



Shore Acres State Park
Before Friends - 1986

Album 28



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
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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, 2014 - August 31, 2015

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. - Annual Meeting and Board Meeting Highlights September 9, 2014 – Shore Acres Garden House

ANNUAL MEETING

- Call to Order: President Dell Willis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- Directors present: David Bridgham, Shirley Bridgham, Betty Kennedy, Sharon Kolkhorst, Lou Kolkhorst, Roberta Willis, Ray Daniels, Dawn Buxton, Kathy Metzger, Vee Elliott, Barb Taylor, and Robynn Reed.
- Directors excused: Joan Clifton, Jack Gilham.
- Guests: Preson Phillips (OPRD), Kathi and Dennis Netter.
- Welcome remarks were given by President Dell Willis along with his thanks for all of the help and support from Board members and volunteers he has received this year.
- Ray Daniels and Roberta Willis were appointed to the Board in March, 2014 to fill out the positions of Dennis and Kathi Netter. The Netter's terms would have expired in 2016. Therefore, the Nominations Coordinator nominates Ray Daniels and Roberta Willis to serve for two (2) years, with terms expiring in Sept. 2016. The Nominations Coordinator also nominates Shirley Bridgham, Dawn Buxton, Sharon Kolkhorst, Kathy Metzger, Robynn Reed and Barb Taylor to serve for three (3) years, with terms expiring in Sept. 2017. According to the Bylaws of Friends of Shore Acres Inc., "The Board of Directors will be composed of three (3) to fifteen (15) members." When these nominees are re-elected to the Board, the total number of Directors will be 15. Motion to cast an unanimous ballot for Board members nominated. **MSP: Lou/ Robynn**
- Outgoing President Dell Willis passed the gavel to incoming President Sharon Kolkhorst.
- Adjournment to see Garden House restorations and have Ice Cream Sundaes - 7:07 PM

BOARD MEETING

- President Sharon Kolkhorst called the Board meeting to order at 7:20 PM.
- Directors, Guests present and Directors excused: Same as Annual Meeting
- **BOARD OFFICERS NOMINATIONS:** President-Elect Kathy Metzger; Secretary David Bridgham, Treasurer Barb Taylor: Elected Unanimously
- **REVIEW OF MINUTES** (August 12, 2014): MSP: Lou/Vee.
- **FINANCIAL REPORT** - Balance Sheet as of Aug. 31, 2014, Total: \$76,969.80 (Details on file)
- **IGC REPORT** - Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst: Sales are up 9.27% for the year. Sales for August up \$4,000. Bed & Breakfast ticket sales total 52 to date

STATE PARKS REPORT - Preson Phillips:

- FOSA funded redwood to rebuild garden benches are being stained in preparation for 4 fountain benches and IGC benches/table. Eight more benches to follow in 2015.
- Waiting for bid from Greg Brock (built fountain - concrete, tile and brick work) for replacing asphalt path with exposed aggregate on east side of garden, between formal garden and upper pond path.
- Cal Lewis - nearly completed roof repairs for the Observation Building.
- Replaced memorial bench on the lighthouse loop trail (north of tennis courts).
- Cape Arago paving - started 9/8, completion target 9/18 before car show 9/20.
- Rocky Shores Naturalist Zoe Shaheen is working until 9/19 this year.
- Volunteer "Thank You" luncheon to be held on 9/24 at the Garden House (Coach House/Big Tents).

OLD BUSINESS

- Dahlia Day and Orchid Day volunteers have been scheduled - Betty Kennedy.
- Holiday Lights - Fred Meyer will donate 100 cases of apple juice and 10 cases of pink lemonade as well as discount on cost of cookies again. Everything is ready for light stringers in five weeks - Shirley Bridgham.
- Holiday Lights Hosting, we're booked - Kathy Metzger.
- Holiday Lights Sponsored Trees - Notices sent out to last year's sponsors and waiting for responses. We have a waiting list if anyone drops out. - Dawn Buxton
- Holiday Lights Cider Spice making, scheduled for Sept. 26th - Kathi Netter.
- Lou and Sharon are working with Ellie on a revised schedule for IGC volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS - None

GOOD OF THE ORDER - Shirley showed the first album of the Archival Albums Project.

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014 - North Bend Public Library 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted, David Bridgham, Secretary



September Brings New President for 2014-15

MESSAGE FROM INCOMING PRESIDENT . . .

BY SHARON KOLKHORST, PRESIDENT 2014-15



Oregon State Parks holds a Biennial Co-op Conference which includes Friends groups state wide. The theme of the 2013 Conference was "A Journey Through Time." In the fabric of my life my Shore Acres Journey is a thread that started for me during the mid 1940s. Our family Sunday drive to the beach included stops at Sunset Bay to beachcomb, Shore Acres to see the waves and what was blooming in the garden and then

on to Cape Arago. At Shore Acres and Cape Arago, when in season, we picked wild strawberries that were half the size of a dime. My two favorite places at Shore Acres were the greenhouse when begonias were in bloom and the pond to count goldfish. For years I wondered why, as a child, I didn't have any strong memory of the Garden House. I have concluded that it was because it looked too much like the old house we lived in.

When Lou and I lived in Seattle, every trip to Coos Bay included a drive to the gardens. On one of these visits we had an opportunity to volunteer in the Garden House on Christmas Eve. We were hooked. It was our first Holiday Lights and we both knew that when we returned to Coos Bay we were going to volunteer at Shore Acres. In 1998 we were able to keep this promise we made to ourselves by helping string lights. What fun! We were standing in pools of water with long sticks trying to get the lights "just right." To quote the late Seattle Mariners broadcaster, Dave Niehaus, "My, oh my!" When the stringing was completed and the lights turned on it was worth every tingle.

After the Holiday Lights, we were asked if we would like to volunteer about 3 hours a month working in the Information and Gift Center. Now we ask ourselves, "Did they say a month or a day?"

We are proud to be a part of this wonderful community project and members of Friends of Shore Acres. I look forward to my turn as President. ■

SHORE ACRES' GREENHOUSE A FAVORITE OF MANY VISITORS



Autumn Brings Traditional Events

ORCHID DAY - SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

"GEMS OF THE RAIN FOREST"

EXQUISITE DISPLAY OF ORCHIDS IN THE GARDEN HOUSE

BY THE PACIFIC ORCHID SOCIETY



DAHLIA DAY - SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

ANNUAL DISPLAY OF DAHLIAS IN THE FORMAL GARDENS

"DAZZLING DISPLAY" OF DAHLIAS IN THE GARDEN HOUSE

BY THE SOUTHERN OREGON DAHLIA SOCIETY



**COOKIES, COFFEE AND PUNCH IN THE GARDEN HOUSE AT
BOTH EVENTS BY FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES VOLUNTEERS**

Autumn Publicity

THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - September 2014

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SHIPWRECKS

Many shipwrecks have figured in the history of the South Coast. For instance, the first non-native settlement in Coos County was Camp Castaway, built in 1852 on Coos Bay's North Spit by the soldiers and crew of the wrecked schooner Captain Lincoln.

The schooner was bringing troops to Port Orford when it was beached in a storm. With the help of natives, the crew and soldiers built a tent city on the sand and lived there for five months until another ship came to pick up the supplies and the troops finished their journey to Port Orford on foot.

In contrast, the 1915 wreck of the steam schooner Santa Clara off the South Spit of the bay brought unpleasant notoriety to Coos Bay. Fourteen passengers and crewmen died when their lifeboats capsized in the surf. When the weather cleared, townspeople arrived to aid the survivors — and to illegally loot the cargo. They even tried to dynamite the ship to

get into the holds, destroying much of the cargo in the process.

The most troublesome wreck of recent years was that of the New Carissa, an empty chip freighter that ran aground on the North Spit in 1999. Leaking fuel killed wildlife and the bay's commercial oyster crop, and when the remaining fuel was burned, the ship split into two parts. The bow was towed to Waldport, but the stern remained off Horsfall Beach until 2008, when it was salvaged.

The book, "Shipwrecks of Coos County," by H.S. Contino, is a fascinating picture history of more than 100 local wrecks.



Shore Acres State Park

Shore Acres State Park was originally the estate of lumber tycoon and North Bend founder Louis B. Simpson. A three-story mansion was built in 1907, and the gardens were

stocked with exotics brought from around the world on Simpson's ships.

When his wife died and the home burned in 1921, Simpson began building a bigger one,

moving into it in 1928 with his new wife and their two daughters. But the 1929 crash and the depression that followed took Simpson's properties, including Shore Acres. In 1942, the mortgage holder sold Shore Acres to the state of Oregon for a park. The house was razed in 1948.

Today the gardens have been restored and, in the sheltered setting, something is in bloom almost every day of the year. Visitors can stroll the paths, climb down to the beach, or watch the surf from the enclosed observation structure on the former site of the Simpson residence.

