



LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

JULY, 1987

DONATIONS IMPROVE IN JUNE

Donations to the Dishman Hills Project for June came to a good \$1730.66, thanks to all you loyal supporters. Our reserve brought in an additional \$94.27 in interest. The month's expenses totalled \$203.84. The following contributed money, recyclables and/or services during the month (some donors of recyclables are not listed as we have not yet obtained their permission to list them): Suzanne Alice-O'Connell, Jon Barstad, Kathryn Bernard, Almeda Campbell, Vera Carpenter, Oma E. Carroll, Joan G. Chesbrough, Steve Davenport, Pamela J. Dixon, Doris I. Donnelly, Myrtle A. Erickson, John R. Gardner, Rita Gleason, Tollif R. Hance, Mrs. J.L. Havlick, Inland Empire Iris Society, Joanna Chapter of Women's Fellowship of Westminster Congregational, Lynn M. John, Patricia A. Kroetch, Mrs. Elmer Lindahl, Dr. Angelo G. Lurus, Robert Mauzey, Margie F. Middendorf, William B. Nourse, Iva Paullus, Sue Pollock, Francis/ June Potter, Ambrose Priestley, Recreational Equipment Inc., Thomas H. Rogers, Ruby Rector, Dennis L. Sanders, Elizabeth M. Saunders, Philip B. Spohn, Mrs. F.L. Terhaar, Terrace Garden Club, Florence Thayer, Larry Thieman, Doreen B. Vance, Mrs. Owen Wiley, Paul J. Winkleman, Jeanne H. Wilson and Kathryn E. Wolfe. If you have made a donation but your name does not appear above, please let us know at 926-7949. Our next payment on the new land is due in September. Please keep the donations coming. Many Thanks!

PROPOSED LEVY WOULD HELP DISHMAN HILLS NATURAL AREA

Spokane County Parks and Recreation Department plans to place a levy proposal on the September ballot to save the park system. At present only seventeen of the county's thirty parks are being maintained, according to Supt. Sam Angove. Passage of the levy would provide for much needed repairs to park facilities and replacement of wornout maintenance equipment. Included is money for Dishman Hills Natural Area: maintenance again of the playground and picnic area at Camp Caro, building a new, larger lodge for camping and meetings by children's and adults' groups, rest rooms and other improvements and fencing to keep motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles out of the natural area. The levy, which is for two years only, would cost the owner of a \$50,000 home a two year total of \$13. This looks to us like a real bargain. For more detailed information call the County Park Department at 456-4730.

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. Lentz, 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.

SUMMER RAINS HELP THE HILLS

Much needed rains have kept conditions fairly good in the Hills, although fire danger is high. The flowers that are showing are beauties: mariposa lilies with their lavender cups marked with purple, scarlet gillias and salmon collonias. Serviceberries are ripe. Brown wood nymph butterflies flit softly over the grasses. Fritillaries are flashing their orang-brown and silver wings. Pine white butterflies, numerous this year, circle airily among the pine branches. Fear has been expressed in the past that their larvae, which feed upon pine leaves, may damage the trees but we have not seen this to be true. Rather surprising was a mallard hen with five nearly grown young, which quietly swam into hiding on a pond we hope some day to add to the nature preserve. The recent fire in the Hills was on the 70 acres we hope to add. On a sparsely wooded rocky promontory, it killed sapling pines, blackened the trunks of older trees, burned flowers and grasses and scorched the shrubs. Most trees, shrubs and small plants will revive. Clumps of balsamroot have put out new leaves and bright flowers--normally they blossom in the spring.

President Larry Thieman and vice-president Tom Rogers met in June with County Parks Supt. Sam Angove and Fayette Krause of The Nature Conservancy to discuss management plans for the Dishman Hills. Fayette will be here again in September when we will examine the Hills and make detailed recommendations.

Good news on the recycling front! Earthworks Recycling on Napa between Trent and Mission is now buying "tin" (really mostly iron) cans. Jim Schrock who, with wife Jeannie, is owner-manager, said, "I got out a pencil and found that we could do it. Remove labels, wash the cans and flatten them." This makes real sense, since we import about half of our iron ore!

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