



LIGHTS AND SHADOWS FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

MAY 1991

DONATIONS GOOD FOR APRIL

Income for April totalled \$695.77 plus \$49.59 interest on our land purchase fund. Recycling income came to \$153.77. Expenses totalled \$270.49 (property tax was \$74.28).

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GROUPS ENJOY THE HILLS IN APRIL

A group of Brownie scouts led by Stanna LaPlath enjoyed the wild flowers in the Hills April 20. Included in the fun was the watching of a pair of Mallards on East Pond and a gathering of salamander tadpoles in shallow water near the shore.

The next day the Sierra Club, Beth Harper in charge, conducted a program at Camp Caro for a group of handicapped adults. Included was our slide program on the Dishman Hills. It was an appreciative group and a joy for us.

WILDLIFE AS NEIGHBORS?

If you would like to learn how to attract wildlife to your yard, contact the Washington Department of Wildlife for information and learn how to establish an urban wildlife sanctuary. Call the Department at 456-4082.

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

Our monthly meetings this summer, starting in May, 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.

LIFE PLENTIFUL IN THE HILLS

Spring is moving toward summer in the Dishman Hills-Tower Mountain area. The spring migration of birds is in full swing and late spring flowers are plentiful. Ruby-crowned Kinglets, their loud, melodious songs all out of proportion to their diminutive size, have been moving through. Solitary Vireos and Dusky Flycatchers are back. Black-headed Grosbeaks and brilliant Western Tanager are arriving. Warblers seem scarce, as they have for the last few years. Evening Grosbeaks and a few secretive Hermit Thrushes are passing through. Both will nest in the higher mountains. Two pairs of Townsend's Solitaires are expected to nest in the lower hills and a pair of Great Horned Owls has brought off a brood there, sighted by Lawrence Thieman.

The most conspicuous flower is the Pink Phlox. Balsamroot still shows bright yellow but is fading. Another very noticeable yellow flower is the Biscuit Root. The little white stars of Fringecup are everywhere in the grassy places. A few Blue Violets are in flower and Blue Canas seems to be more common in moist spots.

Of special interest are the Painted Lady butterflies this year. Usually rare in the Hills, several have been noted, suggesting that this may be a year for a migration. In 1966 and 1973 they moved through by the thousands, travelling in a northwesterly direction. Elaine Imus, now living in Utah, reports that they are moving in large numbers there. Will they really travel this far?

BOUNDARY SURVEYS IN PROGRESS

The surveying of the boundaries of the land in Dishman Hills has begun. The limits of the property held by the four parties--our association, Spokane County, The Nature Conservancy and the Department of Natural Resources--will be determined. Our share of the cost of the survey will be \$5700.00. Completion of the work will enable entrance signs to be placed, detailing rules for the uses allowed, so that the Natural Area can be better protected.

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