



Shore Acres State Park  
Before Friends - 1986

Album 30





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.

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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.

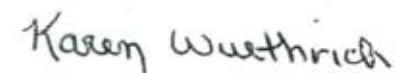
Andy LaTomme was asked to prepare a press release announcing the formation of the Friends with special mention of Mike Bodkin's contribution.

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, 2016 - August 31, 2017



## Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. - Annual Meeting Highlights September 20, 2016 – Shore Acres Garden House

### ANNUAL MEETING

- Call to Order: President Kathy Metzger called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- Directors present: Shirley Bridgham, Betty Kennedy, Lou Kolkhorst, Dennis Netter, Kathi Netter, Robynn Reed, Barb Taylor, Roberta Willis.
- Directors excused: David Bridgham, Dawn Buxton, Joan Clifton, Ray Daniels, Sharon Kolkhorst
- Guests: Preson Phillips (OPRD), Ellie Kinney-Martial (OPRD), Dell Willis, and Brian Fowler, Visitor Experience Coordinator, OPRD.
- Welcome, Introductions and Remarks - President Kathy welcomed everyone and Board members introduced themselves to Brian.
- Annual Membership Meeting Report (Sept 2015-Aug 2016) by Shirley and David Bridgham: Lengthy Report was emailed to Board members and is filed with the Minutes.
- Nominations of Board Members - Kathy presented David Bridgham's report (full report emailed to Board Members and filed with the minutes): "The Nominations Coordinator nominates Ray Daniels, Lou Kolkhorst and Roberta Willis to serve for three (3) years, with terms expiring in Sept. 2019. Also Dell Willis has agreed to re-join the Board for another three (3) year term. 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 fifteen (15).
- Motion to cast an unanimous ballot for the slate of Board members nominated. MSP/Shirley/Lou
- Passing the Gavel - Postponed until Oct. since President-Elect Ray Daniels had to be out of town and was excused from the meeting..
- Adjournment - 6:15 pm
- Social Break - Raspberry Sundaes (Raspberries provided by Kathi and Dennis Netter)





*"A POWERFUL PARTNERSHIP  
SINCE 1986"*



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**ANNUAL MEETING REPORT - SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 - BY SHIRLEY AND DAVID BRIDGHAM (REFORMATTED FOR ALBUM)**  
**FRIENDS ACCOMPLISHMENTS SEPTEMBER 2015 - AUGUST 2016**

**PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

- Funding to restore garden benches with redwood
- Funding for electrical needs
- Funding for new plants and garden needs
- Funding for WYFI Internet at park host sites, shops, web camera and web site and IGC
- Funding for equipment (new cash register that works with chip technology for IGC)
- Funding for repairs and maintenance
- Funding for Garden House repairs/needs
- Funding for new sign at Observation Building
- Funding for new sign at Cape Arago Hwy Entrance
- Funding for unexpected park needs

**INTERPRETIVE/EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

- Provided funding for the Rocky Shores Naturalist Interpretive Ranger
- Information & Gift Center (IGC) - Ongoing Success
- New items created, produced and added to IGC inventory
- Holiday Lights DVD produced
- Holiday Lights Screensaver produced
- Produced supply of Friends' DVDs
- Web Site - Ongoing maintenance and updating
- Garden Map Card reordered
- Membership and History brochure revision in process
- Annual Journal Summer 2016 (16 pg, full color) created, produced and to be mailed to 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 Album #4, PDF copies available for e-mail distribution; Albums and materials on file at Bridgham's.

**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

**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

**SPECIAL EVENTS 2016**

- Art in the Park Events; Shakespeare and Plein Air Painting at Shore Acres and Sunset Bay
- "A Gathering of Finches" Jane Kirkpatrick Book Signing event at Shore Acres

**IN PROCESS**

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

**HOLIDAY LIGHTS**

- Successful 29th annual Holiday Lights Season in 2015 with an estimated 49,228 visitors
- Complete stats posted on [www.shoreacres.net](http://www.shoreacres.net)
- Successful holiday lights takedown, inventory, etc.
- Lights 2016 plan done and book revised
- Lights 2016 tags done
- Lights 2016 ordered and received
- Lights unpacked and greased
- Small Butterfly - new lights - done
- Dolphin sculpture for Undersea Garden done
- Porcupine sculpture for Exile Gate done
- Orca Whale sculpture reconstruction: Ray is finishing the bending and welding; David is putting on the rope lights; this marks the transition to a new solid-state digital controller, allowing the Orca to leap into the 21st Century.
- Buttons done
- Tree letter revised and e-mailed to Dawn
- Host book returned to Kathy
- Holiday Lights brochure revised and produced
- Holiday Lights Poster created and produced
- Holiday Lights Posters mailed
- Publicity packets mailed to Information Centers and Media Outlets
- Lights Pledge campaign requests mailed
- Lights Pledge responses in process
- Garden House - new bed for front bedroom
- 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





# Friends of Shore Acres, Inc.

Annual Year - September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017



## Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. - Board Meeting Highlights September 20, 2016 – Shore Acres Garden House

### BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

- Call to Order: Past President Kathy Metzger called the meeting to order at 6:23 PM.
- Directors present: Shirley Bridgham, Betty Kennedy, Lou Kolkhorst, Dennis Netter, Kathi Netter, Robynn Reed, Barb Taylor, Dell Willis, Roberta Willis.
- Directors excused: David Bridgham, Dawn Buxton, Joan Clifton, Ray Daniels, Sharon Kolkhorst
- Guests: Preson Phillips (OPRD), Ellie Kinney-Martial (OPRD), and Brian Fowler, Visitor Experience Coordinator, OPRD.
- Board Officers Election - Kathy presented David Bridgham's report: "The Nominations Coordinator nominates the following to serve as officers for one year beginning September of 2016: Lou Kolkhorst, President Elect - The President Elect will serve as President for one year beginning Sept. 2017. David Bridgham, Secretary; Barb Taylor, Treasurer. Motion to cast an unanimous ballot for the slate of Board Officers nominated. MSP: Shirley/Dennis
- Review of Minutes (July 19, 2016): Minutes were approved as presented. MSP: Barb/Dell
- Financial Report - Barb reported that the total Checking/Savings as of August 31 is \$137,146.00. She will email an updated report to Board members after processing all August receipts that she received today because she has been out of town. The Third Quarter report will be presented at our Oct. 18th Board meeting.
- Information & Gift Center (IGC) Report - Lou Kolkhorst: Sales are up 4.60% for August; 6.20% for the year. Lou showed some of the IGC's new merchandise: Dynasty glass; metal enamel mugs; bumper sticker with wave photo; window stickers with holiday lights photos; bicycle bells with our photos; medallions for walking sticks; and more. Lou reported 106 B&B tickets sold to date.

- **State Parks Report** - Ellie Kinney-Martial: New traffic counter loop and counter installed; Maintenance shop - south wall repaired, new window - north wall all siding replaced; Observation building path project will begin next Wednesday – Archaeologist Mollie Manion will be on site to observe the removal of asphalt - pavers will be installed, continuing from the existing pavers to the observation building; Ellie met with Larry Nichols yesterday to strategize a plan for the highway sign installation; Ellie met with Cal Lewis last week to discuss repairs to the garden house which include: the back porch support post, the front window, and the roof hips on the west side of the house (roof outside of west bedroom window); Rocky Shores Naturalist Zoe Shaheen completed her season today; Volunteer appreciation event - noon tomorrow at Sunset Bay gazebo
- **Old Business** - Dahlia Day Volunteers - Betty Kennedy: Darrell and Carol Sanders, morning; Betty and Deb afternoon; Holiday Lights - Shirley said everything is on schedule; See Holiday Lights part of annual report; Holiday Lights Garden House Decorating - Robynn Reed - will start after Oct. 1; Holiday Lights Hosting - Kathy Metzger; slots nearly filled Holiday Lights Sponsored Trees - in process; report from Dawn in October Holiday Lights Cider Spice making - Kathi Netter - to be done in late October; Shirley to order 20 bags of spice; Holiday Lights detailed activities included with annual meeting report.

