



Shore Acres State Park Before Friends - 1986

Album 27



Shirley Bridgham

How Friends of Shore Acres Happened

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

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

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

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



Ward Robertson

Aerial and Gardens — 1986



Shirley Bridgham



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 PhotoShop CS-3
- Adobe InDesign CS-3.
- Epson Presentation Paper - Matte
- Epson Premium Photo Paper - Glossy
- Epson Stylus Photo R2000 Printer

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



Ward Robertson

Aerials - 1986



Ward Robertson

Note from Shirley Bridgham - September 2014



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

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

1st Birthday - Dec. 4, 1987

1st Christmas Lights - Dec. 11, 1987

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

2nd Birthday - Dec. 4, 1988

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Note from David Bridgham - September 2014

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

Founded December 4, 1986



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

FoSA Bylaws

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friends of Shore Acres
December 4, 1986
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.

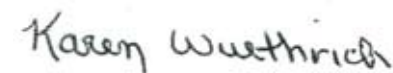
Andy LaTomme was asked to prepare a press release announcing the formation of the Friends with special mention of Mike Bodkin's contribution.

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, 2013 - August 31, 2014

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. - Annual Meeting and Board Meeting Highlights September 10, 2013 – Shore Acres Garden House

ANNUAL MEETING

- **Call to Order:** President Dennis Netter called the Friends of Shore Acres' annual meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Those present were: Board members David Bridgham, Shirley Bridgham, Dawn Buxton, Joan Clifton, Jack Gilham, Betty Kennedy, Kathy Metzger, Kathi Netter, Robynn Reed, Barb Taylor, and Dell Willis. Guests Preson Phillips, Ellie Kinney-Martial and Roberta Willis.
- **Welcome, Introductions and Remarks:** Dennis welcomed everyone.
- **Election of Board Members:** David Bridgham, Nominations Coordinator presented a slate of renewing board members. Vee Elliott and Lou Kolkhorst were nominated to serve for three (3) years, with terms expiring in Sept. 2016. Nominations were closed and accepted unanimously.
- **Presentation:** David presented a recognition award to Dennis and Kathi Netter thanking them for their years of service since 2001. They have chosen to retire from the board, but will continue to volunteer for cider spice making and other activities.
- **Adjournment:** The annual meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM and a tour of the IGC and adjourning new storage building. The group enjoyed ice cream sundaes in the Garden House.

BOARD MEETING

- **Call to Order:** Outgoing President Dennis Netter passed the gavel to the new President Dell Willis who called the regular board meeting to order at 7:27 PM. Directors present: David Bridgham, Shirley Bridgham, Joan Clifton, Vee Elliott, Jack Gilham, Betty Kennedy, Kathy Metzger, Dawn Buxton, Robynn Reed, and Barb Taylor. *Directors Excused:* Vee Elliott, Lou Kolkhorst, Sharon Kolkhorst; *Guests:* Preson Phillips (OPRD), Ellie Kinney-Martial (OPRD), Roberta Willis, Dennis and Kathi Netter
- **Election of Board Officers:** David presented the slate of officers to serve one year beginning September of 2013: Sharon Kolkhorst - President Elect, David Bridgham - Secretary, and Barb Taylor - Treasurer. Nominations were closed and officers approved unanimously.
- **Review of Minutes August 13, 2013** - MSP: Shirley/Barb.
- **Financial Report** (As of August 31, 2013): \$69,128.07

IGC Report - Barb Taylor

- Sales are doing great, up 10% over August and up 12% YTD. Lots of great new items.

State Parks Report - Ellie Kinney-Martial and Preson Phillips

- Brick path project completed, re-laid brick from NE gate to parking lot
- Electrical outlet posts - currently replacing rotten posts and installing copper caps.
- Plant label order has arrived - installation underway.
- Garden House window project update - a meeting on the 11th to finalize date of repair.
- Rhododendron pruning - cutting back some large, leggy rhodies in the garden.
- Fuel reduction project continuing this Fall
- Rocky Shores Naturalist (funded by the Friends) completed a very successful summer of programs and presentations.

Old Business:

- Volunteer report, Betty: We need a volunteer for the IGC on Dahlia Day and a couple of volunteers for the Garden House on Orchid Day.
- Shirley reported on Holiday Lights "to-do" list and what's been accomplished.
- Holiday Lights Hosting: Kathy reports there are 64 Host Teams.
- Holiday Lights Trees: Dawn reports everyone is on board with teams on the waiting list.
- Holiday Lights Cider: Kathi reports Oct 12TH is a tentative date.

Other Old Business: Shirley reviewed a list of FOSA accomplishments over the past year.

New Business:

- Meeting to set the 2013-14 Budget will be held in January with any interested parties.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 2013 – 7 PM at the North Bend Public Library conference room.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted, David Bridgham, Secretary



Meeting Reports - Sept. 10, 2013

FRIENDS ACCOMPLISHMENTS SEPTEMBER 1, 2012 - AUGUST 31, 2013 BY SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM

- Information & Gift Center (IGC) had ongoing success.
- Successful 26th annual Holiday Lights season in 2012 with an est. 47,336 visitors
- Completed installation of the new interpretive panels in the Observation Building and at the entrance to the gardens
- Shirley completed an improved and updated version of The Shoreacres Story DVD.
- Successful annual flower day events and music festival concert - board members and volunteers
- Scanned all the Friends' Journals/Newsletters going back to 1987 and posted on www.shoreacres.net
- Created and printed new interpretive publications - Trail Map card, Roses card and Garden Map card
- Created 11 new postcards for the IGC.
- Ongoing maintenance and updating of our web site www.shoreacres.net
- Provided funding for new plants, plant signs, and other park projects
- Provided funding for HVAC heating and cooling system in the new IGC Storage Building designed by Stuart Woods, AIA and built in 2012
- Provided funding for copper caps for electrical outlet posts and for eliminating some outlets
- Provided funding for new Trex decking at the Garden House front steps
- Provided funding for repair/replacement of Garden House front bedroom windows with work to be done in September 2013
- Co-hosted the Oregon Heritage Tree dedication of Shore Acres' Monterey Pine in June
- Annual Journal - Summer 2013 (8th full color; 16 pages) mailed to 481 people on the Friends' mailing list that includes members, financial supporters, and volunteers
- Nearly complete - a new 16 min. DVD of the Holiday Lights - Shore Acres State Park, Day and Night, "Shoretacular" to sell in the Information & Gift Center.
- Created new display board for Co-op Conference
- Put 50 photos on portable device for Co-op Conference
- Updated membership brochure and membership card
- Completed Holiday Lights DVD



THE FRIENDS' INFORMATION & GIFT CENTER (IGC) PROVIDES FUNDING
FOR PARK PROJECTS AND FRIENDS' ACTIVITIES

27TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS REPORT CO-CHAIR - SHIRLEY AND DAVID BRIDGHAM

- Holiday poster created; copies made at Wegferd's; ready for distribution
- Holiday buttons are done (by Dell and Roberta)
- Lights plan is done except for a few modifications.
- Lights tags for plants done except for a few modifications
- LED Lights failures replaced by company (122 sets)
- LED Lights (additional and backup) lights ordered, received, unpacked and waterproofed
- ORCA rope lighting (3 sections) by David completed
- Holiday Lights brochure developed and produced
- Parking coupons printed.
- Lights pledge campaign packets mailed with responses coming in (\$5,392 to date)
- In the process of mailing thank-you cards, posters, and parking coupons to lights pledge contributors.
- New lights sculpture by David - animated Bumblebee completed
- Ray Daniels is working on Lighthouse base
- Ray Daniels has completed new seagull sculpture; David has put the rope lighting on it.
- Ray has renovated the boat for the undersea garden
- Electrical work completed to eliminate some un-used and taped-off outlets
- Robynn Reed is coordinating the house decorating
- Kathi Netter is coordinating the cider spice production.
- Kathy Metzger is coordinating the host schedule
- Shirley Bridgham is creating a host instructions brochure for host teams
- Dawn Buxton is coordinating the tree decorators
- Dino and Cindy Coolen are organizing entertainers for Pavilion only (none in house)
- Christmas trees have been ordered (26 LG; 4 MED donated by Dave Hannah of Dave's Trees).
- Packets of posters and brochures were mailed to visitor centers the last week of August
- Fred Meyer letter will be sent this week.
- Order sanicans from Roto Rooter for delivery Nov. 22.
- Order cups and napkins from Coastal Paper Supply for delivery Nov. 19
- Coordinate storage and delivery of cookies with Day Ship Supply.
- Coordinate storage and delivery of apple juice and lemonade with Vend West
- Order chili from Wendy's and arrange for pickup
- Pickup coffee and creamer from Vend West
- Send postcards to lights stringers in September.
- Pickup hot dogs, lunch "stuff" and paper towels at Cash and Carry
- Lights setup starts in October.

**27TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT SHORE ACRES THANKSGIVING (NOV. 28) THRU
NEW YEAR'S EVE (DEC. 31) 34 NIGHTS THIS SEASON (40 NIGHTS IN 2012)**

. . . Autumn Messages and Mission Reminder . . .



Founded
December
1986

Our Mission . . .

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



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MESSAGE FROM INCOMING PRESIDENT . . .

