



Shore Acres State Park  
Before Friends - 1986

Album 29





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.

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## FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

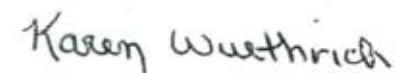
Andy LaTomme was asked to prepare a press release announcing the formation of the Friends with special mention of Mike Bodkin's contribution.

Karen Wuethrich was asked to prepare minutes of the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Wuethrich





# Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

Annual Year - September 1, 2015 - August 31, 2016



## Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. - Annual Meeting Highlights September 15, 2015 – Shore Acres Garden House

### ANNUAL MEETING

- Call to Order: President Sharon Kolkhorst called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.
- Directors present: David Bridgham, Shirley Bridgham, Betty Kennedy, Sharon Kolkhorst, Lou Kolkhorst, Dell Willis, Ray Daniels, Dawn Buxton, Kathy Metzger, and Robynn Reed.
- Directors excused: Joan Clifton, Vee Elliott, Barb Taylor, Roberta Willis
- Guests: Preson Phillips (OPRD), Ellie Kinney-Martial (OPRD), Kathi and Dennis Netter.
- Welcome remarks were given by President Sharon Kolkhorst along with her thanks for all of the help and support from Board members and volunteers she has received this year.
- Annual Membership Meeting Report: Lengthy report of the Friends accomplishments (Sept 2014-Aug 2015) was passed out and is filed with the minutes - Shirley Bridgham.
- Nominations of Board Member - David Bridgham, Nominations Coordinator:
- Jack Gilham passed away on October 20, 2014. Dell Willis has declined being nominated for another 3-year term. Therefore, the Nominations Coordinator nominates David Bridgham, Joan Clifton and Betty Kennedy to serve for three (3) years, with terms expiring in Sept. 2018. 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 thirteen (13). Report is filed with the minutes - David Bridgham
- Motion to cast an unanimous ballot for the slate of Board members nominated. MSP: Lou/ Betty
- Sharon Kolkhorst presented outgoing Board Member, Dell Willis, with a plaque of appreciation for his many years of service to the Friends of Shore Acres.
- Sharon Kolkhorst passed the gavel to our 2015-16 President Kathy Metzger.
- Adjournment - 7:17 PM



(L-R) SHARON AND KATHY



HISTORIC GARDEN HOUSE IS THE SITE OF THE FRIENDS' ANNUAL MEETING EVERY SEPTEMBER.

**SOCIAL BREAK - CIDER "TASTE TESTING" AND RASPBERRY SUNDAES  
(RASPBERRIES PROVIDED BY KATHI AND DENNIS NETTER)**





*"A POWERFUL PARTNERSHIP  
SINCE 1986"*



*Nature  
HISTORY  
Discovery*

**ANNUAL MEETING REPORT - SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 - BY SHIRLEY AND DAVID BRIDGHAM (REFORMATTED FOR ALBUM)  
FRIENDS ACCOMPLISHMENTS SEPTEMBER 2014 - AUGUST 2015**

**PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

- Provided funding to replace cedar in pavilion
- Provided funding to restore garden benches with redwood
- Provided funding for new sidewalk to south rose garden
- Provided funding to replace artificial turf at pavilion
- Provided funding for new plants and garden needs
- Provided funding for WYFI Internet at park host sites

**INTERPRETIVE/EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

- Provided funding for the Rocky Shores Naturalist Interpretive Ranger
- Information & Gift Center (IGC) - Ongoing Success
- 40 postcards (25 colorized historical, 8 re-order, 7 new) - created and produced
- New items created, produced and added to IGC inventory
- Holiday Lights DVD updated and produced
- Holiday Lights Screensaver updated and produced
- Produced supply of DVDs; added Code # to cases
- Web Site - Ongoing maintenance and updating
- Boxwood Blight brochure created and produced
- Rose Card revised and produced
- Garden Map Card revised and produced
- Gifts and Memorials brochure revised and produced
- Membership and History brochure updated and produced
- Simpson Reef brochure - checked on needs of SEA (Shoreline Education for Awareness) - will reprint in 2016
- Annual Journal Summer 2015 (16 pg, full color) created, produced and mailed to 474 people on the Friends' mailing list that includes members, financial supporters and volunteers
- Annual Journal PDF e-mailed to Allan for web site
- Archival Project Ongoing – completed scans of all past publicity clippings

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

- Membership database updated
- Membership campaign completed
- Gifts and Memorials Program ongoing
- Annual tax report completed and filed
- Annual plan for OPRD completed - see plan for other ongoing expenses funded by FoSA

**SPECIAL EVENT 2015**

- Garden Club Convention at The Mill Casino - Shore Acres display/brochures setup

**ANNUAL EVENTS**

- Orchid Day
- Dahlia Day
- Rhododendron Sunday/Mother's Day
- State Parks Day
- Rose Sunday/Father's Day
- Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert
- Bonsai Day



**SHASTA DAISIES AND LADYBUG  
SCULPTURE ADDED IN 2014**

**HOLIDAY LIGHTS**

- Successful 28th annual Holiday Lights Season in 2014 with an estimated 45,558 visitors
- Complete stats posted on [www.shoreacres.net](http://www.shoreacres.net)
- Successful holiday lights takedown, inventory, etc.
- Lights 2015 plan done and book revised
- Lights 2015 tags done
- Lights 2015 ordered and received
- Lights unpacked and being greased
- Half set lights being done
- Seagull sculptures and controller done
- Crab sculptures and controller done
- New Poles for Pelican sculptures done
- Buttons done
- Tree letter revised and e-mailed to Dawn
- Host book returned to Kathy
- Holiday Lights brochure revised and produced
- Holiday Lights Sculptures brochure revised and produced
- Holiday Lights Poster created and produced
- Publicity packets mailed to Information Centers and Media Outlets
- Lights Pledge campaign requests mailed
- Lights Pledge responses in process
- Garden House - new curtains ordered, decorating started
- Fred Meyer order of Apple juice, lemonade and cookies e-mailed to Donna Koski, Coos Bay
- Dave Hannah contacted about Christmas trees
- Day Ship contacted about storage and delivery of cookies
- Vend West contacted about storage and delivery of apple juice and lemonade

**IN PROCESS:**

- Roto Rooter request letter
- Lights Setup Postcard to be mailed
- Trees Decorating Scheduling
- Host Scheduling
- Entertainment Scheduling
- Housekeeping Scheduling





# Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

Annual Year - September 1, 2015 - August 31, 2016



## Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. - Board Meeting Highlights September 15, 2015 – Shore Acres Garden House

