

WEB WONDER



Since we seem intent to digitize much of our lives, the Association has been working on a new web site and we would like to encourage you to check it out at dhnaa.org. Even you who are “computer challenged” may find our site a useful portal to our world of conservation, outdoor recreation, and environmental education. It’s more than just a web site. It’s a service and communication system that’s interactive. Let us take you for a tour.

Wake up the old computer, go online, and search for dhnaa.org. After enjoying some fun seasonal photos, you will notice that your screen is loaded with useful information about the latest news and event info, as well as introductions to our history, setting, and management philosophy. The blue and underlined lines will lead you to more info on the topic.

Now, let’s check out the categories listed on the upper left side of the home page. “Maps and Brochures” offers a useful trail map for the Natural Area, a County map for the Iller Crk. Conservation area, and some maps of our land holding, and Dream Trail project. The brochures include guides for the Natural Area and the Pinecliff Discovery trail, and info on our Dream Trail project. Those of you with printing capability can reproduce the maps and brochures for that next trip to the Dishman Hills.

The “News and Blogs” button will ring up summations of events both past and future, as well as miscellaneous conversations. Here, you can talk back on topics by hitting “add comment” or expand info with “more” on each event or topic.

Next is the “Event” tab, a very useful place for those seeking activity and participation opportunities. Events are listed chronologically with description and time, date, and meeting place. The little red box next to the title that says “rss” can sign you up for an automatic feed back to your computer of the latest information for your selected activity. Notice the “calendar view” choice if you want to plan with a visual of the month. There is also an archive of past events that are “hot” lines to access expanded descriptions. Each event has a way to register for by hitting the “Register” box. This will also alert us of your interest so we can plan better the event and supply you with more info if necessary.

The “About Us” box will open up more choices that lead to access to a photo collection, short essays on the Natural Area, and contact info. There is also a path for you to subscribe to our monthly newsletter online.

Only when the last tree has died, the last river poisoned, the last fish caught will we realize we cannot eat money— Cree Proverb

The “Join Us” box is an important tool to become an active member of the Association. Lots of choices here! At what level would you like to join or renew? Would you prefer a mail-in form so you can sign up with a check rather than with web money? You can access our latest IRS 990 form to check out our financials if this is important to you. Check out the “Dishman Alliance” box for an education of our current major project to connect the conservation lands in the Dishman Hills. The members of the Alliance are listed with organization descriptions.

The “Donation” tab is one very important to us for obvious reasons. In seconds you can send us the fuel that we need to carry out our mission of natural land acquisition and stewardship. We are trying to modernize our donation program by providing a secure method of online donations using PayPal. The “Volunteer” button prompts you to sign up where we need your donation of time and energy.

But there is more, if you are an active member. All you have to do is sign in with your email address and enter your password to activate another choice box called “Members Only”. If you have forgotten your password or never had one, just tap the “Forgot My Password” line and instructions to make one will be sent to your email address. Then you can select topics such as a photo gallery, copies of Lights and Shadows newsletters all the way back to 1973, and a member forum where you can share your experiences and views. We are considering adding meeting minutes, environmental studies, and a membership directory to this list for members only. We are proud of our new website and hope that you will also find in an asset.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to saving nature areas in the Spokane region for public enjoyment and education. Call Michael Hamilton, 747-8147, if you have questions. Our board meets every month on the third Tuesday. Our next meeting will be on March 20th, 7 pm. We meet at the Moran Prairie Spokane County Library, 6004 South Regal St. Visitors are always welcomed.

The following are our January donors that have consented to be listed: Eric Anacker, David Beardslee, Nancy Cashon, Marilyn De Coster, Linda Crowe, Bruce Erickson, Bill & Harriet Fix, Mary Frankhauser, Celesta Frost, Charles Gillingham, Donald Griffiths, Gary Gunning, James Harless, Pam Hibbard, Jonathan Isaacoff, Mary Alice Jones, Janyce Keeling, Patrick Killien, Glen Kivett, Cynthia Langlois, Mary Lentz, Timothy Mace, Marilyn Miller, Barbara Morkill, Gale Mueller, Donald Nicol, Florence Orcutt, Stephen Peterson, Linda Pool, Norma Rosenberger, Lynn Smith, Barbara Swan, Norma Trefry, Elnora Wildemuth, and three anonymous donors. Great start of the year!

Take Note: The annual Buttercup Hike is scheduled for Saturday, March 24th, We will meet at noon at Camp Caro winter parking off Appleway, for a Spring venture into the Hills.

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* annual dues, due by June 30

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