But that's not all. In 1987, the Friends of Shore Acres strung their first 6,000 miniature lights, put up a Christmas tree, and decorated the Garden House. Nine thousand visitors came to ooh and aah.

Contrast that with 2013, when 1,500 volunteers decorated the Garden House, strung 300,000 LED lights, decorated 26 Christmas trees, placed dozens of landscape lights and erected dozens of light sculptures, including moving animals and underwater displays. Local musicians sang and played carols in the pavilion. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve, 48,000 visitors toured the lights. Now, that's a lot of volunteer labor — and several hundred thousand oohs and aahs.



'Welcome to North Bend' sign

In 2011, the city of North Bend installed the current "Welcome to North Bend/Come Back to North Bend" sign at the north entrance to town. It's the latest in a succession of signs that have graced that location since 1936.

The original sign and its successors underwent various repairs and improvements, but too often, in the rainy and windy coastal climate, they welcomed visitors to NO TH B ND. The original sign was red neon, but it was changed to green at some point.

The current sign is a red neon replica installed on new support pylons closer to the bridge than the original. When engineers deemed the old sign and its pylons unsafe, the city considered erecting a sign using modern LED technology. But tradition won out.

The Oregon Department of Transportation also kept tradition in mind when it "grandfathered in" installation of the new sign. The 1936 sign was one of the last over-the-highway neon signs ever approved in the state.

Art Deco doodads on the new sign and the design of the new pylons reflect the style of the iconic McCullough Bridge nearby. The city donated the previous sign to the Coos County Historical and Maritime Museum.



Image courtesy of the Coos Historical & Maritime Museum: Image 981-190.15 b
North Bend's neon sign, pictured circa 1930, over Sherman Avenue is one of the few that arches over a state or federal highway. Erected in November 1936, its steel structural supports echo the design of McCullough Bridge. During winter months, the \$790 sign was illuminated from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon – Sept. 24, 2014



(L-R) PRESON PHILLIPS, PARK MGR, SUNSET BAY MGMT UNIT;
DAVID BRIDGHAM, FRIENDS' SECRETARY, AND PARK HOST



(L-R) LARRY BECKER, ASST. MGR, AREA 4 SOUTHWESTERN
OREGON AND LOU KOLKHORST, VOLUNTEER CO-MANAGER
FRIENDS' INFORMATION & GIFT CENTER



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COORDINATORS FOR HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Holiday Lights . . . Getting Ready






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Vehicle Parking
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Holiday Lights – A Major Undertaking

BY DAVID BRIDGHAM

What started as . . . “Let’s put out some Christmas lights and see if anyone will come”. . . has evolved over the years. We had our issues with a lack of infrastructure for this kind of night time lighting display. No lights in the parking area – a lack of sufficient parking – reliable underground wiring – what were we thinking?

We were determined to interpret the beauty of the gardens at night with lights and invite the community to share it with their holiday visitors. So early on we dug up our beautiful gardens to put outlets in every flower bed, expanded the parking three fold, and installed path lights into the parking areas. The big “WE” are Friends’ members and volunteers, State Parks staff and Shutter Creek Correctional officers and work crews. I’m glad to say this cooperative effort continues today.

Starting with a modest 6,000 lights, we essentially doubled the number of lights each year until we maxed out at 250,000 lights that our extensive lighting system could handle.

Then we discovered LED lights. The peak load of a 30 amp circuit (in each flower bed) was the limiting factor until we started converting to the new LED lighting. What was a 6,000 lights limit maxing a 30 amp breaker with the traditional lights, now measures only 4 amps. Shirley’s response to this revaluation was – “we can add more lights!” Now the limiting factor is the number and surface area of the landscaping. I continue to point out the virtues of negative space and *sometimes she listens*.

The number of lighted sculptures has grown over time. There’s an expectation of a new sculpture each year – and it’s not a good idea to leave any out of the display. I “retired” a sculpture once and was called up short for someone’s favorite. I brought it back into the display right away.

Shirley and I have delegated major portions of the Holiday Lights event over the years as the complexity and workload has grown. What is now a year-round effort is shared with hard working, great volunteers – many are part of the Friends working Board.

- Robynn Reed has taken on the responsibility of planning and decorating the Garden House since 1997. Her husband Mike and son Adam and partner Chloe Eberlein also offer creativity, enthusiasm and help.

- Dawn Buxton has managed the 26 sponsored and decorated large trees in the gardens since 2011. She also keeps a waiting list of other groups waiting for an opening.
- A major undertaking of scheduling and managing the host teams for each night of the Holiday Lights is a job that Kathy Metzger has done since 2007. Kathy has increased the number of host teams in an effort to reduce the waiting list of groups and organizations that want to be a part of this great community tradition. We now have half-shifts most nights, over 50 teams, and a much smaller waiting list.
- The special flower cluster lights that are unique to Shore Acres have been grouped in LED lights by Jack Gilham and Joan Clifton since 2006.
- Dell and Roberta Willis grease both ends of each new set of lights with a dielectric grease to protect it in our harsh environment. Yes, every set – both ends! They also string lights and make at least 850 holiday lights buttons for the volunteers.
- Recently retired Ray Daniels expertly places path lighting around the pond, rope lights under benches and rails and gets them up and working. Ray also generously helps with sculptures including some he has fabricated.
- Former board members and past presidents Kathi and Dennis Netter head-up making the cider spice concentrate. This closely held secret recipe goes way back to Peter and Karen Crosby, who still help to this day.

But you don’t have to be a board member to play a significant role.

- Cindy and Dino Coolen have done an excellent job of rounding up and scheduling live entertainment in the Pavilion for our visitors’ delight since 2005.

And many of our long time light stringers have specialized over time:

- Mike Perkins and Carol Ventgen do the Undersea Garden and also string lights in the garden.
- Then there is Dave Barnhart. He lives in Gleneden Beach near Salishan and drives down here each weekend to help us string lights. We also ask him to supervise youth groups in his school teacher manner that appreciates and encourage groups of kids in community service – thank you Dave.
- As you can see it takes an army of volunteers to make the Holiday Lights shine. It also takes a group of special dedicated volunteers to fill these unique roles. What brings us together each year is our shared vision. A vision of a magical place, Shore Acres, lighted in all its splendor and cared for by devoted volunteers.
- It’s been Shirley’s and my vision to give up much of what we did in the formative years to dedicated volunteers. This season, we continue to co-chair and provide guidance and continuity to this community tradition. Shirley works on the event – essentially year ‘round – with lights inventory management and display design. She uses an extensive spreadsheet and bed-by-bed photos of the lights display to organize this enormous puzzle. I manage the continued support for the sculptures and admit to all that “Shirley is the brains of this outfit and I’m her number one *gofer*.” ■



