



Shore Acres State Park  
Before Friends - 1986

Album 20





Shirley Bridgham

## How Friends of Shore Acres Happened

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

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

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

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



Ward Robertson

## Aerial and Gardens — 1986



Shirley Bridgham





Shirley Bridgham

## About the Friends' Albums

*By Shirley Bridgham - 2014*

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

- Epson Expression 11000XL Scanner
- Adobe Photo Shop CS-3
- Adobe InDesign CS-3.
- Epson Presentation Paper - Matte
- Epson Premium Photo Paper - Glossy
- Epson Stylus Photo R2000 Printer

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



Ward Robertson

## Aerials - 1986



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## Note from Shirley Bridgham - September 2014



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

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

**1st Birthday - Dec. 4, 1987**

**1st Christmas Lights - Dec. 11, 1987**

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

**2nd Birthday - Dec. 4, 1988**

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

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

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

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

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

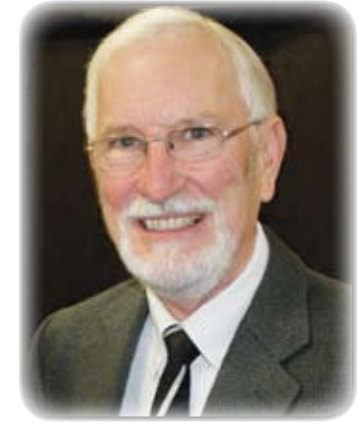
*This year, I'm starting a project to preserve the Friends' archives in physical albums — this is the first album — backed up in a digital format for easy viewing by many. We have many photos, news clippings and other materials that will be included in the albums.*

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

## Note from David Bridgham - September 2014

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

# Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

*Founded December 4, 1986*



***“THE PURPOSE OF FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES, INC  
IS TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERPRETIVE, EDUCATIONAL,  
AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS WITH  
SUNSET BAY MANAGEMENT UNIT.”***

*Friends of Shore Acres Inc - Bylaws*

# Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

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## FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

Karen Wuethrich was asked to prepare minutes of the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Wuethrich



# Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

Annual Year - September 1, 2006 - August 31, 2007



## Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. - Annual Meeting and Board Meeting September 12, 2006 - Shore Acres Garden House

### ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

**Call to Order:** President David Bridgham called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Directors Present:** David and Shirley Bridgham, Vee Elliott, Kenn and Betty Kennedy, Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst, Ellie Kinney-Martial, Timm Slater

**Directors Absent:** Robynn Reed, Carl Siminow, Kathi & Dennis Netter, Ralph Thomas (who is on assignment) and Barb Taylor.

**Introductions:** Guests were volunteers Joan Clifton, Jack Gilham and Larry Becker and Ben Fisher from OPRD.

**Remarks:** Shirley Bridgham handed out a list of accomplishments for the past year and a list of future projects. (List filed with minutes)

**Nominations Committee Report:** Shirley Bridgham handed out list of board members whose terms expire in September 2006 - David Bridgham, Betty Kennedy, Ellie Kinney-Martial and Carl Siminow. The Nominations Committee nominated the above individuals to be re-elected and to serve for three (3) years, with terms expiring in September 2009.

Because of a career change, Ralph Thomas has sent a letter of resignation from the board. This leaves his position and the position vacated by Terry Richards a few months ago open. The Nominations Committee nominates Jack Gilham and Joan Clifton to serve for three (3) years, with terms expiring in September 2009.

**Election of Board Members:** David Bridgham moved and Betty Kennedy seconded that the above individuals be elected to the Friends of Shore Acres Board. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:** The annual meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM by President David Bridgham.

**A Social Break for Ice Cream Sundaes and a tour of several new projects, including the new brick path put in by the Eagle Scouts out to the Observation Building, the redwood brochure rack and the base for the Gifts & Memorials Display, followed prior to the regular monthly FOSA Board meeting.**

Respectfully submitted , Kenn Kennedy, Secretary

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Call to Order:** President David Bridgham called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

**Directors Present:** David and Shirley Bridgham, Joan Clifton, Jack Gilham, Kenn and Betty Kennedy, Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst, Vee Elliott, Ellie Kinney-Martial and Timm Slater

**Directors Absent:** Kathi Netter and Dennis Netter, Robynn Reed, Carl Siminow, and Barb Taylor. **Guests:** Larry Becker and Ben Fisher, OPRD.

**Election of Officers:** The Nominations Committee nominates Robynn Reed to serve as President-Elect for one year beginning September 2006. The President-Elect will serve as President for one year beginning September 2007. The Nominations Committee nominates Kenn Kennedy to serve as Secretary for one year and Barb Taylor to serve as Treasurer for one year beginning September 2006. MSP, Unanimous

**Minutes:** The minutes of the regular meeting of July were approved as corrected.

**Financial Report:** Barb Taylor was absent, but sent in the August ending balance of \$125,365.21. She will have a complete financial report for the First Quarter (July, Aug., Sept.) at the' October 10 board meeting.

**Information and Gift Center:** Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst reported that 38 park passes were sold in August and 245 for the year. Yearly sales are up 3.20% for the year. Lou said they are looking into the cash register issue and are considering a computerized system that could eventually include a bar code scanner. We would need a dedicated phone line.

**State Parks Report:** Larry Becker reported that the non-skid carpet for the Gardens entry decking is on order. The new doors for the garden house have been installed upstairs by Bob Dixon. The redwood brochure rack and bulletin board is almost complete on the front entry deck. The request for bids on the water booster station has gone out. Larry is also trying to get a well for irrigation of the gardens.

**Old Business:** Production Projects: Shirley reported that the web site has been updated. The first phase of the brick path from the west parking lot to the observation building has been completed by the Eagle Scouts of Troop 156. They did a great job.

**Holiday Lights:** David has been working on redoing several of the lighted sculptures. Some of the new lights have come in and others are on the way. The unpacking of new lights will start on September 30 and October 1st and continue October 7 and 8th if needed. Light stringing will start on weekend of October 21st and continue until completed.

**Music Festival, July 21** - Crowd was smaller than past years. Weather was good to start and then the fog rolled in and it got chilly. Blue Grass Music was very good. Lots of ice cream and berries left over. Thanks to all who helped.

**Flower Days:** The Kennedy's worked in the Garden House for the special Pacific Dahlia Conference on Sunday, September 10. It was a big disappointment. Only three couples admitted to being with the Dahlia conference. Only \$18.75 was taken in donations . Dahlia Day - September 23. Kennedy's in the morning and Jack and Joan in the afternoon. Orchid Day - September 30. Vee Elliott, Kathy Metzger, Carl Siminow

**New Business:** Discussion concerning creating a dedicated fund for special projects for the revenue generated by contributions to the Gifts & Memorials Display (opposite the Memorial Fountain Display at the garden entrance). A motion was made and passed unanimously to create such a fund dedicated for special projects with a minimum contribution to the Gifts & Memorials Display set at \$500.00.