- **CALL TO ORDER** - President Kathy Metzger called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.  
Directors present and excused: Same as Annual Meeting; Guests: Preson Phillips (OPRD), Ellie Kinney-Martial (OPRD), Kathi and Dennis Netter, Dell Willis
- **BOARD OFFICERS ELECTION** - David Bridgham, Nominations Coordinator, nominates the following to serve as officers for one year beginning September of 2015: Ray Daniels, President Elect - The President Elect will serve as President for one year beginning Sept. 2016. David Bridgham, Secretary; Barb Taylor, Treasurer. Motion to cast an unanimous ballot for the slate of Board Officers nominated. MSP: Lou/Shirley
- **REVIEW OF MINUTES** (August 18, 2015) - Minutes were approved as presented. MSP: Lou/Robynn
- **FINANCIAL REPORT** - Quarterly report will be presented at our Oct. 20th Board meeting.
- **INFORMATION & GIFT CENTER (IGC) REPORT** - Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst: Sales are up 15% for the year. Even for August. Lou showed a picture of the new IGC shopping bag decorated with holiday lights photos
- **CO-OP CONFERENCE** registration forms are available. Lou and Sharon are going. Other board members are welcome to join them. Expenses to be reimbursed by FoSA. Registration deadline is Sept 30.
- **STATE PARKS REPORT** - Ellie Kinney-Martial - Summer season coming to a close - last big event September 19th - the 30th annual Chevy Show 'N' Shine - expected to be the last. Club has very few active members and not able to continue this event. After Dahlia Day, September 26th, staff will be gearing up for Holiday Lights. Cal Lewis is working on replacement doors for the observation building.  
*ART IN THE PARK GRANT 2016* - Scenes from Shakespeare plays, May 7-8 and 14-15. Four scenes to be performed each day between 1:00 and 4:00 pm; two at the pavilion and two in south rose garden. Would have Garden House open all 4 days with FoSA volunteers if interested and/or park hosts. Would Friends be willing to provide refreshments and rental equipment from Big Tents? Met with Dave Hannah (Big Tents) to discuss renting a tent (size to be determined), stage (8'x16') and 100 chairs - 50 for pavilion and 50 for tent - will bring estimate of cost to October meeting.
- **OLD BUSINESS** - Orchid Day and Dahlia Day volunteers have been scheduled - Betty Kennedy- Orchid Day - AM - Billy and Brian Bergstrom and Patty Curtis; PM Betty Kennedy and Betty Owens  
Dahlia Day - AM - Dell and Roberta Willis; PM Betty Kennedy and Frank Wait
- **HOLIDAY LIGHTS** - Lights pledges are coming in. Start date for stringing lights is Oct. 17th. Ellie asked for a notice sent to volunteers about the smoking ban at state parks. We don't have a direct line of communication to all volunteers, but will notify all contact people of the groups that volunteer.  
Holiday Lights Hosting, 2 spots to be filled, over 60 groups and an extra day this year.- Kathy Metzger  
Holiday Lights Sponsored Trees - Three (3) groups have dropped out this year, but we have a waiting list of 19. - Dawn Buxton  
Holiday Lights Cider Spice making, date to be set. - Kathi Netter  
Holiday Lights detailed activities included with annual meeting report.
- **NEW BUSINESS** - 2 Fourth grade classes have been asked to help make "kids" ornaments for the child's upstairs bedroom tree. Robynn will look at samples.
- **NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015 - North Bend Public Library 7:00 PM.
- **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

*Respectfully submitted, David Bridgham, Secretary*





# September Brings New President and President-Elect

OFFICERS' TERM - SEPTEMBER OF ONE YEAR TO END OF AUGUST THE NEXT YEAR. PRESIDENT-ELECT BECOMES NEXT PRESIDENT

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY KATHY METZGER, PRESIDENT 2015-16



Greetings!

I can't believe it's August already, where has the year gone?

Last summer when David Bridgham talked to me about taking on the President-Elect's role, I was more than happy to say yes. I'm a "behind the scenes" type of person and like to get in there and get the job done!

I first started working with the Friends by helping put up the holiday lights, which

I still do as much as I can and then was brought on to the Board by Kenn Kennedy more than a decade ago. Shirley Bridgham asked if I would take on coordinating the Hosts during the Holiday Lights several years ago – a job that can be challenging but lots of fun!

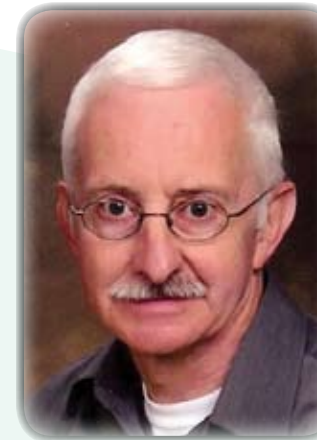
I look forward to working with the Board, the State Parks staff and all our volunteers this year. While many projects have been completed there are always new ideas, which help make Shore Acres State Park the gem of the South Coast. ■



KATHY STRINGING LIGHTS IN 2011

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

BY RAY DANIELS, PRESIDENT-ELECT 2015-16



Greetings from the *New Guy* on the Friends of Shore Acres Board. Although I am a native of Coos County, born and raised in Myrtle Point, I have really only been *actively* involved with FoSA since I created the Ship sculpture in 2010.

I was involved in a couple of projects that go back further than that but I'm really a *newcomer* when you look at the dedicated people on the FoSA Board of Directors. When I interact with the other members of the board I am always amazed at the amount of time and dedication

these board members have given to FoSA. Shirley and David Bridgham are my biggest heroes among this group, as the original visionaries who saw the potential and the need to form Friends of Shore Acres and nearly 30 years later dedicate ever more hours every year to see our mission through to fulfillment. So, when David came around and asked if I would consider the President-Elect position for the upcoming year, I couldn't say No!

So here we go, embarking on another year of "*Participating in Interpretive, Education, and Physical Development Programs with the Sunset Bay State Park Management Unit*" as our Bylaws state. It's going to be a bit of a challenge as my involvement has always been primarily in the Holiday Lights aspect of our many endeavors, but we all need new challenges to keep us *young*. So I'll try my best to be active and involved in the activities FoSA offers year-round at the park.

I look forward to working with the Board to see the Visions and Projects brought to us by the State Parks Staff through to fruition. I also want to thank all of the volunteers, all total there are about 1,600 of you, who help make Shore Acres State Park the gem of the South Coast, by contributing your time and support to Friends of Shore Acres.

**STORM OR SHINE, COME OUT AND ENJOY THE PARK. ■**



# September Also Brings Dahlias Day

***DAZZLING DAHLIAS DISPLAY BY THE SOUTHERN OREGON DAHLIA SOCIETY AND REFRESHMENTS BY THE FRIENDS***



(L-R) JOAN CLIFTON, FRANK WAITE AND BETTY KENNEDY





# Activities Update . . .

BY SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM, JOURNAL EDITOR



Each summer, our annual Journal highlights the preceding year's 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 the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department make it all possible.

## PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS SINCE LAST SUMMER

New redwood benches, new artificial turf at the pavilion, replacement of cedar at the pavilion, new exposed aggregate walkways at the south end of the garden.

## INTERPRETIVE/EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS SINCE LAST SUMMER

Art in the Park grants awarded • New brochures - *Sculpture Displays* • *Boxwood Blight* • Updated brochures and rack cards - History and Membership • Garden Map • Roses • Gifts and Memorials • Holiday Lights • Shoreacres Historical Postcards Colorization Project

## ANNUAL EVENTS SINCE LAST SUMMER

Shore Acres' Holiday Lights - Thanksgiving thru New Year's Eve • Bonsai, Orchid and Dahlia Days - August and September • Rhododendron Sunday/Mother's Day and Rose Sunday/Father's Day • Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert

The Holiday Lights event – this year is our 29TH – 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 October 17TH.