SHIRLEY AND DAVID BRIDGHAM,
HOLIDAY LIGHTS CO-CHAIR SINCE 1987

Holiday Lights – A Major Undertaking

THE 2014 DISPLAY – IN MEMORY OF VOLUNTEER JACK GILHAM

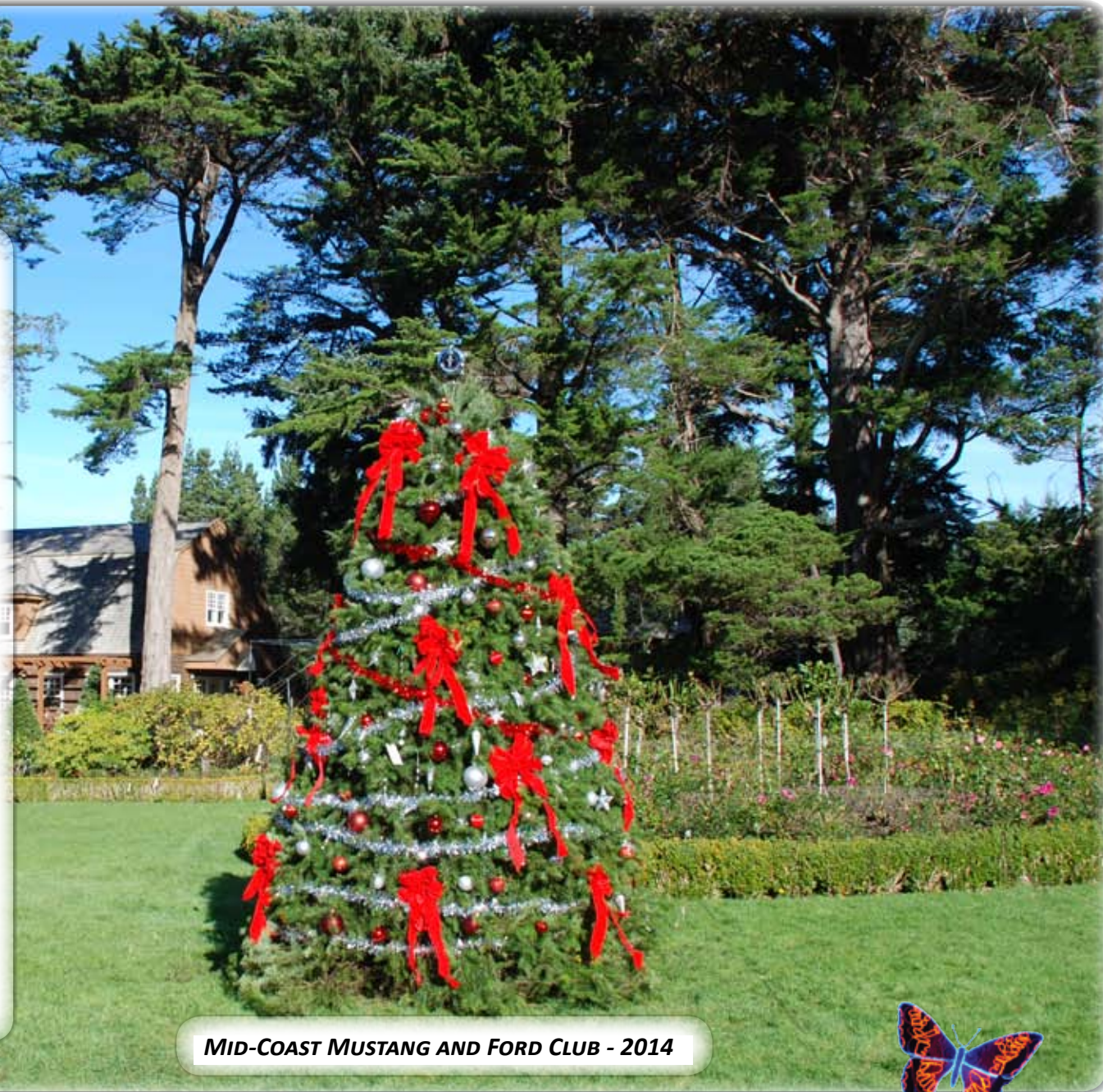


Luis Velasquez

1999 – NEW SPONSOR MID-COAST MUSTANG AND FORD CLUB
– DECORATIONS INCLUDED GOLDEN SPARK PLUGS.

"THANKS SO MUCH FOR LETTING OUR CLUB DO A TREE. IT WAS SO MUCH "FUN." WE'RE ALREADY THINKING OF ONE FOR NEXT YEAR. OUR CLUB REALLY DOES ENJOY OUR TIME OUT THERE AT SHORE ACRES. THE HOSTING IS THE BEST TIME – MEETING PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND HEARING THE PRAISE FOR OUR AREA, OF THIS BEAUTIFUL SITE, AND TO BE PART OF THIS GIVES OUR CLUB SO MUCH "PRIDE" – KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK."

SINCERELY, MID-COAST MUSTANG AND FORD CLUB



MID-COAST MUSTANG AND FORD CLUB - 2014



2014 - HOLIDAY TREES - DONATED BY DAVE HANNAH - DAVE'S CHRISTMAS TREES - LOTS AT FARR'S TRUE VALUE HARDWARE AND NORTH BEND

TREE DECORATING COORDINATOR - DAWN BUXTON - AM-VETS POST 10 * ANKENY INSURANCE AGENCY * BAY AREA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY * BIKERS FOR CHRIST COOS COUNTY CHAPTER * BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION * CH2M HILL * CHAPPELLE ENTERPRISES * CITY OF COOS BAY * COASTAL CORVETTES UNLIMITED * COOS COUNTY RADIO CLUB * GIRL SCOUTS OF OREGON AND SW WASHINGTON * HARLEY OWNERS GROUP (HOG) * KAIROS * MID-COAST MUSTANG AND FORD CLUB * OREGON COAST COMMUNITY ACTION * OREGON STATE PARKS VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF * PACIFIC COAST CORVETTE CLUB * PIGEON POINT DAIRY QUEEN * RUBY TUESDAYS RED HAT SOCIETY * SHINGLEHOUSE AUTO AND SALVAGE * SOUTH COAST CRUISERS CAR CLUB * SOUTH COAST EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT * SOUTH COAST OFFICE SUPPLY * SOUTHWESTERN OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE * SUBZERO MOTORSPORTS * SOUTH COAST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

Holiday Lights – A Major Undertaking



GARDEN AREA SOUTH OF PAVILION - NORTH BEND HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB

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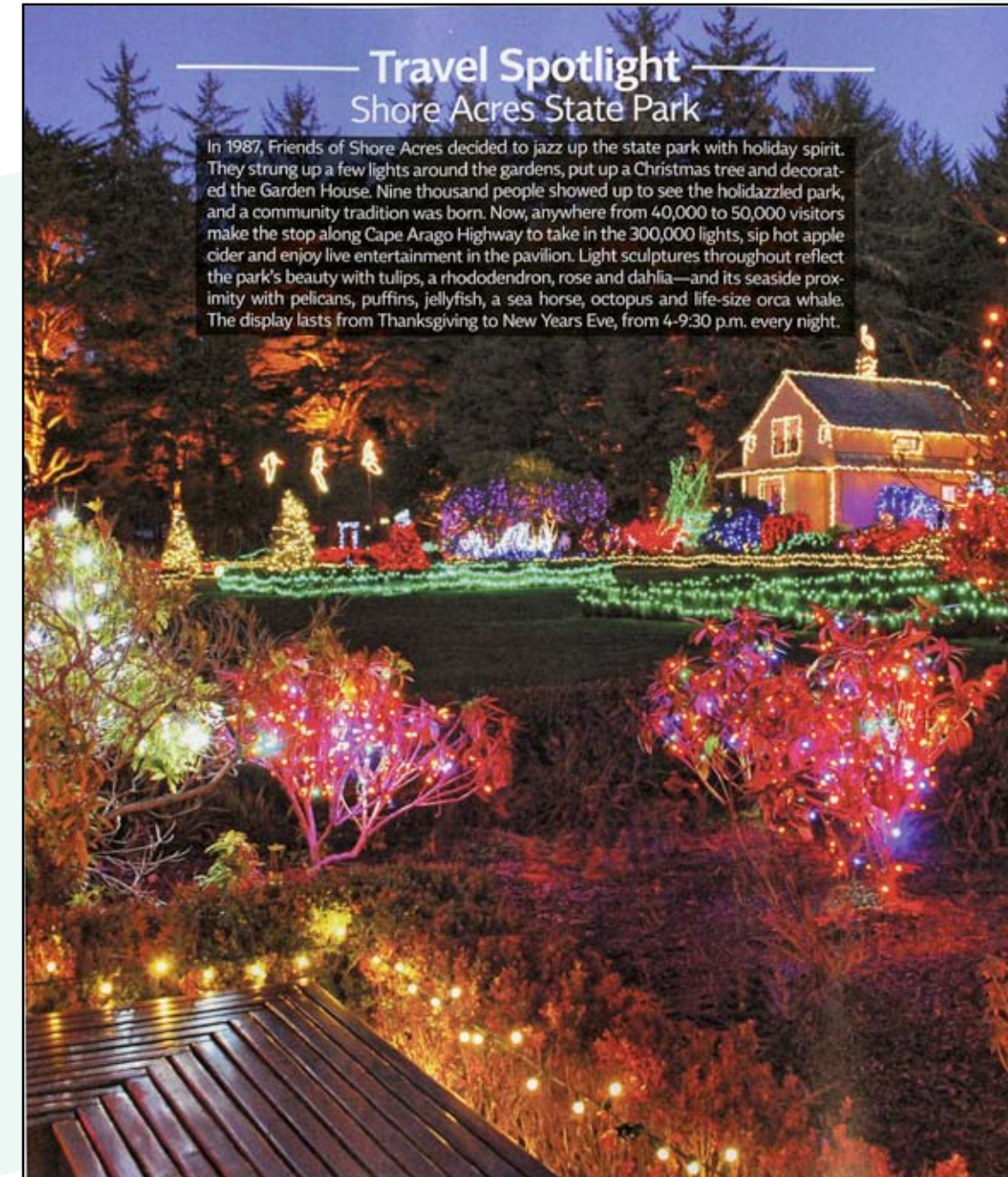
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Lights & Miniatures

NOVEMBER 27– DECEMBER 31, CHARLESTON

THE MUCH-ANTICIPATED HOLIDAY Lights at Shore Acres draws thousands of spectators each year, and no wonder, the light display is located in one of the most stunning botanical gardens on the coast. From November 27–December 31, the gardens are ablaze with more than a quarter million lights nightly from 4–9:30 p.m.