### New Business - None

**Good of the Order** - Robynn said Sawdust Theatre in Coquille is going to offer "A Christmas Carol" in December. She also reported that "she" survived her big dog's knee surgery and 8-week recovery this summer.

**Next Meeting** - Tuesday, Oct 18, 2016 - North Bend Public Library - 6:00 PM.  
Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Shirley Bridgham, Secretary Pro-Tem

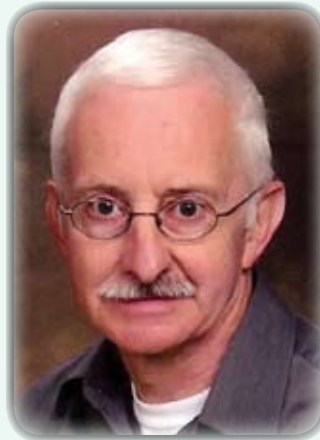


# September Brings New President and President-Elect

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY RAY DANIELS, PRESIDENT 2016-17



A year ago I stated, "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", and of course my amazement hasn't diminished after serving as President for a year. As President you come to appreciate what a diverse group of volunteers we have on the Board and how each individual's own expertise contributes to fulfilling the goal of supporting and enhancing Shore Acres Park and Programs. Our original "Visionaries" Shirley and David Bridgham remain

my biggest heroes as they seem to have dedicated their entire being to FoSA and are paramount to our success.

But it isn't just the FoSA Board that makes Shore Acres the Gem of the Oregon Coast. All the members of FoSA contribute to our success and the 1,600 volunteers we rely on year after year to ensure the park is looking its best for the many activities and events at Shore Acres. Local businesses are generous with their donations of materials and funds to help our volunteers ensure our visitors are treated to a most memorable experience.

In case you didn't know, Shore Acres Park has a wonderful Information and Gift Center. Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst have managed the IGC for the past several years and in my opinion have created "the best gift shop on the Oregon Coast." Many of the offerings are exclusively available only at Shore Acres IGC, check it out on your next visit.

Sunset Bay Management Unit as it's officially known is the reason FoSA exists. Our mission is to work with staff to develop and maintain "INTERPRETIVE, EDUCATIONAL, AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS." What a great group. Managers and rangers work very hard to ensure the buildings, paths, ponds and plantings are always looking their best. Their visions and needs are what keeps the FoSA Board active and focused.

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

BY LOU KOLKHORST, PRESIDENT-ELECT 2016-17



I to all FOSA members and volunteers. I am looking forward to being involved with the FoSA Board again as President. This Board is one of the best groups that I have been involved with for the past (whole bunch) of years. Everyone gets along great, everyone is dedicated to Shore Acres, there isn't any of the politicking you find with so many of the different groups. It is just a fun place to work to promote our great place, Shore Acres State Park.

Sharon and I planned to become involved when we moved back to Oregon in 1998. We both are past Presidents and have been very active, initially, with Holiday lights, and more recent with the Information & Gift Center (IGC). We are so fortunate with the OPRD staff, the numerous Park Hosts that keep our IGC going, the many local volunteers who fill in when the hosts are not here and the multitude of supporters from our area that all make it the fantastic place to visit. Again, thank you all for your support and I am looking forward to serve as the Board President this coming year. ■





# Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. turns “30” on Dec. 4, 2016

LOOKING BACK AT A REMARKABLE JOURNEY - BY DAVID BRIDGHAM, FOUNDER AND BOARD MEMBER



A “Powerful Partnership”  
Since 1986



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## COOPERATIVE MILESTONES



**1988** - INSTALLED PERMANENT WIRING THROUGHOUT THE FORMAL GARDENS FOR THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS DISPLAY THAT WOULD HELP FUND SO MANY FUTURE PROJECTS FOR THE FRIENDS AND THE PARK



Shore Acres State Park and Friends of Shore Acres are woven into the fabric of our Bay Area’s culture.

A beautiful public place on the Oregon coast with unique gardens at the ocean’s edge. The rugged coast line is spectacular, with the iconic Shore Acres wave, in your face geology and unparalleled viewing of marine wildlife. This is a place for quite meditation, memorable celebrations like weddings, or just a picnic.

Over the last 30 years, the Friends have fulfilled exactly what was hoped a community based volunteer force could do to enhance our visitors’ experience in the park. Shore Acres is the go-to spot for most local/regional residents to bring friends and family. There is such a deep sense of ownership – as there should be – in our State Park. It’s close, it’s beautiful, and it’s ours.

Our 30-year cooperative relationship with Shore Acres and Sunset Bay State Parks has never been better and has always been a strong model throughout Oregon. Our success has been nurtured through the years by both sides of the partnership. Our professional partners are called upon to support the Friends’ activities, which in turn fulfill both of our goals, to enhance the visitors experience. (CONTINUED NEXT PAGE)

## COOPERATIVE MILESTONES



**1996** - MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN BUILT



**1995** - DOUBLED EXISTING PARKING, ADDED PARKING LOT LIGHTS



**2001** - NEW PERFORMANCE PAVILION





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**2003** - SIMPSON REEF OVERLOOK - NEW PARKING LOT, VIEWING PLATFORM AND INTERPRETIVE DISPLAYS



**2003** - NEW INFORMATION & GIFT CENTER AND GARDEN ENTRANCE

**THE FRIENDS HAVE HOSTED MANY ANNUAL EVENTS OVER THE YEARS:**

- The garden concert during the Oregon Coast Musical Festival. Although there is variety in music each year - one constant is the raspberry sundaes our concert picnickers have grown to anticipate.
- Flower exhibits in the Garden House and out in the gardens. During the seasonal blooms of rhodies, roses and dahlias, experts show their best and answer visitors' questions.
- Local Bonsai experts show their plants and talk to visitors in the Garden House.
- We have developed a number of informative brochures. A trail map, Sunset Bay to Cape Arago and every thing in between with point to point distances, as well as plant-specific brochures.

**AN INFORMATION AND GIFT CENTER BUILT IN A SIMILAR LIKENESS OF L. J. SIMPSON'S FIRST MANSION.**

- Treasures for our traveling visitors to bring home to remember what a special place Shore Acres is.
- A great place for locals to shop for friends and relatives who live somewhere else.
- A wonderful kids corner filled with thought provoking activities and toys.



**2006** - SECOND GIFTS AND MEMORIALS DISPLAY CONSTRUCTED



**2011** - GARDEN HOUSE - RESTORED DINING ROOM WINDOWS

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## COOPERATIVE MILESTONES



2012 - OBSERVATION BUILDING - NEW INTERPRETIVE PANELS



2012 - GARDEN ENTRANCE - NEW INTERPRETIVE PANEL

## HOLIDAYS LIGHTS AT SHORE ACRES. THIRTY YEARS OF MAKING MEMORIES.

- Multi-generations of memories and traditions have been inspired by the breathtaking light display.
- A place where families come together to share a special holiday experience that stands the test of time. Many keep coming back year after year to re-capture the magic.
- The historic Garden House decorated in a time long past touches a nostalgic spot in everyone.
- The lights display is unique. A walk-through display where we become part of the experience.
- Sculptures that are true to who we are and where we're at; marine, garden and historically related. All in all, it's very Shore Acres and makes this a one of kind.
- Our volunteers (1,500 in all for the Holiday Lights) come from our communities - with just a few exceptions that travel from out of the area to be a part of something we all feel is very special.
- If you read our guest books, which you can in our holiday lights brochure, or on our web site, you will feel the real passion that our visitors share. I also glimpse an amount of community envy from visitors who only "wish we had one of these" back home.

