



# LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

## FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

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July donations to the Dishman Hills project totalled \$945.21 and expenses for the month came to \$208.97 leaving a net amount of \$736.24. The quarterly land payment of \$2917.55 is due September 15. Our thanks to you who continue to support the project with gifts of money, recyclables and services and for your moral support. The following have donated and given permission to have their names listed here: Ansel B. Barton, Kathryn Bernard, Ruth Boyle, Steve Davenport, John Gardner, Eris A. Heggen, Ardis P. Hegle, Mrs. John E. Hollar, Lynn M. John, Myrtle Lang, Christine Larsen, Michael C. Mallea, Wm. J. McDongall, Betty J. Pattison, Joy Peterson, Ruth S. Peterson, Irene N. Peyton, Francis & June Potter, Ambrose Priestley, Ruby Rector, Thomas H. Rogers, Marjorie Rozell, Dennis L. Sanders, Elizabeth M. Saunders, Bonnie & Oren Randles, Spokane Retired Teachers Association, Dale C. Swanson, Mrs. F.L. Terhaar, Larry Thieman, Jane M. Thrasher and Elizabeth Welty. If you contributed during July and are not listed here please let us know.

Don't forget to vote September 13. A "Yes" vote on the parks levies will provide the means of repairing park facilities and replacing maintenance equipment. It will also enable county parks that have been closed for several years to be reopened. Fencing to keep motor vehicles off the trails in the Dishman Hills can then be installed and improvements to the heavy use area at Camp Caro can be put in place. The levy, for two years only, will cost the owner of a \$50,000 home only \$13 over the two years.

Aluminum cans are up to 35 cents a pound at recycling centers. Prices for paper, cardboard and glass remain steady. And don't forget that Earthworks Recycling is buying "tin" cans as well as the usual recyclables. We have an account there as well as at Spokane Recycling. Please leave your name when leaving recyclables for Dishman Hills.

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 Thieman, President; Thomas H. Rogers, Vice-President and bulletin editor; Helen E. Lininger, Secretary; David E. Lentos, 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 April into early fall are at Camp Caro, S. 625 Sargent Road, Dishman at 7:30 p.m. the third Monday.

### HILLS ARE DRY BUT BEAUTIFUL

Fire danger is high in the Hills. The blackened rocky knoll, victim of the early summer blaze, is a somber reminder of what human carelessness can do. Wet July rains started recovery of vegetation but the scar will remain for years. Although over two weeks of hot weather have dried up most of the flowers, a hike in the Hills is still an enjoyable experience. Nuthatches and chickadees call from the pines and firs as they search for insects. The plaintive voices of western wood pewees can be heard, though soon these little flycatchers will be departing for warmer climes. Red squirrels are about--a good cone crop is giving them a good food supply. At least one coyote and a white-tailed deer have recently visited the Hills. Despite the heavy July rainfall, the ponds are dry, not having recovered from the shrotage of winter and spring precipitation. Nevertheless a few flowers are blossoming in their exposed beds and an occasional tree frog hops among the spike rushes. These little fellows, unlike other frogs, can get along nicely under dry conditions. Wild fruits are scarce but a few rose hips are bright red and snowberries show purest white. Wild asters and goldenrod are coming into flower, but it looks as if the gentians will not be appearing this fall. A few butterflies are around: brown wood nymphs, ochre ringlets and an occasional sulfur and copper. The pine whites, so abundant a month ago, have mostly disappeared.

A small group of children from the program of Sacred Heart Medical Center Psychiatric Center for Children and Adolescents enjoyed a hike in the Hills in July. Hospital staff membrs Diana Solle and Will Chandler led the kids and we provided help on nature lore. We enjoyed it as much as they did.

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