement party for Larry a week before his departure. We maintained appropriate physical distance while enjoying pizza and swapping stories, and presented Larry with some coast-approved parting gifts. ■



Janet Sobczak

Sensational Shore Acres!



Shirley Bridgham

VISITORS TO THE HOLIDAY LIGHTS - NOV. 28, 2019 - TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A BEAUTIFUL SUNSET



Ellie Kinney-Martial

FOAM BUILD-UP AT SIMPSON BEACH during the January 11, 2020 King tide event. In Larry Becker's and Ellie Kinney-Martial's 25+ years of working at Shore Acres they had never experienced the foam action this deep and extensive. King tides arrive when the sun, moon, and earth are in alignment, causing a stronger than usual gravitational pull.



SPRINGTIME IN THE GARDENS - MAY 13, 2020. - View from the upstairs window of the Garden House. Azaleas and rhodies starting to bloom.



Greg Short