Besides all the lights, the walk-thru display features dozens of lighted sculptures and more than two dozen Christmas trees. The historic Garden House is decorated to the hilt with holiday adornments and is staffed with volunteers offering visitors complimentary hot cider, coffee, and cookies. The performance pavilion features live entertainment with choirs, carolers, and bands. (541-888-3732; www.shoreacres.net)

While near Charleston, be sure to check out the Miniature Display and Christmas Train Display. The miniature display has become an increasingly popular tradition, with more than 200 miniatures representing the towns of Coos County. The display is open for public viewing at the Old Charleston School House on 64065 Seven Devils Road from 6–10 p.m. nightly from December 1–24. If the building is dark, don't leave, lights are kept off to see the displays better. (541-888-3268; www.oregonsadventurecoast.com)



real band. The Fab Four, a Beatles tribute band, will play two shows at the Mill Casino Resort. Besides their uncanny ability to musically mimic Beatles' songs, the Fab Four deliver an entertaining show with several costume changes that represent different eras in the Beatles long life as a band. Performances include classics such as "Can't Buy Me Love," "Yesterday," "A Day In The Life," "Penny Lane," "Here Comes The Sun," and "Hey Jude." Shows take place at 6 and 8 p.m. Call or visit the Mill Casino online for tickets and information. (541-756-8800; www.themillcasino.com)

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what's **UP**

TODAY

Veterans Day Assembly and Celebration 10 a.m., Elkton High School, 739 River Drive, Elkton. Student program and guest speaker. Diplomas will be presented to veterans who did not receive theirs because they were serving their country. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 541-584-2228.

Classic Film Night "Mogambo" 7 p.m., Bandon Public Library, 1204 SW 11th St., Bandon. Clark Gable, Grace Kelly and Ava Gardner romantic triangle. Refreshments served.

Oregon Coast Lab Band Open House 7-9 p.m., Lab Band Building, 1875 Virginia Ave., North Bend. Evolution performs. Meet band members, parents, the board and new director, Gary Lebraun. 541-751-0221

TUESDAY, NOV. 11 Veterans Day

Veterans Day Breakfast 10 a.m., Coquille Valley Elks Lodge, 54942 Maple Heights Road, Lee Valley, Coquille/Myrtle Point. Social hour begins at 9 a.m. Veterans and guests of all ages are welcome. 541-296-2358

Veterans Fourth Annual Veterans Arts and Crafts Show Opening 10 a.m., Pony Village Mall, 1611 Virginia Ave., North Bend. 541-971-9807

Lighting up the gardens



Volunteers turned out Saturday to help with the weeks-long effort of creating holiday lighting displays at Shore Acres State Park. Left: Erin Feddersen, a troop leader with Girl Scout Troop 30543, decorated a Girl Scout-themed tree. Bottom left: Ray Daniels, left, and David Bridgham, members of Friends of Shore Acres, assemble an animated hummingbird light sculpture. Bottom right: Bill Davis and Susan Ferguson work together to hang strings of holiday lights in trees. The 28th annual display will open Thanksgiving night and run through Dec. 31.

By Amanda Loman, The World





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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2014

HOLIDAY LIGHTS



Photos by Lou Sennick, The World

The lights are up and ready for the Thanksgiving evening opening of the annual Shore Acres Holiday Light display. The gardens will be open and the lights on starting Thanksgiving evening through Dec. 31. Admission is \$5.00 per vehicle or the appropriate annual pass. The Gardener's House was decorated by Robynn Reed and Chloe Eberlein with help from Mike and Adam Reed.

Holiday Lights ready for Thanksgiving opening

LOU SENNICK
The World

CHARLESTON — You can tell the holidays have arrived when Shore Acres twinkles.

Last year, there were more than 48,000 visitors to the annual Holiday Light show at Shore Acres State Park.

Starting in 1987, the Friends of Shore Acres started putting up a few strings of lights in the park to celebrate Christmas.

According to the park's website, they now have more than 300,000 lights, holiday trees decorated by local groups, lighted sculptures and a few light animations.

The Gardener's House is decorated with Christmas themes in all the rooms. It is also where volunteers pass out cups of hot cider and cookies.

It all opens to the public Thanksgiving night and each night through Dec. 31. Hours are 4-9:30 p.m., with a \$5 admission charge per vehicle or the appropriate annual pass.



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Shore Acres lights up for holiday season

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See the lights

Shore Acres lights up for holiday season.

COOS BAY

The 28th annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park opened Thanksgiving Day and continues every night through New Year's Eve, Dec. 31. This walk-through display with its beautiful lighted formal gardens attracts thousands of visitors each season.

More than 300,000 lights make up this year's display.

There's plenty of parking for both cars and buses.

Almost all of this year's display will feature LED (low energy) lights with several new unique styles and colors; garden landscape lighting, 26 large holiday trees decorated by various organizations and businesses, and dozens of lighted sculptures, including the Shore Acres' herons, life-size whales, animated sea lions, an under-sea garden, flowers, garden bugs, butterflies, fuchsia flower and animated hummingbird; Koi Carp under water in the pond, a lighthouse, an animated humbler bee, a leaping frog in the pond and more.

New for 2014 — Shasta Daisy and Ladybug and a trio of animals peering over the gate behind the pavilion — a rabbit, deer and raccoon.

See **SHORE ACRES** page 20



PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM PROVIDED BY FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES

Shore Acres from page 19

Exciting holiday gifts and raffle tickets are available in the Friends' Information and Gift Center. Tickets are \$10 each (only 200 will be sold) with the drawing to be held at 4 p.m. on Christmas Day. Ticket holder does not need to be present to win.

The holiday lights event became an instant community tradition in 1987 when the Friends of Shore Acres in cooperation with Shore Acres State Park decided to "string a few lights" to help celebrate the holidays.

That first season, 6,000 miniature lights, one Christmas tree and the open Garden House drew 9,000 visitors. Now, at least 300,000 lights — both holiday and landscaping — dozens of Christmas

trees, lighted sculptures, a performance pavilion and the beautifully decorated garden house attract 40,000 to 50,000 visitors each season.

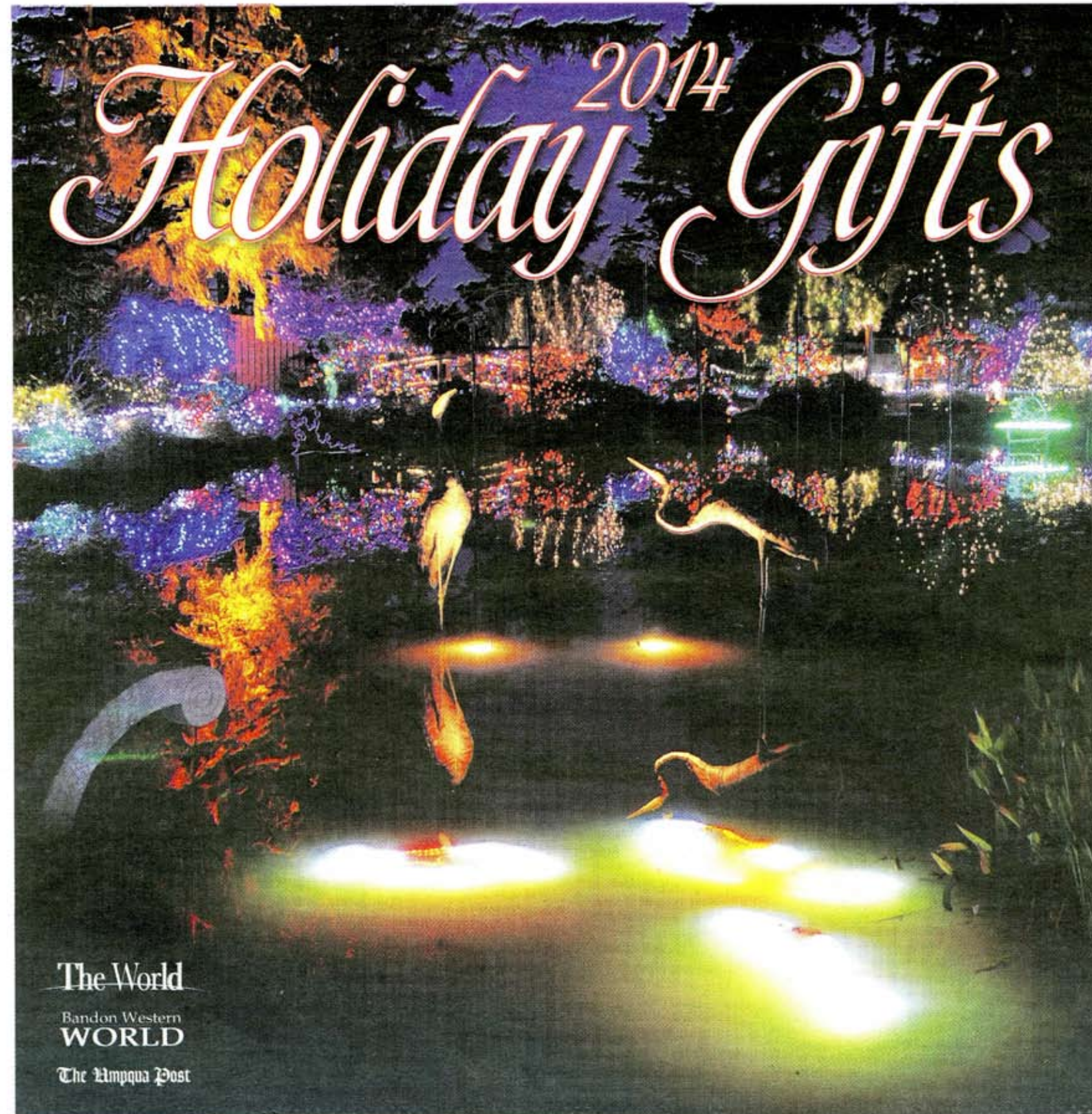
Inside the Garden House, long scrolls of names pay tribute to lights pledge and business supporters and the members, volunteers and park staff — more than 1,500 all together — who make it happen for all to enjoy.