BY DELL WILLIS, PRESIDENT 2013-14



Roberta and I started stringing lights for Friends of Shore Acres - Holiday Lights in 1998. We have enjoyed the friendships we have made with the great group of volunteers who make such a wonderful community event possible. We had been enjoying the lights for a number of years and then we asked how we could help. We were handed some rolled up balls of lights, a ladder and a long pole. We went to work putting lights on the tall bushes and trees. At that time I wore a cowboy hat and became known as "Cowboy."

In a short time we became involved in the behind the scenes activities that start shortly after the lights are taken down and stored for the next year. Many of the volunteers are busy doing something all summer to make the up coming year an even better display than the year before. WOW, what a group. Thanks for allowing us the privilege of being a part of such a great organization and to have so much fun.

I moved back to North Bend in 1991 from Roseburg. I worked for Butler's Pronto Print and Wegferds' Printing as a printing press operator until I retired in 2012. I have been involved as a volunteer for the Coos County 4-H Leaders Association as an Executive Board Member and both Roberta and I were 4-H Summer Camp adult staff members for 10 years. Currently, I'm serving as the Treasurer for the Bay Area Radio Control Fliers club. I enjoy flying model remote control aircraft, hiking, camping and the outdoors. Shore Acres has been a very special place for me, since I was a boy growing up in Coos Bay.

Roberta has worked for the North Bend School district, ESD and the Coos County Extension office. Currently, she is employed as Food Service Assistant for Sodexo Corporation (Marshfield High School cafeteria) serving lunches at the Harding Alternative School. She has been the Nursery Attendant at College Park Church more than 20 years. I joined the Friends' Board in 2009 serving as a board member and am looking forward to serving as President this coming year. ■

NOTE: All Newsletters, Journals and Archival Albums are posted on www.shoreacres.net.

MESSAGE FROM THE JOURNAL EDITOR . . .

By Shirley Bridgham, Past President



The next Journal will highlight the Holiday Lights and the many activities and projects that fulfill the Friends' mission. Our Board of Directors and members, the success of our Information and Gift Center (IGC), the support of the Holiday Lights and other Friends' activities, and our cooperation with State Parks make it all possible.

INTERPRETIVE / EDUCATIONAL - For several years, Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. (FoSA) has provided funding for the Rocky Shores Naturalist Interpretive Ranger who presents the summertime programs for campers and visitors.

I have the pleasure of creating our annual Summer Journal, which we mail to our members and supporters, as well as interpretive brochures for the park. I also enjoy creating and producing the FoSA DVDs to sell in the IGC.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS - In 2013-14, Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. in cooperation with the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD) will fund several big projects at Shore Acres. They are emergency and unplanned projects, e.g., replacing the water heater for the heating system in the Information and Gift Center and preserving the upstairs windows in the Garden House and making other major building repairs on the Garden House.

In our 2013 Annual Summer Journal I told you "I'm in the process of organizing the Friends' archives." It involves scanning photos and news articles that reflect our history and re-doing the early scrapbooks using archival albums. What a pleasure . . . to remember how FoSA started and how far it's come.

The Holiday Lights event – this year is our 27th – continues to be a rewarding experience, not only for David and me, but for all the wonderful and exceptional people who share in its creation each season. If you want to have a fun time, just come out and string some lights, share a chili and hot dogs lunch and enjoy some great company. We work rain or shine from 10 AM to 3 PM on Saturdays and Sundays, beginning in October.

AND WHETHER YOU CAN HELP OR NOT, BE SURE TO COME AND **SEE THE LIGHTS!** ■

Co-Op Conference In John Day, Sept. 21, 2013

L. L. "STUB" STEWART AWARD FOR LIFE SERVICE PRESENTED TO LOU AND SHARON KOLKHORST



One of the many highlights at the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Biennial Co-op Conference is the presentation of the L. L. "Stub" Stewart Volunteer Awards.

The 2012-13 nominees and recipients were honored at the an awards banquet, sponsored by the L. L. "Stub" Stewart Award Trust Fund on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013 at the Mt. Vernon Community Center.

All award nominees were honored with recognition gifts and award finalists received customized commemorative awards for each category. ■



SHARON AND LOU WITH THEIR L. L. "STUB" STEWART AWARD COMMEMORATIVE CLOCK.

AWARD CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA:

- **RISING STAR:** Nominees have provided exceptional volunteer service over a short period of time (less than 3 years).
- **LIFE SERVICE:** Nominees have provided exceptional volunteer service for at least eight years.
- **INSPIRATION:** Nominee provides volunteer service to the Association which has inspired others to join in, to give a greater effort or to become actively involved in the activities of the association.
- **LEADERSHIP:** This award category represents those individuals who have stepped up to serve in leadership positions within their respective organizations.
- **PARTNERSHIP:** This award is for an OPRD employee, who endorses, supports, and works "cooperatively" on the mutual goals of the Cooperative Association and the park. ■

2012-2013 NOMINEES AND RECIPIENTS *

RISING STAR - Tom Adams*- Boston Mill Society;
Bob Snyder - Friends of Tryon Creek State Park

INSPIRATION - Richard Cassidy*- Friends of Historic Champoeg
PARTNERSHIP - Dennis Bradley*- Clyde Holliday Management Unit;
Ellie Kinney-Martial - Shore Acres State Park

LEADERSHIP - William (Bill) Morris*- Friends of Kam Wah Chung
LIFE SERVICE - Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst*- Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.
PHIL HAMILTON*- Friends of Tryon Creek State Park



HISTORY OF THE L. L. "STUB" STEWART VOLUNTEER AWARDS



L. L. "STUB" STEWART BECAME A LIFE MEMBER OF FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES, INC. IN 1989.

In 1991 Stub Stewart was honored as an outstanding state parks volunteer. His selfless work on behalf of the parks began when parks was a division of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and continued for over 30 years as the agency became a department and developed a board of commissioners.

In 1992, Stub endowed a trust fund with the Oregon Community Foundation to help sponsor and support volunteer recognition in the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). The Stewart Awards program was developed by a committee of staff and volunteers who decided on the categories, qualifications and recognition levels. In support of his strong beliefs about the importance of volunteer recognition and involvement, Stub endowed the current award program and established the L. L. "Stub" Stewart Trust Fund.

Stub passed away on January 2, 2005 and is greatly missed. "Stub" as he was affectionately known to agency staff and volunteers for 40 years, is recognized as a timber industry icon and as one of Oregon's leading philanthropists. ■

Looking Back . . .

By Shirley Bridgham

Early awards were slightly different. In 1992, five awards were presented at the 5th annual Coop Conference held at the Flying M Ranch near Yamhill. Friends of Shore Acres captured two. Gregg Nelson accepted the Partnership Award for the Coos Bay District of BLM, for its work with FoSA volunteers to clean the pond, and with park staff to redesign and upgrade the pond drain system. Runner up for the Partnership Award was Shoreline Education for Awareness (S.E.A.) for its work with FoSA on interpretive programs at Simpson Reef. Tony Mason, manager of the FoSA Gift and Information Center received the Volunteer Dedication award for countless hours of work, planning, inspiration, and success in the operation of the GalC. [Note: Name was later changed to Information & Gift Center or IGC] David and I were finalists for the Life Service Award, which we received at the 1996 Coop Conference held in Coos Bay. ■

Holiday Lights . . . Early Publicity

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FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Shore Acres State Park becomes an illuminated holiday wonderland
BY LAUREN MESSMAN

PHOTOS COURTESY FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES

TOP PHOTO:
GARDEN HOUSE

LEFT PHOTO:
THE LIGHTS OF THE KOI POND

You won't find any lights decorating the exterior of David and Shirley Bridgman's Coos Bay home this December. That's because the couple is far too burnt out from months of spreading holiday cheer throughout the decadent formal gardens of Shore Acres State Park for its annual Holiday Lights event.

For 27 years, the couple has worked to transform the park into an illuminated wonderland. "We started with 6,000 little white lights," Shirley Bridgman says. "And now we're up to 300,000."

This year, LED lights will cover almost every inch of the park's flora and can even be seen underwater in the form of glowing Koi Carp. Rather than the traditional Santa and reindeer light displays, the park harnesses a marine theme, celebrating the sea lions, whales, frogs and fish that can be found near its shores. The Bridgmans also open up the park's traditional garden house for refreshments as well as feature entertainment on the park's pavilion. Last year the park attracted close to 50,000 visitors from at least 20 different countries and almost every state, making it a successful holiday hotspot.

"I'll tell you what changes my batteries every year," David Bridgman says. "We have a station near the door where they can sign a guest book, and I love reading those comments." One visitor from Alaska writes: "I feel like I'm in a Christmas movie!" while another from Texas simply writes:

"Speechless." David Bridgman says that the feedback from the park's visitors is what makes it all worthwhile.

But like every heartwarming holiday story, the true miracle of Holiday Lights lies in the powerful community effort that binds the small coastal town together. Every year, 60 to 70 volunteers from Coos Bay help Shirley and David Bridgman with everything from the planning to the actual stringing of lights. "There is a good measure of community envy from people outside our area who come see it," David Bridgman says.

He says that many visitors wonder how the rural and somewhat isolated community is capable of such a collaborative effort that draws in thousands of visitors every year. "The community has actually done this," he says. "It's unique."

Just as lights have become a staple for the holiday season everywhere, so has Holiday Lights for the Bridgmans and the Coos Bay community. And at 68 and 75 years old, David and Shirley aren't ready to give up their tradition just yet. Shirley Bridgman says people often ask them if they have an exit plan. "We're not anxious to quit," she says. "We're having too much fun."