The Friends have carefully crafted something very special over the years. It's created by our communities – for our communities and all of our visitors to enjoy. What a wonderful holiday gift. ■

## COOPERATIVE MILESTONES



2012 - NEW STORAGE BUILDING FOR INFORMATION & GIFT CENTER



2015/16 - OBSERVATION BUILDING - NEW DOORS AND SIGN



# Celebrating 30 Years of Magical Milestones

BY SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM - FOUNDER AND BOARD MEMBER



Can it really be 30 years?  
Time does fly . . .

Each summer, our annual Journal highlights the many activities and projects that fulfill the Friends' Mission.

Our Board of Directors and members, the success of our Information and Gift Center (IGC), the support of the Holiday Lights and other Friends activities, and our cooperation with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department make it all possible.

Every year Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. does an annual plan that often contains more physical development programs than we and the park can get done. One project completed this year is a much needed new exterior sign for the Observation Building.

A big project for this Fall is the Observation Building paths. An archeologist is scheduled to be here to observe at the end of this month.

Future projects include a new sign at the Cape Arago Highway entrance to the park and more work on the Garden House that includes removing paint from the shingles/lead abatement and replacing the double doors.

The Holiday Lights event – this year is our 30TH – 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 15TH.

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



**30TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS**  
**At least 325,000 LED LIGHTS**  
**THANKSGIVING - NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
**NOV. 24 – DEC. 31, 2016**  
**4:00 PM - 9:30 PM (EVERY NIGHT)**

Look for a new lighted sculpture in the Undersea Garden and another animal on the "EXILE GATE" behind the Pavilion. 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. 15TH**  
**To help: 541-756-5401**  
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# *A Whale of a Splash!*

BY DAVID BRIDGHAM, CO-CHAIR HOLIDAY LIGHTS



DAVID - REPAIRING THE ORCA DISPLAY ON THE NET IN 2015

The Orca whale sculpture display goes back to 1995 when Don McMichael, renown marine artist, drew the sequence on graph paper for our lights display.

I recreated the 5 sequences to scale on a large net. Thru these years we have dealt with various amounts of rope light repairs - due to wind load on the net and resulting breaks in the light circuits.

For some reason last year was unusually hard on the display. Daily repairs became the proverbial last straw. After failing to convince my Co-Chair, Shirley, that it might be time to “retire” the Orca, my new solution became to recreate the incredibly

complex, scaled to life size, sculpture on ridged metal. This construction will be similar to our Sea Lions display which is flawless and reliable.

I was smart enough to ask a true craftsman in metal fabrication, Ray Daniels, for his help on this project. A scaled grid was created on many sheets of plywood. Materials were assembled (50 pieces of 15' long 1/2" square aluminum stock. Hours of detailed plotting and measurements - inch by inch were transferred to the grid.

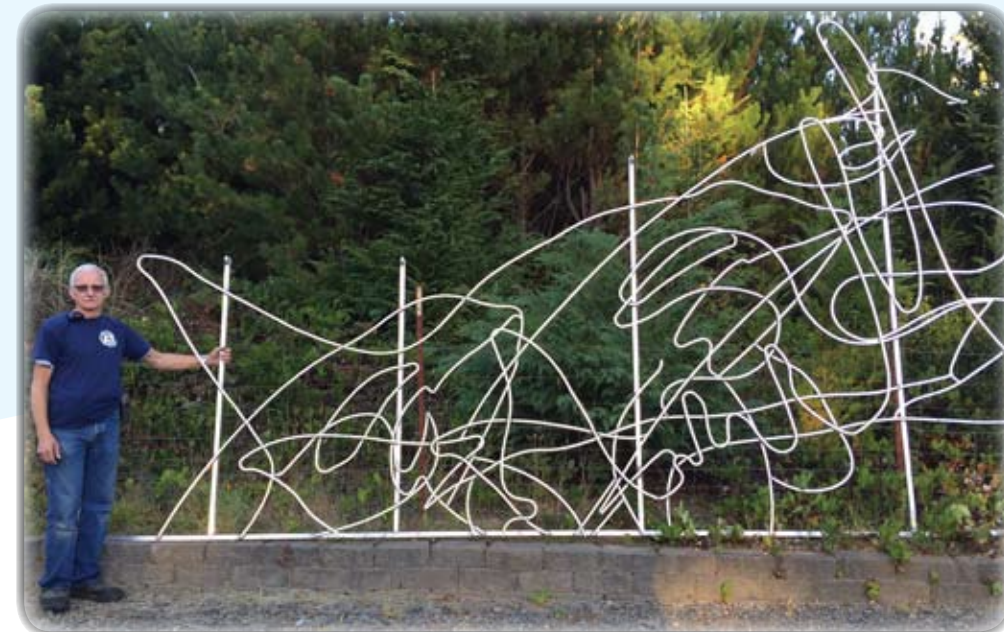
## ***Let the bending begin!***

Ray is a master at teasing every detail out of metal – just look at the sailing ship he made for the display in 2010. I tried to help where I could, but I was primarily helpful in holding up each long piece of aluminum stock as it was being coaxed through the bending process.

When you see the Orca, once again, leaping in this year’s display – please look past the shining lights to the awesome metal work that Ray has done for the lights. The Orca will be leaping for years to come. ■



RAY WELDING ALUMINUM - AUG. 2016



METAL WORK DONE AND READY FOR ROPE LIGHTS - SEPT. 5, 2016

THIS ALSO MARKS THE TRANSITION TO A NEW SOLID-STATE, DIGITAL CONTROLLER, ALLOWING THE ORCA TO LEAP INTO THE 21ST CENTURY.



# Getting Ready . . .

**30TH annual**

**HOLIDAY LIGHTS at Shore Acres**

**A "Community Tradition" since 1987**  
**325,000 Lights (at least)**  
**Thanksgiving thru New Year's Eve**  
**Nov. 24 - Dec. 31, 2016**  
**4-9:30 EVERY NIGHT - OPEN HOUSE**  
**HOT CIDER, PUNCH, COFFEE AND COOKIES!**

