

# LIGHTS and SHADOWS

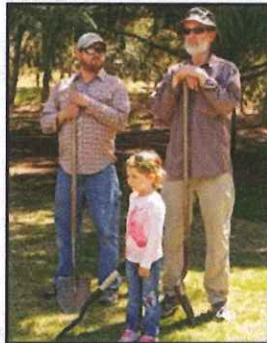
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Dishman Hills

May 2012

## !ONE FABULOUS MONTH!

What a fantastic time was the last month for the Association. As reported in the April newsletter, our land deal for 269 acres of prime conservation land was completed and all the land has ended up in the County's Conservation Area collection, to assure permanent protection and public access. The deal drained both our treasury and our energies, but never the less, we celebrated enthusiastically this accomplishment earlier this month with a BBQ at the Moran Prairie grange. The event was well attended, and conversations were both about the recent successes and what is planned for the Future. Many were impressed that we managed to assemble \$260K to complete the deal. Our Dream Trail Project was highlighted with maps and presentations to remind all that this latest land acquisition was part of a larger project that needs a lot more work.

The Association also shared our "good news" with the jolly crowd at our Main Street booth at the Earth Day Celebration in downtown Spokane. We are trying to increase visibility in the community to marshal support for our mission. Our efforts here seem to be working since 547 volunteers showed up for our annual Service Day



Three Generations ready to work

last month! The day was a total success with work crews tackling a variety of conservation projects including: habitat restoration, trash removal, weed pulling, planting of over 2,000 native plants, trail maintenance, drainage improvement, tree thinning in thickets, down tree removal from trails, fence maintenance, and work on the native plant garden at Camp Caro. The crowd enjoyed pizza after their hard work, and relaxed to the music of B-Radicals. New friends were made, old friends reunited, and the common cause of taking care of our Natural Heritage unified the group. Our sincere thanks to all that helped with this event with REI on top of the list with their grant and logistic support. Many more pitched in with all the items to make this event the biggest one in Association history, including, the Spokane Mountaineers Spokane County, the Lands Council, Washington Trail Association, and DNR.

In mid month Suzy Dix gave a lovely party at her country home on the Moran Prairie for a selection of people we felt could be of great help to rebuild our land fund after last month's big purchase. It was an elegant evening with delicious food and drinks,

and guests participated in a lively auction run by Mitch Silver for some special "celebrity" hikes, as well as calls for donation to help complete our Dream Trail Project. Visionary awards were presented to long-time President Michael Hamilton, and major supporters Bill & Harriet Fix, Paul Fish, and Chris Koczynski.

It was a very special, memorable time. Suzy's house is surrounded with emerald green fields containing beautiful horses and the cute frolic of a two-week old filly with her mom. The sunset highlighted Dishman Ridge and Tower Mountain to the east, reminding why we were really there.

This month we broke another record with 30 new members added to our family. Please consider stepping up to help us maintain our momentum. You will be in very good company. Annual dues should be sent in by the end of June. See you out in the Hills.

## CHANGE

The Board has been talking about changing the Associations name to better reflect our mission, and not be such a mouth full as our current name. Our favorite choice is the Dishman Hills Conservancy. This name would be a Doing Business As (DBA) designation, since we understand that our longer original name, DHNAA, must remain on many original documents. Lots of names have been considered, including Inland Empire, Big Rock, Tower Mountain, Rogers, and Krell Ridge. We solicit your opinion before we make it official, so mark you favorite on the back of a \$20 bill and send it in.

## 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 June, 19th, 7 pm. We will meet at the house of Robert Ordner, 6317 South Denna Ct., Spokane. Visitors are always welcomed.

The following are our April donors that have consented to be listed: Eric Anacker, Linda Anderson, Don & Virginia Bott, Eric and Beth Calkins, Nancy Cashon, Joseph Collins, Patrick Dougherty, Sophie Dufresnes, Sylvia Eberspecher, John Echelbarger, Bruce Erickson, Inga Griffiths, Kathy Kalich, Gina Kettleson, Jeff Lambert, Cynthia Langlois, Michael Meagher, Brian Miller, Margaret Mortz, Jean Oglesbee, Bill Peterson, Chris Polito, Pat Powers, Jorgen Rasmussen, Suzanne Schreiner, Terry Schmidt, The Spokane Mountaineers Foundation, Brenda Strange, Robert Swanson, and one anonymous donor. Thanks to all for making it a fabulous month for your support.

*The goal of life is living in agreement with Nature— Zeno (300 BC)*

### YES, I want to help protect our natural areas in the Spokane Region

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