Holiday Lights is a community event sponsored by Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. in partnership with Shore Acres State Park. Holiday Lights runs Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve, 4 to 9:30 pm every night, \$5 parking fee. Shore Acres State Park is located on the Cape Arago Highway, 13 miles southwest of Coos Bay/North Bend and U.S. Highway 101. www.shoreacres.net

Holiday Lights . . . Ready to Go



BEHIND THE SCENES - TUBS OF LIGHTS, SCULPTURES, BORDER POSTS AND CHAINS, ETC. ETC., VOLUNTEER BUTTONS



27TH Annual SHORE ACRES HOLIDAY LIGHTS
Thanksgiving thru New Year's Eve
Nov. 28 - Dec. 31, 2013 * 4-9:30 PM
A "Community Tradition" since 1987 * 300,000 Lights (Mostly LED)
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GARDEN AREA SOUTH OF PAVILION - NORTH BEND HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB
FRONT L-R ELIZABETH SALATHE, EMILY MIDYETTE, ARIANNA CAMPBELL, KADIE FORDERER, MAKENASHAY, MARIAH GRAY; MIDDLE L-R LINDSAY VARGA, MADISON PLATT, ALYSSA MONOHON, HANNAH SCHANDELMEIER-LYNCH, GABBY HOBSON, MCKENZIE EDWARDS, SARA FRINGS, BACK L-R KYLE FRISCHMAN, DANIELLE TIMM, ALICIA MARTIN, NATHAN MIDYETTE, TANNER GRAY, NICK HOSSLEY



LIGHTS ON THE GARDEN HOUSE - COOS BAY FIRE AND RESCUE
L-R DILYN BAUMGARDNER, JON ECK, TRAVIS MARTIN, MARK ANDERSON, TREVOR DAVIS, JASON WILSON, FRANK KAISER, BEN ROLICHECK, JEFF ADKINS, MATT SANDERS

**INSTALLATION OF LARGE SCALE SCULPTURES - SHUTTER CREEK
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FLOWER BED #12
STRAIGHT SHOOTERS 4-H CLUB
FRONT R-L AURORA THOMPSON, MIKE HUFF, JENNEFUR THOMPSON; BACK (STANDING) LIZ HUFF, 4-H LEADER SHIRLEY BOWER, SEAN LONG, KAYLA LONG, KATIE CARROLL, CAITLIN HUFF, BOBBI THOMPSON, CO-LEADER DAN LONG



FLOWER BED #13
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF SW OREGON
FRONT L-R CHELSEY CORUM, NICOLE COWAN, JESSICA KOHL, CASSIDY KELLER; MIDDLE (ALONE) REBECCA COWAN; BACK L-R JUSTIN HOLMAN, SCOTT WITHERS, CASEY KING, JACKIE PIERCE, CEANDRA NELSON, ADRIAN ENGSTROM, CHANCE ESPINOSA, BRITTANY SHEILD, JEREMIAH WILSON, SHYANNE BOLTON, CHRISTINE EVONIUK



GARDEN AREA EAST OF POND -
COOS BAY KIWANIS AND MARSHFIELD HIGH
SCHOOL-KIWANIS KEY CLUB
BACK L-R DON HARMS, OSCAR JOHNSON, CARLA DAY, BILL MCCAFFREE, MARTY KULICK, ELLEN THOMPSON, MERT GREIF, GAYLA FANNIN, J. R. MOORE, SCOTT TRAYLOR, JIM MCCLASKY, JOHN LEMOS; FRONT L-R MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL KIWANIS KEY CLUB MEMBERS (NAMES NA)

And Have Fun Doing it! – Thanks!

CRYPTOMERIA & BUTTERFLIES - CHARLESTON FIRE & RESCUE



DELL WILLIS (RT) GIVES DIRECTIONS TO ED POWERS (ON LADDER) WHILE BRIAN WALKER LOOKS ON. DELL AND HIS WIFE ROBERTA HAD PUT THE RED LIGHTS ON THE TRUNK, BUT THEY USED TO DO THE WHOLE JOB.



FRONT L-R JANET DUNLOP, BRIAN WALKER, LINDA WILLIS, ED POWERS, CHRIS OWENS; BACK L-R MICK SNEDDON, DAVE MAC MANIMAN, RUSTY SHIELD



CHIEF MICK SNEDDON PUTS UP ONE OF THE FOUR BUTTERFLIES THAT DALE HELLAND USED TO PUT UP. DUE TO ILLNESS, DALE WAS UNABLE TO HELP.



FINISHING TOUCH - SHIRLEY CHAMPAGNE-HARRIS ADDS LIGHTS TO THE CITY OF COOS BAY TREE.



TUBS OF LIGHTS READY FOR VOLUNTEERS



ANOTHER TOP JOB - DELL WILLIS AND DAVID BARNHART HANG ICICLE LIGHTS ON THE PAVILION

Everyone's Favorite Undersea Garden – Thanks!



SET-UP EXPERTS

DAVID BRIDGHAM, MIKE PERKINS, RAY DANIELS,
CAROL VENTGEN; FRAME MADE BY JACK GILHAM

. . . All Ages Can Help . . . Thanks!



JACK GILHAM AND JOAN CLIFTON PUT UP THE LIGHTS CLUSTER FLOWERS THAT THEY MAKE.



LAYNE PHILLIPS AND PRESON PHILLIPS AT THE POND.



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EDITH FORKNER, DAVID FORKNER



LILA ASHBAUGH, KIMBERLY HUMBERT



GORDON AND RITA CHAPPA, EDITH FORKNER

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DEBRA GERRITSEN, DAWN BUXTON



RAY JOHNSON, ALAN KING, CHERYL BALDWIN, MIKE PERKINS



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2013 LIGHTS STRINGERS - LILA & CLAYTON ASHBAUGH, CHERYL BALDWIN, DAVID BARNHART, SHIRLEY & DAVID BRIDGHAM, DAWN BUXTON, SHIRLEY CHAMPAGNE-HARRIS, GORDON & RITA CHAPPA, RAY DANIELS, BILL DAVIS, DAVID FORKNER, EDITH FORKNER, DEBRA GERRITSEN, JACK GILHAM & JOAN CLIFTON, JESSICA HARDING & RYAN DRAPER, KIMBERLY HUMBERT, RAY JOHNSON, ALLEN KING, CHARLOTTE KOEPKE, KATHY METZGER, MIKE PERKINS & CAROL VENTGEN, ED & FAYE WHITING, DELL WILLIS, AND COOS BAY GARDEN CLUB-CHERYL RAE DRUMHELLER, JOAN JOHNSON, IRENE RALPH, CAROLYN SLYTER

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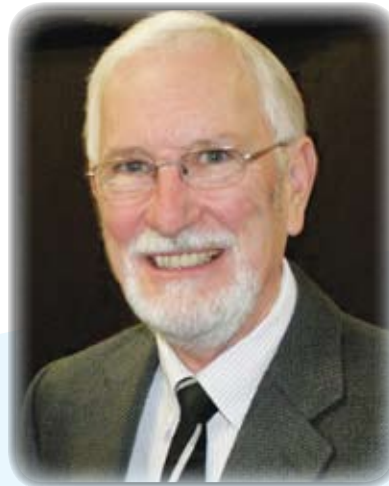
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“The old gray whale, she ain’t what she used to be” - She’s even better . . .

BY DAVID BRIDGHAM, CO-CHAIR HOLIDAY LIGHTS



Our iconic gray whale is one of the first in a long line of sculptures strung with lights for the annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres. Designed by internationally known Marine Artist, Don McMichael, and constructed in 1994, the whale interprets the annual gray whale migration just off-shore in December, heading south for warmer waters. This set the path for all the other sculptures through the years to tell the story of “who we are - and where we’re at.”

Even the hundreds of thousands LED lights decorating the bushes tell that story. In the formal gardens the symmetry of the English style gardens is interpreted with eye popping lights displays that draw your attention to the mirror plantings and the Boxwood hedge patterns. This is best seen and understood in the Garden House looking out the upstairs

window. The Lily Pond tells quite a different story with its remarkable reflecting pond. Lights are decorating the pond’s edge to accent the reflections. The two massive trees



on the south side seem to reflect as deeply as the trees are tall.

The only interruption the tranquillity of the pond are leaping frogs to the west and the Koi under water on the east. These elements draw our attention to the life that goes on in our pond. It has been our intention throughout the years to interpret the gardens, the marine environment that makes Shore Acres so special, and the historical context that defines the park. Our work is validated each year as we stand near the entrance of the park and watch and listen to kids as they run towards the lighted undersea garden and start to name off the creatures, including the “duck” (seagull).



This year the Old Gray Whale needed some attention. Over the years the segments that keep the 45 foot whale together have become distorted and bent out of shape. It was time for a major overhaul. One of our talented volunteers, Ray Daniels, worked diligently to add new support steel and refurbish supports to get our whale back to its fine shape years ago, even better.

It is the Friends of Shore Acres’ mission to participate in interpretive, educational, and physical development programs with the park and its visitors. I can’t think of anything more fun than what we do at the Holiday Lights at Shore Acres. It keeps us and all of our volunteers and visitors coming back each year. ■



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. . . Decorating the Garden House . . .

