



LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

JANUARY 1986

DECEMBER DONATIONS

December donations to pay for the 140 acre Dishman Hills addition totalled \$4218.91, helping to make up for the lag of October and November. We would not have done nearly so well had it not been for one big gift of over \$2400. We must continue to rely on many smaller donations in order to meet our quarterly payments of over \$6300. Please keep sending your gifts. We have made two payments and have 18 more to go!

Our heartfelt thanks to the following who have donated during December: Arborettes Garden Club, Margaret Bloom, Darlene & Ed Bower, Gary Brewster, James & Edna Caddis, Lois Cain, Omar Carroll, James & Gail Colquhoun, W.J. & Harriet Davis, W.A. & Alice Fernau, Mr./Mrs. Frank Freeze, Russell & Marian Frobe, F.M. & Margaret Galbraith, Mr./Mrs. George Girvin, Rita & Louis Gleason, Elton Grant, Mr./Mrs. Donald Hagan, Gertrude & Wesley Hanson, Mr./Mrs. Robert Henderson, Blanche Holsten, Leroy & Shirley Hook, Peter & Leagene Horn, Ina Johnston, Dr. & Mrs. F. L. Knechtel, Daniel Knierim, Thelma Knowles, Fayette Krause, Marion Krauss, Mr./Mrs. Howard Lander, Katherine Laupp, Bettie Maron, Joan McCann, Jay & Marjorie McDowell, George & Dorothy McLarren, Sarah Mickels, Vee Nealey, Wm. & Ramona Nourse, Elizabeth & James Parsons, Joy Peterson, Frank & June Potter, Oren & Bonnie Randles, Mr./Mrs. Milton Rawlings, Albert & Linda Salisbury, Dennis & Doni Sanders, Hazel Secord, Hazel Smith, Mary Snedden, Erna Staeheli, Marie Stanley, Ruth Stickney, Larry Thienan, Wm. & Jane Thrasher, Mr./Mrs. Robert Turner, Elizabeth Welty, Mrs. C.R. Wiggins, Barney & Jeanne Wilson, Mary Wilson, Kathryn Wolfe & Frances Wurzburg.

We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving some of the natural areas of the Spokane Area for people to enjoy and learn from.

Helen E. Lininger, President; Thomas H. Rogers, Vice-President and bulletin editor; Doris Allgood, Secretary; David E. Lentz, Treasurer; Larry Thienan, Legal Advisor. Board of Directors (in addition to officers): Gary Brewster, Omar Carroll, Margaret Haggin, Bernice Hahn, Ann Kachinsky, Don Kachinsky, William McMillan, Ambrose Priestly and Larry Thienan.

We offer slide programs on the Dishman Hills and other outdoor subjects, and guide service on hikes in the Hills. No charge for these. Our monthly meetings during the winter months are at Riverview Terrace Retirement Apartments, E. 1801 Upriver Drive, the fourth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend.

WINTER HAPPENINGS IN HILLS

The censusing of wintering birds in the Dishman Hills is continuing. Thus far ten species have been recorded: ruffed grouse, magpie, raven, black-capped and mountain chickadees, red-breasted and pygmy nuthatches, golden-crowned kinglet, junco and red crossbill. The latter species is unusually common, as the cone crop on the pines, providing them with seeds, their favorite food, is good this year. Ruffed grouse continue scarce.

The most surprising discovery this winter is elk tracks, the first evidence we have of these impressive animals in the lower Hills, though they have been seen on several occasions in the Tower Mountain area.

The north end of Dishman Hills again was included in Spokane Audubon Society's annual Christmas Bird Count. Cheryl Jones, Frank and June Potter and Tom Rogers did the counting December 29.

A recent gift of land on the east slope of Dishman Hills has added five and a fourth acres to the natural area. We accepted it in late December. Again our thanks to the donor. Across the United States it is not uncommon for land to be donated for such purposes but this is the first time this has happened for Dishman Hills Natural Area. We would be very happy to receive more such gifts.

Our annual meeting for the election of directors and officers and the taking care of other business will be January 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Riverview Terrace Retirement Apartments. You are cordially invited to attend.

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Please make checks payable to Dishman Hills Natural Area Association and mail to David E. Lentz, Treasurer, P.O. Box 141561, Spokane, WA 99214. Many thanks!