



LIGHTS AND SHADOWS FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

OCTOBER, 1986

SEPTEMBER DONATIONS TAKE JUMP

NEXT LAND PAYMENT DUE IN DECEMBER

September donations to the land fund came to \$1083.31, much better than for July and August. These will apply toward our December payment of \$4001.28. Please keep your help coming.

Many thanks to the following friends of Dishman Hills who contributed during September. If you donated and are not listed below, please let us know. Contributions received late in the month may not be recognized until our October bulletin. Kathryn Bernard, Bertha Booth, Gretchen Brown, Vera Carpenter, Verda Coryell, Ruth Cunningham, Janet Dairs, Pamela Dixon, Doris Donnelly, Dick Evans, June Foote, Frieda Foth, Rita Gleason, Reta Harmon, Hobnailers, Blanche Holsten, Debra Kauffman, Norman Kinney, Dorothy Kirk, Gloria Krebs, Betty Larsen, Christine Larsen, David Lentes, Shiran Lee, Mary Jo Lilly, Little Spokane Garden Club, Dianne Lukenbill, Robert Mauzy, Joan McCann, Vee Nealey, Joan Nolan, William Nourse, Aroha Ohme, Ora Mae Orton, Frank & June Potter, Madeline Queener, James Roberts, Doris Rogers, Tom Rogers, Dennis Sanders, Elizabeth Saunders, Connie Smedley, Goldie Soucy, Florence Sylvester, Elaine Terhaar, Florence Thayer, Doreen Vance, Jane Van Meter, Susan Virnig, Robert Weigand, Lynn Whiting, Mary Ann Wilharm, Jeanne Wilson & Mrs. Robert Wilson.

Boy Scouts under the direction of Scoutmaster Dave DeLine have built a footbridge over the runoff from Goldback Spring. Taking part were Brian Stumm and dad Les, J. A. Rees, Mike Myers and Kent Wales. Many thanks, fellows!

During September we showed our Dishman Hills slide program to Opportunity Presbyterian Men's Club, the Sierra Club and the Hoo-Hoo Club. Valley Rotary Club saw our program in August. If you would like a showing please ask several weeks in advance to be assured of a reservation. Thanks!

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

Larry Thiemann, President; Thomas H. Rogers, Vice-President and bulletin editor; Helen E. Lininger, Secretary; David E. Lentes, Treasurer.

We offer slide programs on the Dishman Hills and other outdoor subjects, and guide service on hikes in the Hills. No charge for these. Call us at 926-7949 for arrangements. Our monthly meetings during the winter are at Riverview Retirement Center, E. 1801 Upriver Drive, the fourth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend.

FALL COLORS BECKON IN THE HILLS; DAMAGE IS OF INCREASING CONCERN

Autumn colors in the Dishman Hills are beautiful now, even though there has been no frost. Leaves of wild rose, hawthorn and spiraea display reds, yellows and oranges in a variety of shades and combinations. Mock oranges, snowberry and quaking aspens provide yellows. Trees in Cottonwood Hollow are a canopy of bright gold over deep pink of dogwood and the lacy tan of bracken fern. Serviceberry shrubs are kaleidoscopes of green, yellow, pink and brown. Goldenrod is now topped with hoary fuzz but their leaves droop delicate pinks and yellows. Only asters are still in flower with their lavender stars. Summer birds have left but nuthatches, chickadees and an occasional flicker and raven voice their presence and red squirrels make no secret of the fact that they own the woods. Butterflies are scarce now. A recent visit found only a bright California tortoiseshell, always scarce in the preserve. It will last out the winter in a protecting cranny and lay its eggs on deerbrush in the spring. Grasshoppers will persist until heavy frost but their eggs are safely tucked away in the ground.

On a less cheerful note is increased damage, human-caused. Two fires have bared the ground, scorched bushes, killed young trees and blackened the trunks of older ones. However the recent rains brought new spears of grass and buttercup leaves. Fire danger is still a problem and a four-wheeled vehicle has crushed bushes and dug up the earth along one trail. We are working with the county park department to find ways to keep out these intruders. Responsible people are welcome but not vehicles.

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