Shore Acres State Park is located at 89039 Cape Arago Highway, Coos Bay, (13 miles southwest of the cities of Coos Bay/North Bend).

Admission is a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle or a current OPRD Annual Parking Permit or Coastal Passport or current state park campground receipt.

The Friends welcome donations for refreshments and for continuing the event the following year.

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By Lou Sennick, The World

Shore Acres Holiday Lights opens annually on Thanksgiving and remains open through New Year's.

On your way to an historic holiday

GENEVA MILLER
For The World

Historic sites get a festive make-over each year between Thanksgiving and New Year.

Staff and volunteers at Shore Acres, the Port of Bandon and Hughes House put on the glitz to welcome guests with light displays, live music and sweet treats. Indulge in a little holiday

nostalgia with a trip to one or more historic setting.

Shore Acres State Park

Holiday Lights Display 4 to 9:30 p.m. through Dec. 31
Parking fee \$5 per vehicle
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541-888-2472

The park really pops at the holidays.

Carefully cultivated evergreens and ornaments make Shore Acres State Park a natural delight year round. And the annual holiday light display is one of the region's brightest winter events.

The grounds were developed more than 100 years ago by Louis Simpson, who made his mark in the local timber industry and founded the city of North

Bend. The state parks department acquired the property in 1948. Volunteer supporters of Friends of Shore Acres launched the annual holiday lights display in 1987 with a modest Christmas tree and lighted Garden House.

Some 48,000 visitors toured the park in December 2013. They saw 26 glittering Christmas trees and countless shrubs and

sculptures that adorned the gardens, illuminated by 300,000 LED lights.

Local musicians add the sounds of Christmas to the visual display each weekend. Visit shoreacres.net for a complete holiday entertainment schedule.



By Lou Sennick, The World

The gardener's cottage is open each night to tour and to enjoy refreshments. Each night a local group acts as hosts to the steady stream of visitors.



Holiday Lights – New Sculptures and a Favorite Scene



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A RACCOON, DEER AND RABBIT
BEHIND THE PAVILION GATE**



**INSPIRED BY CAROL VENTGEN,
A LADYBUG ON SHASTA DAISIES**

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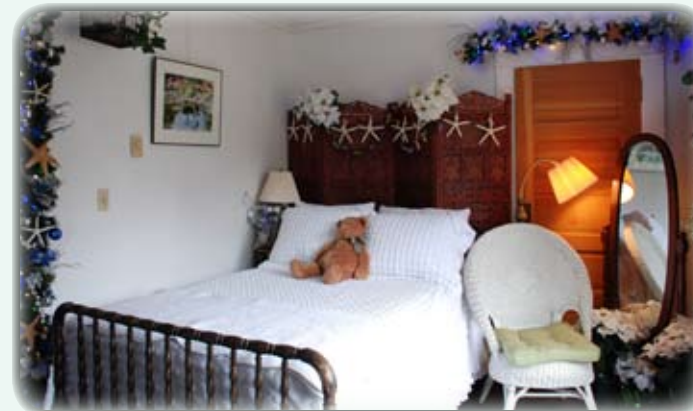
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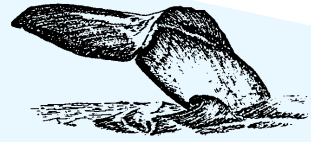


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End of "Lights" Season Brings Whale Watching Time at Shore Acres



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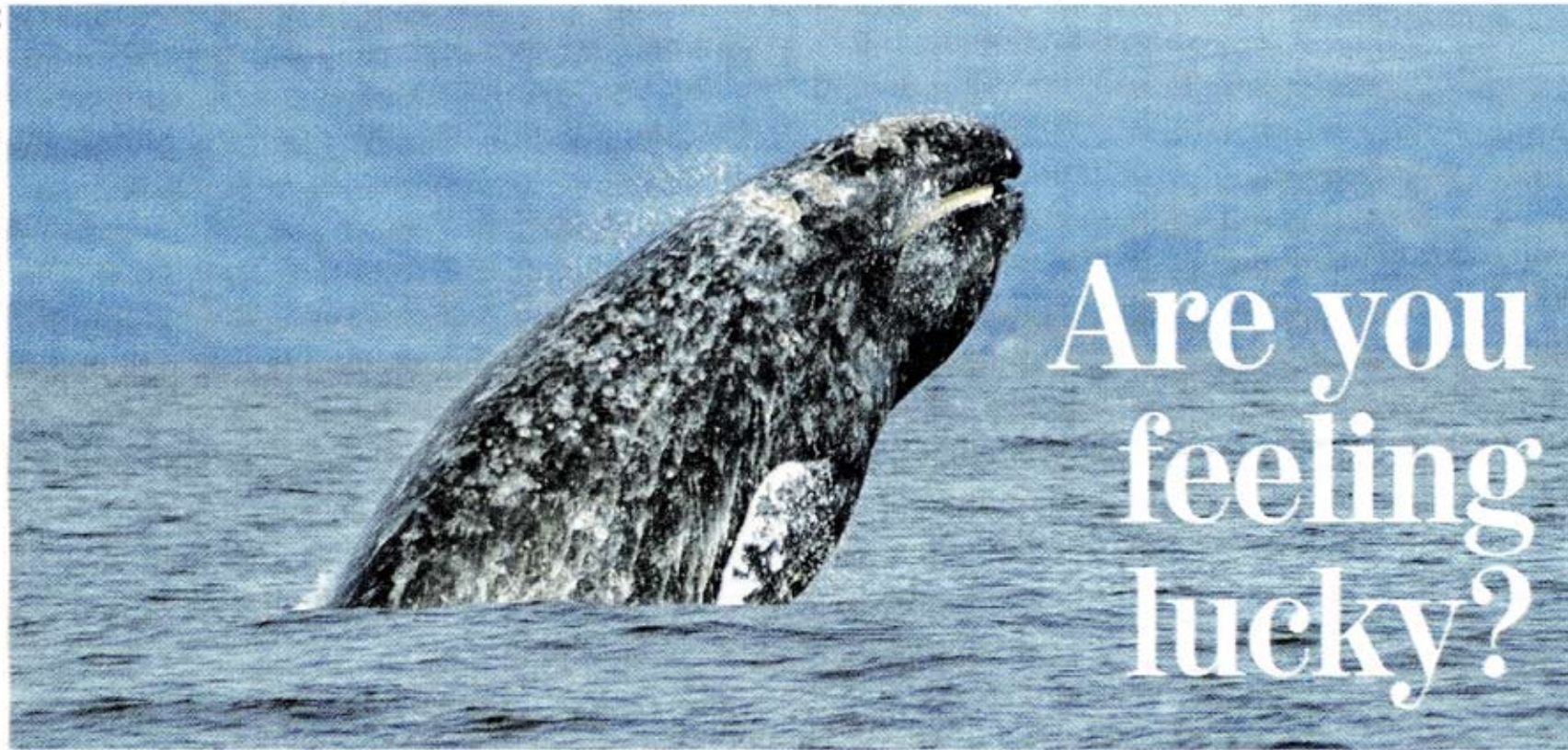
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■ Looking for whales can be fun, spotting them a challenge

TIM NOVOTNY
The World

CHARLESTON — It is time, once again, to brush up on your whale vocabulary and head to the coast.

Whale Watching Spoken Here sites are back again, from Dec. 27 to Jan. 1, helping onlookers to try and spot the gray whale population as it begins its southern migration.

