



# LIGHTS AND SHADOWS FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

JULY 1989

## MAY-JUNE RECYCLING DOES WELL

Total income to our association took a dip during June, contributions and interest income coming to \$672.12. Most of it, \$346.65 came from recycling (May and June combined.) Individuals contribute their hauling expense and time.) Total operating expense for the month was \$210.92, leaving only a modest amount toward our next land payment in September. Our thanks to the following who contributed cash and/or recyclables or services in June and have given permission to be listed here: Jon Barstad, Kathryn Bernard, Jackie Davenport, Verna Dolphin, Helen Ferguson, John & Helen Ferguson, John Gardner, Russ/Evelyn Harmon, Dorothy Hartung, Millicent A. Havlick, Ken/Ivy Hendrix Lynn M. John, Alfreda Krause, Karl K. Krogue, Helen Lininger, W.W. Lockwood, John C. Lorang, Jack/Alice Malone, Marlene K. Montgomery, Vee Nealey, Joy Peterson, Ruth S. Peterson, Frank/June Potter, Milt Rawlings, Ruby Rector, Thomas H. Rogers, Dennis L. Sanders, Connie Smedley, Larry Thieman, Jane Van Meter, Leona Widner, Jeanne H. Wilson and Paul Winkelman.

In late June a group of children enrolled in Spokane Falls Community College's Youth College Nature Discovery program spent several delightful hours hiking in Dishman Hills Natural Area under the leadership of Jan Reynolds. We provided assistance in telling the kids about the flowers, bugs, and whatever and, incidentally, had a lot of fun ourselves. Oh, the enthusiasm of youth! Let's never lose it.

Although the price of some recyclables has fallen, it's still worth the while to keep on. We're making progress slowly on what is recyclable, for the one gallon plastic milk jugs are now being received, in addition to the two liter plastic pop containers. Maybe some day all plastic will be recyclable, which should be a day of celebration! Don't forget that tin cans are also being bought. Wash them, remove labels and flatten. Help conserve our metals!

Please let us know if you have a change of address or no longer wish to be on our mailing list. It will help us both. Thanks!

Maybe you noticed. our June bulletin was dated "May". We slipped. Sorry about that!

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 Thieman Secretary: Helen Lininger  
Vice-President: Tom Rogers Treasurer: David Lentes  
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Gary Brewster, Omar Carroll, Margaret Haggin, Francis  
Potter, June Potter, and Ray Staley.

Our monthly meetings starting July 17 will be in the new lodge at Camp Caro, S. 625 Sargent Road, Dishman. Time is 7:30 p.m. Our meetings will be on the third Monday of each month there. You are cordially invited.

For further information call 928-4365 in the p.m. (Larry Thieman), or 926-7949 (Tom Rogers).

## WHITE BUTTERFLIES LIVEN WOODS

If you have been in a ponderosa pine area recently you have no doubt noticed the many white butterflies fluttering among the branches. They are "pine whites" known to entomologists as "Neophasia menapia." Some concern has been expressed about them, because their larvae feed upon pine needles. Rarely do they do serious damage to the trees, however. They seem to have plenty of enemies to keep their numbers in check. A recent visit to Dishman Hills Natural Area found many dead on the trails--and some live ones that could easily have been stepped on. Some were caught in webs of dome weaver spiders and a few had drowned in Goldback Spring. Birds no doubt take their toll of adults and their larvae and pupae. Chickadees, which feed among the branches, no doubt eat many a larva and nuthatches likely glean the bark, where the pupae are found. Flycatchers, birds which feed upon flying insects, probably are responsible for catching many, eating their bodies and dropping the wings to the ground.

The butterflies will soon be laying their eggs. Presumably these will hatch this summer and the young larvae spend the winter in that stage, then complete their growth and pupate in spring and early summer, emerging as adults in July and August. A few may continue their short adult lives into September.

Lack of nesting sites for chickadees and nuthatches may very well be the reason for so many of the butterflies in our area. Dishman Hills support a rather young forest, since the area was logged earlier in the century. The result is that there are few snags for nuthatches and woodpeckers to excavate nesting cavities. Chickadees cannot make their own nest holes so they depend upon these other birds to do it for them. Putting up nest boxes in or near ponderosa pine areas might help to alleviate this lack of nesting sites. The boxes should be built according to approved specifications, since those with too large entrances are apt to be occupied by house sparrows, starlings or even squirrels. We can supply such bird box plans. Send us a stamped, self-addressed legal size envelope for them. NOTE: please do not put up bird houses in the Dishman Hills Natural Area. We are letting nature take its course there.

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