



LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

MARCH 1995

FEBRUARY DONORS AND FINANCES

Donations to our land purchase fund during February came to \$630 and membership dues \$60, for a total of \$690. Expenses were \$186.61 (bulletin expense \$138.61, and administrative services \$48). Interest on our money market account was \$76.25.

Thanks to very good donations in January, we now owe about \$150,800 on the \$225,000 contract on the land we are buying in the Tower Mountain-Rocks of Sharon area.

We will need a bit over \$2200 a month to make our quarterly land payments of \$6467, plus about \$200 a month for operating expenses. (We have no paid employees--it's all volunteers.) Please keep those donations coming!

Our thanks to you listed below who have given permission to be listed here: Cornelia J. Bratten, Signe Currier, Wilford Dolphin, Donald Griffiths, Hobnailers, Mary Alice Jones, Helen Lininger, John C. Lorang, Janice G. Mahoney, Kimberly A. Minana, Florence W. Orcutt, Francis H. Potter, Ambrose Priestley, Tom Rogers, Linda L. Queen, Mary C. Ruud, Reiko Shimizu, Ray L. Staley, Michael J. Sullivan, James T. Swinney, Florence Thayer, Withworth Belles Garden Club, and Jeanne H. Wilson. Again, MANY THANKS! If we missed listing you, please call us at 926-7949.

RECYCLING PAYING WELL NOW

Spokane Recycling Products on East Main just west of Freya, where we have an account, is now paying \$45 a ton for newspaper, 45 cents a pound for aluminum cans and 4 cents a pound for PET (plastic pop bottles). They are accepting tin cans and colorless glass but are not able to pay for them. We hope you will turn them in regardless rather than put them in the garbage.

Earthworks Recycling, E. 1904 Broadway (west side of Napa) is paying \$45 a ton for newspaper (less than 150 pounds) and \$60 a ton for over 150 pounds. They will pay in cash.

Nobody turned in anything to us for recycling in February. We should all take advantage of the very good current prices. Just tell them it's for Dishman Hills and leave your name. Thanks.

BUTTERCUP HIKE AND EARTH DAY

This year we have decided to combine our Buttercup Hike with Earth Day. We plan a different experience, a hike up Tower Mountain to the Rocks of Sharon area and the 170 acres we are buying. We will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 22 at the end of Holman Road in the Spokane Valley. To get there go south on the Dishman-Mica highway or on University Road, cross the railroad track on to Schaffer Road, follow it to 44th, go west for one block to Woodruff, then south to Holman Road and west on it to a wide parking space just short of the new house being built. It will likely be a hike of five miles round trip. Bring a lunch and drinking water. Besides buttercups we'll see a variety of early spring flowers, mourning cloak and spring blue butterflies plus red squirrels, chipmunks and possibly deer, elk, snowshoe rabbits and maybe even a porcupine and a coyote. Birders bring your binocs for chickadees, nuthatches, red-tailed hawks, ravens and spring migrant towhees and fox sparrows.

A farmer near Tower Mountain reports that the elk invade his wheat field, doing considerable damage. The Department of Wildlife apparently opposes any hunting in the area. The farmer hopes to get its permission for hunting on his property to control the elk population.

Neither we nor the farmer see the elk as a problem on the mountain itself, including our land, and do not favor hunting there but realize the farmer has a problem.

Elk, like many other kinds of wildlife, need a combination of open land where they can find forage and nearby forest for concealment. Like people they go where they can make a living.

We are looking into the possibility of applying for grants to assist in our purchase of the 170 acres. We invite anyone who can help in writing applications for such grants. This could speed up paying off the contract. If you can help please contact us at our address at the top of this bulletin or call us at 926-7949 (Tom Rogers) or 353-2700 (Mike Hamilton at Bureau of Mines.)

ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving some of the natural areas of the Spokane area for people to enjoy and learn from.

OFFICERS / DIRECTORS

President: Michael Hamilton; Vice-President: Tom Rogers; Secretary: Helen Lininger; Treasurer: David Lentz; 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.

MEETING DATE / PLACE

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.

CONTRIBUTION COUPON

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