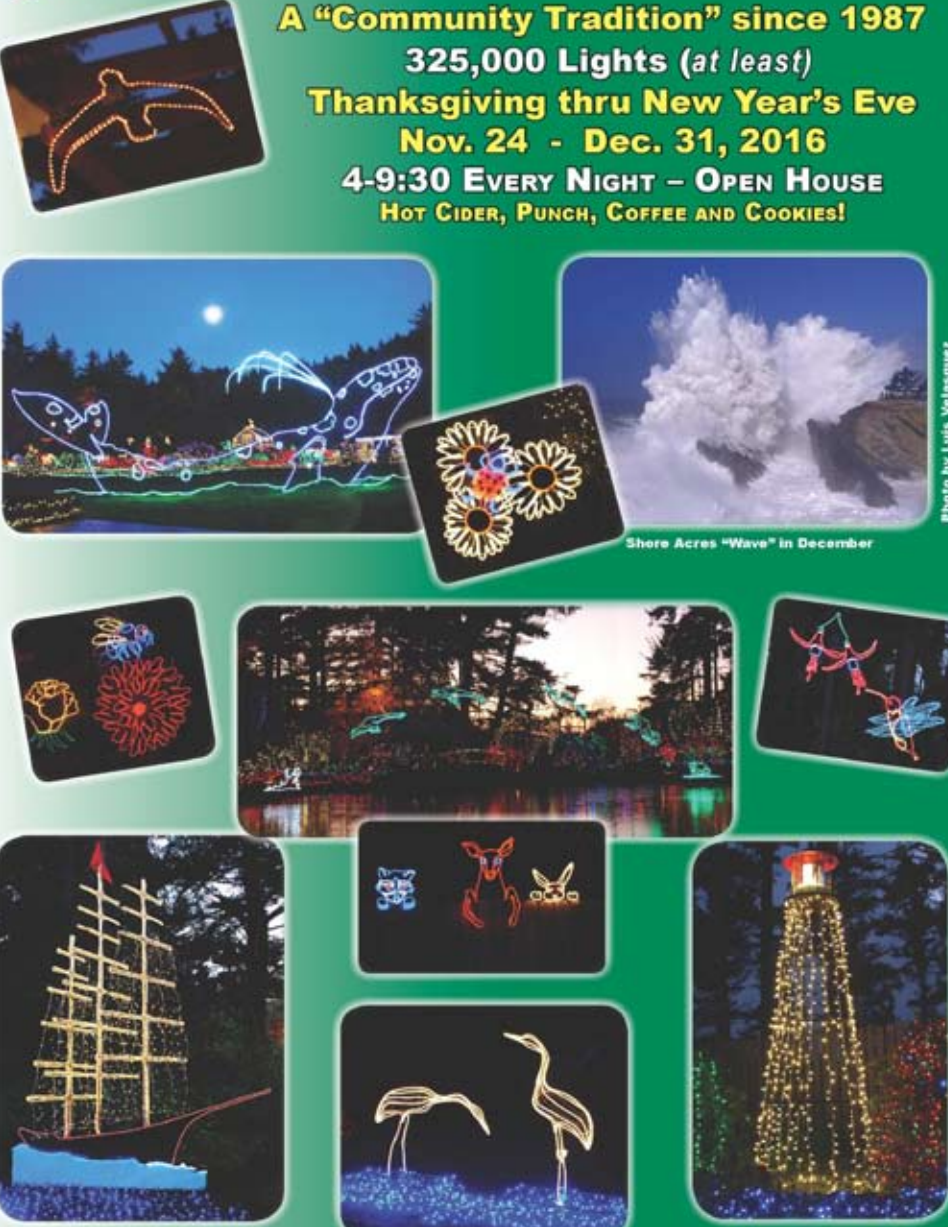



Photo by Luis Velasquez

Shore Acres "Wave" in December

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



Vehicle Parking Fee - \$5  
or Current Pass

## HOLIDAY LIGHTS

- Lights 2016 plan done and book revised
- Lights 2016 tags done
- Lights 2016 ordered and received
- Lights unpacked and greased
- Small Butterfly - new lights - done
- Dolphin sculpture for Undersea Garden done
- Porcupine sculpture for Exile Gate done
- Orca Whale sculpture reconstruction: Ray is finishing the bending and welding; David is putting on the rope lights; this marks the transition to a new solid-state digital controller, allowing the Orca to leap into the 21st Century.
- Buttons done
- Tree letter revised and e-mailed to Dawn
- Host book returned to Kathy
- Holiday Lights brochure revised and produced
- Holiday Lights Poster created and produced
- Holiday Lights Posters mailed
- Publicity packets mailed to Information Centers and Media Outlets
- Lights Pledge campaign requests mailed
- Lights Pledge responses in process
- Garden House - new bed for front bedroom
- 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



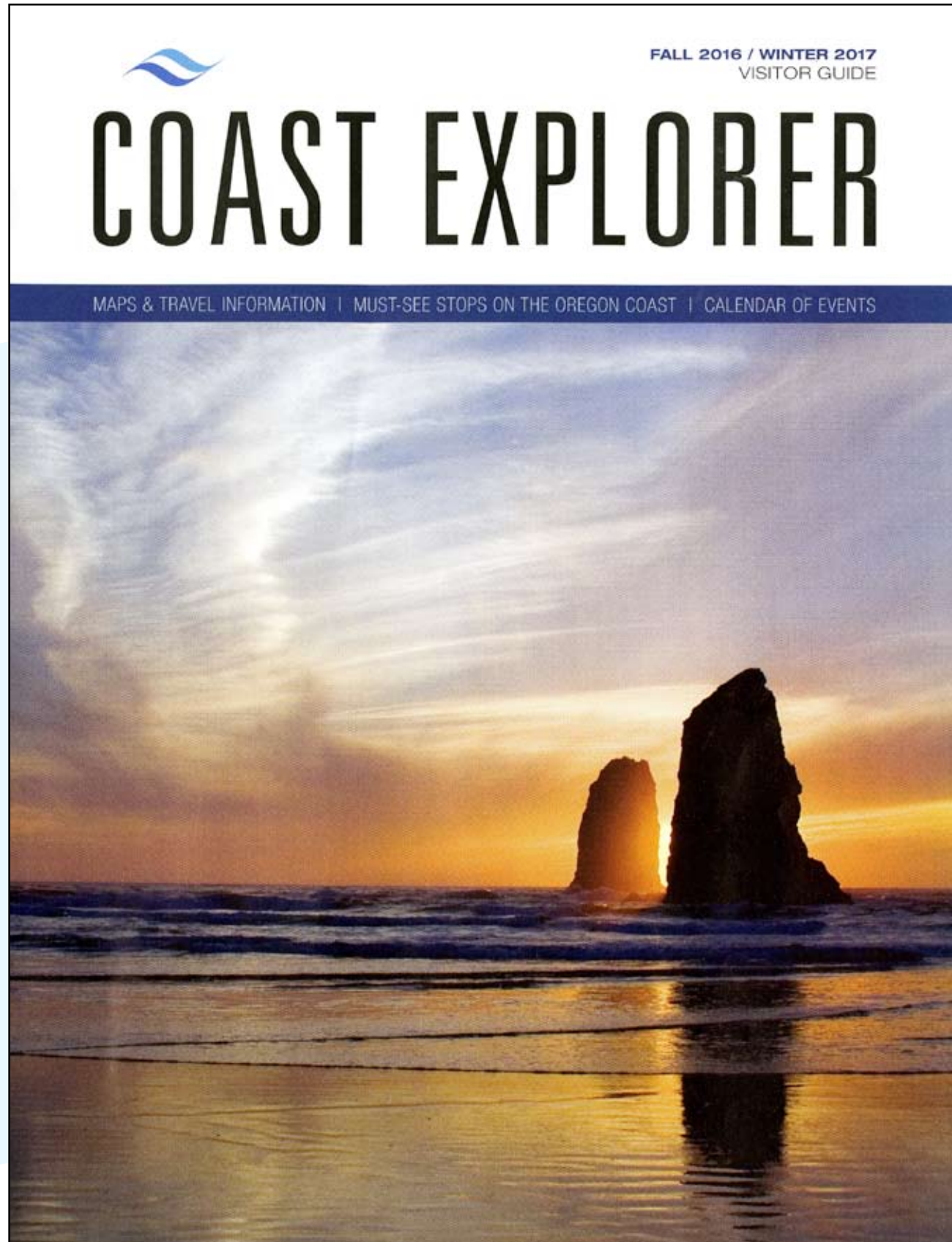
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# Early Publicity . . .



## LIGHTS AGLOW AT SHORE ACRES

**F**rom Thanksgiving until New Year's Eve, Shore Acres State Park glows with illuminated displays of colorful pelicans and puffins, dancing frogs and a life size spouting Gray Whale. Decorated by the Friends of Shore Acres State Park, the formal seven-acre garden is lit daily from 4-9:30pm. With paved and lighted paths throughout, the garden is wheelchair accessible. The gift shop will be open for holiday shoppers and refreshments and entertainment in the pavilion will surely get you in the holiday spirit. There is no charge to view the holiday displays but a day-use parking pass or Oregon State Parks Pass is required. *Shore Acres State Park is located on the Cape Arago Highway, about 12 miles southwest of Coos Bay. For more information call (541) 888-3732.*



