



LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

MAY, 1987

DONATIONS CONTINUE AT GOOD PACE

Donations received in April totalled \$1090.55. Our thanks to the following who have made this possible: Louise Allen, Arborettes Garden Club, Amsel B. Barton, Kathryn Bernard, James W. Berry, Margaret Bloom, Bertha B. Booth, Gretchen S. Brown, Joseph N. Dikes, Doris I. Donnelly, Christina Dysart, Paula Ammons Fisetite, John Gardner, John R. Gorman, Ann Goldsmith, Elton Grant, Bernice Hahn, Hobnailers, Blanche Holsten, Mary Holz, Lynn M. John, Mary Alice Jones, John Lorang, Joan McCann, Margie F. Middendorf, Marilyn A. Miller, Sylvia Olsen, Claudia D. Peters, Madeline A. Phelps, Francis/June Potter, Ambrose Priestley, Thomas H. Rogers, Milt Rawlings, Laurretta M.W. Ropp, S. Schrimshire, San Souci West residents, Blanche Sarver, Doni Sanders, Elizabeth Saunders, Lee Smith, Mrs. Sydney Smith, Tekoa Care Center, Florence Thayer, Larry Thieman and Trowel Queens Garden Club. Please let us know if you are not listed as an April contributor.

April costs were \$288.33, which included the cost of printing and mailing the bulletin plus administrative expenses and the county weed tax. Net income of \$802.22 will apply to the quarterly land payment, due in June. We have reduced this quarterly payment to \$2917.55 by recently making an additional payment on the balance owed. We anticipate, however, additional expense to protect the natural area, probably the erecting of fencing to keep motorcycles out. Please keep the donations coming. Many thanks!

LEGISLATURE VOTES MONEY FOR HILLS

Both houses of the State Legislature have passed a bill providing funds for purchasing natural areas, including additional land for Dishman Hills Natural Area. Governor Booth Gardner is expected to sign it. These new funds cannot be applied to the contract we are now paying on but will make possible the buying of other land in the Hills still in private hands. We have great hopes that this will happen.

Our income from recycling will reach \$750-800 this year if it continues at its present pace, thanks to you who are donating your recyclables. Prices are good: newspaper, cardboard and non-slick "junk" mail (remove "windows") are \$30 a ton. Aluminum cans are up to 30 cents a pound; foil and TV dishes are 5 cents a pound, and glass is 2 cents a pound. Please call us at 926-7949 if you have recyclables to donate, or you can drop them off at Spokane Recycling Products on Main just west of Freya, where we (Continued in column 2)

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. 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 April into early fall are at Camp Caro, S. 625 Sargent Road, Dishman at 7:30 p.m..

MAY COMES ON FAST IN HILLS

The hot weather has speeded the disappearance of spring flowers in the Hills, the buttercups, grass widows, glacier lilies, wild phlox and the white clouds of serviceberry blooms. In their place are the pink of wild roses, the yellows of ragwort and cinquefoil, the blues of lupines and the lavender of wild onions. Summer resident birds are returning, though their numbers will not be complete until the month's end. A breeding bird census in a plot near the center of the Hills is showing signs of several species setting up territories, which they will defend as they rear their young. A pair of robins is nest building and a pair of chipping sparrows may do likewise. More unusual is the possibility of nesting of one or two pairs of western tanager, colorful in yellow, black and red. Expected to nest also are rufous-sided towhees, Townsend's solitaires and mourning doves.

At the invitation of Pat Murray of Tekoa Care Center we showed our slide program to an appreciative audience of residents there.

RECYCLING (Continued from column 1) have an account. Please leave your name so we'll know whom to credit. PLEASE NOTE: keep the different kinds of paper separate; also separate aluminum cans from foil, and different colors of glass. Thanks!

The Department of Ecology is inviting all interested persons and organizations to a special meeting on "Recycling: how far can we go? What can we do" The date is Tuesday May 26 at 7 p.m. and the place is the auditorium of the Spokane Health District building, W. 1101 College. We are gratified to learn that the D.O.E. is moving more strongly in this direction, which is its second priority goal, ahead of the waste-to-energy project. We plan to be represented there and hope that many of you can attend.

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