



## LIGHTS AND SHADOWS FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

APRIL, 1988

### LAND PAYMENT MADE; DONATIONS JUMP

March donations totalled a good \$1128.31. Our quarterly payment of \$2917.55 was made March 15, along with an additional \$10,000, thus reducing future interest payments and bringing the balance owed on the 140 acre addition down to about \$13,225. Future payments will be \$1670.37 quarterly. The entire contract will be paid off no later than in June 1990. Any surplus will be kept in reserve to purchase additional land to save a wildlife corridor to Tower Mountain. Our thanks to those listed below who have donated money, recyclables and services during March and have given permission to be listed here. If your name should be here but isn't, please let us know. Linda L. Armacost, Kathryn Bernard, Helen and Stuart Blackwell, Gary Brewster, John G. Chesbrough, Steven Davenport, Gloria D. Davis, Verna O. Dolphin, Warrenetta Frederick, John R. Gardner, Mrs. Kenneth Gudgel, Russell W. Harmon, Eris A. Heggen, Lynn M. John, Mary Alice Jones, Thelma Knowles, Dorothy Kurahara, Gail Lambert, Rich Landers, Margie F. Middendorf, Linda L. Peterson, Willene Priestley, Bonetta & Oren Randles, R.E.I., Hazel Richard, Thomas H. Rogers, Dennis L. Sanders, Helen Stowell, Florence Sylvester, Larry Thieman, Alice Tiffany, Mrs. Owen Wiley, Jeanne H. Wilson and Paul J. Winkleman.

### FLOWERS, BIRDS GREET HIKERS

The annual Buttercup Hike March 20 turned out to be an enjoyable occasion for those Dishman Hills fans who defied overcast skies and threat of rain, which never materialized. Pines and firs provided shielding from the light southwest wind. Buttercups, as always, brightened to ground and a few grass widows and yellow bells added their color. Also in flower was the tiny "pepper and salt", easily overlooked. Purple anthers in the white flowers give the plant its name. It is in the genus known as biscuitroots, many species of which were used as food by the Indians, though this one apparently was not. Tree frogs were "singing" at the ponds, which also hosted a pair of mallards and ruffed grouse. Rufous-sided towhees were back as well as a wren. Year-round resident chickadees and nuthatches were about and a red-tailed hawk soared overhead. Flickers were moving back into the hills to look for snags in which to excavate nest cavities and chipmunk were again active after their winter naps.

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

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### YOUR PARTICIPATION IS URGENT FOR DISHMAN HILLS MANAGEMENT

A big turnout of citizens concerned with the future of Dishman Hills Natural Area is needed at the public information meeting next week. Scheduled for Thursday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Spokane Valley Continuation High School, Valley Way and Hutchinson Road, Dishman, it will deal with issues involving what uses are compatible with the protection of the natural area. A short slide program on the hills will be part of the program. Washington Department of Natural Resources has designated the area as Dishman Hills Natural Resources Conservation Area. The information meeting will be conducted by the project's advisory committee, consisting of Spokane County Parks and Recreation Director Sam Angove, DNR's John R. Edwards and Ross Hesseltine, Morey Haggin, Wayne Hollenbeck, Fayette Krause of The Nature Conservancy, President Larry Thieman and vice president Tom Rogers of Dishman Hills Natural Area Association, and John Schermer. A follow up public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Dishman. It is very important that there be a good attendance at both meetings. Please reserve these dates on your calendar. We hope to see you there to support the Spokane area's real gem of a wild spot!

A most appreciative group of women, members of Sigma Chapter of Phi Sigma Alpha, enjoyed our slide show on Dishman Hills Natural Area March 10 at the Town and Country Restaurant. And it was a real pleasure for us too. Thank you ladies!

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