# Setting Up . . .



PARK MANAGER PRESON PHILLIPS AND DAUGHTER LAYNE



JOAN CLIFTON AND DAVE BARNHART

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

LIGHTS STRINGERS 2016  
DAVID BARNHART, BAY AREA KIWANIS,  
JO BENESON, SHIRLEY & DAVID  
BRIDGHAM, SHIRLEY CHAMPAGNE-  
HARRIS, STEPHEN CLARK, JOAN  
CLIFTON, NATHAN CONEY, COOS BAY  
GARDEN CLUB, KAREN COULTER,  
RAY DANIELS, BILL DAVIS, CHLOE  
EBERLEIN, RUSSELL & VICKIE EARL,  
MICHAEL ELBERT, SUSIE EVERS,  
SUSAN FERGUSON, DAVID FORKNER,  
EDITH FORKNER, JONATHAN FORTH,  
TYLER HARPER, LINDA HILL, KIMBERLY  
HUMBERT, MIKE & ALICE MCGARY,  
KATHY METZGER, SUSAN MORELAND,  
DENNIS & KATHI NETTER, NORTH  
BEND HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB, CASEY  
PALMER, MIKE PERKINS & CAROL  
VENTGEN, LAYNE PHILLIPS, PRESON  
PHILLIPS, ADAM REED, DELL WILLIS,  
AND SOUTHWESTERN OREGON  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE SOFTBALL TEAM  
AND COACH MEGAN CORRIEA

**CRYPTOMERIA AND BUTTERFLIES**  
- CHARLESTON FIRE & RESCUE -  
CHIEF MICK SNEDDON, CAPTAIN  
RUSTY SHIELD, KATY DAWSON, TYLER  
HOFFEDITZ, CHRIS OWEN



MIKE PERKINS



DAN THOMPSON - BAY AREA KIWANIS



# Setting Up . . .



DAVID FORKNER AND SHIRLEY CHAMPAGNE-HARRIS



LES' SANITARY SERVICE INC.' "SANITATION AND RECYCLING" TREE - BOB AND LISA RICHARDSON, JAKE PERRY, BECKY AND BILL RICHARDSON, STEPHANIE STINSON

**HOLIDAY TREES** - DONATED BY DAVE HANNAH - DAVE'S CHRISTMAS TREES - LOTS AT FARR'S TRUE VALUE HARDWARE AND NEAR PONY VILLAGE THEATERS  
**TREE DECORATING COORDINATOR** - DAWN BUXTON

**TREE DECORATORS**  
AMVETS Post 10 \* Bay Area Hospital Auxiliary Volunteers \* Bay Clinic LLP \* Bikers for Christ, CoosCountyChapter\* Bonneville Power Administration \* CH2M Hill \* Chappelle Enterprises \* City of Coos Bay \* Coos Bay Elks Lodge #1160 \* Coos County Radio Club \* Cutting Edge Hair Designs \* Down N' Dirty Truck Club \* Girl Scouts of Oregon & SW Washington \* H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group) \* Kairos NW \* Les' Sanitary Service Inc \* Mid Coast Mustang and Ford Club \* Oregon Coast Community Action \* Pacific Coast Corvette Club \* Pigeon Point Dairy Queen \* Ruby Tuesdays Red Hat Society \* South Coast Cruisers Car Club \* South Coast Education Service District \* South Coast Office Supply \* Southwestern Oregon Community College \* Subzero Motorsports \*



**LIGHTS ON GARDEN HOUSE - COOS BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS** - THE TOP GUY ON THE ROOF IS FIRE CHIEF MARK ANDERSON. ALSO ON THE ROOF IS FF TRAVIS MARTIN. ON TOP OF THE YELLOW LADDER IS FF FRANK KAISER. FF ZACH BREITKREUTZ IS IN THE CAMOUFLAGE JACKET. THE BALD GUY IS BATTALION CHIEF JEFF ADKINS AND THE ONE IN THE YELLOW COAT IS FF CALEB OWENS. *NOT PICTURED* - BRANDON AMARAL, JENNIFER ADKINS, TYLER BENNETT, TAMARA BEARDSLEY, KEVIN CUNNINGHAM



# Front Page Publicity – The World

THE WORLD, Coos Bay, Ore. - November 24, 2016

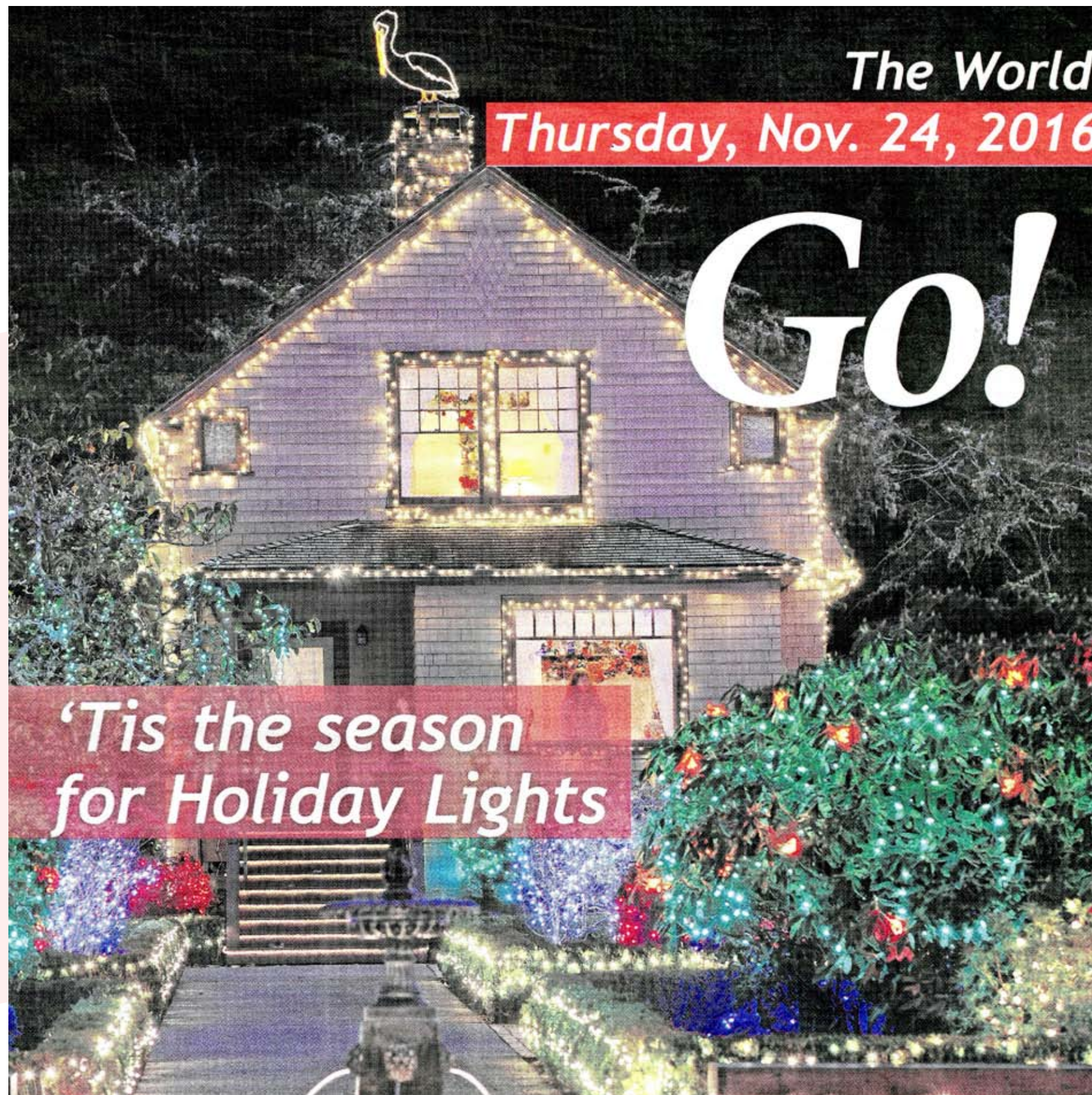


LOU SENNICK, THE WORLD

## HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW

Starting on Thanksgiving evening and running through Dec. 31 the gardens at Shore Acres State Park will light up again with more than 325,000 lights for the annual Holiday Lights Show. The lights are on and the park is open each evening, 4-9:30 p.m. with normal admission prices. Volunteers spend the few weeks before Thanksgiving to put up the lights and make sure they are working. Local groups also step in with entertainment and treats.





