



LIGHTS AND SHADOWS FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

DECEMBER 1989

ONLY TWO MORE LAND PAYMENTS!

Our quarterly payment of \$1670.37 on the 140 acre addition to Dishman Hills Natural Area was made December 15. This leaves only two more payments to be made! Donations to the project came to a big \$2055.22 in November. Several large gifts, including one of \$1400, and \$164.22 in recyclables, helped make this possible. Many thanks to all who contributed! Interest on our reserve added \$76.60.

The following gave during the past month and have given permission to be listed here: Lorraine E. Barnes, Kathryn Bernard, Boulevard Garden Club, Gretchen Brown, Helen Bucknell, James F. Conaty, Virginia Danke, Gloria Davis, Verna Dolphin, Reese Ennesh, Bernice Fahlgren, John Gardner, Emmett Gumm, Dorothy Hartung, Chris Henderson, Ivy/Ken Hendrix, Irene G. Gilbert, Blanche Holsten, Mary Holz, Jim Kirk, Alfreda Krause, Myrtle Lang, Shiran K. Lee, Hannah K. Lovik, Mary Lytle, Jack & Alice Malone, Aroa/Frank Ohme, Frank/June Potter, Tom Rogers, J.J. Rust, Dennis L. Sanders, Ernestine/Ray Staley, Patricia Sweeney, Larry Thiewan, Jane Van Meter and Jeanne H. Wilson. Please let us know if you should have been listed here but aren't. You can call 926-7949.

Our annual meeting to elect board members and officers for 1990 will be held January 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Riverview Terrace. You are cordially invited to attend. (The new lodge at Camp Caro is not yet ready for winter use. Come summer, we expect to be meeting there.)

Rich Landers Show Featured

Rich Landers, Spokane's well-known outdoor sports writer, is to be featured at a spaghetti dinner at Ft. George Wright Commons Friday January 5. One of his outstanding slide shows, "Images of the Northwest", will be narrated by Rich in his lively, humorous style. For reservations call Vee Nealey at 325-5459 or Suzanne Hempleman at 326-0224. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for senior citizens and children under 12, including tax and gratuity. If you prefer, you may send a check to Spokane Audubon Society at N. 3110 Sheridan, Spokane, Wa 99205. Checks must reach there by January 2. No tickets will be sold at the door.

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

President: Larry Thiewan Secretary: Helen Lininger
Vice-President: Tom Rogers Treasurer: David Lentes
Board members (in addition to officers): Doris Allgood, Gary Brewster, Omar Carroll, Margaret Haggin, Francis Potter, June Potter, and Ray Staley.

Our monthly meetings this winter will be at Riverview Terrace Retirement Apartments, E. 1801 Upriver Drive, the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. You are cordially invited.

For further information call 928-4365 in the evening (Larry Thiewan), or 926-7949 (Tom Rogers).

LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW!

But what can we do? We may not like the slick streets, the fender benders, the cold wind, but what if it didn't snow? The ground would freeze solid and probable our water pipes also. The winter wheat crop would be a failure and some of our perennial plants would die. And what would the skiers do? Watch television? And a light snowpack in the mountains would mean a lack of water for hydroelectric power and irrigation, a hot, dry summer and a disastrous fire season. In the wilds snow makes it more difficult for some wildlife but others benefit. Deer mice tunnel with relative safety under the snow and grouse plunge into a snowbank to avoid the chill of night. A person lost in the woods would also be wise to dig into a snowbank for the night, for now is a good insulator. So enjoy the clean beauty of new snowfall on the trees and bushes. And drive carefully!

For those who enjoy birds, the winter snows bring us visitors from the mountains and the North. My backyard feeder is busy with juncos and a handsome varied thrush, that robinlike fellow with a black necklace, is a regular visitor that enjoys the apples I put out for him. Just now as I write this, a cautious pheasant rooster is about to come out from the snowberry bushes for his lunch. He is elsewhere during the summer. In the open country to our west the spectacular snowy owls and rough-legged hawks and flocks of rosy finches and snow buntings appear.

Part of the Dishman Hill will again be covered on Spokane Audubon Society's Christmas Count. So far the wintering bird census there has found an abundance of red-breasted nuthatches but little else: a raven, a flicker and a ruffed grouse and a red crossbill.

Our thanks to whoever repaired the little walkway over Goldback Spring that was vandalized last year. - T.R.

We are revising our mailing list. If we haven't heard from you in the last three years, we are assuming you are no longer interested in receiving our bulletin and will be removing your name, as of January. Thanks for your previous support.

Please use this form when sending contributions
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Account No. **09310**

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Please make checks payable to Dishman Hills Natural Area Association and mail to the Treasurer, P.O. Box 14141, Spokane, WA 99214-0141. Many thanks!