BY ROBYNN REED, HEAD ELF



Decorating the Garden House is always a fun creative endeavor which starts in October each year. Chloe Eberlein has joined our group as a creative elf. She volunteered last year and returned this year so hopefully we have created another lifelong "Friend of Shore Acres." She brings a fresh set of eyes and a youthful energy and creativity to the project. We had additional help from Mike and Adam Reed and they kept us "focused."

We had a new idea this year and kept it under wraps until the last possible moment. Doug Eberlein donated the materials and we chose an evening to put it all together so it would be a surprise!



Picture a dark evening but the house is bright and cheerfully lighted and our elf crew was busily drilling holes in the kitchen ceiling to install hooks for our hanging ladder. We had music playing and were having a great time when the phone rang . . . it was Shirley Bridgham on the phone! She wanted to know if we were working. We thought she had ESP but what she really had was the internet and the web site! She had logged on and seen the house lights were on and called. We all had a good chuckle and finished up without telling her our big surprise.

Ellie Kinney-Martial was the first to see it and gave it thumbs up approval. Whew!! We were a little nervous but it looked great! We create quite a "mess" while we create the decorations each year but it always comes together.

The park system required access to the windows in the closets so we were even more motivated to be organized as we put things away. The Friends' storage building is the new home for garland and trees so it left enough room to access the windows. It takes a lot of "stuff" to create something new with "old stuff" but the effort always seems to work in the end.

I love the response and input from everyone who visits and always look forward to the next season. Remember, enjoy every moment and remember to hug your families and tell them you love them. ■



GRANDSON ADAM REED AND HIS DAD MIKE HAD THE JOB OF PUTTING UP THE CEILING HOOKS FOR THE NEW *LADDER SHELF* ABOVE THE KITCHEN WINDOWS.

A BIT OF HISTORY . . .



GRANDSON ADAM AND HIS MOM ROBYNN - 1991



ADAM AND ROBYNN REED - 1996

NOTE FROM SHIRLEY (GRANDMA / MOM) BRIDGHAM

AS MANY OF YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW, ROBYNN REED IS MY DAUGHTER. SHE AND HER HUSBAND MIKE HAVE BEEN IN CHARGE OF DECORATING THE GARDEN HOUSE SINCE THE FALL OF 1997. BUT BEFORE THAT, THEY WERE HELPING WITH THE DISPLAY. OUR GRANDSON ADAM HAS NEVER HAD A CHRISTMAS WITHOUT SEEING THE LIGHTS DISPLAY AND HIS MOM AND DAD'S DEDICATED EFFORTS.

ROBYNN RECRUITS THE ELVES THEY NEED TO HELP AND IT ALL COMES TOGETHER BEAUTIFULLY EVERY SEASON. MUCH LOVE GOES INTO THIS PROJECT, BOTH BY THEM AS WELL AS ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN. ■

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. . . Decorating the Garden House . . .



UPSTAIRS



DOWNSTAIRS



A BUBBLE BATH FOR SANTA



TABLE READY FOR BED & BREAKFAST WINNERS

Let there be lights — lots of them



Volunteers set up the frog jumping light display in the garden pond at Shore Acres State Park on Saturday morning. Top, Layne Phillips, 8, helps string lights on bushes around the park. About 300,000 LED lights are put up over the course of six weekends for the Holiday Lights show that runs from Thanksgiving to New Year's Eve.

Holiday lights an 'instant community tradition'

BY CHELSEA DAVIS
The World

COOS BAY — Inch by inch, Shore Acres State Park is becoming brighter for the holiday season. A year after Friends of Shore Acres Inc. formed in 1986, the group decided to light the park similar to the Butchart Gardens in Canada. "Someone said, 'Let's put some Christmas lights out and see if anyone will come out in the dark,'" Shirley Bridgman said. "It became an instant community tradition."

They strung 6,000 lights, set up a Christmas tree and decorated the garden house; 700 people showed up for a lighting ceremony the first night. That season, the event drew 9,000 visitors. Today, 40,000 to 50,000 people walk through the display every year. Last year, the event brought in 47,336 visitors. The number of lights has grown

every year. This year there will be around 300,000 lights — mostly LED — by the time the 7-acre area is finished. More than 50,000 are in the sculptures alone. "It's an amazing transformation," Bridgman said. "We wanted to have a hook to get more people to Shore Acres. It's a special place, in winter time as well as summer. I feel it contributes a lot to off-season tourism,

Holiday lights

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which we know it does. They do better ... than they would if we didn't have the lights." Marty Kulick, Coos Bay Kiwanis Club member, didn't let a compound fracture in her ankle stop her from helping at the light stringing Saturday morning. "I thought, 'No, I've got to be out there regardless,'" she said.

Rain or shine, volunteers can be found in the garden from October to November decorating. "We buy LED on purpose because of the weather," Bridgman said.

On Saturday, Kulick huddled under an umbrella in her wheelchair, watching

volunteers from Kiwanis and Marshfield High's Key Club string lights in the Japanese-style garden and lily pond. She helped them decipher the tags placed every few feet, describing which lights each bush or tree needed.

"I got in Key Club because I wanted to be more active in school programs and help the community," sophomore Alissa Fitzgerald said. "I grew up here so we go to it every year.

"It's a joyful site. It's always good to have things like this in the community."

Friends of Shore Acres asks local businesses to help them buy lights every year so they "don't have to replace 300,000 at once," Bridgman said.

The lights mimic how a formal garden is set up, with everything laid out in a mirror. The layout is detailed in Bridgman's "grand plan," a thick notebook that lays out

the park's lighting down to the bulb.

"We've left a good paper trail, so whoever comes in after me will have to really understand this," she said. "You can't just come in and throw lights up."

While two full-time rangers maintain the park throughout the year, this event is entirely led by volunteers.

Preson Phillips is the park's manager, but on Saturday, he and his 8-year-old daughter Layne were suited up as volunteers.

"When they're all on, I get to remember that I helped put them all up," Layne said.

Phillips makes sure to set aside a weekend every year to help the volunteers.

"The state park is the host and we really keep things trimmed and pruned in advance," he said. "But sometimes it's hard to stay ahead of the volunteers."

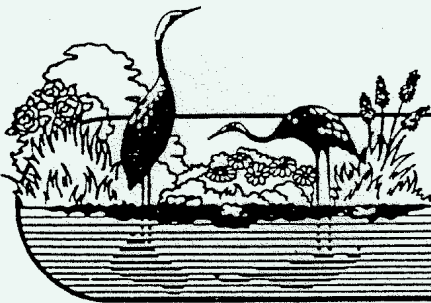
This year, visitors will see a new lighthouse sculpture, made by volunteer Ray Daniels, and a bumblebee sculpture, made by Bridgman's husband, David.

As of Saturday, the formal garden was almost all done except for two rows of lights around the hedges.

"We're way ahead of schedule because we had two really good weekends already," Bridgman said.

Marshfield High sophomore Alison Melo was excited to be on the decorating side of the event, since walking through the display every year is a Christmas tradition. "It brings everyone together," Melo said.

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Flip the switch on holiday lights



Two of the smaller animated light displays include the bumble bee and a hummingbird. The wings on both creatures are animated and appear to flutter around their flowers.



Photos by Lou Sennick, The World

The lights are ready and the volunteers and entertainment is lined up for this year's Holiday Lights season opening Thanksgiving evening at Shore Acres State Park. The light show is open evenings from 4-9:30 p.m. with a parking charge of \$5.

Annual extravaganza begins tonight

■ Holiday lights sparkle brighter with new sculptures

BY CHELSEA DAVIS
The World

Two new sculptures have been added to Shore Acres State Park's holiday lights display this year.

Visitors will see a new light-house sculpture, made by volunteer Ray Daniels, and a bumblebee sculpture, made by David Bridgham, who coordinates the annual display alongside his wife, Shirley.

There are two major themes in the sculptures: botanical gardens and marine life. Daniels' 15-foot lighthouse fit right in.

"I originally built it 10 years ago as a stage decoration for my daughter," he said. "She was the grand worthy advisor of The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls ... a young women's youth group."

At the annual convention, his daughter decorated the stage with an ocean theme. Daniels built the base of the lighthouse out of wooden sticks and cardboard covering, while the top has a rotating stained glass lens that has the seven colors of the rainbow, plus white.

"The lighthouse had been up in my barn ever since, up in the rafters in storage," he said. "Just last January I happened to be up in the barn and saw the thing. I thought, 'I wonder if Shore Acres would be interested in the lighthouse for part of their

Christmas decorations.'"

The Bridghams were definitely interested, so Daniels got to work making sure the lighthouse could withstand the weather. He built a new base out of metal and tweaked the top.

This year another volunteer suggested Bridgham build a bumblebee.

"We have such a large group of tried and true volunteers that work with us year to year to year that when they think of an idea, I listen, especially that fits our themes and is doable," he said.

Bridgham has created almost every single undersea garden sculpture, as well as the mushrooms and butterflies.

He uses small-gauge wire that he can bend by hand.

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"If I do thicker ones, like half-inch rebar, I'd have to heat it up and figure out how to bend it," he said. "There are people who are very good at that, like Eric Luckman at

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Quadel's. He has fabricated the frame for the pelicans, sea lions and salmon, all of which are heavier gauge."