The Whale Watching Spoken Here program has been placing trained volunteers at 24 sites along the Pacific Northwest coast, during two watch weeks each year, for more than three decades. Pamela Stevens is a Park Ranger at Shore Acres State Park, near Charleston. She says the volunteers are there to provide information on the gray whale, while also helping the “newbies” with what to look for on the horizon.

“People just really enjoy the whales,” she said. “They are beautiful animals and they are somewhat limited in their numbers, so it is great to come out and see that and learn more about them.”

While the gray’s can be found off the Oregon coast all year long, thousands migrate south to three major breeding and

Whale Watching kicks off on Oregon Coast

OREGON COAST — Oregon Parks and Recreation Department again is hosting Whale Watch Week Dec. 27-31 at 24 designated whale watching sites along the coast. Trained volunteers from the Whale Watching Spoken Here program will be stationed at the sites from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on those days to help visitors spot gray whales heading south. In Bandon, volunteers will be at the Face Rock Wayside.

Visitors will also learn about whale migration and feeding habits. A map of the watch sites is available online at whalespoken.org. Camping, including yurts and cabins, is available at state parks along the coast. Go to oregonstateparks.org to check availability and make a reservation.

OPRD reminds visitors to be aware of winter storms and high waves—respect closures, stay off the sand and watch storms from an elevated location.

calving lagoons on the west coast of Baja, Mexico. In spring, as the northern migration takes place, the whales again pass by the coast, en masse.

It takes the estimated population of about 19,000 whales three months to make the round trip.

The numbers sound staggering but, it really is not always easy to spot the whales passing by, especially on days when poor weather may make the visibility spotty, at best.

The best winter spotting week in the past 30 years was in 1994/95. That week spotters witnessed 3,152 whales swimming along the coast. Other years, the numbers can be closer to the 384 spotted during the winter 2005/06 whale watch week.

“Depends on your luck,” Stevens said. “Last spring we had about 110 whales spotted (just at the Shore Acres site), with 500 visitors getting to see that. So, it sometimes

just depends on the luck of the draw!”

Shore Acres is one of four official Whale Watching Spoken Here locations in our area. The others are at the Umpqua Lighthouse State Park in Winchester Bay, Face Rock at Bandon, and Battle Rock in Port Orford.

Shore Acres is the only one, however, that has an enclosed area to watch from, on the days when the weather is cutting loose.

“Shore Acres is a wonderful vantage point and comes with the added bonus of being enclosed. So you can stay inside, be warm and dry, and still have a great viewpoint of the whales when they pass by,” Stevens said. “We have wonderful volunteers here who return every year. They have videos that they show, they have whale bones, have baleen (filter feeder system in the mouth of the whales), they show people how long the whales are. It’s pretty cool.”

It also can be pretty wet, even when just

moving from your vehicle to the enclosed area, so the rangers say you should dress for the occasion.

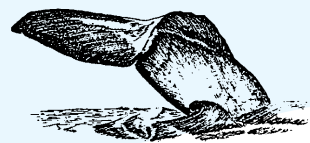
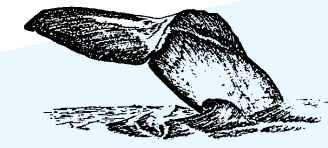
“It’s a good idea to wear your rain gear, even though we are enclosed here, you might get hit by rain going to and fro, or you might want to step outside and look. Also, you should bring your binoculars, if you have an extra pair, although we do provide binoculars out here as well, with our volunteers.”

The Whale Watch sites are staffed by volunteers from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There also are sites, like Shore Acres, that may charge a small fee for access (\$5 per vehicle at that site). The best advice, Stevens said, is to try to go during those volunteer hours. And, plan to stick around for a bit.

“Some days you get lucky, with the weather, especially. If it’s calm it is a lot easier to see them versus stormy days, where it can be very difficult to see them. If you really want to see one, you should plan on being there for a couple of hours. It could take that long.”

This year, in other words, it might be fun to come to the coast for an hour or two, and leave the long-distance traveling to the whales.

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Springtime at Shore Acres – April 2, 2015

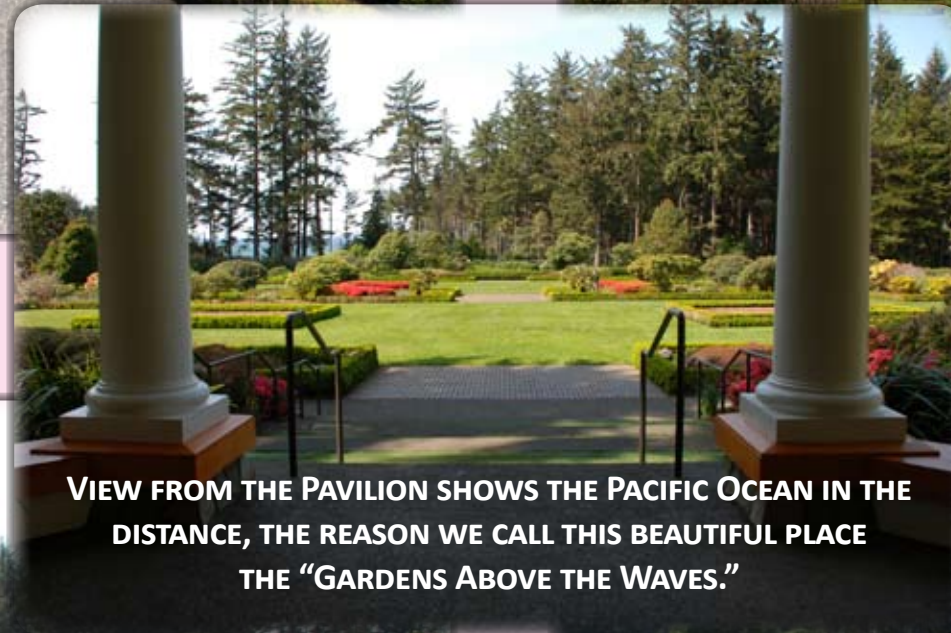
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Oregon State Parks Day and National Garden Week were celebrated on June 6, from 11 AM to 4 PM at Shore Acres State Park. The \$5 parking fee was waived and Friends of Shore Acres volunteers served refreshments in the Garden House. Also, the Friends' Information and Gift Center offered a 10 percent discount on merchandise.

"Many stopped to talk with us in the Garden House saying how impressed they were of the gardens," said Cheryl Drumheller, President of the Coos Bay Garden Club.

Garden Clubs displaying "what they are all about" included Coos Bay, Coquille Valley and the Friends of Hindsdale Gardens in Reedsport.

Nineteen people stopped by the Coos Bay Garden Club table to craft their own greeting card using pressed flowers. When each masterpiece was completed, they were so delighted. One woman commented, "I remember seeing my grandmother do this." Another woman was mailing her creation to her mother that day. ■



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By Sharon Kolkhorst, Co-Manager

Postcards have always been big sellers in the Information and Gift Center.

About 5 years ago, after looking at cards in other gift shops and restaurants along the coast, we noticed that we were all selling the same cards. Even the Holiday Lights cards were the same. *With all the beautiful and unique views at Shore Acres, why were we not making our own postcards that would only be sold at Shore Acres?*

This started our 'Postcard Project' and the use of Shore Acres, Sunset Bay, and Cape Arago photographs. Our postcards are printed by Wegferds' Printing and the pictures are part of the Shore Acres archives managed by Shirley Bridgham. Many of the current pictures are by Shirley and her husband, David. Our iconic "Wave" photo was taken by Luis Velasquez. With the ever changing gardens and Holiday Lights scenes, we retire and add new cards each year.

While attending the OPRD Co-op Conference in John Day we were given an opportunity to talk with other Friends groups to exchange ideas. Friends of Vista House had started reprinting their historic cards in color. When we returned from the conference we discussed the possibilities with our board. Our historical cards were in black and white and we knew that, with new technology, they could be improved upon.

We were off and running as soon as Shirley was able to free up a lot of her time to focus on the project. She located a company in Texas and contacted them for information. Our original packet contained 12 historical cards that we have been selling for more than 25 years. In July we finished the Shoreacres Historical Postcards Colorization project. ■



SHORE ACRES 1976 – COLORIZED 2015

Each set of Shoreacres Historical Postcards contains 25 different scenes and the sets are available in the Information & Gift Center. ■

Researching Colorization

By Shirley Bridgham, Journal Editor

What do you suppose the odds are that I would get the following email from an inquiry to a colorization company I found on the internet?

"Shoreacres! I grew up in North Bend . . ." Well, that's the reply I got after e-mailing the sepia toned photo of the first mansion to see if it would be a good candidate for colorization.

One thing led to another and the next thing I knew I was deep into a project to produce 25 colorized postcards for the Information and Gift Center.

