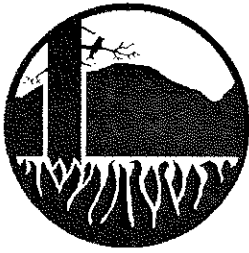


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FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

JUNE 1995

MAY DONATIONS ON TARGET	FIRE AND NATURAL PARK LAND
<p>May contributions to our Dishman Hills-Rocks of Sharon project came to an excellent \$2132.88 (\$120 from memorials) thanks to you many loyal supporters. Expenses were \$48 for administrative expense, \$141.19 for bulletin printing and mailing and \$150 for land appraisal. The following are those who donated in May and have given permission to be listed here: Kathryn Bernard, Helen D. Blackwell, Florence B. Boutwell, Ester L. Browning, Grace C. Fellows, Corinne Y. Gillingham, Nicolin J. Gray, Janet Hamminck, Patricia M. Houff, Mrs. B.H. Jacklin, Gloria J. Krebs, Janette Lentes, Helen Lininger, Marlene K. Montgomery, Sharon M. Murphy, Madeline A. Phelps, Francis H. Potter, Tom Rogers, Mabel R. Sackett, Richard Schmidt, Seniors of Ascension, Sierra Club-Upper Columbia River, Lois Smith, Kristin S. Stewart, Kenneth C. Swedberg, Bernadine Van Thiel and Jeanne H. Wilson. Again, Many thanks! If we missed listing you, please let us know at 926-7949.</p> <hr/> <p>Dishman Hills Natural Area is one big flower "garden" because of the wet spring weather. In May and June we led hikes for students of Centennial Middle School, The Nature Conservancy, Spokane Audubon Society and Spokane County Parks and Recreation Department. We also showed slides of the Hills to Bowdish Junior High students and to members of Instrument Service Association. June 27 we will be leading a hike for Cub Scout Pack 131.</p> <hr/> <p>Our newest member, Barb Sanders, teacher at Centennial Middle School, is planning to have her seventh grade class work on a project compiling a history of the Dishman Hills project and small leaflets describing the plants and animals of the Hills. She is an ardent environmentalist and is encouraging her students to take care of this old earth. We are very happy to supply her students with the information they need.</p>	<p>When the Washington Ornithological Society held its annual meeting in Spokane June 16-18 it held an early morning field trip to last year's burn in Riverside State Park. It was highly interesting to me because nearly all the plants there were of the same species as in Dishman Hills Natural Area, though the early spring flowers had disappeared. Practically all of the duff (undecomposed leaves and twigs on the ground) had been destroyed by the fire and some logging had further disturbed the soil. Both of these events have enabled some weeds to move in. I question whether it is wise to do any logging there. The area will recover by itself and the weeds will disappear. Though most of the shrubs and bushes had not sprouted from the roots--exception, some snowberry bushes--a number of native wildflowers survived, surprisingly, because the ground fire must have been very hot, burning a carpet of pine needles. Quite a number of the flowers there, including fireweed, have wind-borne seeds, to be expected in a burned-over area. Tiny pine seedlings were already appearing, the offspring of some of the larger ponderosa pines that, because of their thicker bark, survived.</p> <p>At least ten species of birds were found--rather surprising. To be expected, however, were the three kinds of woodpeckers, there to chisel out wood-boring beetles from the dead trees. The larger pines, which were being logged, would have become sites for the woodpeckers to bore nest holes. Burned trees would gradually become part of the soil, adding essential humus, as they have for thousands of years. Human intervention isn't necessary for forest health.--TR</p>
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MEETING DATE / PLACE	
<p>During the remainder of this summer we will be meeting only on call, if needed. If you want to be notified, please let us know at 926-7949 and we'll call you.</p>	