Bridgham had never created metal sculptures before he and Shirley launched the lights show in 1987.

Other local artists help him plan his sculptures, like Don McMichael of North Bend.

"He designed some of the more intricate things like the orca that rolls and leaps," Bridgham said. "He put it on graph paper, the five sequences of the orca taking off, rolling and splashing. I put up a large net in the frame and recreated it with twine. I was able to expand the scale from a quarter-inch graph to 1-foot squares. I quite faith-

fully reproduced the orca in all five sequences on top of each other superimposed."

His sculptures take anywhere from a day to weeks to make depending on the size and animation. After he's done shaping the metal, it's powder-coated and he installs the LED lights.

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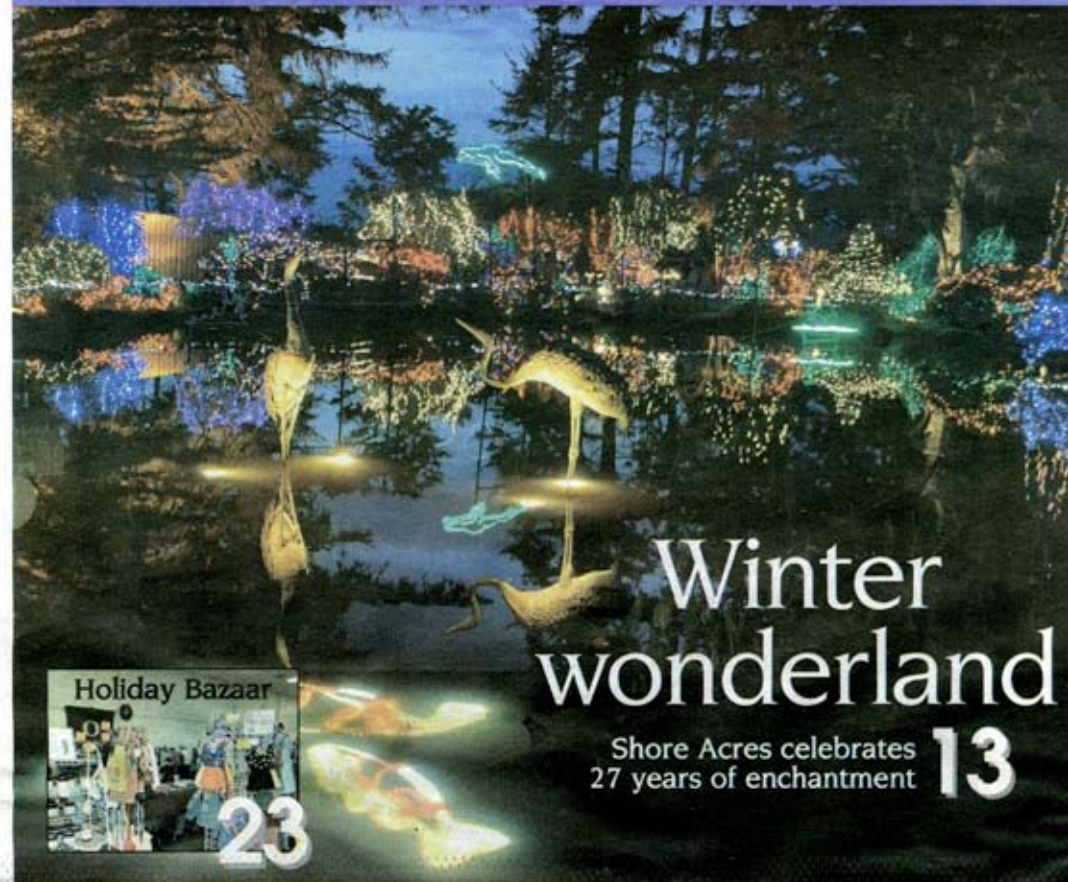
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Shore Acres State Park celebrates 27 years of holiday enchantment.

By JACK DAVIS
Coast Central

The greatest holiday light show on the entire Oregon coast has switched on at Shore Acres State Park, southwest of Coos Bay near Charleston. Now in its 27th season, this year's event will feature more than 300,000 lights and countless displays, including a life-sized orca whale leaping out of the water and a life-sized spouting gray whale.

The presentation runs every night now through Dec. 31. Hours are from 4 to 9:30 p.m.

The event started in 1987 by the non-profit group Friends of Shore Acres. Their first year's endeavor used 6,000 lights to decorate the grounds and the Garden House, as well as a single Christmas tree. They drew about 9,000 visitors.

Last year, nearly 47,000 visitors strolled the enchanting five-acre grounds, taking in the breathtaking visual



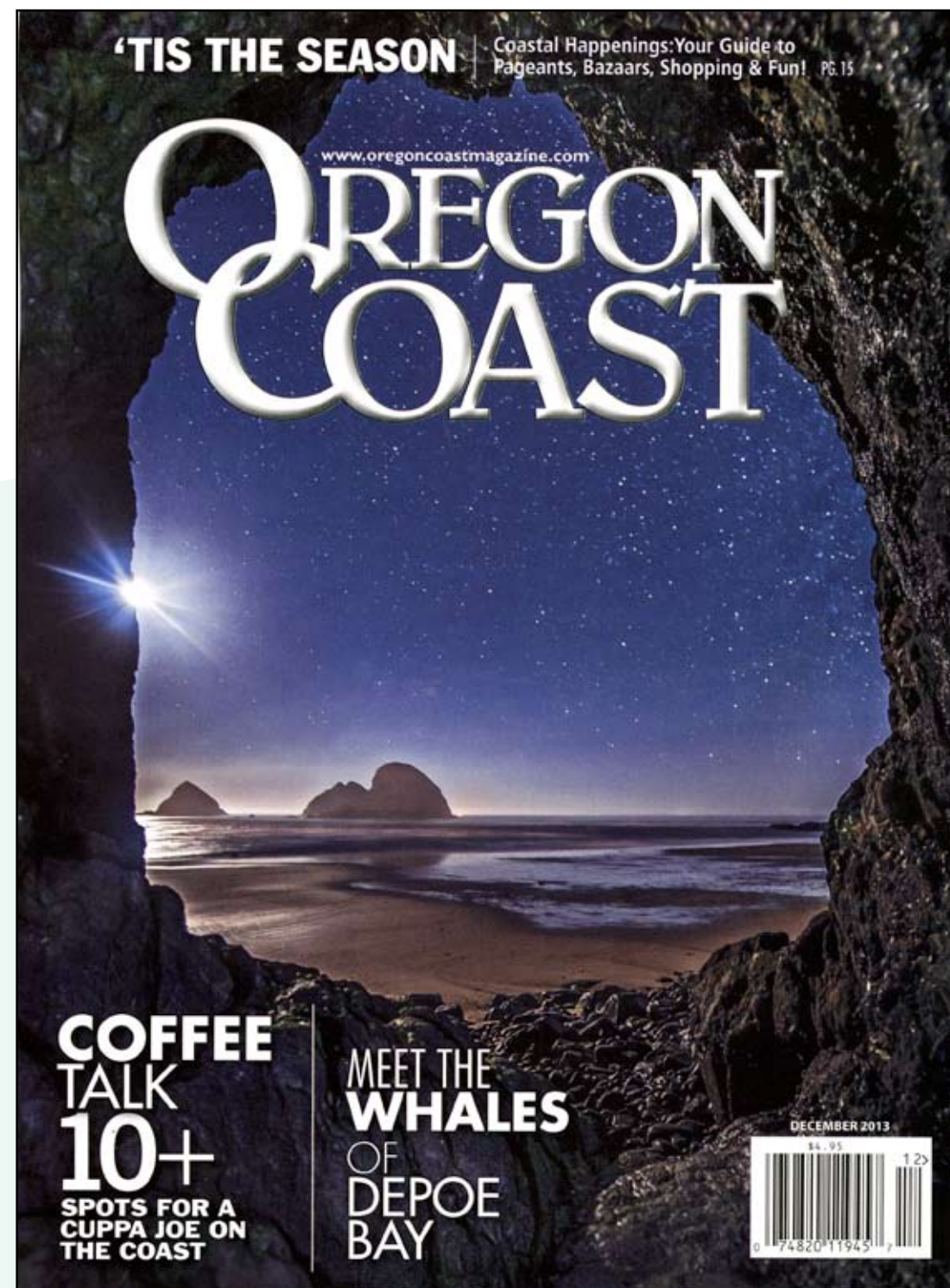
effects, stopping at the Victorian-style Garden House for hot cider, punch, coffee and cookies, and listening to carolers. The Shore Acres gift shop is also open and

packed with great gift items.

There is no charge for viewing the lights, and the walk through display is completely handicap accessible. There is a \$5 per vehicle fee for parking, unless you have one of the following passes: current OPRD Annual Parking Pass, Coastal Passport, current OPRD Campground Receipt or current Special Access Pass.

The displays are sponsored by various local businesses. In addition to the dozens of lighted displays, everything from soaring pelicans to leaping frogs, and sea urchins to hummingbirds, there are 26 decorated Christmas trees. It takes more than 1,500 volunteers to transform the park into this winter wonderland.

This community event is sponsored by Friends of Shore Acres Inc. in partnership with Shore Acres State Park, near Coos Bay, Ore. For more information, contact Shore Acres State Park at 541-888-3732 or go online to www.shoreacres.net.



