



# LIGHTS AND SHADOWS FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

APRIL 1986

## MARCH GIFTS FOR NEW LAND LAGGING PLEASE SEND IN ALL YOU CAN

Donations to our land fund to pay for the 140 acre natural area addition totaled only \$744.47 for March. This is not at all encouraging. This will force us to deplete our interest earning reserve much faster than planned. Our next payment of about \$6340 is due June 15. Please send all you can. It is urgent! Thanks! The following donated money and/or recyclables in March:

Maynard Arveson, G.D. Bletcher, Mary Briggie, Ross Burdge, Margaret Carlson, Vera Carpenter, Mr./Mrs. Earl Coombs, Mr./Mrs. Robert Coddington, Harriet Davies, Susan English, R.B. Evans, Elton Grant, Mr./Mrs. Robert Henderson, Blanche Holsten, Linda Kern, Glen Kivett, Vern Kneeshaw, Rubena Mally, Joan McCann, Mr./Mrs. Robert McLean, Florence Miller, G.W. Osborne, Mrs. W. J. Paulukonis, Ambrose Priestley, Mr./Mrs. Francis Potter, Mr./Mrs. Oren Randles, Milt Rawlings, Thomas Rogers, Eleanor Small, Hazel Smith, Goldie Soucie, Kenneth Suedberg, Larry Thieman, Esther Trowbridge and Evelyn White. Our thanks to all of you!

The Sierra Club will conduct a hike into Dishman Hills April 20 at 1 p.m., starting at Camp Caro, S. 625 Sargent Road, Dishman. The public is invited.

March and early April was a busy time for our slide shows. Opportunity Presbyterian's VIPs, The Mountaineers, Whitworth Belles Garden Club, a WCTU group and Senior Citizens of Valley Adventist Church enjoyed the presentation on Dishman Hills and the Sierra Club saw our show featuring spring flowers of the Hills. In early April we showed the Dishman Hills set to the B.O. Chapter of P.E.O., Dandy Diggers Garden Club and the Eastern Star.

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

Larry Thieman, President; Thomas H. Rogers, Vice-President and bulletin editor; Helen E. Lininger, Secretary; David E. Lentos, Treasurer, and Larry Thieman, Legal Advisor. Board of Directors (in addition to officers): Doris Allgood, Gary Brewster, Omar Carroll, Bernice Hahn, Margaret Haggin, Ann Kachinsky, Don Kachinsky, Frank Potter, June Potter and Ambrose Priestley.

We offer slide programs on the Dishman Hills and other outdoor subjects, and guide service on hikes in the Hills. No charge for these. Our monthly meetings during the winter months are at Riverview Terrace Retirement Apartments, E. 1801 Upriver Drive, the fourth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend.

## HIKES IN HILLS WELL ATTENDED

Our annual Buttercup Hike into Dishman Hills March 16 was well attended, with 18 hikers aged from 11 months (he enjoyed it from his mother's backpack) up to a senior citizen. Even for this early date buttercups brightened the ground and a few grass widows added dots of warm pink. Tree frogs provided a lively chorus. T.R. the fearless leader who prides himself on knowing the hills like the back of his hand, got temporarily lost on the sunless day but eventually won back the confidence of the little band by bringing them out of the wilderness on schedule. Larry Thieman did better with the group he led--he didn't get lost.

Spokane Audubon Society's Discovery Hike into Dishman Hills March 23 attracted 14 adults and 6 children. Besides many buttercups and grass widows, a few yellowbells, fringe cups and pepper-and-salt flowers were out, and one very early glacier lily as well. Tree frogs were noising it up at the Lost Pond and a few red crossbills lingered from the many that wintered there, feeding on this winter's abundant pine seeds. A pair of mallards took off from the West Pond. The fearless leader did better this time; we didn't get lost though it clouded over and rained gently at the end.

Our association has a display in the foyer of the Imax Theater at Riverfront Park during April. It is composed entirely of pictures and information on the plants and animals of the Dishman Hills. The Sierra Club and Washington Native Plant Society also have attractive exhibits. We think you would enjoy seeing all these displays.

The Nature Conservancy is sponsoring a hike into Dishman Hills from Camp Caro at 9 a.m. the 27th. We'll see you there!

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Please make checks payable to Dishman Hills Natural Area Association and mail to David E. Lentos, Treasurer, P.O. Box 141561, Spokane, WA 99214. Many thanks!