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# LIGHTS AND SHADOWS FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

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## WE ARE STILL RECYCLING

We have had inquiries as to what recyclables are acceptable and where. We have an account at Spokane Recycling Products, Main & Freya, so if you take yours there, let them know it's for Dishman Hills and please leave your name. Earthworks Recycling on Napa between Trent and Mission will also put it on account for us if you ask. All the usual materials (newspaper, corrugated cardboard, computer paper, white nonslick paper, aluminum cans, foil, and aluminum throwaways, white or clear plastic containers that have a 1 or 2 in the little triangle on the bottom (including milk jugs), 2 liter plastic pop bottles) and tin cans (remove labels, cut out ends and flatten) are all saleable at Spokane Recycling and some at Earthworks. Junk mail, cereal boxes, phone books and catalogs are accepted but not paid for. Please keep each kind of material separate!

The blue recycling boxes of the city are appearing in the Valley. However, if you wish to recycle your things yourself or give them to us, keep on doing it. We can make money doing it ourselves but it costs the government money!

The logging that has been going on in Liberty Lake Park may soon be stopped. Concerned citizens met with officials from the County Park Department, the Spokane County Conservation Service and the State Department of Natural Resources recently to assess the damage. If it is the policy of the park department to log in the parks, might not the Dishman Hills be next?

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

Our monthly meetings resuming in September, will be at Camp Caro, S. 625 Sargent Rd., at 7:00 p.m. the third Monday of each month. For additional information call 926-7949.

## HILLS ANTICIPATING AUTUMN

Though the thermometer may not look like it, summer is on the downslope. Winter constellations are swinging into view--though truthfully it's the earth that's doing the swinging! Some birds are sensing the shortening days and are starting their movements. Bright Wilson's and Audubon's Warblers are dropping down from nearby mountains. At West Pond in the Dishman Hills a dainty Solitary Sandpiper, back from the northern tundra, perched on a rock, then flashed its neatly barred black and white tail as it flew. One seems to stop there every autumn.

Butterflies are on the wing, though in decreasing varieties. The hordes of Painted Ladies have all but disappeared, leaving behind, however, a few caterpillars in their silken nests on thistles. Soft brown wood nymphs fly low among the grasses. A few silverspots (fritillaries) frequent cooler woods and mourning cloaks frolic in the sun before seeking nooks in which to hibernate. The fall brood of little ochre ringlets is appearing in grassy spots. The blizzard of pine whites is melting away, only a few still flitting among the pines.

The summer's drought has taken its toll of most flowers but a few fall kinds are appearing: goldenrod, asters, yampah, and in the Tower Mountain area pearly everlasting, monkshood and laceflower. Spotted knapweed, that colorful but very aggressive weed, is providing nectar for butterflies, and another attractive weed, Dalmatian toadflax, does the same for bumblebees.

Among the numerous grasshoppers, mostly the drab little kinds, are the colorful band-winged locusts, one of which is very common in the Dishman Hills this fall. Laboring under the almost impossible name of *Trimerotropis verruculata suffusa*, it ignores the handicap and crackles its black and yellow wings as it flies up from bare spots. On the rare side is a grasshopper species recently found, near Springdale, Twin Lakes and Priest Lake that apparently has never before been recorded from Idaho or Washington. There are still things to be discovered out there!

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