And whether you can help or not, be sure to come and **See the Lights!** ■



**29TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS**  
**At least 325,000 LED LIGHTS**  
**THANKSGIVING - NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
**NOV. 26 – DEC. 31, 2015**  
**4:00 PM - 9:30 PM (EVERY NIGHT)**

Look for new lighted sculptures in the entrance and in the Undersea Garden. And as always, the beautifully decorated Garden House, welcoming hosts with hot cider, punch, coffee and cookies, and live entertainment in the Pavilion.

**LIGHTS SETUP starts Oct. 17TH**  
**To help: 541-756-5401**  
**bridgham@epuerto.com**

# Coming Soon . . .

**29TH ANNUAL**


**SHORE ACRES' HOLIDAY LIGHTS**

A "Community Tradition" since 1987

**325,000 Lights!**

Thanksgiving  
thru New Year's Eve  
Nov. 26 - Dec. 31, 2015  
4-9:30 EVERY NIGHT

OPEN HOUSE  
Hot Cider, Punch,  
Coffee and Cookies!



Win the Ultimate B&B  
Tickets at the  
Info & Gift Center  
541-888-2472  
1-866-888-6100

Sponsored by Friends of Shore Acres and  
Shore Acres State Park, Coos Bay, OR 97420  
541-888-3732 or 541-756-5401  
www.shoreacres.net

Vehicle Parking Fee - \$5  
or Current Pass

Shore Acres "Wave" - Photo by Luis Velasquez



# . . . Holiday Lights – Making Magic . . .



CRYPTOMERIA AND BUTTERFLIES - CHARLESTON FIRE & RESCUE - CAPTAIN RUSTY SHIELD, CHRIS OWENS, JENNIFER POWERS, ED RHODES, AND FRIENDS' VOLUNTEER DELL WILLIS



## DAVID AND SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM CO-CHAIR SINCE 1987

### LIGHTS STRINGERS – 2015

CHERYL BALDWIN, DAVID BARNHART, LAURA BETH BARTON, BRUCE BEAUCHAMP, SHIRLEY & DAVID BRIDGHAM, DAWN AND STEWART BUXTON, SHIRLEY CHAMPAGNE-HARRIS, S. CLARK, JOAN CLIFTON, RAY DANIELS, BILL DAVIS, RUSSELL EARL, SUSAN FERGUSON, DAVID FORKNER, EDITH FORKNER, DAWN HUGHES, KIMBERLY HUMBERT, ALLEN KING, JOANIE LAWRENCE, KATHY METZGER, SHARON MILLER, MIKE PERKINS, CAROL VENTGEN, DELL & ROBERTA WILLIS, COOS BAY GARDEN CLUB - HENRY JOHNSON, LINDA JOHNSON, MARY KERR, MARY ROBERTSON, ELIZABETH ROBERTSON, MICH SHERWOOD, SHARON TEDROW, CHAR YOUNG, SOUTHWESTERN OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE: - BASEBALL TEAM AND SOFTBALL TEAM

GARDEN AREAS - BAY AREA KIWANIS - BILL MCCAFFREE, ROXANNE MCCREADY, MIKE & BETH GIPSON, MERT GREIF, OSCAR JOHNSON, MARTY KULICK, JOHN LEMOS, ALLISON RICHARDS, ELLEN & DAN THOMPSON, SCOTT TRAYLOR, PATRICK VARGA

*Thanks!*

HOLIDAY TREES - DONATED BY DAVE HANNAH - DAVE'S CHRISTMAS TREES  
- LOTS AT FARR'S TRUE VALUE HARDWARE AND NEXT TO PONY VILLAGE THEATERS, NORTH BEND \*

TREE DECORATING COORDINATOR - DAWN BUXTON

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DAVID BRIDGHAM AND BILL DAVIS PUT UP THE NEW ANIMATED SEAGULL SCULPTURES IN THE GAZEBO ENTRANCE TO THE GARDENS.



BILL DAVIS



# *. . . Holiday Lights – Making Magic . . .*



COOS BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS HIGH UP ON THE GARDEN HOUSE - L-R JASON GUENTHER, ANDONI AMUCHASTEGUI AND BEN ROLICHECK



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

BACK ROW: ELLA HUTCHERSON, OLIVIA WEE, ALISSA MCCORD, JORNEY BALDWIN, JOSE GARCIA, GINNY GONZALES, SARA FRINGS, HUNTER BIERCE, BRODY STEELE, TYLER HARPER, BRYCE SHELTON, NICOLE GROVER, MEAGAN MORLAN, KARL STUNTZNER-GIBSON \* MIDDLE ROW: ALICE KEATING, ATHENA RODRIGUEZ, THOMAS MITCHELL, CLAIRE WEST, ALLIE WEST, WHITNEY CRAWFORD-DECKER, ELIZABETH SALATHE, DREW DIEFENBAUGH, PAM ROMANKO, BOB ROMANKO \* FRONT ROW: ETHAN SALATHE, SETH FRINGS



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SHIRLEY CHAMPAGNE-HARRIS

*Thanks!*



# *. . . Holiday Lights – Making Magic . . .*



DAVID BARNHART



COOS BAY GARDEN CLUB - L-R CHAR YOUNG, MARY ROBERTSON, ELIZABETH ROBERTSON, LINDA JOHNSON, HENRY JOHNSON, MICHI SHERWOOD, MARY KERR AND SHARON TEDROW



(L-R) KATHY METZGER AND DAWN BUXTON



DELL WILLIS

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## *. . . Holiday Lights – Making Magic . . .*



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DUSK IS A “FAVORITE TIME” AT THE HOLIDAY LIGHTS



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# Garden House Making Magic Inside!

BY ROBYNN REED, CHAIR, HOUSE DECORATING



Last season we had a few special additions to our long list of community volunteers who help make the annual Holidays Light display possible. We were excited to have Miss Holly Yovino's fourth grade students from Millicoma School participating. They created hand made ornaments to help decorate two trees in the "kids" room of the Garden House. Thank you to Sierra A., Jake B., Kris C., Johnny D., Lillian D., Aspen E., Willow E.,

Wyatt G., Karli K., Braedy K., John L., Brett M., Dylan M., Alexis O-M., Morgan P., Adrian P., Ethan R., Hope S., Kendra S., Cameron T., Hailey T., Orion T., & Marley U.

- We also had colorful "ornament" mittens created by Marlene Davis from Bandon to add to the theme.
- Myrna Epperson added her knitting skills to contribute child size scarves for our theme this year. These colorful scarves were to be given to the young artists after the Holiday Lights event.
- Ann Mintonye loaned Norman Rockwell plates again.
- Jim and Mary Ann Howard loaned a couple of "old" clocks and a unique planter.
- Melisa Hovey loaned a patriotic wreath for the display.