**Good of the Order:** Sharon Kolkhorst will call the North Bend Public Library and schedule regular monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday. Kennedy's will be absent in October. Ellie has agreed to act as Secretary.

Next meeting will be October 10th at the North Bend Public Library.

Past President David Bridgham adjourned the Board Meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Kenn Kennedy, Secretary

## Annual Meeting Reports by Shirley Bridgham - September 12, 2006 - Shore Acres Garden House

### ***FRIENDS' / PARK'S COOPERATIVE PROJECTS - SEPT., 2005 - AUG., 2006***

- Reprinted Shore Acres History/Friends Milestones Membership brochure.
- Produced new improved DVD - "Gardens Above the Waves"
- Produced new improved DVD - "The Shore Acres Story"
- Produced historical postcards for Information & Gift Center
- Produced 2007 Rose card for rose brochure
- Provided electrical support, path lights & inside wiring for Observation Building.
- Coos County Radio Club had a Special Events Station in the Observation Building, Dec. 10-11
- Added wiring and circuits on west side of garden
- New Orca frame built by Fred Ehrman and David Bridgham
- Successful 19th annual Holiday Lights season in 2005 with an est. 44,560 visitors
- Note: The sea lion display disintegrated and the Orca frame collapsed in a storm just before New Year's. Both are being replaced.
- Winter Journal (first full color) sent to 650 people on the Friends' mailing list: includes members, financial supporters, and volunteers
- Successful annual flower day events and music festival concert
- Provided dollars for new plants and plant signs
- New doors inside Garden House
- Provided dollars for Eagle Scout project - paths to Observation Building
- Reprinted Simpson Reef brochure
- Reprinted Sunset Bay Special Places brochure
- Base for "Gifts and Memorials" display built
- Brochure rack built near Information & Gift Center
- Fall Journal in production
- Information & Gift Center had a banner year
- Developed plan and budget for projects to be completed by June 30, 2007 -  
Electrical and night lights for garden
  - Equipment (cash register)
  - Mural for IGC
  - Entrance sign (on Cape Arago Highway)
  - Garden House doors, windows, etc
  - Interpretive panels for Observation Building
  - Booster pump for water system
  - New irrigation well
- Balance Sheet August 31, 2006 (unreconciled with statement):
- Checking/Savings - \$125,365.21
- First quarter report (July, Aug, Sept) at Board Meeting, October 10, 2006

### ***HOLIDAY LIGHTS 2006 - PROGRESS REPORT***

- Lights plan is done except for a few modifications.
- Miniature lights and L.E.D. lights were ordered in June. Some of the L.E.D. lights are in; the miniature lights will be in by mid-October.
- 35,000 more L.E.D. lights will allow for more lights in the pond area and replacement of some of the miniatures in the garden area.
- L.E.D. lights will also be sold in the Information & Gift Center.
- Holiday brochure produced.
- Parking coupons printed.
- Lights pledge campaign packets mailed; as of Sept. 11 we have received 48 pledges for a total of \$6,705 [Note: same time in 2005 - 51 pledges for \$5021.50]
- Thank-you cards, posters, and parking coupons mailed to lights pledge contributors.
- Fred Meyer request for apple juice mailed (acknowledged but not granted to date).
- Holiday poster created; copies made at South Coast Printing; mailed brochures and holiday posters to south coast visitor centers; poster and news release to local and state media
- B&B tickets printed and at the IGC.
- 112 Sets of flower lights have been made by Betty Kennedy and Kathy Metzger
- Holiday Buttons have been delivered by Al & Judy Aslakson, Reedsport
- New sea lion sculpture has been delivered by Eric Luckman; David, Jack and Joanne have nearly finished putting rope lights on it.
- New Otter sculpture (design by Don McMichael; fabrication and rope lights by David Bridgham) is in production with lights already on the largest section. Special thanks to Jack Gilham and Joan Clifton for making the metal facial features.
- Kathi Netter is going to coordinate the cider spice production. (Long time coordinators Betty and Bob Renner have moved to Nevada.)
- Letters mailed to host teams
- Letters mailed to tree decorators
- Letters mailed to lights stringers
- Lights setup starts in October.



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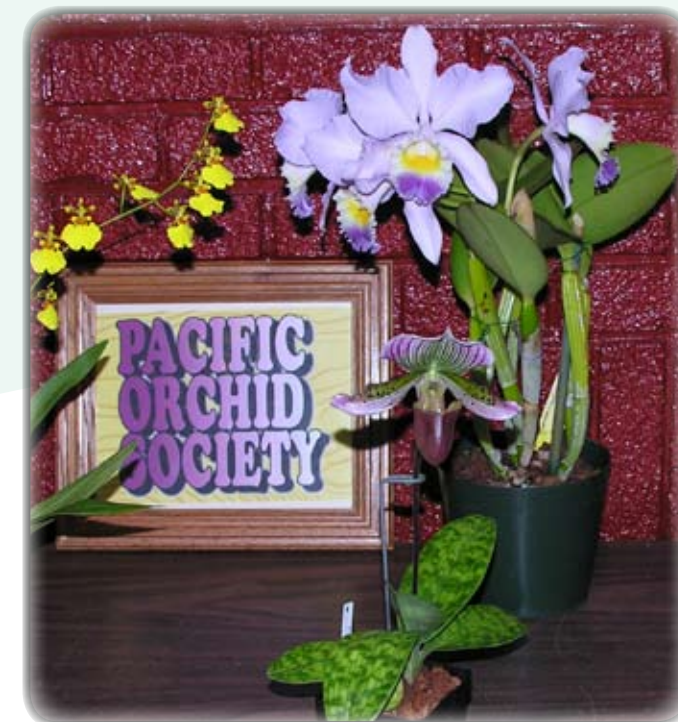
# . . . Final Flower Days for 2006 . . .

**DAHLIA DAY SEPTEMBER 23 AND ORCHIDS “GEMS OF THE RAIN FOREST” SEPTEMBER 30**



On Dahlia Day, experts from the Southern Oregon Dahlia Society presented a dazzling display of dahlias in the Garden House and offered advice on growing dahlias. In the garden the dahlias were at their beautiful best! Friends' board members Kenn and Betty Kennedy, Kathy Metzger, Joan Clifton and Jack Gilham offered refreshments in the Garden House.