*The World*

*Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016*

# Go!

*'Tis the season  
for Holiday Lights*



# Holiday Lights opens for the 30th season

**BETH BURBACK**  
The World

CHARLESTON — It's a holiday tradition for Shirley and David Brigham who have been involved with the Shore Acres State Park seasonal Holiday Lights since 1987.

The botanical garden at Shore Acres was once privately owned by lumber baron Louis J. Simpson, and has been attraction worth seeing anytime. Locals take holiday visitors who are delighted to return year after year. It's open every night 4-9:30 p.m. Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve.

The 30th annual Holiday Light display features more

than 325,000 Christmas lights, most of which are LED. In 1987 it started with 6,000 lights and about 9,000 visitors walked through the display. Now it includes the pond, trees, many animal sculptures and the Gardener House where visitors can take a self guided tour and enjoy a some hot cider, coffee, punch and cookies.

Community volunteers start putting up lights in October, decorate trees, create more spectacular 2D and 3D sculptures, provide entertainment almost nightly and donate their time to serve up refreshments. This truly is a community event with more than 1,500 volunteers.

Only 300 raffle tickets will be sold for the Ultimate Bed and Breakfast. The lucky winner will receive a one night stay for two adults in the Gardener House on New Year's Eve and a catered breakfast by The Pancake Mill. Tickets are \$10 and available at the information and gift center. The winner will be announced on Christmas Day.

Shore Acres State Park is at 89039 Cape Arago Highway in Charleston. Admission to the park is \$5 per car, no pets are allowed. OPRD parking permit, Coastal Passport, or current state park campground permit receipts also qualify for admission.



Photos by Lou Sennick, The World

There are 325,000 Holiday Lights decorating the formal garden at Shore Acres State Park.

**Reedsport Christmas Tree Ceremony**

**Saturday, Nov. 26**  
**5:30 pm**  
**Lion's Park**

**Free Refreshments**  
Cookies  
Hot Chocolate  
Coffee

**Music**  
Choir  
Seasonal Invocation

[ReedsportMainStreet.com](http://ReedsportMainStreet.com)



The moon peaks out from small breaks in the clouds at Shore Acres State Park.



The Pavilion next the Garden House often has performers most evenings starting at 6 p.m.

Volunteers turn on the lights for about an hour this evening to check them all out before opening up to the public later in the week.

The annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park will get underway on Thanksgiving Eve and run through New Year's Eve. From 4-9:30 p.m. each day, the 30th annual show will showcase about 325,000 lights. Displays and moving animations have been all done by volunteers. There is an admission charge of \$5 per vehicle or a current OPRD annual parking permit.



The Garden House is open every night with hot beverages, cookies and punch for visitors.





*Undersea Garden at the Entrance  
is always a favorite of "kids of all ages!"*





*Garden House with Hosts, Hot Cider, Coffee, Punch & Cookies  
is ready for thousands of visitors!*



# *Animated Orca Display – New Frame by Ray Daniels Lighting by David Bridgham*

DESIGN - DON MCMICHAEL; LIGHTING AND INSTALLATION - DAVID BRIDGHAM, RAY DANIELS

\* ORIGINALLY DESIGNED BY DON MCMICHAEL IN 1995 USING MINIATURE LIGHTS ON A LARGE NET; IN 2004 CHANGED TO STANDARD ROPE LIGHT, THEN LED ROPE IN 2008.

\* 2016, REPLACED BY NEW FABRICATION IN ALUMINUM BY RAY DANIELS - NO MORE NET!      Animation-Solid State Digital Controller



Dora Daniels



Dora Daniels



THE ORCA WHALE LEAPING PERFECTLY IN 2016.      PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM





*New Porcupine joins the other animals on the Exile Gate  
behind the Pavilion — They can look . . . .  
but they are not welcome in the Formal Gardens!*



# Meanwhile in the Historic Garden House – 2016

CHAIR ROBYNN REED \* CO-CHAIR - CHLOE EBERLEIN

MICHAEL AND ADAM REED, KRIS LEDYARD, ELLIE KINNEY-MARTIAL, PAM STEVENS, SHUTTER CREEK CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND WORK CREWS

## 2016 "KIDS" ROOM – Millicoma School –

MISS HOLLY YOVINO'S 4TH GRADE CLASS CREATED HANDMADE ORNAMENTS AND PAPER CHAINS – SAM B. \* HELENA B. \* GWYN B. . \* HANNAH C. \* KODY C. \* HOYT C. \* CARMIN D. \* HAYDEN D. \* ELIJAH F. \* HAILEY G. \* LUKE G. \* CHLOE H. \* IAN H. \* MCKENNA H. \* ETHAN K. \* MARLEYA M. \* KARSON N. \* ALANA N. \* ANGEL R. \* RICHARD V. \* ALLISON W. ALEXIS. \* FRANKLIN

**DONATED ITEMS** - BOOKCASES & LOUVERED SCREEN - BUTCH & KATHY HUTCHINSON \* VICTORIAN HOUSES - CAROLINE & BOB SEE \* CHINA FIGURINES - DEBBIE WEBB \* DECORATIVE LADDER - DOUG EBERLEIN \* RADIO - DAYTON HUGHES AND FAMILY \* RADIO LIGHT - RAY DANIELS \* ENTRANCE TABLE AND ROLL TOP DESK-MARSHFIELD BARGAIN HOUSE-STEVE SCHNEIDERMAN \* ANTIQUE DOLL - HEADLANDS COUNTRY MERCANTILE; \* CROCHET LACE DOILIES - SARAH KIMBALL \* NEEDLEPOINT SANTA PICTURE - SHARY BRAMS \* LANTERNS - JACK GILHAM & JOAN CLIFTON \* FLOWER QUILT SQUARE - ROCHELLE WIESE \* ANTIQUE CLOCK - JIM & MARY ANN HOWARD \* COLORFUL "ORNAMENT" MITTENS - MARLENE DAVIS \*  
**LOANED ITEMS** - SHIP'S WHEEL- JOHN MCKEOWN \* NORMAN ROCKWELL PLATES - ANN MINTONYE \* MISC. ITEMS - MIKE, ROBYNN & ADAM REED



*Thanks!*





# *Meanwhile in the Historic Garden House – 2016*

BED & BREAKFAST ROOM AWAILS . . . ALONG WITH OUR “TRADITIONAL SANTA IN THE BATHTUB”





# Continuing Publicity – The World





# Holiday Lights 2016 – An Estimated 50,896 Visitors

27 Countries (Other than the U.S.) • 42 States and Washington, D.C.

Cities and Towns: 221 Oregon • 142 California • 70 Washington • 191 cities and towns from other states

