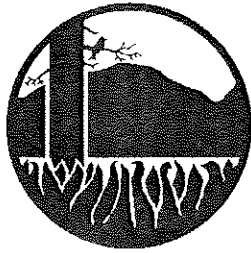


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# LIGHTS AND SHADOWS FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

DECEMBER 1994

## THANKS TO OCT/NOV CONTRIBUTORS

October contributions to the land fund to pay for the land we have contracted for on Tower Mountain (Rocks of Sharon area) came to a very good \$3699 and November donations were \$529.55. The community support you people are giving is most gratifying! Many, many Thanks! Below are listed those who donated money, recyclables and/or services during October and November and have given permission to be listed here: Annouchka Anderson, Helen Blackwell, Brad W. Blegen, Omar Carroll, James F. Conaty, Cirque Defleurs Garden Club, David D. Deline, Janice M. Dinatale, Mary M. Eller, Frieda Foth, Celesta M. Frost, Corinne Y. Gillingham, Donald Griffiths, Frank H. Gropp, Mrs. Donald Hagan, Michael Hamilton, Janet Hannick, Adeline E. Haynes, Eris A. Heggen, Kent T. Hoffman, Jean Koch, Gloria J. Krebs, David E. Lentes, Hannah K. Lovik, Helen E. Lininger, Janice G. Mahoney, Leo Middendorf, Marilyn Miller, Ian Napier M.D., Connie Porter, Francis & June Potter, Neil Prescott, Tom Rogers, Shirley J. Schneider, Linda J. Siveris, Holly Frost Sonneland, Ray Staley, Kristin S. Stewart, Cheryl Studer, Michael Sullivan, Florence Thayer, Janice A. Thorson, Mrs. William E. Vogt, Jeffrey J. Warner, Northeast Chapter of Washington Native Plant Society, Edwin G. Weilep, Jeanne H. Wilson and Arthur C. Zack. Again, thanks! If you should have been listed here but weren't, please let us know at 926-7949.

Expenses for October were \$72 for administration, and \$137.19 for bulletin printing and mailing. November expenses were \$48 for administration, and \$73.28 for postage. Our quarterly land payment of \$6467.58 was made December 1 and we were able to pay ahead the same amount for the March payment, thus saving us all some interest.

In the aftermath of last year's forest fires much television advertising by the timber industry is promoting the idea that the dead trees should be logged "to save them". (The fires of last summer would prove to be a bonanza for those who want to log faster--and likely to ship the logs off to Japan, while complaining that our local mills go without logs.) We wonder if logging the dead trees is really the way to save the forest. Hauling out the trees prevents valuable nutrients from going back into the soil, as they have been doing for hundreds of thousands of years after recurrent fires. The TV ads further state that the burned trees will be a fire hazard in the future. Dead trees, with their branches burned off, are very hard to ignite--"round wood doesn't burn" is largely true. (Continued in column 2)

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: Michael Hamilton; Vice-President: Tom Rogers; Secretary: Helen Lininger; Treasurer: David Lentes; Board Members (in addition to officers): Omar Carroll, Francis & June Potter and Ray Staley. Officers and board members serve without pay and we have no paid employees.

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.

## YOUR INPUT NEEDED AT HEARING

We need a BIG turnout at the public hearing called for by Spokane County Commissioners concerning the management plan for the Dishman Hills Natural Resource Conservation Area, scheduled for December 22 at 9:00 am at the Public Works Building, 1026 West Broadway (just east of Spokane County Courthouse).

We have long called for the area, in which our association is a major owner, to be accessible for foot traffic only, in order to protect it. Our land is posted to this effect, yet violations (horse riding and biking) in our land routinely occurs. These uses damage trails and can damage vegetation and carry in noxious weeds. Washington State Department of Natural Resources representatives have agreed with our position but Spokane County has not. Unless there is a uniform management plan for the entire conservation area it is extremely difficult to keep unwanted uses from our land and that of the DNR.

We expect that the horse riders, who are well organized, will pack the meeting to try to sway the commissioners' decision. We believe that they should use other areas where there will be less impact upon the land and less interference with people on foot. In this regard we are willing to allow them to ride on the new land we are purchasing on Tower Mountain (Rocks of Sharon area), provided they contribute some money toward paying for it.

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS CRUCIAL. Some 700 of you have contributed to our land purchase endeavors and continue to do so. We all have a real stake in the protection of the land in the Conservation Area. But we MUST let our concern and our strength be known. We're counting on you!

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Logging, which means heavy equipment, would disturb the soil, laying it open to erosion, whereas little or none would occur otherwise, since the roots of brush and smaller plants are usually not killed by fire but hold the soil and sprout again the next spring. The ads state that the burned area will be planted to new trees. We wonder what species would be planted. We suspect they will be the few kinds that the timber industry likes best for sawlogs, not a healthy diversity, thus creating a tree farm, susceptible to disease and insects.

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