On Orchid Day, experts from the Pacific Orchid Society presented a display of exquisite orchids in the Garden House and offered advice on how to grow them. Friends board members Vee Elliott, Kathy Metzger and Carl Siminow served refreshments in the Garden House. ■





# . . . Holiday Lights - An Amazing Milestone . . .



**20th**  
**Annual Holiday Lights**  
**at Shore Acres State Park**  
**a "community tradition" since 1987**

★ **More than a Quarter Million Lights** ★  
**Thanksgiving thru New Year's** ★ **4-10 PM**  
**Nov. 23, 2006 - JAN. 1, 2007**  
**OPEN HOUSE** ★ **Hot apple cider, coffee, punch, cookies!**

**Win the Ultimate Bed & Breakfast**  
★ 10 PM Dec. 31 - 10 AM, Jan. 1 ★  
Overnight stay for 2 adults  
at Shore Acres Garden House  
★ **Catered Breakfast New Year's Day** ★  
★ **Tickets are \$10 (150 Tickets Available.)** ★  
Drawing at 9 PM Christmas ★ Need not be present to win.  
Tickets- Friends' Info & Gift Center  
541-888-2472 ★ 1-866-888-6100

Vehicle Parking Fee - \$3 or OPRD Annual Pass or Oregon  
Pacific Coast Passport or Current Campground Receipt  
★ Annual Passes available in Dec. - \$20  
(541) 756-5401 ★ 888-3732 ★ 888-3778  
[www.shoreacres.net](http://www.shoreacres.net)



Shore Acres "Wave" - Spectacular in December Luis Velasquez

"Holiday Lights" is sponsored by Friends of Shore Acres Inc. in partnership with Shore Acres State Park, Coos Bay, OR 97420

**THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - September 26, 2006**

## **Holiday lights schedule is set**

### ■ **Thanksgiving:**

Annual show of lights  
will run from Nov. 23  
to Jan. 1, 2007

The 20th annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park will open on Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 23, and continue through New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 1, 2007. The park is located 13 miles southwest of Coos Bay/North Bend.

The walk-through display will feature an increased number of low-energy lights, more garden landscape lighting, 20 large holiday trees decorated by various organizations and businesses, and dozens of lighted sculptures including the Shore Acres' herons, life-size whales, and animated sea lion display, an undersea garden, flowers, garden bugs and butterflies, a leaping frog in the pond and a new animated otter.

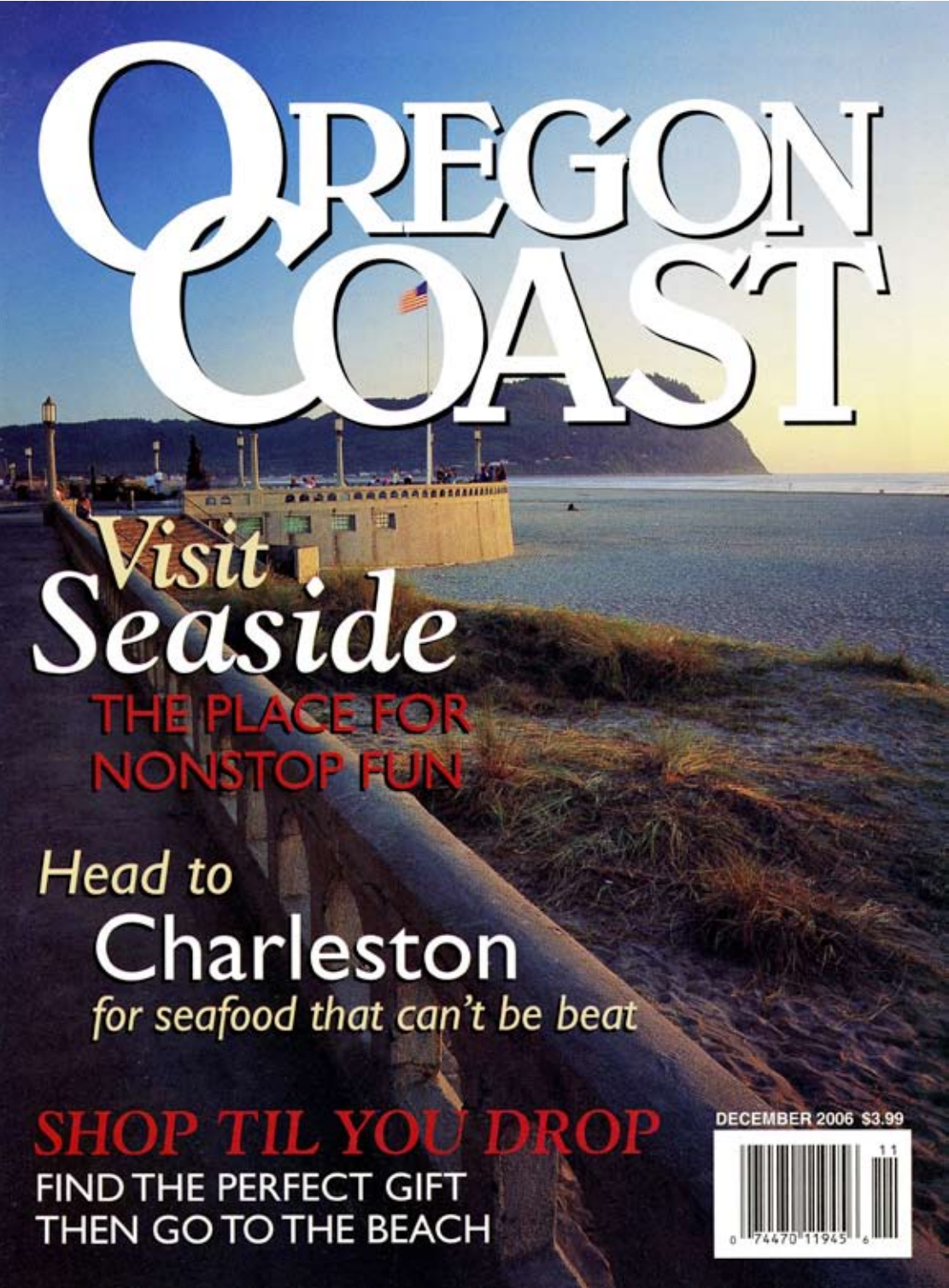
The garden house will be decorated in a traditional holiday theme, and volunteer hosts from many organization, businesses and the Friends of Shore Acres will serve hot cider, cookies, punch and coffee from 4 to 10 p.m. every day.