- **Aberdeen, SD** - Most beautifully decorated & enchanting for all
- **Auburn, WA** - Hydrangea lights are great.
- **Bandon, OR** - Thanks for our annual tradition!
- **Boise, ID** - Amazing, coming every year
- **Canyonville, OR** - No words to describe the beauty.
- **Central Point, OR** - We come visit every year. Love it!
- **Coos Bay, OR** - A work of art - thank you!
- **Corvallis, OR** - So pretty - we come every year!
- **Creswell, OR** - Amazing! So worth it!
- **Dallas, TX** - Wonderful Christmas Tradition!
- **Edmonton, AB, Canada** - Wonderful!
- **El Salvador** - Great experience
- **Eugene, OR** - Best lights in Oregon!
- **Everywhere** - LOVE THIS PLACE!! Porcupine is great!
- **Florence, OR** - !!!! Love the dolphin!
- **Funibashi, Japan** - Very beautiful illumination
- **Gold Hill, OR** - Loved Santa in his bubble bath!
- **Hauser, OR** - As always, beautiful. Never gets old!
- **Iowa** - Fun, enchanting! !!
- **La Center, WA** - Amazed by the lights
- **Lane County, OR** - Out of this world!
- **Lewiston, ID** - Awesome! Thank you!
- **Longview, WA** - A place of wonder.
- **Los Angeles, CA** - Thank you - it's gorgeous!
- **Mapleton, OR** - This is incredible! Love the light clusters.
- **Medford, OR** - The "Best"
- **Methuen, MA** - Breathtaking
- **Moorehead, MN** - Beautiful! Thanks!
- **Myrtle Point, OR** - THE PRETTIEST PLACE EVER
- **North Bend, OR** - Just like home should be.
- **Oakland, CA** - Love the tradition!
- **Orlando, FL** - Great community tradition! We loved it!
- **Phoenix, AZ** - Wonderful family event. Thank you!
- **Portland, OR** - Epic
- **Puyallup, WA** - ABSOLUTELY PERFECT
- **Redmond, OR** - Best Lights Ever . . . Seriously.
- **Reedsport, OR** - Wonderful Tradition
- **Rogue River, OR** - Unique and Special
- **Salem, OR** - So beautiful and creative. Thank you!
- **San Francisco, CA** - Soooo Cool!
- **San Jose, CA** - So Beautiful
- **Scio, OR** - Thanks for your hard work!
- **Seattle, WA** - This was Awesome
- **Springfield, OR** - Awesome memories!
- **Talent, OR** - My favorite place any time of year!
- **Trinidad, CA** - Charmingly delightful!
- **Turlock, CA** - Breathtaking!!!
- **United Kingdom** - Fabulous!
- **Veneta, OR** - Absolutely gorgeous! Thank you for sharing!!
- **Victoria, BC, Canada** - Thank you for fabulous display!



**Bellingham, WA** - "Very well done! Butchart Gardens of Oregon"

**Gleneden Beach, OR** - "Best in the Northwest"

**Houston, TX** - "Houston has nothing like this! Thanks y'all."

**Madrid, Spain** - "Amazing!!!"

**South Africa** - "Stunning and creative"

**Tanzania** - "Most beautiful garden on earth. Thank you!"

## SPECIAL THANKS - 2016

- **Fred Meyer - 25th year** providing 100 cases of frozen apple juice for hot apple cider, 20 cases of frozen lemonade for punch and generous discount on cookies
- **Vend West - Lou Leberti and Terry Clinton - 28th year** - Food Storage and Delivery
- **Roto Rooter- Jim and Mike Collatt - 23rd year** of providing "Santacans" at a substantial discount.
- **Day Ship Supply - Bruce Day - 19th year** - Cookie Storage and Delivery

## THANKS, **LED LIGHTS\*** PLEDGE SUPPORTERS 2016!

**6,667\*** The Mill Casino Hotel and RV Park \*

**5,600\*** Abel Insurance Agency - Harry and Francie Abel \*

**3,334\*** Coastal Paper & Supply - Bob and Johanna Dillard \*  
Nasburg Huggins Insurance \*

**2,800\*** Edgewater Inn Motel, Coos Bay \* Jim and Diane Verger \*

**2,534\*** Prudential Seaboard Properties \*

**2,500\*** Barbara K. Mills \*

**2,334\*** Cornelia and Don Barnhart \*

**2,100\*** Captain John's Motel - Hon-chi Teng and Fang-chuan Lin \*  
The Portside Restaurant \*

**1,750\*** Dave's Pizza \*

**1,400\*** Azalea Acres, Inc. - Richard, Betty, Steven and Wesa Liles \*  
David and Shirley Bridgham \*

Coos Bay Grocery Outlet - Patricia & Sven Backman & Crew \*

J. W. White Painting-Jay and Melody White \*

Michael A. Gordon, CPA (Not Your Basic Bean Counter) \*

Miller's at the Cove Sports Bar and Grill \*

Pacific Corp/Pacific Power \* Nancy Robinson \*

**1,125\*** Coos Bay Fire Department \*

**834\*** Dennis and Jo Lynne Roberts \*

**807\*** Tom's Lock & Key-Steve and Cathy Clark \*

**700\*** Art Connection \* Best Western Holiday Motel \*  
Bob's Appliance - Bob and Gayle DePeal \* Martha Butler  
Cheslock Optical - Dr. James & Rhea Cheslock \*  
Honda World \* James and Archina Davenport \*  
Windermere / North Point Inc. \*

**500\*** High Tide Cafe LLC - Carol Rodde and Steve Raplee \*  
Pauline Vierra - In Memory of Ron Vierra \*

**420\*** Bonnie Fritz -  
In Memory of George Fritz and Pete Guldenzopf \*

**400\*** Charleston Harbor Inn - In Memory of John A. Castro \*

**360\*** Cedar Electric & Construction, Inc. \*

**350\*** Gold Coast Truck Repair - Butch and Jacque Shields \*  
Betsy Groben \* Crystal & Gene Shoji - Shoji Planning, LLC  
Donald and Priscilla Zobel \*





# *January 2017 Brings Snow!*



Ellie Kinney-Martial

JAN. 4, 2017 - BEFORE LIGHTS TAKEDOWN



SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM

THE PROMISE OF SPRING . . .



## *New Permanent Sign — Worth the Wait!*

**A** DECORATIVE SIGN FOR THE PARK ENTRANCE — GPS — 89039 Cape Arago Highway, Coos Bay, OR 97420 — was first put in the FoSA budget in 2007. It was put on hold until 2012 when the Friends provided the funds for 4'x 8' panel that states '**Welcome to Shore Acres State Park**' and includes the OPRD logo and the FoSA logo. The panel was put in storage, waiting for just the right time to get a base made for the best kind of installation.

Well, that time finally came and the project came to fruition in March of 2017.

Larry Nichols finished the rock work for the sign and frame construction and installation was completed by employees of Coast Metals. OPRD staff completed the landscaping.

***A wonderful way to celebrate Shore Acres State Park's 75th Anniversary later this year. ■***



PHOTOS BY ELLIE KINNEY-MARTIAL



# A Lovely Lady is dearly missed.

BY SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM, FOUNDER AND BOARD MEMBER



**S**haron Kolkhorst, Volunteer Co-Manager of the Friends' Information and Gift Center passed away on March 14, 2017 after a hard fought battle with cancer.

In 1998, Sharon and Lou began volunteering for the Holiday Lights light stringing, including lighting the entrance. They also began volunteering in the Information and Gift Center. They joined the Friends' Board in September of 2001 and began managing the Information and Gift Center in January of 2002. *What a blessing for our all-volunteer organization.*

That same year, planning was underway for a new IGC building and entrance. So everything was moved to a temporary home in the Garden House and in 2003 the IGC had a new home. Lou and Sharon had no problem finding just the right items to sell and ever since the Friends have been able to do even more to help Shore Acres.

Sharon was a very busy lady. Besides her involvement with the Friends, Sharon belonged to the SouthWestern Oregon Rose Society and the Coos Bay Elks Lodge No. 1160. She spent many years helping with taxes with AARP. Sharon was also the force behind the Care Bear Snack Pack Program for Oregon Coast Community Action and the Coos Bay Elks Lodge. ■



## Notes to David and Shirley Bridgham



*... from Larry Becker, South Coast District Manager, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.*

*"Thank you for letting me know. It does create a hole in the heart for the Friends and for Shore Acres as well as those of who were privileged to know her."*

*... from Lou Kolkhorst*

*"... Yes, Sharon was very special and helpful to many people in the area thru many groups, but she held Shore Acres very dear in her heart. In fact, us volunteering to help Mom's sorority on a Christmas Eve when we were down from WA was a big factor for us in deciding to move back."*





# State Parks Day – June 3, 2017

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ELLIE KINNEY-MARTIAL, RANGER SUPERVISOR

State Parks Day at Shore Acres was celebrated by more than 1,000 guests.

Festivities included a performance by fifth grade students from the Hillcrest Elementary School Marimba Ensemble, led by instructor Sharon Rogers.



Shore Acres Performance Pavilion



Friends of Hinsdale Gardens were on site to answer gardening questions.



Happy Visitors!