As the 'House Elves' Chloe Eberlein and I were excited to have these artistic contributions and remind visitors to always take a peak upstairs! Also, it is never too early or too late in life to volunteer in our community!

We appreciate these contributions to this wonderful holiday celebration and hope you will visit— rainy or dry, warm or cold! ■

*Thanks!*



GARDEN HOUSE CO-CHAIR - CHLOE EBERLEIN \* MICHAEL AND ADAM REED, ELLIE KINNEY-MARTIAL \* PAM STEVENS, SHUTTER CREEK CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND WORK CREWS

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# Holiday Lights – Early Publicity

THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - October 28, 2015

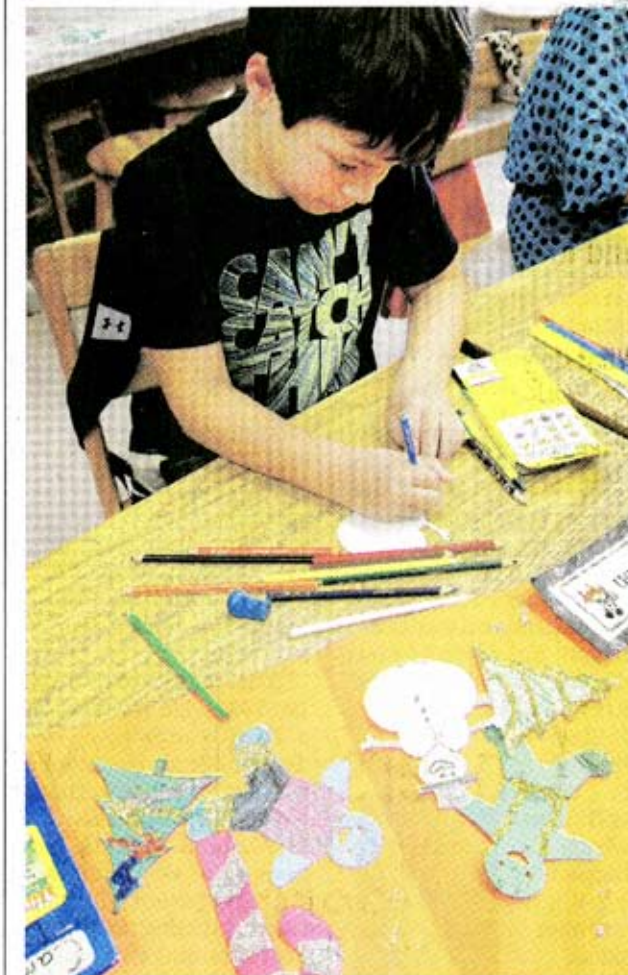
## Lighting up Shore Acres



Lou Sennick, The World  
Kimberly Hunbert, left, and Dawn Hughes string lights on bushes next to the Gardener's House at Shore Acres on Saturday morning. They are among the many volunteers who head out in late October and early November to set up hundreds of thousands of Christmas lights for the annual holiday light show. This will be the 29th year of the light display, which will run from Thanksgiving to New Year's.

THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - November 7, 2015

## Making Shore Acres ornaments



Lou Sennick, The World  
For the first time ever, school kids are creating decorations that will be hung on a tree at Shore Acres this year. Holly Yovino's fourth-grade class at Millicoma Intermediate School is creating the decorations that will be hung on the tree in the kids' room of the Gardener's House for this year's holiday light show. Cameron Taylor was one of the fourth-graders creating the ornaments Thursday afternoon.

THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - November 5, 2015

## Southbound



Lou Sennick, The World  
A flock of geese head south Monday along the coastline near Shore Acres.

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A SURE SIGN THAT IT'S TIME  
TO SET UP THE HOLIDAY  
LIGHTS AT SHORE ACRES!



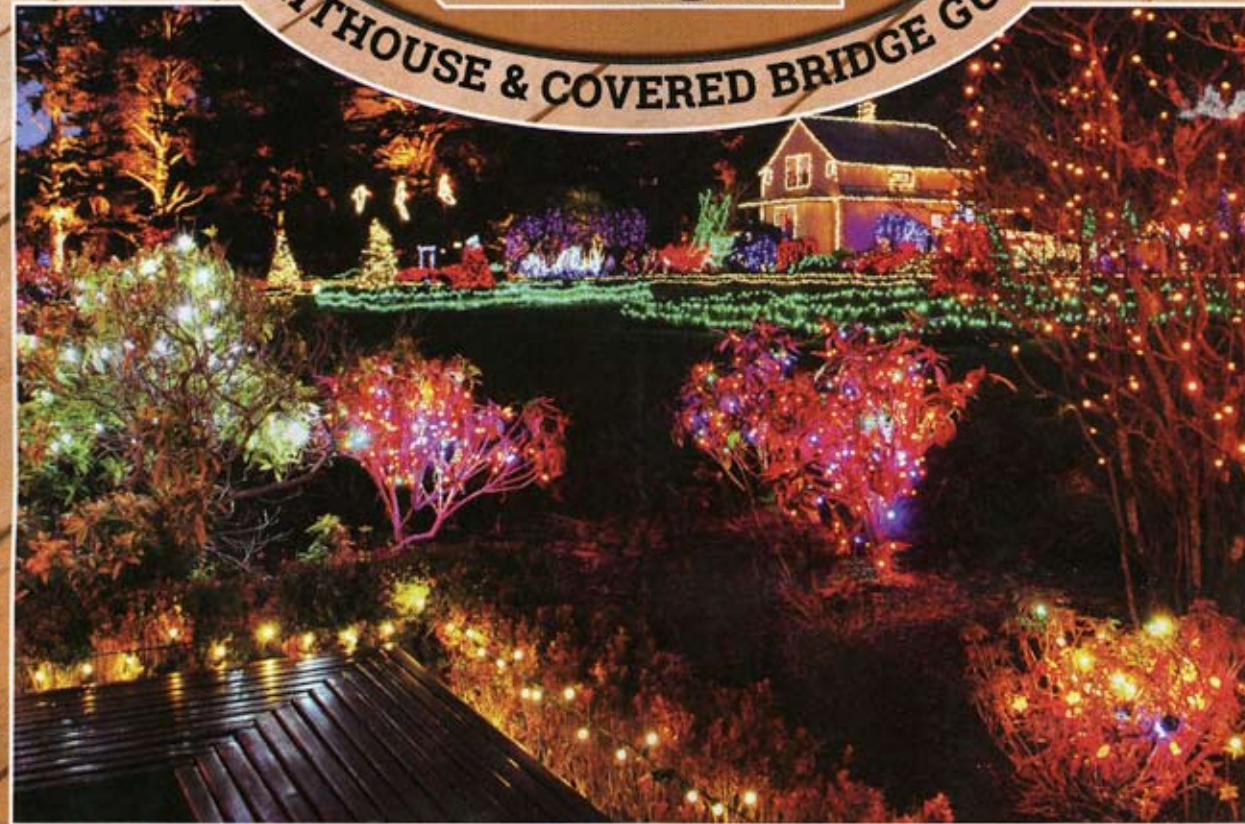
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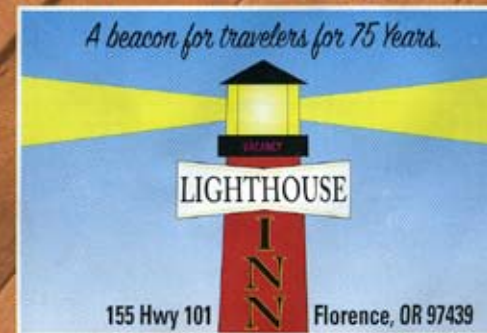
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## Holiday Lights Shine at Shore Acres State Park (see page 89 for location)

By Colette Kimball Photos courtesy of Oregon State Parks

Every winter the gardens at Shore Acres State Park come to life under the glow of thousands of holiday lights.