COASTAL HAPPENINGS

A Cappella at The Mill

NOVEMBER 23, NORTH BEND

THE SOUND OF the holiday season radiates harmony when the Pacific Northwest's premiere a cappella band, The Coats, bring their incomparable harmony and high-octane vocal extravaganza to The Mill Casino on November 23.

The Coats will perform two shows filled with holiday music from their critically acclaimed and award-winning holiday CDs—singing a variety of timeless holiday classics accompanied by a drummer, a keyboard player, and saxophonist.

One of the earliest contemporary a cappella groups, The Coats began performing together in 1987 on the street corners of Seattle and at the famous Pike Place Market, when the four members were studying at the University of Washington. Singing for tourists, locals, fish vendors, and fellow huskers, their humble ambition of earning enough

COURTESY: SARAH CASE

to pay for their tuition quickly evolved into a full-time international performance career.

The Coats have won a number of national vocal competitions, performed once for the president of the United States, and have shared the stage with such talented entertainers as Ronnie Milsap, Trisha Yearwood, Montgomery Gentry, The Beach Boys, Tanya Tucker, Billy Dean, Crystal Gayle, and Colin Ray, all while continuing their tradition of outreach performances and workshops supporting music in schools throughout the Pacific Northwest. Tickets for the concerts are on sale at The Mill Casino for \$15. (800-953-4800; www.themillcasino.com)

Twinkling Tradition at Shore Acres

NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 31, CHARLESTON

THE BRIGHTEST PLACE on the Oregon Coast shines as brightly as ever November 28-December 31 for the annual and very popular Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park. The walk-through display includes 300,000 LED lights, 30 large landscape lights, dozens of small landscape lights, 26 large holiday trees, and a beautifully decorated Garden House.

The light sculptures are a huge draw—the must-see sculptures include the life-size leaping orca and a life-size spouting gray whale, a "jumping" frog in a pond, Koi carp, playful sea lions, and a myriad of other sea creatures including pelicans, puffins, jellyfish, Dungeness crab, and more.

Last year, nearly 50,000 visitors from 45 different states and 28 countries viewed the lights display, where

COURTESY: TIMOTHY BROSCHAM/THINKS OF SHORE ACRES

they also had the opportunity to enjoy the hot cider, punch, coffee, and cookies available in the Garden House and listen to live entertainment in the Performance Pavilion.

The display is open every night, including Christmas, from Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve from 4-9:30 p.m. There is no charge for lights viewing but parking is \$5 per vehicle or current parking pass. (541-888-3732; www.shoreacres.net)

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Plan an evening out

A night with thousands of lights

BY BETH BURBACK
The World

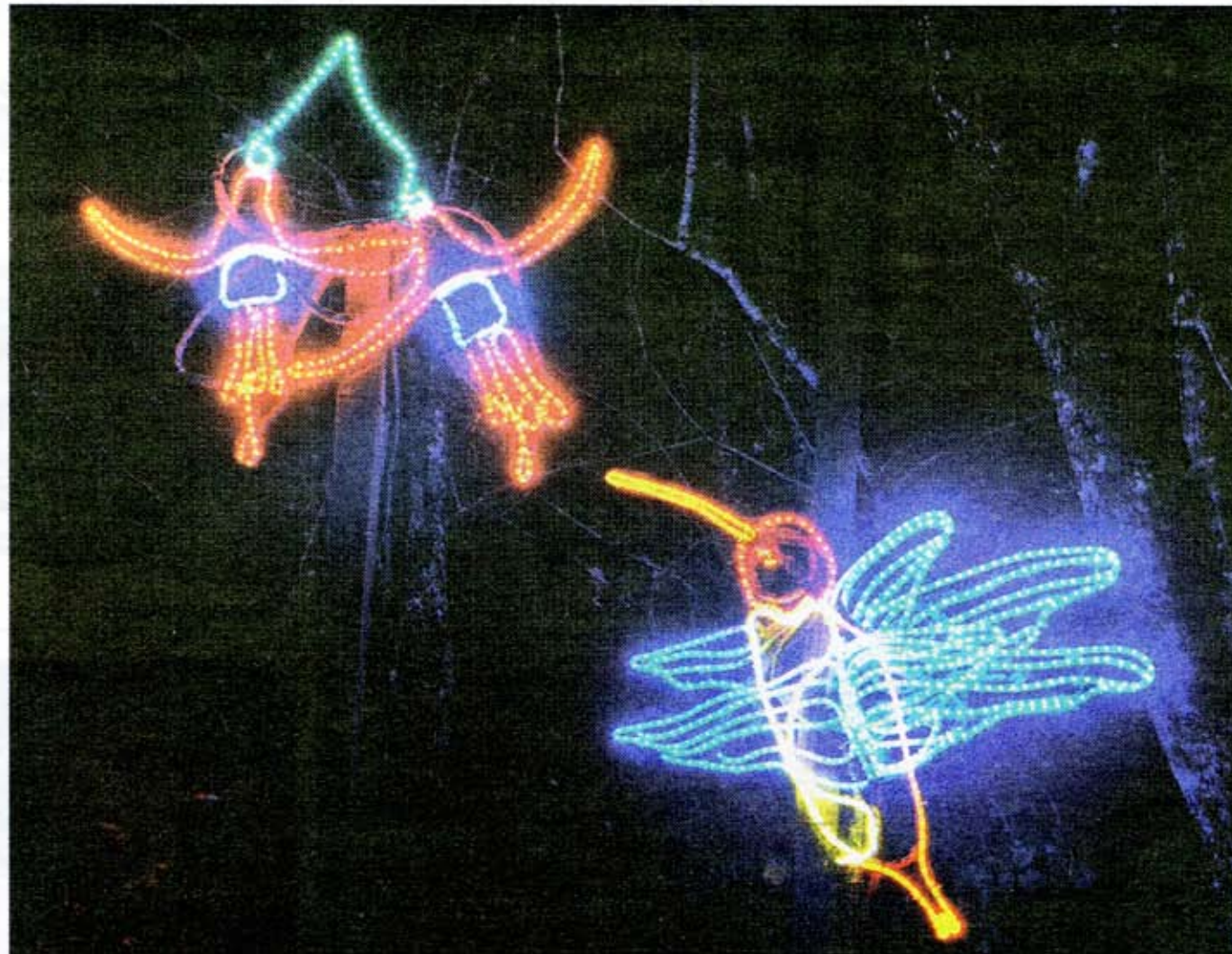
CHARLESTON — It's that time of year. Family and friends make the journey to visit loved ones who live on the Southern Oregon coast. Those lucky enough to come here will have the opportunity to visit the annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park located at 89039 Cape Arago Highway in Charleston.

People from all over the globe have signed the register with something nice to say about the spectacular light display. Last year, an estimated 4,700 or more spent an evening strolling through the park. Parking will be \$5 per vehicle filled to capacity, so invite someone along. Also accepted for parking, a current OPRD annual parking permit or Coastal Passport or current state park campground receipt.

Dozens of community members helped the Friends of Shore Acres hang lights. This year more than 300,000 LED lights were placed in trees; on shrubs; in on and around the cottage; all over the pavilion; on pergolas; on foot bridges; on sculptures and anything else that could hold a string of lights. New to this year's display, a bumble bee and lighthouse sculpture have been added.

The show takes place beginning Thursday, Nov. 28 (Thanksgiving) and continuing through New Year's Eve 4-9:30 p.m. Live entertainment (subject to change) will be scheduled at some point at the pavilion; The Garden House will be open with community members serving coffee, cider, cookies and punch; and the Friend's Information & Gift Center also will be open.

For more information visit www.shoreacres.net.



By Lou Sennick, The World

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Shore Acres State Park: Holiday Lights, music and refreshments with friends in the Garden House

CHARLESTON — It's that time of year. Family and friends make the journey to visit loved ones who live on the Southern Oregon coast. Those lucky enough to come here will have the opportunity to visit the annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park located at 89039 Cape Arago Highway in Charleston.

People from all over the globe have signed the register with something nice to say about the spectacular light display. Last year, an estimated 4,700 or more spent an evening strolling through the park. Parking is \$5 per vehicle filled to capacity, so invite someone along. Also accepted for parking, a current OPRD annual parking permit or Coastal Passport or current state park campground receipt.

Dozens of community members helped the Friends of Shore Acres hang lights. This year more than 300,000 LED lights were placed in trees; on shrubs; in, on and around the cottage; all over the pavilion; on pergolas; on foot bridges; on sculptures and anything else that could hold a string of lights. New to this year's display, a bumble bee and lighthouse sculpture have been added.

The show continues through New Year's Eve 4-9:30 p.m. Live entertainment (subject to change) will be scheduled at the pavilion; The Garden House is open with community members serving coffee, cider, cookies and punch; and the Friends' Information & Gift Center also will be open.

For more information visit www.shoreacres.net.