Holiday gifts and raffle tickets for the "Ultimate Bed and Breakfast" will be available in the Friends' Information and Gift Center. The bed and breakfast is an overnight stay for two adults in the garden house on New Year's Eve, with a special catered breakfast the next morning. Tickets will be \$10 each, and only 150 will be sold. The drawing will be held at 9 p.m. on Christmas Day. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win.

Admission is a parking fee of \$3 per vehicle, or a current Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Annual Parking permit, Coastal Passport or current state park campground receipt.

For more information, those interested can call Shirley and David Bridgham at 756-5401, Shore Acres State Park at 888-3732, the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce at (800) 824-8186 or 269-0215, or visit the Web site at [www.shoreacres.net](http://www.shoreacres.net).





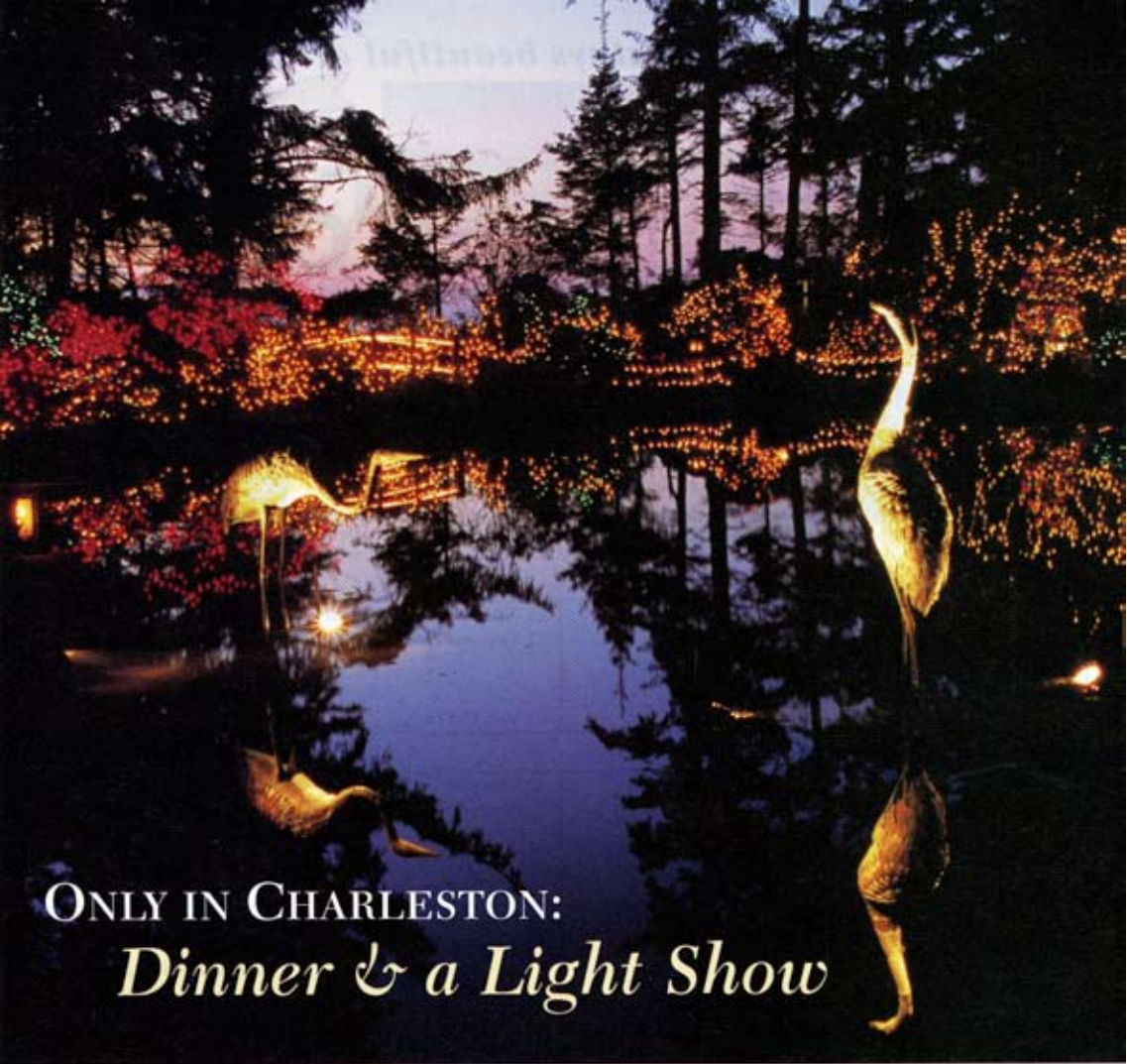

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Steve Beckner

Story by Judy Fleagle

WE SAT INDOORS on a winter evening, enjoying dinner and the view of the lights in Charleston. And my mind kept replaying our exciting day. We came early enough to eat lunch in Charleston and do a bit of holiday shopping. Then we drove to Shore Acres State Park. We arrived during high tide and the waves were spectacular. Storm swells bombarded the coast creating monster waves that each winter rank among the highest on the Oregon Coast. Stormwatchers come from far and near to see the show. Then we walked over to the gardens just as it started to get dark to see the Holiday Lights.

Colored and white lights decorated hedges, trees, and buildings. There were light sculptures of herons, a pelican on a roof, an Orca leaping and a gray whale spouting. This year is the 20th anniversary boasting more than a quarter million lights from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day. What a deal! One stop nets two of the major coastal winter events. On the way to Shore Acres, be sure to stop at Charleston, one of the last authentic fishing villages on the coast. You'll see the harbor, fishing boats, and unique places to eat, all specializing in fresh seafood. Now that's reason enough to stop by Charleston, holiday time of anytime.



## . . . Holiday Lights – More Than 1500 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 WITH THEIR OWN UNIQUE DECORATIONS.



IN THE GARDEN HOUSE, MAXINE JOHANNESSEN (L) AND JOAN CLIFTON, GOT 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 GOT A NEW NET AND NEW LIGHTS!



