

# LIGHTS and SHADOWS

from the Dishman Hills

December 2013

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Merry Christmas  
 Happiest New Year  
 from Big Rock and all the rest  
 of us at the Dishman Hills  
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## CHANGE

The Conservancy wishes all the best for Holiday times and the prospects of a fabulous New Year. We have been very busy during the 2013, and hope to be even busier in 2014. The theme for us now is change, like the butterfly moving from a slow-crawling, leaf-eating slug, to a high-flying traveler. For starters, we changed our name. The title "Conservancy" captures what we do better and saves some effort from "Natural Area Association" for all you check writers. The Board was expanded and split up into committees to get more work done. New blood was transfused with Jeff Lambert taking over as President. Michael Hamilton, President 20 years running (and newsletter editor), was retained as Vice President. A most notable event in the associations history is our first ever employee, Eric Robison, as an executive director backed by a generous grant by the New Priorities Foundation. He is there to increase our capacity to accomplish our mission which has not changed. The year was punctuated by social events, service days, teaching workshops, and hiking tours. We want to connect people with nature, and we keep finding new and better ways to do this. Some of the most challenging work this year was our continuing project to connect the conservation land in the Dishman Hills with additional land acquisitions. No doubt the news in 2014 will include some impressive announcements of land deals that we have been working on for some time.

For you dear bulletin readers there will also be some changes. The current format before you will metamorphose into a multipage newsletter that will better inform in a more pleasing, and professional way. The Lights and Shadows sheet has been running for almost 40 years, and it's thought that it is time to expand it. The newsletter name will be called "EXPLORE", and will also contain a Lights and Shadows section as well as articles written by others. We hope to launch this next month, but we already missed our last deadline in December.

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 January 21, 7 pm. This is our annual membership meeting to elect officers and Board members. We meet at the Moran Prairie County Library, 604 South Regal St.. Visitors are always welcomed.

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