This year, over 325,000 lights will be strung through the formal gardens and about 45,000 visitors will walk through the displays which include lighted sculptures, landscape lights, and 26 decorated Christmas trees.

The annual event began twenty-nine years ago, when members of the newly formed "Friends of Shore Acres" discussed keeping the gardens lit at night. Curious if people would drive down the winding Cape Arago Highway in the dark, they tried it out over the Christmas holiday. The Friends hung 6,000 landscaping lights and nine thousand people showed up. The Holiday



Lights at Shore Acres became an instant community tradition.

Shirley and David Bridgham were part of the original Friends of Shore Acres and today they co-chair the Holiday Lights. Every year David works on creating new sculptures,

sometimes collaborating with local artists if his idea requires it. "We've slowly added sculptures over the years until we've amassed a large array," David said.

Today there are dozens of lighted sculptures located throughout the formal gardens, from a life-sized grey whale, to lady bugs and butterflies, to an undersea garden designed to look like the bottom of the ocean. New this year is an animated sea gull at the entrance of the garden that appears



to be flying. The sculptures, David explained, "relate to who we are and where we are."

While David creates the sculptures, Shirley designs the displays. "We try to balance out all the colors," Shirley said. When in bloom, the whole garden is balanced in color and that

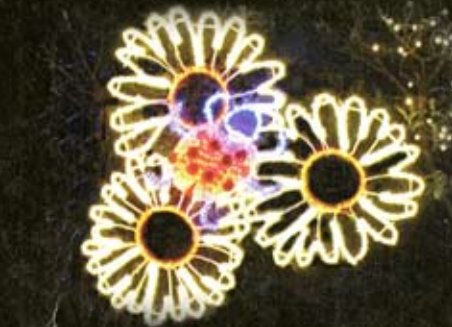


design element continues with the holiday lights. "We use the same color of light that the bush blooms," she explained. A red rhododendron gets red clusters of lights, and the hydrangeas get clusters of blue.

During the Holiday Lights, the Garden House, built in the early 1900s, is decorated in an old time Christmas theme and is open for viewing. It is a highlight for many

visitors including kids who love seeing Santa in the bath tub upstairs. "It is one of the traditions" David said. "One year we tried to go without the Santa and that lasted about two days," Shirley laughed.

Some nights David and Shirley stand at the entrance as people walk in to the garden. "When people come around the corner," Shirley said, "you hear a gasp. They can't believe this display is here, in Coos Bay. Even some of



our locals can't believe this is here."

The Holiday Lights at Shore Acres run every night from Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve, 4:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Shirley said that Monday and Tuesdays are the least crowded nights, and while the weekends are busy, there is always plenty of parking. If you are especially interested in seeing the Garden House during a less crowded time, she suggests coming out when they are having a misty rain.



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

there is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee for the State Park. Colette Kimball is a writer and blogger who spends her free time blogging at [www.MySouthLane.com](http://www.MySouthLane.com).





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## A really wet December

December rainier than average  
in Bay Area, but not a record yet

**ANDREW SHEELER**  
The World

COOS BAY — Coos Bay area residents haven't just been imagining it; December has been rainier than usual.

The National Weather Service station in North Bend has recorded slightly more than 14 inches, as of Sunday, in a month that historically sees half that amount.

That amount of precipitation isn't a record, though.

Misty Duncan, NWS meteorologist based in Medford, said that in order for this month to break the previous record, 22.36 inches in 1955, "We'd have to get another eight inches in the next 11 days."

"I don't know if it's possible," she added. "It just kind of depends if the weather pattern pans out in the next week-and-a-half."

Duncan said it's difficult to predict precipitation past four days, but she said that her office anticipated between 1.5 and 1.75 inches for the rest of the year.

Though December has been rainier than average, Duncan said that even the to-date precipitation isn't a record-breaker.

While 2015 saw 14 inches of rain by Dec. 20, by that time in 1987, area residents had endured more than 18 inches.

Duncan said that although the area has seen flooding, particularly along the Coquille River, the majority of flooding concerns have been in the area of Brookings.

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# Holiday Lights – Recap and Appreciation

## HOLIDAY LIGHTS 2015 — AN ESTIMATED 49,228 VISITORS

30 COUNTRIES (OTHER THAN THE U.S.) • 43 STATES AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

CITIES AND TOWNS: 201 OREGON • 126 CALIFORNIA • 57 WASHINGTON • 185 CITIES AND TOWNS FROM OTHER STATES

- Auckland, New Zealand - Exceptional lighting display
- Barnstable, MA - Magical - Uplifting community effort
- Bend, OR - Every year it takes my breath away
- Boise, ID - Gorgeous, we love coming every year
- Brookings, OR - Epic!! Worth the drive
- Burlington, Iowa - 1st time -Amazing!!
- Cave Junction, OR - Our after Christmas tradition
- Charles City, IA - Beautiful
- Clackamas, OR - So cool, we come every year
- Coos Bay, OR - Beautiful, love the bear room!
- Deschutes, OR - Splendiferous!
- Dublin, Ireland - It's grrrrreat!
- Eugene, OR - Great designs!
- Fair Oaks, CA - Gorgeous! Worth the trip!
- Gleneden Beach, OR - Best in the Northwest!
- Gold Beach, OR - We are mesmerized!
- Lakeside, OR - Wonderful! Great gift shop
- Littleton, NH - Beautiful - Wicked pretty
- Los Angeles, CA - Beautiful! Love the theme :)
- Modesto, CA - Best house in Oregon!!
- Newport, OR - Beautiful wonderland of lights
- North Bend, OR - Beautiful tree in the living room!
- Oakland, OR - A yearly family tradition!!
- Oregon City, OR - Beautiful day or night
- Portland, OR - Worth every mile
- Rancho Murieta, Sacramento - Love the animals!!!
- Reno, NV - Wish we had one, Amazing!!
- Roseburg, OR - Beautiful memories!!
- Sacramento, CA - Inspires Joy and Holiday Cheer
- Salem, OR - Better than Disneyland!
- San Diego, CA - Beautiful decorations
- Seattle, WA - This is so special
- Springfield, OR - Beyond expectations, spectacular
- Stockton, CA - Sensational
- Sutherlin, OR - Love the lights, perfect family outing
- Troutdale, OR - Great Brass Ensemble
- Tucson, AZ - Breathtaking
- Yachats, OR - 1st of many trips
- Yreka, CA - Always love it!



