



# LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

## FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

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CONTRIBUTION ACTIVITY	ROCKS OF SHARON NEWS
<p>A much needed surge in donations came in during July. They totalled \$1,667.56, a big jump from previous months. Interest on our land fund came to \$277.48. Expenses for the month were \$229.32 (\$40 for administrative services, \$125.24 for bulletin printing and mailing and \$64.09 for taxes.</p> <p>Our grateful thanks to you who are listed below and have given permission to be listed here, and to the six persons who requested anonymity: Beverly E. Brown, Ester Browning, Signe Carrier, Virginia Danke, Frances V. Davis, R.W. Downing, Carol L. Ellis, June Helen Foote, Corinne Y. Gillingham, Fred Gage, Frank Gropp, H.D. Gudgel, Dorothy Allen Hartung, Adeline E. Haynes, Beverly Hinton, Mrs. John E. Hollar, Dianne M. Huggar, Marie L. Kinney, Glen W. Kivett, Roger A. Korus, Gloria J. Krebs, Patricia Kroetch, Maxine F. Leszykowski, Helen E. Lininger, John C. Lorang, Gloria McCuddin, Leo J. Middendorf, Mrs. William F. Moody, Gloria M. Nicol, Aroa A. Ohme, Madeline A. Phelps, Mary Jean Porter, Tom Rogers, Marjorie Rozell, Sierra Club-Upper Columbia River, Marcia F./Philip Spohn, William K. Steele, Florence Thayer, E.E. Tietjen, Jane M. Thrasher, Wanda B. Warren, Jeanne H. Wilson, Arthur C. Zack and Hershel Zellman M.D. If we missed your name, please let us know at 926-7949. Again, THANKS!</p> <hr/> <p>The following letter was received from Art Zack, along with a donation: "We strongly support your efforts to purchase the additional land on Tower Mountain. I am a professional forest ecologist and there are western hemlock plant communities up there that are very surprising and unique for these locations. They are probably the farthest southwest location of these plant communities in Eastern Washington and deserve to be protected because of their unique location. I'd be happy to help in any way that I could with this effort. Keep up the good work."</p> <p>Frances Davis and Maxine Leszykowski also expressed similar sentiments but space forces us to hold off printing them, with their permission, until our next bulletin.</p>	<p>We hail the signing of our contract to buy 170 acres of choice forested land in the Tower Mountain-Rocks of Sharon area south of the Spokane Valley. This has long been one of our hopes.</p> <p>Total cost of the land is \$225,000 plus interest. We have already made a payment of \$50,000. We must make a payment of \$6,467 every three months for the next ten years; the first payment is due September 1. This time we will have to dip into what is left of our land fund reserve to make the payment. In order to meet our future payments we will need contributions each month of about \$2,158 plus about \$175 for our operating expense.</p> <p>We are gratified by your generous July contributions. With your continued help we are going to succeed in paying for the 170 acre addition to the Nature Preserve. Just a reminder: gifts to our organization are fully Federal Income Tax deductible.</p> <hr/> <p>Spokane County Parks Department has a very good chance of receiving State funds for acquiring land in the Tower Mountain-Rocks of Sharon area adjacent to our 170 acre purchase, according to our president, Mike Hamilton. He and Wyn Birkenthal of the Department traveled to Olympia and made a very good presentation. Reportedly the State will make a decision on this shortly.</p> <p>Our thanks to you who sent letters to Spokane County Parks Department in support of its application for state money to buy land adjacent to our Tower Mountain purchase.</p>
SPECIAL EVENTS	SPECIAL NEWS
<p>At the Spokane County fair next month we will have a display in the booth we will be sharing with the Sierra Club and three other environmental organizations. Volunteers will be needed at the booth. If you can help, please let us know at 926-7949.</p>	<p>It's no news that fire danger is extremely high right now and likely will continue until mid-September, when fall rains usually arrive. It is gratifying, however, to see that along Iller Creek on Tower Mountain vegetation is quite green. Wildlife appears to be getting along well. The creek, except for one tiny spot on a tributary, is dry, making one wonder what the deer and elk are doing for drinking water! Some summer birds have migrated or have become silent, though fifteen species were recently found.</p>
ORGANIZATION PURPOSE	CONTRIBUTION REQUEST
<p>We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving some of the natural areas of the Spokane area for people to enjoy and learn from.</p>	<p>Please use this form when sending contributions (Contributions are income tax deductible)</p> <p>Account No. <b>06513</b></p> <p>Your Name _____</p> <p>Please put your account number on your check.</p> <p>\$ _____ LAND PURCHASE FUND</p> <p>\$ _____ MEMORIAL FOR _____</p> <p>\$ _____ ANNUAL DUES (\$10) NEW? <input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$ _____ STUDENT OR LIVING LIGHTLY (\$5)</p> <p>\$ _____ TO COVER BULLETIN EXPENSE (\$2)</p> <p>_____ CHECK HERE IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR NAME LISTED AS A DONOR.</p>
OFFICERS / DIRECTORS	
<p>President: Michael Hamilton; Vice-President: Tom Rogers; Secretary: Helen Lininger; Treasurer: David Lenten; Board Members (in addition to officers): Omar Carroll, Francis &amp; June Potter and Ray Staley. Officers and board members serve without pay and we have no paid employees.</p>	
MEETING DATE / PLACE	
<p>Our meetings will be held at Opportunity Elementary School, S. 1109 Wilbur each third Tuesday at 7 p.m. during the school year. You are cordially invited.</p>	