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# The World

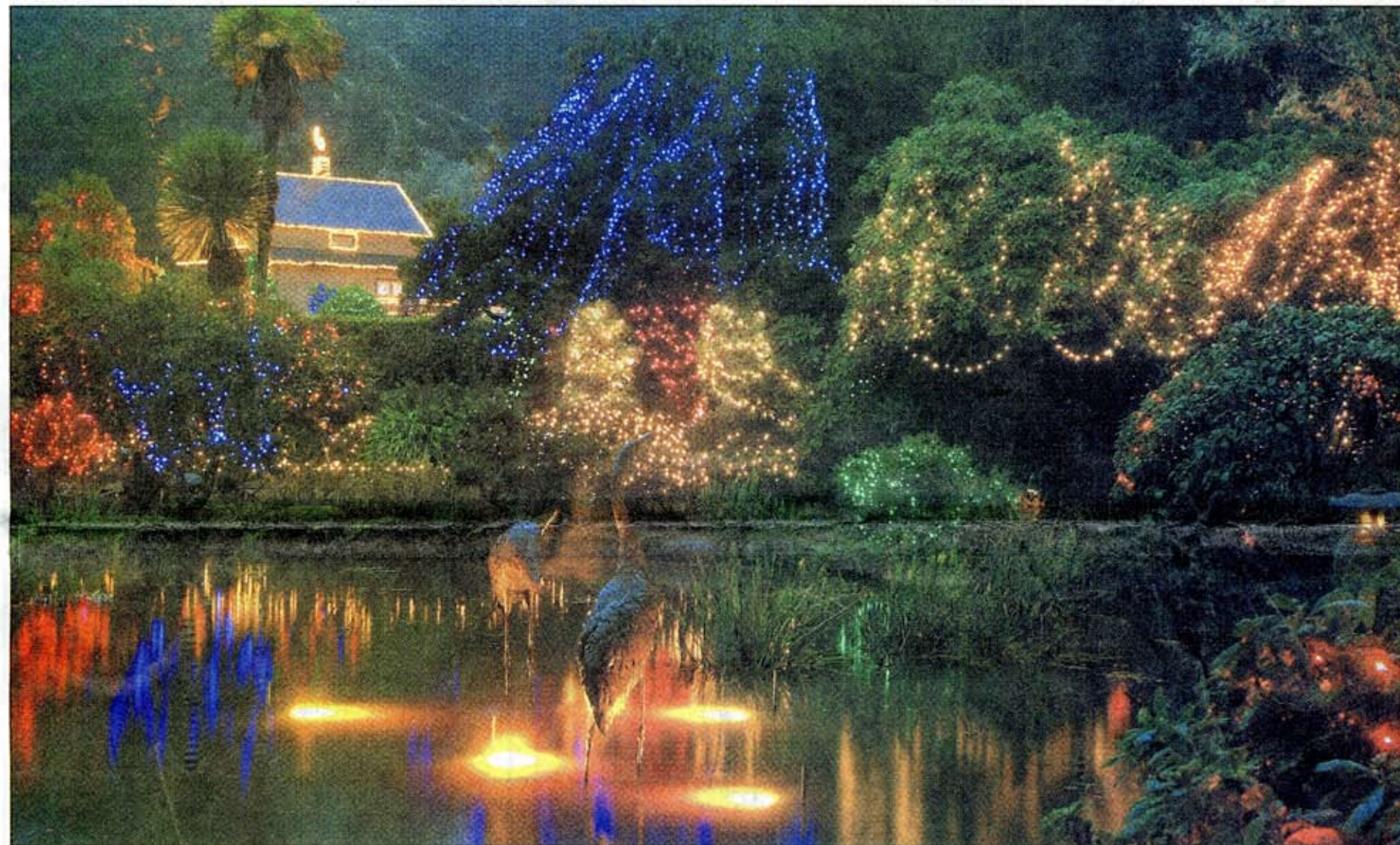
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**State**  
State records first West Nile death, A5

**Kidscoop**  
Thanksgiving puzzles, games, C8

THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - November 22, 2006

## *Let there be lights*



Lights surrounding the pond in the Japanese garden are reflected in the water at Shore Acres State Park. It takes about a month for the many volunteers to string the lights and decorate the trees for the annual holiday light show. It opens to the public Thanksgiving evening at 4 p.m. and runs through New Year's Day. The hours are seven days a week from 4 to 10 p.m. each evening. Admission is \$3 per carload and many local groups will perform on the grounds throughout the season.

World Photo  
by Lou Sennick



*. . . Holiday Lights at Dusk – a Favorite Time for Many . . .*



LANDSCAPE LIGHTS ON THE HUGE WEST SIDE TREES HELP FRAME THE FORMAL GARDEN FULL OF SPARKLING LIGHTS, LIFE-SIZE SCULPTURES AND APPRECIATIVE VISITORS.



# . . . Holiday Lights Only Rival – The Shore Acres “Wave” . . .



LIGHTS, LEAPING FROGS IN THE POND AT TWILIGHT



LANDSCAPE LIGHTS ON THE HUGE MONTEREY PINES NEAR THE PAVILION



SHORE ACRES “WAVE” - REMBRANDT OF THE SEA - AS DESCRIBED BY SAMUEL BOARDMAN, FIRST OREGON STATE PARKS SUPERINTENDENT.



## . . . Holiday Lights – In the Garden House and Pavilion. . .



GARDEN HOUSE DECORATING IS COORDINATED BY ROBYNN REED. EACH SEASON A TRADITIONAL THEME IS HIGHLIGHTED WITH INNOVATIVE TOUCHES AND SURPRISES. THANKS, ROBYNN!



GOLD PANNIES OF THE RIVERBOAT REVIEW



GOLD COAST BARBERSHOP CHORUS OF "OREGON'S BAY AREA"



# . . . Holiday Lights – Plentiful Positive Publicity . . .

THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - November 28, 2006

## OUT & ABOUT

### Shore Acres Holiday Lights continue

The 20th-annual Holiday Lights event at Shore Acres State Park is now open and features new designs and entertainment.

The walk-through display features an increased number of low-energy lights and more garden landscape lighting. There are 20 large holiday trees and dozens of lighted sculptures including the Shore Acres' herons, life-size whales, an animated sea lion display, an undersea garden, flowers, garden bugs and butterflies, a leaping frog in the pond and a new animated otter.

The garden house is decorated in a traditional holiday theme, and volunteer hosts from many organizations, businesses and the Friends of Shore Acres serve hot cider, cookies, punch and coffee from 4 to 10 p.m. every day.

Holiday gifts and raffle tickets for the "Ultimate Bed and Breakfast" are available in the Friends' Information and Gift Center. The drawing will be for an overnight stay for two adults in the garden house on New Year's Eve, with a special catered breakfast the next morning.

Tickets are \$10 each, and only 150 will be sold. The drawing will be held at 9 p.m. on Christmas Day. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win.

#### The performers

All entertainment will be at the pavilion, unless indicated otherwise. The line-up includes.