Pavilion entertainment schedule Saturday, Dec. 21 — Sunday, Dec. 29

4-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 — Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
6-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 — Clint Guevara and Friends
4-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22 — Johnny Salzano (Sax)
5-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22 — Tuba Group
7-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22 — First Presbyterian Church of North Bend
6-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23 — Cape Blanco English Handbell Choir
6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26 — Cape Blanco English Handbell Choir
4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29 — Tuba Group



Photos by Lou Sennick, The World





2013 - NEW LIGHTHOUSE CREATED BY RAY DANIELS

Shirley Bridgham



2013 - NEW ANIMATED BUMBLE BEE BY DAVID BRIDGHAM

Shirley Bridgham

Holiday Lights – “THE BEST!!! EVER” – Portland

BY SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM

The 27TH annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park saw an estimated 48,416 visitors in practically perfect weather. Visitors came from 32 countries and the U.S. and 45 states and Washington, D.C. Oregon cities numbered 210; California cities numbered 119; Washington cities numbered 78; and cities and towns from other states numbered 181.

The new Lighthouse and the animated Bumble Bee drew wonderful reviews as did the 300,000 LED lights, 48 lighted sculptures, 26 large Christmas trees and landscape lighting on the giant evergreens that surround the gardens and pond.

Welcoming host teams and refreshments in the beautifully decorated Garden House and excellent entertainers in the Pavilion completed a perfect picture of this very successful *community tradition* on Oregon’s Adventure Coast.

Some of the comments from visitors:
Our favorite tradition! - Federal Way, WA; *GREAT! a Must See* - Martinsburg, PA; *Epic Awesomness!!!!* - North Bend; and *THE BEST!!! EVER* - Portland, Oregon. ■

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

Luis Velasquez

Stats and Thanks - Holiday Lights 2013 - An Estimated 48,416 Visitors

32 COUNTRIES (OTHER THAN THE U.S.) * 45 STATES AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

CITIES AND TOWNS: 210 OREGON; 119 CALIFORNIA; 78 WASHINGTON; 187 CITIES & TOWNS FROM OTHER STATES

- Albany, OR - Fine, so fine
- Bandon, OR - Most Beautiful!
- Bloomington, IN - Thanks!
- Bridgeville, DE - So Beautiful!
- Burnsville, MN - Unique
- Canby, OR - Appreciate Volunteer Efforts - Absolutely Gorgeous
- Colchester, VT - Love the animals!
- Coos Bay, OR - No words - beyond awesome!
- Coquille, OR - Beautiful House!
- Croton Falls, NY - Fantastic!
- Delmar, NY - It was worth the trip!
- Germany - Breathtaking, a pure joy for the eyes and the soul.
- Gleneden Beach, OR - "The Best in the Northwest"
- Gold Beach, OR - Best in the West!
- Grays Harbor, WA - Amazingly beautiful!
- Hammonton, NJ - Beautiful!!!!
- Happy Valley, OR - Really cute little house
- Huntington, WV - Beautiful!
- Incline Village, NV - Wow
- Jacksonville, OR - More beautiful each year
- Kalispell, MT - Dramatic!
- Klamath Falls, OR - Beautiful! I didn't want to leave.
- La Junta, CO - Unbelievable!
- Lancashire, England, UK - Really stunning
- Liberty Hill, TX - Super
- Lincoln, NE - FANTASTIC
- Medford, MA - Love this every year!
- Medford, OR - One of Our Favorite Traditions
- Modjeska Canyon, CA - Speechless!
- Myrtle Point, OR - Best Time of my Life!!!
- Newport, OR - A true wonder of the world!
- NY / CA - Peaceful sea surprise
- Oakland, OR - Fantastic lightwork!



Robynn Reed

- Palmer, AK - Creative and beautiful
- Pleasanton, CA - Beautiful!
- Portland, OR - Beautiful Again! Love the Lighthouse!
- Portland, OR - Thanks volunteers.
- Pueblo, CO - Beautiful!
- Rancho Cordova, CA - Always good!!!
- Reedsport, OR - Dazzling!
- Reston, VA - Beautiful!
- Riverton, WY - Beautiful
- Roseburg, OR - Makes my Christmas.
- Salem, OR - Must tell everyone
- Sutherlin, OR - Positive Spirit
- Thayne, WY - Amazing!
- Veneta, OR - The Simpsons would be proud.
- Wichita, KS - Simply Beautiful!
- Yucaipa, CA - Extraordinary!!!

Thanks, Lights Pledge Supporters 2013!

LED Lights

- 6,667** Shinglehouse Auto Wreckers
- 4,467** Abel Insurance Agency-Harry & Francie Abel
- 3,334** Barbara K. Mills
- 2,334** Cornelia & Don Barnhart
- 2,100** The Portside Restaurant
- 2,000** Coastal Paper & Supply-Bob & Johanna Dillard Hough; MacAdam & Wartnik LLC
- 1,667** Huggins Insurance-Bob & Janet Huggins
- 1,400** Azalea Acres; Inc.- Richard; Betty; Steven & Wesa Liles; Best Western Holiday Motel; David & Shirley Bridgham Coos Bay Grocery Outlet- Patricia & Sven Backman & Crew Edgewater Inn Motel; Coos Bay J. W. White Painting-Jay & Melody White Miller's at the Cove; Prudential Seaboard Properties The Mill Casino-Hotel & RV Park; Jim & Diane Verger
- 1,334** Nancy Robinson
- 1,125** Coos Bay Fire & Rescue
- 1,050** Michael A. Gordon; CPA (Not Your Basic Bean Counter)
- 807** Tom's Lock & Key-Steve & Cathy Clark
- 700** Art Connection; Bob's Appliance-Bob & Gayle DePeal Ray Gapp; Clare D. Gove CPA PC; Honda World James & Ellen Montalbano; Northwestern Mutual-Dick & Jan Vigue Pacific Corp/Pacific Power; Donald & Joanne Poage Ted Jay Terry; DMD & Staff; Thomas & Sons Transportation Windemere / North Point Inc
- 667** Cheslock Optical-Dr. James & Rhea Cheslock Oyster Cove LLC - Martha Butler
- 400** Charleston Harbor Inn in memory of John A. Castro High Tide Cafe LLC - Carol Rodde & Steve Raplee
- 360** Cedar Electric & Construction; Inc.
- 350** James and Archina Davenport Gold Coast Truck Repair-Butch & Jacque Shields Betsy Groben; Debbie Ploeger; Blair and Terry Samuelson Shoji Planning; LLC-Crystal & Gene Shoji Slippery Slope Soap Shop-Pauline & Ron Vierra Donald and Priscilla Zobel

Special Thanks to Fred Meyer - **22nd Year** of donating 100 cases of frozen apple juice for hot apple cider and 10 cases of frozen pink lemonade for punch and discounts on cookies.

Special Thanks to Roto Rooter- Jim and Mike Collatt - **20th Year** of providing "Santacans" at a substantial discount.



Ready for a New Year - Friends' Information & Gift Center

AN ALL-VOLUNTEER OPERATION MANAGED BY LOU AND SHARON KOLKHORST

OPEN HOURS ♦ JAN. THRU FEB. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM ♦ MAR. THRU THANKSGIVING EVE - 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM
THANKSGIVING THRU NEW YEAR'S EVE - 3:30 - ~~9:30~~ PM



The Information and Gift Center, also referred to as the IGC or Gift Shop, is primarily focused on providing information for the many visitors to Shore Acres State Park. It is also a fun place to work and visit with people from all over the world.

Finally, we hope it is a fun

place for you to find items that reflect our local area as related to plants, gardening, wildlife, sea life, native culture and the history of our area.

First, we try to find items produced locally . . . then made in Oregon or in the United States . . . and finally worldwide to achieve this. All IGC proceeds remain at Shore Acres to help enhance the park's beauty.

Currently, we are producing the majority our own postcards from local photographers and printed locally so that they relate to what you see in our park. *They are sold only in our gift shop.* They relate to our Gardens, Holiday Lights, and other activities in our park and the local area.

We work with our vendors to produce our photos and images on products such as coasters, blankets, clothing, coffee mugs and various other items that reflect your memories from your visit to our area. We invite you to come and enjoy Shore Acres State Park and the formal gardens and take home a memory of your visit from our shop. ■

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO HELP US IN THE IGC

*If you really want to have fun and have a spare Saturday during the year, please call Vee at **541-888-5447** or Betty at **541-267-7597** and tell them you would like to volunteer. The Information and Gift Center phone is **541-888-2472** or toll free **866-888-6100** if you just have a question for us.*



INFORMATION & GIFT CENTER AT HOLIDAY LIGHTS TIME

SHORE ACRES - MORE THAN 100 YEARS DVDs PRODUCED BY FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES

- GARDENS ABOVE THE WAVES – AN OVERVIEW OF THE GARDENS, THE PARK, THE SEA LIONS, THE FAMOUS “WAVE” AND HOLIDAY LIGHTS SCENES
- THE SHORE ACRES STORY THAT TELLS THE HISTORY OF SHOREACRES AND THE SIMPSONS
- HOLIDAY LIGHTS SCENES SET TO MUSIC, NEW IN 2013
- HOLIDAY LIGHTS SCREENSAVER, NEW IN 2014.

AVAILABLE AT THE GARDENS

Interpretive Cards

- Garden Map
- Roses
- Trail Map

Brochures

- Gifts and Memorials
- Holiday Lights
- Membership / History
- Rhododendrons & Azaleas
- Roses
- Simpson Reef & Shell Island

Also at www.shoreacres.net

Springtime at the “Gardens Above the Waves”



Garden House Repairs – May 2014

FINDINGS BY CALVIN L. LEWIS CONSTRUCTION LLC



The interior of the attic roof was inspected during a rainstorm and no leaks were found. The chimney was cleaned and inspected and found to be in very good condition including the flashing and mortar. During repairs to the roof ridge and the porch roof hips, it was found that they all have stainless steel flashing under the cedar caps. All other repairs were completed according to the project scope.