*Gorgeous! Every detail great. - Fort Collins, CO*  
*Never miss the magic! - Charleston, OR*  
*Mesmerizing! Lakeside, OR*  
*Perfect! - New York, NY*  
*Amazingly beautiful! Sioux Falls, SD*



### THANKS, LIGHTS PLEDGE SUPPORTERS 2015!

#### LED LIGHTS

- 5,600\* Abel Insurance Agency–Harry and Francie Abel \*  
Prudential Seaboard Properties \*
- 3,334\* The Mill Casino Hotel and RV Park \*
- 2,100\* Captain John's Motel–Hon-chi Teng and Fang-chuan Lin \*  
Edgewater Inn Motel, Coos Bay \* The Portside Restaurant \*  
Jim and Diane Verger \*
- 2,000\* Coastal Paper and Supply–Bob and Johanna Dillard \*  
Barbara K. Mills \*
- 1,667\* Cornelia and Don Barnhart \* Nasburg Huggins Insurance \*
- 1,400\* Azalea Acres, Inc.–Richard, Betty, Steven and Wesa Liles \*  
David and Shirley Bridgham \*  
Coos Bay Grocery Outlet–Patricia & Sven Backman and Crew \*  
J. W. White Painting–Jay and Melody White \*  
Miller's at the Cove Sports Bar & Grill \*  
Pacific Corp/Pacific Power \* Nancy Robinson \*
- 1,334\* Oyster Cove LLC–Martha Butler \*
- 1,125\* Coos Bay Fire Department \*
- 1,050\* Michael A. Gordon, CPA (Not Your Basic Bean Counter) \*
- 1,000\* Best Western Holiday Motel \*
- 807\* Tom's Lock & Key–Steve and Cathy Clark \*
- 700\* Art Connection \* Bob's Appliance–Bob and Gayle DePeal \*  
Cheslock Optical–Dr. James and Rhea Cheslock \*  
Ray Gapp \* Honda World \* Dennis and Jo Lynne Roberts \*  
Ron and Pauline Vierra–Slippery Slope Soap Shop \*  
Windermere / North Point Inc. \*
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- 434\* High Tide Cafe LLC–Carol Rodde and Steve Raplee \*
- 400\* Charleston Harbor Inn in memory of John A. Castro \*
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- 350\* Gold Coast Truck Repair–Butch and Jacque Shields \*  
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Donald and Priscilla Zobel \*



#### SPECIAL THANKS - 2015

- Fred Meyer - 24TH year providing 100 cases of frozen apple juice for hot apple cider, 12 cases of frozen lemonade for punch and generous discount on cookies
- Vend West - Lou Leberti - 27TH year - Food Storage and Delivery
- Roto Rooter- Jim and Mike Collatt - 22ND year of providing "Santacans" at a substantial discount.
- Day Ship Supply - Bruce Day - 18TH year - Cookie Storage and Delivery
- Dave's Trees - Dave Hannah - 15TH year - Outdoor Christmas Trees



# *Memorable Holiday Lights Visit*

AS PART OF THEIR VISIT TO THE HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT SHORE ACRES ON DECEMBER 30, 2015,  
CAROL VENTGEN AND MIKE PERKINS AND DAVID AND SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM TRAVELED SOUTH TO CAPE ARAGO STATE PARK,  
WHERE SHIRLEY CAPTURED THIS MEMORABLE PHOTO . . . SOMETIMES, PHOTOGRAPHERS GET LUCKY!



## **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***

***Three of the parks in the Sunset Bay Management Unit are Sunset Bay, Shore Acres, and Cape Arago.***

***This photo was taken at Cape Arago on Dec. 30, 2015 when visitors had the opportunity to see a glorious sunset.***

Shirley Bridgham



# Looking Back at a Different Memorable Visit

## Friends and Friends' Journal Travel to France and Share a Bit of History

By Carol Ventgen



It is filled with climber rose trees and has an alley of orange trees. There is a large cutting garden here, filled with flowers exclusively produced to grace the rooms of the Chateau.

**NOTE:** CAROL AND HER HUSBAND MIKE PERKINS ARE LONG-TIME DEDICATED FRIENDS' MEMBERS AND HOLIDAY LIGHTS VOLUNTEERS. THEY DO MOST OF THE SET-UP OF THE UNDERSEA GARDEN AND HELP WITH THE REST OF THE LIGHTS DISPLAY, INCLUDING TAKE-DOWN! ■

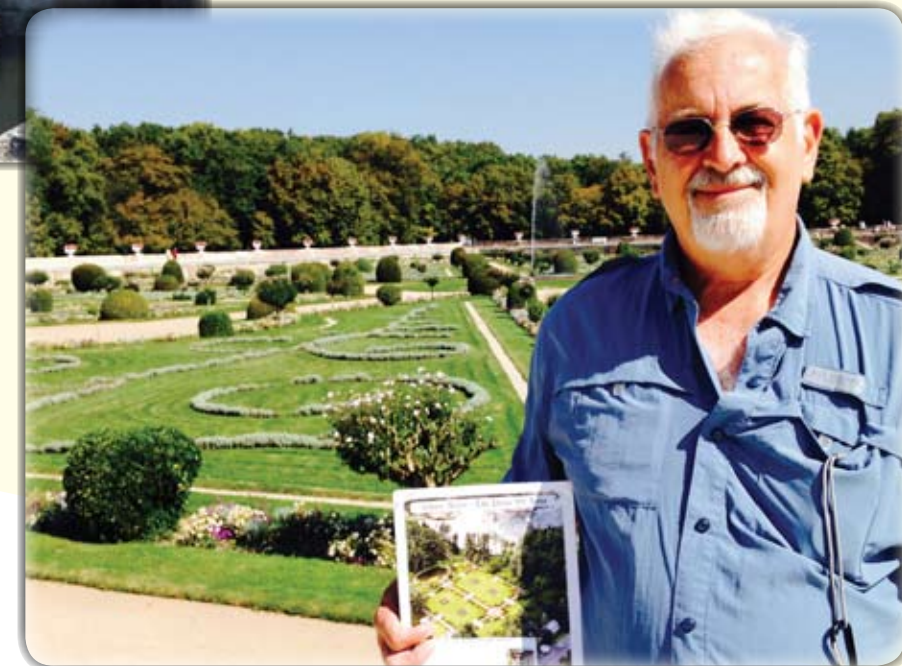


Another interesting part of its history is that during World War I, the Grand Gallery served as a military hospital where more than 2,200 soldiers were cared for. During World War II, the Cher River that flows under the Chateau's Gallery was the border between the French State that had sovereignty over southern France, and Nazi-controlled northern France. Chenonceau saw many prisoner swaps, and also some prisoner escapes. ■

While I'm in a catch-up mode, I'm attaching a photo of the Chateau de Chenonceau in the Loire Valley of France where Mike and I visited in 2013 and 2014, one of the most magnificent of many wonderful chateaux in France.