After the project was completed, I contacted Mike McCarty and asked him for a bio and a photo of himself. He responded with both. ■



L. J. SIMPSON'S FIRST MANSION – SEPIA TONE



L. J. SIMPSON'S FIRST MANSION – COLORIZED 2015

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Colorization Project – 2015

ABOUT TOP HAT PHOTO REPAIR

By Michael McCarty, Owner/Producer



I was born and raised in North Bend until my family moved to the Portland area in 1998 when I started middle school. Every year since I can remember my family would go and see the lights at Shore Acres. It was always one of my favorite holiday traditions. I continued to go while I still lived in Oregon. I live in Texas now.

I am self taught in Photoshop, having started using it in high school. At some point around 2009 I started restoring and colorizing some old family pictures. I realized that I had an ability and enjoyed doing it a lot. In 2011, I started doing more pictures for friends and family, and started a website to promote my work. I started Top Hat Photo Repair in

2012. Since then the business has grown but I still do most of the Photoshop work myself. I was so happy to see the pictures from Shore Acres and be able to contribute to the project. ■



The gardens at Shoreacres were laid out in geometric patterns with boxwood hedges bordering the garden plots and gravel paths. Sheltered by Spruce trees from sea winds, the peat rich soil grew hydrangeas, dahlias, rhododendrons, roses and many varieties of trees and shrubs that were carried to the estate by Simpson's ships. Until the second mansion was built, L. J. Simpson and his second wife Lela, lived in the gardener's cottage, the only surviving building. - Photo courtesy of Barbara Simpson Griffin - Colorized 2015



L. J. Simpson's Shoreacres Estate begun in 1907, included a gardener's cottage, row garden and 100 foot lily pond. Note the half-moon shape of the first pond which Simpson in 1914 would modify to its present shape. Photo - Friends of Shore Acres Collection - Colorized 2015



The pergola, North of the Gardens at L. J. Simpson's Shoreacres Estate, Circa 1920s, created a dramatic entrance to the gardens. Wisteria, climbing roses, and beautiful fuchsias hung from the columns built by Simpson's gardeners. - Photo and description courtesy of Stephen Dow Beckham's "The Simpsons of Shore Acres" - Colorized 2015

NEWS FROM THE GARDENS

BY ELLIE KINNEY-MARTIAL, PARK RANGER III

Most notably known for the Holiday Lights display at the gardens, Friends of Shore Acres Inc. supports the park in many other ways. The net revenue from sales at the Information and Gift Center provides funds for many of the projects at the gardens. These are just a few of the improvements in the past year that have been funded by the Friends.

Benches throughout the formal garden were installed during the renovation in the mid 1970's and at that time they were made of redwood. In the 1990's the benches were in need of repair and the redwood material was replaced with cedar. Last year we were faced with repairing the benches again and the decision was made to return to the original redwood. These were installed by Seasonal Ranger John Sperling with the assistance of the four man work crew from Shutter Creek. ■



ELLIE KINNEY-MARTIAL



Pam Stevens

The artificial turf on the west side of the pavilion was first installed in 2005. Ten years and over 2 million visitors later, it was time for replacement and the new and improved version was installed in March. ■



ELLIE KINNEY-MARTIAL

Repairs were also made in the Performance Pavilion where the original cedar was showing signs of wood rot. All rotting cedar around the columns was replaced thanks to the *Friends* and the expertise of retired Park Ranger Bob Dixon. ■



ELLIE KINNEY-MARTIAL



Shirley Bridgham

Improvements on the south end of the garden began last fall when the exposed aggregate walkway was extended to the east pond trail. Early this spring that project continued, bringing the exposed aggregate to the entrance of the south rose garden – a vast improvement over the heaving asphalt and gravel paths that it replaced. ■



DAVID BRIDGHAM

THANK YOU FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES FOR ANOTHER WONDERFUL YEAR.

NEWS FROM SUNSET BAY MANAGEMENT UNIT

BY PRESON PHILLIPS, PARK MANAGER



I can hardly believe its time again for the annual newsletter. Where did the past 12 months go?

The adage that “time flies when you are having fun” must apply. Each day, this past year, has seen small or large accomplishments by staff and volunteers towards the common goal of providing and protecting Shore Acres State Park for the enjoyment and education of present and future generations.

We continue to plan for future upgrades and renovations to infrastructure while performing the day to day tasks that make it all seamless to our visitors.

The Friends of Shore Acres are truly ‘friends’ of the park and its larger community. The service provided and the respect shown to our visitors is immeasurable.

Thanks to each of you. ■

Welcome Jasper Ryan Krug



STEPHANIE MILLER, PARK RANGER, SUNSET BAY STATE PARK AND HER SON JASPER RYAN KRUG, BORN ON JUNE 3, 2015, VISIT THE INTERPRETIVE CENTER AT THE SUNSET BAY CAMPGROUND.

KRISTIN HOVENKOTTER



“ART IN THE PARK” COMING TO A PARK NEAR YOU!

BY KRISTIN HOVENKOTTER GRECO, RANGER ASSISTANT



JULIAN ECHLIN

The play — or quite possibly, scenes from several different plays — will be selected to fit the outdoor, seaside setting of Shore Acres Gardens, and will be a lighthearted comedy or Shakespearian Romance to ensure that it is family friendly. The public will be welcomed to come experience a fun afternoon of the performing arts in a pastoral park setting. This could possibly become an annual event similar to the Oregon Coast Music Festival concert, with the potential to draw large numbers from the local public to our park. “SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK” is a well-known and much-loved annual performing art event in many cities and towns. I am working closely with Logos to coordinate a fabulous show, which may bring together many members of the several local theatre groups in town to participate in a fun event for the community. The dates are tentatively scheduled for May 7-8 and 14-15.

Sunset Bay’s grant will go toward hosting a PLEIN-AIR PAINT OUT day, inviting local watercolor artists to come participate in painting the gorgeous landscapes within our park to celebrate State Parks Day, June 4, 2016. In conjunction with this, we will organize some local individuals to provide basic watercolor instruction for the public. I am working with the Coos Art Museum to form a partnership that will assist with contacting local painters as well as loaning the park materials for the public to use.

Both grants offer excellent opportunities to bring new people to our parks so they can appreciate the natural beauty both Shore Acres and Sunset Bay have to offer, and to help foster appreciation of the arts in our community. Everyone at the parks is very excited about these opportunities, so be sure to come take part in our Art In the Parks events! ■

Earlier this year, Sunset Bay and Shore Acres State Parks took advantage of a wonderful opportunity provided by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department — the Art In Parks grants program. Manager Preson Phillips, Ranger Stephanie Miller, and I put together grant applications for the two parks with each park receiving \$1,000 to bring special events with an artistic focus to the parks.

For Shore Acres, the park will be working with a local acting group to present a SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK event in late spring of 2016. Logos Players, a local theatre group, which works to raise money for area non-profit organizations, will perform two weekends of Shakespeare.

Bonsai Day – August 15, 2015

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BAY AREA BONSAI EXPERTS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

REFRESHMENTS IN THE GARDEN HOUSE BY FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES VOLUNTEERS



Photos by Pam Stevens



L-R GEORGE AND EVA AHUNA, BETTY KENNEDY,
VIRGINIA AND THEO STANLEY

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A TRIBUTE TO JACK GILHAM – A WONDERFUL MAN

BY JOAN CLIFTON

Jack Donald Gilham was born on September 18, 1934. He died on October 20, 2014 after a battle with leukemia. He turned 80 one month before he passed away.

His growing up years were spent mostly with his paternal grandparents. They moved a lot around South Bend, Washington. His grandmother passed away when he was 16 and his Aunt Clara and her husband "Cotton" Coma became his guardians.

He married his high school sweetheart, June, when they were 18. My husband Ben Johnson and I met them when we were expecting our first child and their son Steven was a tiny baby. Jack and Ben worked together in the oyster industry in Washington outside of Aberdeen.

In 1957, after the oyster plant closed, Jack and June and their two sons Steven and Thomas moved to Aberdeen, Washington. Later, they moved to Tacoma where Jack went to mechanics school. When he graduated, they took a trip down the coast looking for a good place to raise their sons. They decided they liked North Bend and Jack got a job with Weyerhaeuser as a heavy duty mechanic in the woods. Very hard work. Under trucks and heavy machinery in the hottest days of summer and the coldest and snowiest days in winter.

They built their home in North Bend, piece by piece. Later, they bought property at Lakeside and built a summer cabin on the lake. There were no roads to their place, so they towed rafts of lumber and materials to build their cabin.

Meanwhile, Ben and I had divorced when our youngest was two and I had remarried Bob Clifton. He helped me raise my four children and



JACK AND JOAN PLACE THE LED FLOWER CLUSTER LIGHTS THEY CREATED AND LED GREEN LIGHTS ON A RHODODENDRON BUSH.