Thanks!



Members of the Coos Bay Garden Club set up in the garden house and offered visitors an opportunity to create their own unique dried flower cards. Front L-R - Mary Kerr, Michi Sherwood, Maria Wartnik; Back L-R Linda Frick and Char Young



Friends of Shore Acres volunteer and retired Park Ranger Pam Stevens served refreshments and later joined in the fun – taking time to create her own flower card.





## PARK HOSTING AT SHORE ACRES

AKA HOW TO HAVE A GREAT TIME VOLUNTEERING IN AN AWESOME GIFT SHOP!

BY DENNIS AND JO LYNNE ROBERTS



The last two Novembers and Decembers have found us, Dennis and Jo Lynne Roberts, serving as volunteer hosts at Shore Acres. We retired 4 years ago and have spent the majority of our time traveling the US volunteering at multiple National and State parks. What an incredible experience this has been. In our adventures, we have found much joy in being RV volunteers at Shore Acres.

Volunteering in the Information and Gift Center has been a highlight of our retirement. Greeting park visitors, sharing the story of the gardens and the Simpsons, directing folks to views along the bluffs, and promoting the “magic of Holiday Lights” is a wonderful way to spend our time. Visitors always enjoy spending time in the IGC. Over the years, the Lou and Sharon Kolkhorst have selected exceptional merchandise. Daily we hear comments such as “what a wonderful selection.” As the holidays approach, folks often comment that they “always stop by to find something special or unique.”

During Holiday Lights, the gardens and the IGC bustle with people of all ages. Multiple generations of families frequently come to view the lights. We often hear comments like “I came when I was little with my parents and now I’m bringing my kids” or “this is our 27th year to visit and we wouldn’t miss it for anything.” The most common words we hear are people coming through the door saying “Do you have those glasses”? Over the past two years we have been able to congratulate couples who just became engaged that evening at Shore Acres. People really appreciate this special event and all the hard work of the organizations, volunteers and Friends to make it happen!

In our down time we really enjoy walking the bluff trails watching the ocean. During storms you’ll find us outfitted head to toe in our rain gear observing the huge waves. On other days we will be exploring the south coast communities and the beaches. The Friends Committee and the park staff are always welcoming and great to work with. We look forward to the next couple of seasons. See you there! ■

*Thanks!*

## FRIENDS’ INFORMATION & GIFT CENTER (IGC)

AN ALL-VOLUNTEER OPERATION MANAGED BY LOU KOLKHORST

OPEN HOURS ♦ JAN. THRU FEB. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

♦ MAR. THRU THANKSGIVING EVE - 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM ♦

THANKSGIVING THRU NEW YEAR’S EVE - 3:30 - 9:30 PM ♦ 541-888-2472 ♦ 1-866-6100



WALKING STICKS AND MORE

### **VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO HELP US IN THE IGC**

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO  
HAVE FUN AND HAVE A SPARE  
SATURDAY OR SUNDAY DURING  
THE YEAR, PLEASE CALL LYNN AT  
**541-267-0693** AND TELL HER  
YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER.

THE INFORMATION AND GIFT  
CENTER PHONE IS **541-888-2472**  
OR TOLL FREE **866-888-6100** IF  
YOU JUST HAVE A QUESTION FOR US.

The IGC carries a variety of items for everyone.

For the hiker we have walking sticks, energy bars, sunflower seeds and candy bars. For the historian we have many books related to our area. Home schooling? We have books and science project kits. Interested in birds? We have binoculars, feeders, and informative books about care or identifying our local birds. We have information and houses for bats. We have a wide range of puppets, toys, puzzles and activities for the youth in your family.

We have great DVDs showing the history of the park, Holiday Lights and screen savers of the park for those that live away from our area that you would like to share this great place. We have jackets, sweatshirts and T-shirt, jewelry, purses and much more for your fashion needs. We carry sculptures, soaps and pine baskets . . . and the list goes on.

Many of these products are made in the USA, Oregon and locally. ■



# Rose Sunday, Father's Day June 18, 2017

STORY BY SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM, FOUNDER AND BOARD MEMBER

ANOTHER TRADITION STARTED IN 1989



SHIRLEY BRIDGHAM

ROSE SUNDAY, FATHER'S DAY  
JUNE 19, 1989

**M**embers of the SouthWestern Oregon Rose Society have been involved with Rose Sunday on Father's Day every year since 1989. Besides setting up a delightful display in the Garden House, they answer the many questions that visitors have while Friends volunteers serve punch, coffee and cookies. It's a win-win situation for all involved – *especially Shore Acres.* ■



LOU KOLKHORST

*Thanks to Other Flower Day  
Volunteers in 2017*

**RHODODENDRON SUNDAY/MOTHER'S DAY – MAY 14, 2017** – Southwestern Oregon Chapter of the American Rhododendrons Society – Liz Hultin, Jack Hackett, Dan Nickell, Candy & Pete Baumer, Marjene and Bob MacIntyre  
**BONSAI DAY - AUGUST 19, 2017** – Bay Area Bonsai Society – George and Eva Ahuna, Betty Kennedy, Sabrina Burdett, Ken Savel and Ursula Langley, Norm Herning



*Thanks!*



JOAN CLIFTON AND KATHI NETTER (RT)  
SERVE COFFEE, PUNCH AND COOKIES.

PHOTOS, EXCEPT GARDEN HOUSE,  
BY ELLIE KINNEY-MARTIAL



# News About Interpretive Activities

BY KRISTIN HOVENKOTTER-GRECO, RANGER ASSISTANT

This summer of 2017 has been fabulous for the Interpretive Staff in the Sunset Bay Management Unit. Our new Rocky Shores Interpreter, Mara LaMont is enthusiastic and excited to help visitors learn about the cultural and natural treasures of our parks! She enjoys leading the Shore Acres Simpson Stroll on Sundays as well as having the Garden House open on Thursday afternoons.



Mara LaMont

Her other favorite programs include leading guided tidepool walks at Cape Arago and the Beginning Birdwatching program in the campground. She has written a stirring evening program about Seafaring called "Symphonies on the Sea" which involves snippets of music and tales of nautical lore to give an idea of what it meant to be a member of the crew of a sailing vessel. She also enjoys introducing campers to our mascot, JR Beaver!

Mara thanks the Friends of Shore Acres for providing her this amazing opportunity to help others love learning about nature as much as she does!



MARA WITH A FIELD TRIP GROUP AT THE SUNSET BAY TIDEPOOLS

Our team of 6 interpreters (3 staff, 3 volunteers) does at least three programs a day, sometimes as many as six or seven, plus having Shoreline Education for Awareness volunteers staffing the Simpson Reef Overlook with spotting scopes several days a week to educate people about the amazing marine mammals along our coast. We have also provided field trip experiences for about a dozen local schools and three summer science camp groups. The most popular field trip is to visit the tidepools, either at Sunset Bay or at Cape Arago. Guided tidepool walks at Cape Arago are one of our most loved summer interpretive programs as well, and in just May, June, and July, we introduced over 400 park visitors to the wonder of our tidepools.

Other programs from this summer have helped park visitors to appreciate things in a wide range of cultural and natural topics, including owls, shipwrecks, sharks, native plants, the eclipse, berries, the Simpson family, seaweed, the Cape Arago Lighthouse, how to make cordage, slugs, whales, World War II on the West Coast, the mysterious octopus, and many more! Sandy, Kristin, Mara, and our volunteer interpretive hosts, Karen, Lance, and Kay all thank you from the bottom of our heart for your support of interpretive programming in the parks! ■



Kristin Hovenkotter-Greco  
Lunar Eclipse Day, August 21, 2017



THE SEASTARS APPEAR TO BE BEGINNING TO MAKE A COMEBACK AT CAPE ARAGO, AFTER SEEING THEIR NUMBERS DROP SIGNIFICANTLY THE PAST THREE YEARS, DUE TO SEASTAR WASTING DISEASE.



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