The back story: Its construction began in 1513. King Henry II moved in at one point and in 1547 he gave the Chateau to his mistress, Diane de Poitiers. She added an arched bridge across the Cher River to access hunting grounds. She took a small, rustic garden established by the previous owner and turned it into a lovely formal garden divided into four large triangles set in impressive fruit trees, with strawberry plants and violets bordering the paths. The "Le Jardin de Diane" fountain she installed still sits in the center of the garden. (Diane's garden is seen in the photo with Mike.) She enjoyed the Chateaus and her garden until the king died of injuries sustained in a jousting tournament in 1559.

Upon his death, Henry's vengeful wife, Catherine de Medicis, unceremoniously kicked Diane out and into a much drabber chateau called Chaumont. Catherine added a three-story structure on top of Diane's bridge and created her own garden (*The photo with me*).





# Springtime Publicity – 2016



No matter how many times I travel along these 363 miles, the Oregon Coast continues to amaze me. Although it is always a different experience from day to day and season to season, it never fails to provide a “wow.” One of my favorite stops on the South Oregon Coast is Cape Arago, a required side trip off Highway 101 for any traveler, in my opinion. It is a drive of less than a half hour from downtown Coos Bay or North Bend to reach a remarkable string of three State Parks along this spectacular cape. You start with a scenic view of Sunset Bay, a protected cove and beach with rocky reefs and islands guarding its mouth. As you continue, views of the Cape Arago Lighthouse emerge before you reach Shore Acres State Park and one of the most amazing viewpoints in Oregon. It’s known for great wave action year round, but when storms whip up huge swells, there’s no other place like it. The reefs and cliff sides turn incoming waves into explosions that resemble fireworks, then water cascades like a waterfall down richly textured rock formations. I’m always entranced by this constantly changing scene, making it difficult for me to leave as I convince myself to stay for “just one more wave.” On this visit, the sun broke out a few minutes between showers and a rainbow appeared and dissolved with each momentous crash. Nearby, Simpson Reef is usually active with sea lions whose bellowing echoes throughout the areas. Finally, Cape Arago State Park denotes the end of the road with expansive views and access to colorful intertidal areas. Hike the length of this stunning cape in spring and you’re likely to enjoy wildflower dotted trails and catch glimpses of seals nursing their newborns. Although Cape Arago is exceptional, it’s not an exception. The momentous Oregon Coast has many surprises in store for your next visit.

Gary Hayes  
Coast Explorer Publisher



# *Rhododendron Sunday, Mother's Day – May 8, 2016*



SW OREGON CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY - MARJENE MACINTYRE,  
BOB MACINTYRE, LIZ HULTIN, TOM HULTIN, DAN NICKELL, JACK HACKETT, RAY LEE



TULIPS AND HINO CRIMSON AZALEAS



PARK VISITORS AND DARRELL AND CAROL SANDERS



# Art in the Park Event – 2016 – Shore Acres

BY KRISTIN HOVENKOTTER GRECO, RANGER ASSISTANT



Shore Acres State Park hosted a Shakespeare in the Park event with actors from area theatres. This was the first of two Art in the Park events at Shore Acres and Sunset Bay. We applied for and were approved to receive grants from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Heritage Fund designed to bring artistic events to our State Parks.

Fifteen different local thespians from three different community theatre groups (Logos Players, The Dolphin Players, and Little Theatre on the Bay) took part in this free event, performing two monologues and four scenes from a variety of William Shakespeare's plays. These scenes were performed once each day, and took place in two different locations within Shore Acres Gardens.

The Friends of Shore Acres were instrumental in putting on this event, funding the rental of chairs for the audience, as well as the tent and stage for the Rose Garden location. Volunteers from the friends also had the Garden House open each day, with cookies and juice for the spectators, who attended in numbers over 80 every day.

The total amount of attendees for the event over the four days was approximately 280 people who got to experience the amazing works of William Shakespeare in the beautiful outdoor setting of Shore Acres Gardens.

The community seemed to fully support this endeavor, and we hope it can become an annual event at Shore Acres. All feedback has been excellent, and all the volunteer participants had wonderful things to say about the experience and want to take part again in the future. Look for our next Shakespeare in the Park event to be a full play, taking place in September of 2017. ■



SHAKESPEARE NEAR THE ROSE GARDEN



SHAKESPEARE IN THE PAVILION

## MORE THAN ONE TASK . . .



LISA PHILLIPS

KRISTIN, AS BOTTOM REFUSES TO DIE PEACEFULLY.

In addition to writing the grant and organizing and coordinating the event, Kristin Hovenkotter Greco played *Bottom* from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in the Logos scene that closed the show.

This scene was a compilation of the players being assigned their parts for a play to be performed at the Duke's wedding as well as the actual play-within-a-play itself, the famous "Wall Scene."

*Bottom*, an arrogant and obnoxious person, is cast as Pyramus, a mythological lover whose story is reminiscent of Romeo and Juliet, wherein he "dies most gallant for love" in a very drawn-out and hilariously over-dramatic manner. ■



# Art in the Park Event – 2016 – Sunset Bay

BY KRISTIN HOVENKOTTER GRECO, RANGER ASSISTANT

The other Art in the Park event was a free watercolor painting day at Sunset Bay on June 4th, State Parks Day. We held an instructional session that morning, two teachers from the Bay Area Artists' Association came in to do watercolor painting lessons for adults, and then in the afternoon, the local Plein Air painters and members of the public participated in a "Paint Out" where supplies were provided to anyone who wanted to sit and paint outside at Sunset Bay. ■

*Thanks  
to all who  
participated!*

**THANK YOU, FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES, FOR HELPING  
BRING FANTASTIC ART EVENTS TO OUR COMMUNITY!**



SHAYLA VAN TASSEL HOLDS UP HER WORK FROM THE MORNING INSTRUCTIONAL SESSION. SHAYLA ALSO PLAYED JULIET IN A SCENE DURING THE SHAKESPEARE EVENT.



TWENTY-ONE PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN THE 2-HOUR WATERCOLOR INSTRUCTIONAL SESSION LED BY MEMBERS OF THE BAY AREA ARTISTS ASSOCIATION.



PARTICIPANTS PAINTING "EN PLEIN AIR" OUT IN NATURE DURING THE AFTERNOON PAINT OUT SESSION. FIFTY-ONE PEOPLE PARTICIPATED, CREATING WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS OF SUNSET BAY IN THE BEAUTIFUL SUNSHINE.





# NEWS FROM THE SUNSET BAY MANAGEMENT UNIT

BY PRESON PHILLIPS, PARK MANAGER



RANGER GARRETT ALBISTON BEGINS THE FIRST OF MANY TABLE RESTORATIONS AT CAPE ARAGO STATE PARK.



NORTHWEST YOUTH CORPS TEAM MEMBERS STRETCH BEFORE ANOTHER DAY OF BUILDING THE EAST LOOP TRAIL.