#### This week

■ Thursday — 7 to 7:30 p.m., Southwestern Oregon Community College Jazz Choir

■ Saturday — 4 to 4:30 p.m., Noah's Ark Preschool choir; 5:30 to 6 p.m., Cascade Chorus of Eugene

■ Sunday — 7 to 7:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church choir

#### Coming up

■ Wednesday, Dec. 6 — 6 to 6:30 p.m., North Bend High School French Students & Friends

■ Thursday, Dec. 7 — 6 to 7 p.m., Joy Ensemble of the First Presbyterian Church of Coos Bay; 7 to 8 p.m., Gold Coast Barbershop Chorus

■ Friday, Dec. 8 — 6 to 7 p.m., Lighthouse School choir; 7 to 8 p.m., Christ Lutheran School choir

■ Saturday, Dec. 9 — 5 to 6 p.m., Kingsview Christian School choir; 6 to 8 p.m., Boy and Girl Scouts choir

■ Monday, Dec. 11 — 4 to 4:45 p.m., Blossom Gulch Elementary School choir

■ Thursday, Dec. 14 — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., North Bend High School Jazz Choir; 7:30 to 9 p.m., Bay Area Concert Band

■ Friday, Dec. 15 — 7 to 7:30 p.m., Millicoma Intermediate School choir; 7:30 to 10 p.m., Diamonds in the Rough

■ Saturday, Dec. 16 — 4 to 6 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m., Gold Pannies of the Riverboat Revue; 7 to 8 p.m., Grinch & the Whoville Carolers

■ Sunday, Dec. 17 — 4 to 5 p.m., St. Monica Catholic Church choir; 5 to 6 p.m., Pieces of Silver Flute Quartet at the Garden House; 6 to 9 p.m., Cape Blanco Ringers-English Handbell Choir

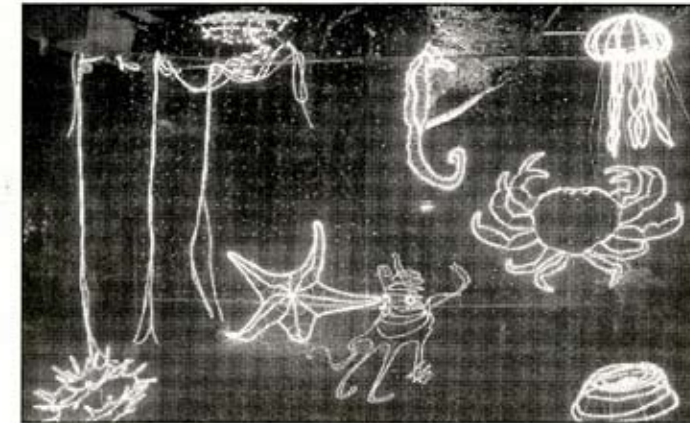
■ Wednesday, Dec. 20 — 7 to 7:30 p.m., Coos Bay Foursquare Church choir; 7:30 to 9 p.m., Frozen Chosen

■ Sunday, Dec. 24 — 5:30 to 6 p.m., Gardiner Singers

■ Saturday, Dec. 30 — 7 to 8 p.m., North Bend United Methodist Church choir

For more information, those interested can call 756-5401, Shore Acres State Park at 888-3732, the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce at (800) 824-8486 or 269-0215, or by visit the Web site at [www.shoreacres.net](http://www.shoreacres.net).

RSVP VOLUNTEER, DECEMBER, 2006



### A Night to Remember, Annual Trip to Shore Acres

by Pat Zettelmier

Each year the North Bend Senior Center offers a free bus trip through local donations to Shore Acres to see the Christmas Light display. This year the trip will be Thursday, Dec. 14 at 5 p.m. It is recommended that you call 756-7622 to make your reservations during the week before and arrive at the center on Airport Lane in North Bend no later than 4:45 p.m.

Frances Davidson, President of North Bend Senior Center, who arranges this tour every year, said, "Everyone has such a good time. This trip is not lim-

ited to Senior Citizens. Anyone may come; we often have Girl Scouts and their families. The buses load and leave at 5 p.m. sharp and return to the center for an evening of fun and entertainment. This year the Old Time Fiddlers are scheduled to perform, and Santa will make his annual appearance.

Refreshments will be served by Brownie Girl Scouts, consisting of Clam Chowder, cookies, juice and cider.

This evening is popular and looked forward to by all; each year there are an average of 200 people who join the fun. Call early to reserve your spot!



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# BIRDS & BLOOMS



## Ready For a Walk?

'TIS THE SEASON to be jolly...and what better way to get in the spirit than with a brilliant show of holiday lights? This dazzling display at Shore Acres State Park on the Oregon coast is just a sampling of what the gardens have to offer. The exhibit has become a community tradition and uses more than a quarter million lights. It features unique animal shapes like whales, butterflies, frogs and cranes.

But there's more to winter than lights. Turn the page and discover for yourself how sights of ice and snow can sometimes warm you up!

Photo: Robert Pratt/istock



*Lights are on at Shore Acres*



Shore Acres State Park escaped with little damage after last week's storm. Although trees were felled around the region, only two toppled at Shore Acres, and those were near the parking lot. Another was downed on the coast trail, according to George Guthrie, Shore Acres park and landscaping maintenance superintendent. Although the display was darkened for two nights, power is on and the display will be twinkling every evening until the new year. Entertainment also is scheduled and includes, on Wednesday from 7 to 7:30 p.m., the Coos Bay Foursquare Church choir and from 7:30 to 9 p.m., the Frozen Chosen; Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. Streptocarpus; Sunday, Dec. 24, from 5:30 to 6 p.m., the Gardiner Singers; and on Saturday, Dec. 30, from 7 to 8 p.m., the North Bend United Methodist Church Choir.

**THE WORLD PHOTOS BY LOU SENNIC - DECEMBER 22, 2006**

**TOP:** ABOUT 250,000 LIGHTS SHINE IN THE NIGHT AT SHORE ACRES STATE PARK. THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS DISPLAY WILL RUN EVERY EVENING FROM 4 TO 10 P.M. THROUGH NEW YEAR'S DAY.

**LEFT:** THE FOUNTAIN IS LIGHTED FOR THE SEASON IN THIS VIEW LOOKING TOWARD THE GARDEN HOUSE AT SHORE ACRES STATE PARK.

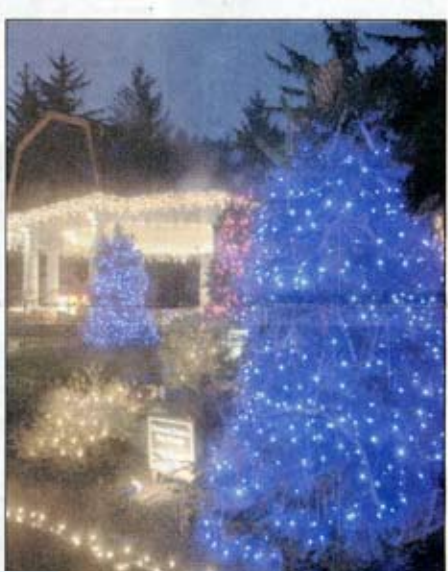
**RIGHT:** NUMEROUS GROUPS AND BUSINESSES DECORATE A TREE AT SHORE ACRES STATE PARK. THESE THREE TREES ARE NEAR THE PAVILION.