JACK AND JOAN HELP KAREN AND PETER CROSBY MAKE THE FROZEN SPICE USED IN OUR FAMOUS HOT APPLE CIDER.

we had our daughter, Tiffani. We were married 34 years before he passed away in 2003.

June and I, sporadically, wrote back and forth for about 45 years, mostly at Christmas time.

Christmas of 2003 – I sent a Christmas card to Jack and June and told them that Bob had passed away in September. Jack wrote back to me in January and told me that June had passed away in October. He then asked me for my phone number and asked if he could call me. In February I decided it would be fun to talk to an old friend. Besides, he was in Oregon and I was in Oklahoma, so what could it hurt? We used to go to each other's houses for dinner and cards while the kids slept. So, I wrote back and gave him my number. We talked every week for a while, and then it was twice a week and then before long, it was every night. All this time I was going through breast cancer, surgery and radiation and was afraid to tell him.

In June, Tiffani was ready to have her 4th boy so the day after my last radiation, I was on the plane to Sacramento. I stayed with Tiffani, Jon and the boys for a week and then I took a bus trip up to Eureka where Jack and I had mutual friends from the oyster plant in Washington. We visited with them for a while and then drove up to North Bend. We did a lot of talking and planning and the day before I was to go back to Sacramento, he said, *"I'm not going to let those Okies have you!"* and took me to Harry Ritchie's and bought me a ring. He also bought me a plane ticket back to Sacramento because he didn't want me to take another bus trip and a week later, I was back in Oklahoma telling everybody that I would be moving to Oregon.

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A TRIBUTE TO JACK GILHAM – A WONDERFUL MAN (CONTINUED)

By September, I was here, lock, stock and barrel. We had a lot of discussions as to what to do next, after we got settled. Jack and June had a family trust set up and I didn't feel I should be a part of it after all the years they had saved for it, so we opted not to marry.

In one of our long discussions, we decided we needed to have some sort of volunteering to do to fill up some of our time and Friends of Shore Acres had an ad in the newspaper asking for volunteers. The next best thing we ever did was to answer that ad and find some of the most fulfilling things we ever did together. We also volunteered at Pacific Cove Humane Society, and the North Bend Senior Center. I still work there every Monday for the lunch crowd.

Jack was a man who never let the grass grow under his feet. He kept himself busy all the time. If he didn't have something to do, he would invent something to do. He was always helping friends with their cars, trucks, cutting down trees, whatever.

For 20 years, every Tuesday and Thursday, he picked up day-old bread and pastries from Safeway and delivered them to the Senior Center. He called dime Bingo on Tuesday afternoons at the Senior Center for years. Then when they started the evening Bingo, he called every weekend until he got burned out on it and finally decided he wanted to do something else on weekends.

He loved to go salmon fishing, clam digging and crabbing. We ate a lot of sea food.

He was a man you could trust with anything. His ethics were beyond compare. He was a wonderful man and I miss him dearly. ■



JACK'S SPECIAL AND ENDURING PROJECT

ORIGINAL BRONZE HERON from the Simpson Estate, here at Shore Acres. Purchased at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco, 1915, it is the only known remaining bird of two that were located in the garden pond area, about where replicas now stand. In 2010, this heron was restored by Friends of Shore Acres volunteer, Jack Gilham, with the patina finish touched up by Shore Acres' Park Ranger Pam Stevens.

JOURNAL EDITOR'S NOTE: When Tiffani Clifton Mooney found out Joan was doing this story she said, "Oh Mom, can I send in a note and tell my take on you and Jack?" Joan said yes. Below is part of what Tiffani wrote.

"... Now, when I talked to mom she was busy. Every day they walked or hiked went to the beach. Her life sounded so fun. She had a renewed life. In April of 2005 for Easter we went to Jack and mom's house. I was excited to meet the man who swept mom off her feet. I did not plan to really like him personally. I liked him because he made mom so happy. I met Jack when we arrived in the evening. He seemed really nice. Very reserved, quiet, I could not read him very well. What I could see was how they looked at each other. Wow, they were so in love. Is that possible to have such a beautiful love at such an older age? I too fell in love with Jack. I was surprised by that. I grew to love him so much. Not just because he made mom happy but because he was so awesome. He very quickly became Grandpa Jack to my kids. They all loved him. For three of my kids he is the only grandpa they know with grandma.

Before Jack was diagnosed with leukemia he wanted to plan a surprise party for mom for her 80th birthday. He told me he was sending her to Norway for her birthday gift. I planned the party and he kept her busy. He was diagnosed with leukemia during the year. He scheduled his chemo around the trip to California for her party. It was a rough year for them. The party was fabulous. A lot of friends and family came. All year Jack was in and out of the hospital. Just a week before Mom was to leave on her three week trip to Norway, Jack was in the hospital. He still insisted that she go. She decided at the last minute she would go. He was home and doing well for the moment. She came back and got to share with him all the wonderful experiences she had on her trip.

He passed away in October 2014. He was 80. They had exactly 10 years. The honeymoon did not end till he was gone. I loved him more than I ever could have imagined. I thank God for the wonderful years mom got to have with him. I feel blessed to have been a part of this very sweet love story." ■

. . . Remembering . . .

PETE GULDENZOPF WILL BE GREATLY MISSED!

E-MAIL NOTE FROM LESLIE GULDENZOPF

Attached is one of our favorite pictures and a copy of Pete's obituary.

Pete and I began our park hosting career in October of 2002 at the Deschutes State Park. This is where we always vacationed every September. Pete loved to fish! We hosted at 10 different state parks returning to many each year. We also worked the Oregon State Fair. We both have 12,000 hours of hosting experience.

In 2005, when we won Host of the Year, we were very proud. To this day, I'm still giving park guide books to people I come in contact with. We always promoted State Parks and volunteering. Pete always loved coming back to Shore Acres especially during the holiday season. It was his favorite of all the parks.

Guldenzopf, Pete – March 27, 1946 - April 2, 2015 – Pete, age 69, died peacefully in his sleep April 2, 2015, at home. Pete was raised in Eagle Creek and graduated from Estacada High School. He was a master painter at Freightliner for 34 years. In his 13 years of retirement, Pete and his "glitzy" wife, Leslie, were full-time camp hosts with the Oregon State Parks system, dividing most of their time between the Deschutes and Coos Bay. Pete was an avid fisherman and crabber who was known as a gruff old codger with a heart of gold. Pete is survived by his loving wife, Leslie; son, Jeff; daughter, Amy; and a multitude of family and friends. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. At the family's request, donations may be made to Friends of Shore Acres, P.O. Box 1172, Coos Bay, OR 97420. Published in The Oregonian from April 7 to April 12, 2015

A memorial gathering to honor Pete was held at Shore Acres Garden House on Sunday, June 7, 2015. Leslie and Pete's immediate family and many friends were in attendance to share great memories and stories of Pete. Refreshments were provided by Friends of Shore Acres. ■



LESLIE AND PETE AT SHORE ACRES HOLIDAY LIGHTS



PAM STEVENS

BESIDES WORKING IN THE INFORMATION AND GIFT CENTER IN DECEMBER, PETE FOUND TIME TO HELP A COUPLE OF HOLIDAY LIGHTS VISITORS.

E-MAIL LETTER ABOUT PETE, DECEMBER 2014

Dear Shore Acres State Park,

I want to say THANK YOU to some special people for their recent assistance!

My mom and I drove down from Salem Oregon to visit the Holiday Lights display Saturday, December 27, 2014, for the first time. While viewing the Koi Pond, I dropped my cell phone into the water where it quickly sank out of site and reach. I immediately accepted the fact that all my photos and data from the visit were lost. Thinking there was nothing to be done about it, we stopped in the gift shop to at least leave our contact info in case the phone was retrieved and turned in someday. Everyone was terribly busy in the store but the volunteers and park employees still took the time to listen to my sad tale.

One volunteer in particular, Pete, even offered to go the extra mile. He arranged to meet us the next morning with his fishing net to try to scoop up my phone on from the murky pond. He was successful on the very first try! The phone was quite dead, but the media card and SIM card inside were unaffected by the water. So we were still able to extract all our lovely photos from the evening and to recover important phone number data and info! Pete and the other volunteers could easily have told me there was no reason to even try to recover the phone and not wasted any time with me. But they didn't, and I love them for it.

I work at the City of Salem Senior Center and I know the value of caring volunteers and passionate employees so I want to make sure YOU all know what a terrific group of folks you have working at Shore Acres State Park!

If you have a volunteer of the month program, I nominate Pete.

Please pass on my gratitude to everyone and I look forward to visiting the park many more times in the future.

Best, Kim Baker and Judy Harrison

Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

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