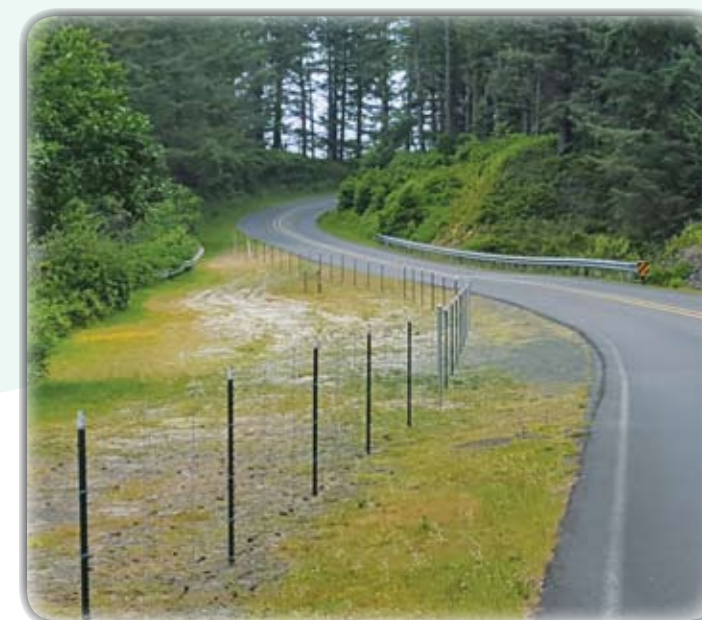
Park Rangers Pam Stevens and Ellie Kinney-Martial install new traffic counter loop at Shore Acres.



FIRST ONE DONE!



THE TIDE POOLS AT SUNSET BAY ARE ALIVE WITH SEA CRITTERS AND FAMILIES DURING A MINUS TIDE.



NEW TRAFFIC CONTROL FENCING SOUTH OF SIMPSON REEF OVERLOOK



# *Rose Sunday, Father's Day – June 19, 2016*



ROSARIANS STEVE PENNINGTON AND LOU KOLKHORST ANSWERED QUESTIONS AND OFFERED SOME TIPS FOR GROWING BEAUTIFUL, HEALTHY ROSES.



THE SOUTHWESTERN OREGON ROSE SOCIETY DISPLAYED DIFFERENT TYPES OF ROSES WITH A RAINBOW OF COLORS AND FRAGRANCES.



DARRELL AND CAROL SANDERS



AARS ROSE DISPLAY GARDEN AT SHORE ACRES



# *"A Gathering of Finches" Author Jane Kirkpatrick Speaks at Shore Acres - June 26, 2016*

THE AUTHOR SIGNED HER BOOKS, MADE A PRESENTATION AND REMAINED TO CHAT WITH VISITORS.

FRIENDS OF SHORE ACRES SERVED REFRESHMENTS.



## **INSPIRATION FOR THE BOOK:**

Twenty years ago Coos Bay residents Ken and Nancy Tedder brought their relatives Jane and Jerry Kirkpatrick to Shore Acres State Park. What followed was the acclaimed book *A Gathering of Finches* (1997) by author Jane Kirkpatrick. That visit to the park led to her journey to discover the story of Cassie Hendricks Stearns Simpson for whom Louis Simpson designed this now jewel of a state park.

"I kept trying to find out what kind of a woman would inspire this beautiful place," said Kirkpatrick. "My husband loves me very much but he gives me earrings. Who was this woman and why didn't we know more about her?"

With some trepidation she called on descendant of Cassie Simpson, Mrs. Peg Day, who enthusiastically joined her quest helping her uncover lost documents.

"The book has touched people from around the world," Kirkpatrick says. "I hear from descendants of Louie's brother and sister and from people who read the book and said they'd changed their lives because of it." The book was adapted into a stage production performed by North Bend's Waterfront Players led by Judy McDonald in the early 2000s. Kirkpatrick dedicated the book to her sister, Judy Hurtle, who died later that year.

Thousands of visitors each year enjoy the gardens and Kirkpatrick notes that people make the trek with family members to see for themselves this lavish estate that marked a great though tragic love affair. ■



## **NOTE FROM JANE:**

I received a lovely letter from a young mother that moved me in the way that I hope my novels move others: to consider the power of their own stories, their own home towns, their own families.

History and story enrich our lives and between history and story lies memory. This young woman, now a mother, made memories. I couldn't be happier.

## **LETTER FROM ATTENDEE**

Hi Jane,

Thanks again for speaking at Shore Acres today, and for taking a picture with me! I can't emphasize enough how much your book (and others, but particularly 'A Gathering of Finches') influenced me and made me fall in love with the history of my hometown.

My parents owned a charter fishing business in Charleston, OR so I spent most of my childhood on boats and at the beach. Growing up in that environment you don't quite realize how unique and special the Oregon coast is. And like many people that grow up in Coos County, I visited Shore Acres every December for the spectacular light display. I just had no idea that Shore Acres had such a history!

When I was in high school I read your book for the first time and my curiosity was insatiable. It blew my mind that you were writing about people in my own town, and mentioning places I had been to dozens of times. (I can still vividly remember your description of the Simpsons trying to get to the Shore Acres location, and to this day I cannot fathom how they built roads and traveled.)

Because I had a job shelving books at the public library, I started researching the Simpson family, Shore Acres, and Coos County. I dragged my mom and sister all over, trying to find historical markers. We hiked all over Shore Acres. I was able to recall important events in the book and really connect to the history. It was a great summer, and even when I went to college and brought friends home to visit I became a little tour guide for the history of Shore Acres. :)

Thank you again for helping me appreciate the history of my home! It was a pleasure to meet you and hear you speak.

Warmly, Brittany Daugherty





# FRIENDS' INFORMATION & GIFT CENTER (IGC)

AN ALL-VOLUNTEER OPERATION MANAGED BY LOU AND SHARON KOLKHORST

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## *Simpson Books In Stock Now*

"A GATHERING OF FINCHES" BY JANE KIRKPATRICK  
"L J: THE UNCOMMON LIFE OF LOUIS JEROME SIMPSON"

BY JUDY AND DICK WAGNER

"THE SIMPSONS OF SHORE ACRES" BY STEPHEN DOW BECKHAM



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*Oregon Coast Music Festival Garden Concert – July 23, 2016*  
*“The Klezmonauts” - Klezmer Music*



(L-R) RAY DANIELS, DELL WILLIS, CARL SIMINOW, DENNIS NETTER,  
AND DAVID BRIDGHAM HELPED DIRECT AND PARK CARS.



SHARON FRANK, ART CAR, NORMA DAVIS, AND JANETTE CAR SELL  
SUNDAES AND LEMONADE. KATHI AND DENNIS NETTER PROVIDED  
THE RASPBERRIES THAT FOLKS HAVE COME TO EXPECT.





## *Bonsai Day with the Bay Area Bonsai Society - August 20*



NORM HERNING, GEORGE AHUNA, BETTY KENNEDY AND EVA AHUNA



VISITORS GET THEIR BONSAI QUESTIONS ANSWERED.



THE SOCIETY'S 75-YR OLD MASCOT TREE, PICTURED AS PART OF THE LOGO ON NORM'S SHIRT.



MIKE WAHLBERG, BETTY KENNEDY & JESSICA MORRISON



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