**BOTTOM:** LIGHTS ARE REFLECTED ON THE LILY POND AT SHORE ACRES STATE PARK.

*Gardens aglow*



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## . . . Holiday Lights – Frigid Takedown . . .



VOLUNTEERS (L-R) DELL WILLIS, DAVID BRIDGHAM AND JACK GILHAM TAKE DOWN FROGS IN THE ICY POND. DELL HANDS "SPLASH" TO MIKE PERKINS.

[www.shoreacres.net](http://www.shoreacres.net)

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES INC. INCLUDING HOLIDAY LIGHTS, HISTORY, BROCHURES, NEWSLETTERS, JOURNALS, EVENTS AND MORE.







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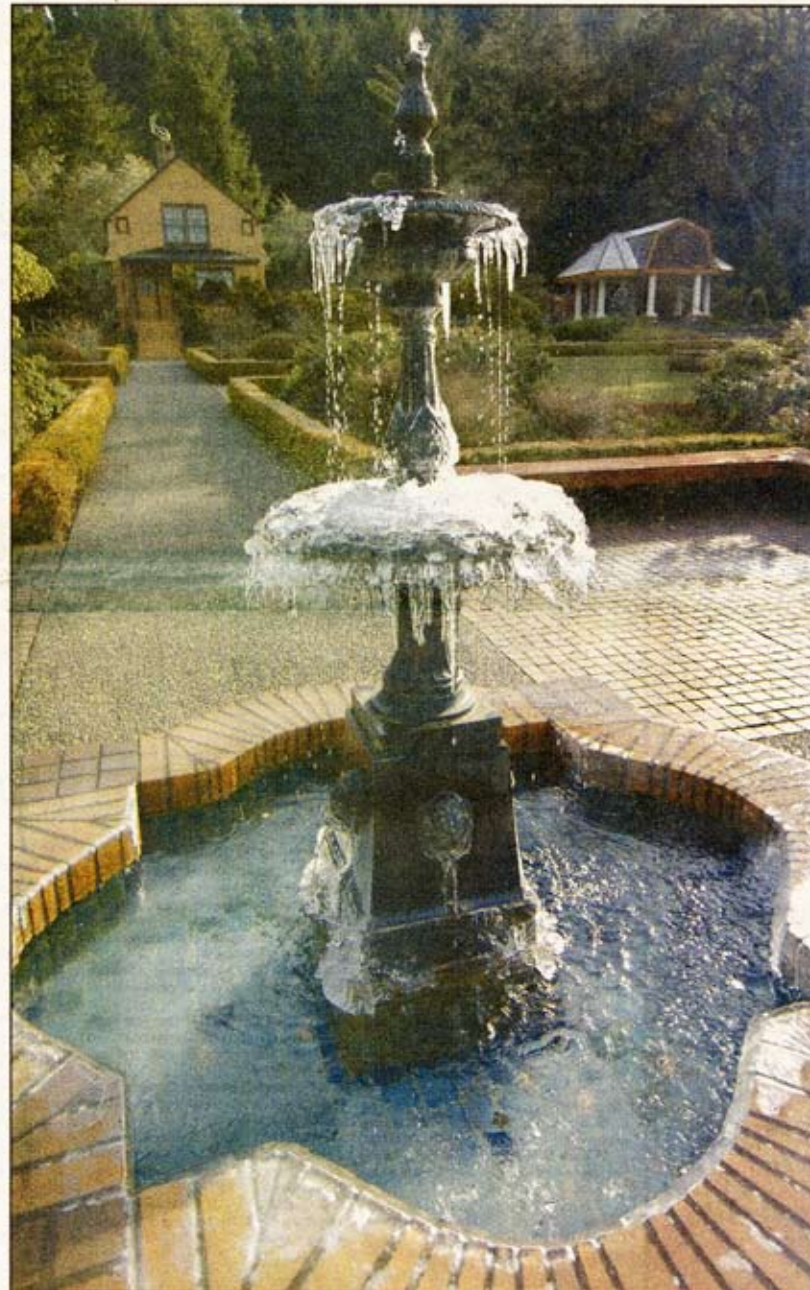
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### *Frozen in flow*



The fountain in the Shore Acres State Park gardens is frozen Saturday morning, the flowing water creating an icy show. Friday night temperatures recorded by the National Weather Service at North Bend hit a low of 27 degrees, but at Shore Acres, it was colder than that. David Bridgham, of the Friends of Shore Acres, said that this is the second time the fountain has frozen over. The first time was the first winter after the fountain was constructed in 1996. The water is still flowing to keep the pipes from breaking from the cold weather.

World Photo by Lou Sennick



# . . . Holiday Lights – All Must Come Down . . .

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## Packing up



Mike Perkins, left, came out on a cold Saturday morning, Jan. 13, to help the volunteers rolling up and packing away the holiday lights at Shore Acres State Park. He shows the best way volunteers have learned to pack up the thousands of strings of lights for storage. Pulling a cart above, Kenn Kennedy gathers up the rolled-up strands of lights from around the Japanese garden area and taking them to the storage building to be dried out and packed up until next fall.



. . . And Be Put Away for Next Season! . . .



Thousands of strings of holiday lights are stored in a special building at Shore Acres State Park built by the Friends of Shore Acres. Inside, Shirley Bridgham, of the Friends organization, packs rolled strings of colored lights into boxes for stor-

age. Each box holds 50 strands of lights and when the volunteers are finished with their January chores, all the shelves behind her and all over the building will be filled with stored lights, cords, signs and other things from the holiday displays.

**I**t was slightly wetter than last year, but attendance figures for the annual Christmas holiday light display at Shore Acres State Park show there were slightly more visitors this year over last.

Shirley Bridgham, with the Friends of Shore Acres, said there were an estimated 45,792 visitors to the annual show this year despite having one night shut down for high winds and another without power.

Six guestbooks were filled out by had visitors from 47 states and 24 countries. In comparing past guestbooks to this year, she found some large family groups that have come out to the holiday light show each year on the same evenings, such as a listing for The Fox Family with 25 from Coos Bay, Portland, Los Angeles and Loveland, Co. "A family tradition—love it," according to the guest-book entry.