The north upper eave board and fascia trim were found to be rotten and failing. Also, six of the rafter ends were found to be rotten and failing. Short pieces of 2X4 were nailed to the sides of the rafters. The eave boards and trim were replaced in kind with CVG Douglas Fir as a change order. The change order included repairing the small upper SE window including the addition of copper flashing, new shingles, and caulking.



When the framing of the South side of the front porch was exposed it was determined that the house had been originally clad with cedar shingles as there were no other nail holes in the framing to indicate replacement of older siding.

During the removal of shingles on the South side of the front porch several stamps were discovered listing the mills that they came from. One was for the North Bend Shingle Mill. This mill was half owned by L. J. Simpson and burned down in 1918. Currently, it appears that the front (West) wall and upper gable, and the back (East) upper gable still have mostly the original cedar shingles from when the house was built. ■

NOTE: PHOTOS FROM POWER POINT PROGRAM ON FILE

Tradition – Annual “Flower” Days Since 1988

Refreshments in the Garden House - 11 AM - 4 PM

For more than 25 years, Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. has sponsored annual “flower days” from Spring to Fall. From rhododendrons to roses to bonsai, orchids and dahlias, visitors get information from experts and see beautiful displays in the Garden House and out in the Gardens. Each flower day runs from 11 am to 4 pm and Friends volunteers serve cookies, coffee and punch in the Garden House. ■

*Rhododendron Sunday
Mother's Day - May 11*



MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHWESTERN OREGON CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY DISPLAY OF CUT RHODIES AND EXPERT ADVICE FOR VISITORS. FRONT L-R LEE VINCENT, LIZ HULTIN, JACK HACKETT, BACK L-R RAY LEE, BOB MACINTYRE, VINCE VINCENT

*Rose Sunday
Father's Day - June 15*



LOVELY DISPLAY OF ROSES BY THE SOUTHWESTERN OREGON ROSE SOCIETY

Three More Flower Days in 2014

*Bonsai Day - Aug. 16 - Bay Area Bonsai Society
"Exquisite Miniature Plants"*

*Orchid Day - Sept. 20 - Pacific Orchid Society
"Gems of the Rain Forest"*

*Dahlia Day - Sept. 27
Southern Oregon Dahlia Society "Dazzling Dahlias"*

Oregon State Parks Day and National Garden Week



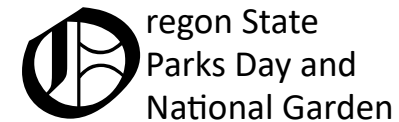
SCHOLARSHIP WINNER NICOLE NORTON AND COOS BAY GARDEN CLUB DISPLAY

Each year, the Coos Bay Garden Club selects a Marshfield High School senior with interests (preferably) in horticulture, botany or science to receive a \$1000 college scholarship. Most recent recipient Nichole Norton plans to continue her education at Southwestern Oregon Community College then on to Oregon State University for a Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife Biology. Her desire is to work toward a career in Wildlife Rehabilitation. ■

Congratulations!



MAKING GREETING CARDS USING PRESSED FLOWERS AND LEAVES.



Oregon State Parks Day and National Garden Week were celebrated on June 7, from 11 AM to 4 PM at Shore Acres State Park. The \$5 parking fee was waived and Friends of Shore Acres volunteers served refreshments in the Garden House. Also, the Friends' Information & Gift Center offered a 10 percent discount on merchandise.

The Coos Bay Garden Club displayed a tri-fold of the Club's history from 1929 to present. It also included the recipients for "Garden of the Year," Doc and Joy Robbins' of Coos Bay.

"We were very fortunate to celebrate Shore Acres State Park and what it offered us," said Cheryl Drumheller, "lovely gardens with plants and flowers from around the world, a formal garden, a Japanese-style garden with a lily pond, and two rose gardens, and a trail that led to the beach.

Avid gardeners looking for that "right flower" had the opportunity to visit and talk with several members of participating flower societies who displayed their prized flowers. The participants were enthusiastic and willing to educate the general public on planting, propagating, and growing a specific plant.

Participants included: Southwestern Oregon Chapter American Rhododendron Society; Bay Area Bonsai Society; Coos Bay Garden Club; Friends of Hinsdale Gardens; Pacific Orchid Society; Southern Oregon Dahlia Society and SouthWestern Oregon Rose Society.

Shore Acres Ranger Pam Stevens gave an informative presentation on how to make a hanging basket arrangement using moss as the base medium. In addition, children and adults created personal greeting cards using pressed flowers and leaves.

Sue Martino of Friends of Hinsdale Gardens thought the day's events were a worthwhile endeavor. "Many people were not aware that the Hinsdale Gardens exist, so it gave us some exposure." ■



RHODY EXPERTS ANSWER QUESTIONS.

Another Friends' Tradition Since 1988

Oregon Coast Music Festival

BY SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM

This tradition started on July 24, 1988 when the Friends of Shore Acres decided to sell fruit kabobs at the Oregon Coast Music Festival's Garden Concert and also hold the first Rose Sunday the same day. Unfortunately, most attendees brought fruit with their lunches, so we had many kabobs left over.

The next season we offered fresh raspberry sundaes — folks don't bring ice cream — and sundaes became a traditional favorite for Festival goers. ■



1988- DAVID BRIDGHAM, JOHN BERGEN, DONNA SMITH, FRANK SMITH, NELLIE RIPPER AND FRIENDS



2014 - PATTY CURTIS, BILLIE BERGSTROM, BRIAN BERGSTROM, BARB TAYLOR, PAM STEVENS - THANKS TO KATHI AND DENNIS NETTER FOR THE FRESH RASPBERRIES!

Garden Concert - July 19 - Kukuva Marimba

Sponsored by Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.



NEWS FROM SUNSET BAY MANAGEMENT UNIT

BY PRESON PHILLIPS, PARK MANAGER



It's the summer of 2014 and the park is in stride. The Friends of Shore Acres and Shore Acres staff are moving along with long measured steps. Thanks to their efforts, many needed repairs and upgrades are complete. Other projects are in the planning stage.

I am humbled by the dedication and commitment to this wonderful park experience that we are all proud to share with the world. ■

PROJECT #1 - PRESERVING THE WINDOWS



REPAIRS IN PROGRESS



PRESERVATION NEARLY COMPLETE

Amy McAuley is the owner of Oculus Fine Carpentry, Inc. in Port Orford, Oregon. Started in 2002, Oculus specializes in the conservation of historic windows and doors. Notable projects include the Pioneer Courthouse, Fort Dalles, Heceta Head Lighthouse, and Yaquina Head Lighthouse. Amy has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Oregon, one year of post baccalaureate work in Architecture at Portland State University and 17 years of on-the-job experience in historic structures. Her emphasis is in working with traditional tools and techniques to conserve and build sash for historic structures. In Oregon she focuses on 19th and early 20th century buildings. She has demonstrated widely across the U. S. and in Canada. She also teaches yearly at the Pacific Northwest Field School run by the University of Oregon. ■

NEWS FROM THE ROCKY SHORES NATURALIST INTERPRETIVE RANGER

BY ZOE SHAHEEN



I am privileged to represent Sunset Bay State Park as the Rocky Shores Naturalist. I grew up in New Jersey and only recently ventured west to explore the beauty of Oregon's natural and cultural history. I studied Marine & Environmental Biology and Policy on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean at Monmouth University and taught Salt Marsh and Ocean Ecology as a field guide for the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium. It was there I discovered an innate passion for education. I originally moved to Oregon to pursue my career as an environmental educator. I imagined that following my passion would be enjoyable, but it has turned out much more as I have embarked on the journey of a lifetime.

I was immediately drawn to the rocky shores and fascinated by the quality and diversity of life sustained in every inch of the Oregon coastline.

This thriving ecosystem was inspiring and I felt responsible to protect its natural, cultural and historic resources. Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. has provided me with an enriching opportunity as the Rocky Shores Naturalist Interpretive Ranger. I am proud to protect these resources and enthused to educate present and future generations.

I am responsible for leading and developing a variety of educational programs for park visitors including guided walks, youth based activities, and day and evening programs. Programs are designed to reflect the natural and scenic resources of the park as well as the historic and cultural. Programs range from tidepool walks and native plant walks, to marine debris transport and animal grossology.

Undoubtedly, one of my favorite programs is the Simpson Walk. During this program I share the sensational story of the Simpson family and unite the history of Shore Acres with the spectacular place that it is today. I am honored to be the interpreter sharing this rich cultural history with today's community.

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. has provided me with a foundation for success and an opportunity to share my passion of learning and education with the public. I am grateful to be part of this community and I feel privileged to work beside dedicated and compassionate folks. Certainly, I love my job. ■



Cape Arago South Cove



Shore Acres' Simpson Beach and Cliffs



Site of Shore Acres Tennis Courts

Bonsai Day – August 16, 2014

Bay Area Bonsai Society presents Exquisite Miniature Plants



EVA AHUNA DEMONSTRATES TRIMMING WHILE THEO STANLEY WATCHES.



DEB WIGANT, GEORGE AHUNA, BETTY KENNEDY AND THEO STANLEY

Shore Acres – The Place We Love



Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

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