



# LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

## FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

SEPTEMBER 1989

### MANY CONTRIBUTE TO NATURAL AREA

After our just-made quarterly payment of \$1,670.37 on the 140 acre addition to Dishman Hills Natural Area, we have only three more payments to make thanks to you many supporters!

Income from donations of money and recyclables during August totalled \$649.97. \$184.97 of this was from recyclables and \$77.68, interest income. Expenses for the month came to \$210.45. (\$40 for administrative services, \$87.04 for bulletin printing and \$83.41 for postage).

Our thanks to you who contributed last month and have given permission to be listed, for your loyal support: Kathryn Bernard, Jan Brzoska, Dr. Robert Burroughs, Helen Bucknell, Earl Coombs, Ruth Cunningham, Fern Dahlstrom, Jackie Davenport, Idah Dolphin, Verna Dolphin, Reece Ennesh, Dick Evans, John Gardner, Elton Grant, Emmett Gumm, Louise Hance, William Harms, Russ/Evelyn Harmon, Dorothy Hartung, Millicent Havlick, Ken/Ivy Hendrix, Kathy Inman, Thelma Knoles, Alfreda Krause, Jack/Alice Malone, Mary McCoy, Frank/June Potter, Julius Presta, Willene Priestley, Fred Radebaugh, Milt Rawlings, Ruby Rector, Tom Rogers, Tom Rogers Jr., Doni Sanders, Blanche Sarver, Hazel Smith, John Sonneland, Florence Thayer, Larry Thieman, Beth Tietjen Holly/Leona Widner, Jeannie Wilson, Mary Wilson and Paul Winkleman. Please let us know if we have omitted your name.

The Volksmarch August 19 brought many walkers on a 10 kilometer (about 6 mile) hike in the Dishman Hills. The well organized group was very careful of the area. And our thanks to them for repairing the vandalized walkway over Goldback Spring. Come again, Volksmarchers!

Yellowjackets are rather common again this summer. Several species live in our area, but, as one person remarked, they all feel the same when they sting you! But unless you disturb their nests or squeeze them, you should have little to fear from them. In fact, they can be considered quite useful for some prey upon other insects and others scavenge on dead animals.

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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Gary Brewster, Omar Carroll, Margaret Haggin, Francis  
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Our monthly meetings starting September 18 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 evening (Larry Thieman), or 926-7949 (Tom Rogers).

### HILLS ARE GETTING AUTUMN COLORS

Although the very wet August kept things green in the Dishman Hills, cooler September weather is bringing in signs of Autumn. Leaves of chokecherry are turning bronze, meadowsweet shows dull red and dogbane is yellowing. The few patches of poison ivy are easy to recognize--and avoid--with their brilliant reds and orange. Too bad it doesn't agree with our skin, for it would make a fine ornamental. The ponds are only moist spots but East Pond is showing the white flower clusters of water parsnip. The delicate lavender of wild asters graces trailsides, along with the white-flowered sprays of wreath aster. Cottonwood Hollow has a few rich blue gentians.

Summer birds are mostly gone. Red-breasted nuthatches are common. The bountiful crop of ponderosa pine cones should ensure a good food supply for them and for red crossbills. (Trails are strewn with many of the little winged seeds.) Insect numbers are decreasing. Only a few butterflies are awing but band-winged grasshoppers flash yellow and black in their crackling flight. The little pits of antlions are still evident under the pines. Red dragonflies are over the new lawn at Camp Caro, now open for use.

The rehabilitation area just east of the new lodge is showing good progress. The little pines and firs planted by school children have survived well and a number of native plants from the nearby woods are recolonizing the recently bare slope. Spotted knapweed is continuing to be a threat there and elsewhere around the lodge and in the natural area and will have to be pulled, as will the toadflax.

A lively group of children from Discovery School, with teachers and parents, made a loop of the Hills last Friday, living up to the name "Discovery." A preying mantis that lit on Michael's jeans was the center of attention for quite a while, as were a colorful two foot garter snake and an eight inch long youngster at East Pond. The day was hot and a few of the boys declared they were dying, but guess who beat us all back to the water fountain at the lodge when they were turned loose at the playground after the hike.

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