One entry said "We haven't a light show like this in France. Very Pretty. Thanks." The entry was from Anney, France.

This was the 20th year of the Christmas holiday light display.



Kathy and Allen Spjut gather up the decorations from the tree sponsored by his North Bend insurance agency, ASI Services. It is one of many trees decorated by local businesses and organizations at the annual holiday show at Shore Acres State Park. The tree and decorations survived the season of storms and they said hopefully, some of the decorations may be used next year.

World Photos by  
Lou Sennick



# . . . Holiday Lights – Stats and Support . . .

## 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

## 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-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 RHODIE NEAR THE GARDEN HOUSE.

## LIGHTS PLEDGES HELP SUPPORT THE EVENT - THANKS!

**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 Mattecheck \* 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



# . . . Shore Acres – “More Than Lights” . . .

*BY SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM, FOUNDER & BOARD MEMBER*

Whether 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.

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.” ■



LUSCIOUS COLORS DAZZLE VISITORS EVERY SPRING.



THE SERENITY OF BIRDS AND BLOSSOMS AT THE 100' LILY POND.



# . . . Shore Acres – Looking Back 20 Years . . .

BY DAVID BRIDGHAM, PRESIDENT, FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES, INC.

The chronicles of Friends of Shore Acres, 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**

RHODIE EXPERTS (L-R) LEE & JOHN VINCENT AND BOB & MARJENE MACINTYRE AND GEORGE GUTHRIE, JR., HEAD GARDENER, SHORE ACRES GARDENS, 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. ■



*. . . Springtime Blossoms Highlighted by  
Rhododendron Sunday / Mother's Day, May 13, 2007 . . .*





# . . . Rose Sunday / Father's Day, June 18, 2007 . . .

## ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL DAY AT SHORE ACRES' GLORIOUS GARDENS!



DAVID BRIDGHAM AND ROSE EXPERTS  
HELEN HARRIS AND RAY DUSKIN



DAYBREAKER AARS 2004



MARMALDE SKIES  
AARS 2001



JULIA CHILD AARS 2006



ROSE EXPERTS RAY DUSKIN, HELEN DOVING AND VISITOR



# . . . Friends Annual Year Ends August 31, 2007 . . .

FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES, INC.

MINUTES - BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 14, 2007

NORTH BEND PUBLIC LIBRARY

**CALL TO ORDER:** President, David Bridgham called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** David and Shirley Bridgham, Joan Clifton, Jack Gilham, Vee Elliott, Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst, Dennis Netter, Robynn Reed, Carl Siminow, Timm Slater and Barb Taylor \* **DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Kenn Kennedy, Betty Kennedy, Ellie Kinney-Martial, Kathi Netter \* **GUESTS:** Larry Becker, Andy LaTomme, OPRD

**MINUTES:** MSP to approve minutes of July 10 with one correction, a typo in Gusts (changed to Guests).

**FINANCIAL REPORT** - \$ 277,377.79 - Barb Taylor - Accepted

**INFORMATION AND GIFT CENTER:** Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst

Lou Kolkhorst submitted a report on the Information and Gift Center that shows an increase of 13% over last year's figures for the same time period. 31 Park passes were sold in July. (complete report filed with minutes). Lou also showed a new book available in the IGC – "Coos County-Images of America" - \$19.99. In July, Carol Vanderwall visited the IGC. Carol is the full time administrator and store manager at Silver Falls State Park. She was looking for information and advice on how to make the Silver Falls store more successful. Lou and Sharon explained our system and have plans to visit Silver Falls. Carol was impressed with our IGC and especially liked the historical postcard we give with every purchase.

**STATE PARKS REPORT:** Larry Becker

1. Tri County Plumbing working on booster pump
2. Waiting to hear from Ross Curtis, OPRD, about the windows and doors project
3. Flag pole installation approved
4. Car clout suspect arrested
5. New assistant manager for Sunset Bay starts work on Sept. 10. Preson Phillips from Scottsdale, AZ. Experienced recreation resource manager. He and his family will live in the residence at Shore Acres.
6. No word on timeline for fixing the Cape Arago Highway near Sunset Bay.
7. Request for Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. to pay half the cost of the full color Shore Acres brochure re-print. No changes this printing, but will look at revisions for the next printing.
8. New gate at entrance to Shore Acres

**PROJECTS & WEBSITE:** Shirley Bridgham

1. Brochures Printed: "Sunset Bay, Special Places" and "Simpson Reef & Shell Island"
2. Web site has been updated.
3. Historical photo of Simpson mansion has been reprinted (it was backward). It is one of the photos on display in the Garden House.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Oregon Coast Music Festival – Not as many attendees due to wet weather; those who came enjoyed "Golden Bough" and sundaes with various toppings served in the Garden House; also sold lots of coffee since it was a very cool day.

**HOLIDAY LIGHTS 2007 –**

1. Holiday Lights brochures, posters and parking coupons printed
2. Annual Lights Pledge campaign ready to go
3. Fred Meyer letter requesting annual donation of 100 cases frozen apple juice, etc.
4. ORCA whale sculpture is completed with new lights and a new net.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nominating appointment: Shirley Bridgham to get nominees for 2007-08 directors/officers State Parks Co-op Conference, Oct. 6-8, Klamath Falls, Collier State Park: David Bridgham suggested the Friends underwrite registration and lodging for board members who want to attend. Motion by Joan Clifton; Second by Shirley Bridgham; Motion passed. Board members should contact Barb Taylor so she can make the necessary reservations.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

OPRD Facts Kit/Summer/Fall 2007

Andy LaTomme shared some Oregon State Parks facts, e.g.,

1. 46,200 volunteer hours in Summer/Fall 2006
2. Volunteer hours value about \$1 million
3. 30th nationally in acreage – 97,340 acres
4. 6th in number of park areas
5. 5th in number of day use areas
6. 7th in number of overnight areas

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

**NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 11. – 7:00 PM - SHORE ACRES GARDEN HOUSE**

Annual Meeting/Elections followed by Board Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shirley Bridgham, Secretary Pro-Tem

**LOOKING BACK**

**In December 2006, the "Friends" turned 20 and presented the 20th annual holiday lights display.** As you can see in this photo, 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.



# Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

Continued in Album 21:

Annual Bear - September 1, 2007 - August 31, 2008

Album 20 - Completed July 15, 2020

Book and PDF Versions

***Note: Album Completed During the  
Coronavirus-19 Pandemic of 2020***

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