



LIGHTS AND SHADOWS FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

JUNE, 1986

MAY DONATIONS IMPROVE OVER APRIL

Donations to pay for the 140 acre nature preserve addition are continuing at an encouraging pace, thanks to the many of you who have contributed. May donations totalled \$1864. This will be a big help toward meeting our June 15 payment of \$6340. Please keep on sending in whatever you can. Four more years to go -- one year behind us! Thanks again! Contributions since the May bulletin report: Kathleen Adkinson, A.S.A. Management Corp., Ansel Barton, Kathryn Bernard, Ruth Boyle, Gary Brewster, Mary Briggie, Harriet Cameron, Vera Carpenter, Cirque d' Fleur, Margaret Cowles, Cub Scout Den 5 Pack 344, Karen Dillon, Verna Dolphin, Doris Donnelly, Dr. Thomas Driscoll, Paula Ammons Kissette, W.R. Goble, Green Thumb, Margaret Haggin, Earl & Irene Herbert, Blanche Holsten, Lynn John, Florence Keller, Helen Kelly, Vernon Krebs, Christine Larsen, Betty Larson, Shiran Lee, Bettie Maron, Joan McCann, Dorothy McLarren, Louis Messmer, Lawrence Monk, Sylvia Olson, Charles Owens, Linda Petersen, Irene Peyton, Ernest Pike, Francis Potter, Ambrose Priestley, Kevin Robotyn, Dennis Saunders, Elizabeth Saunders, Hazel Secord, Jan Siegel, Ray & Debbie Smith, Ida Southwell, Patricia Sweeney, Florence Sylvester, Larry Thienan, Robert Turner, Mary Jane Tyler, Dwight Vance, Voyagers Shirley Wihlborg, & Dr. Hershel Zillmer. Donors at the very end of May will be listed in the next bulletin.

GROUPS OF ALL AGES ENJOY HILLS IN MAY

First it was Cub Scout Den 5, Pack 344, led by Larry Small and John Ahern. May 10 about 20 people from Washington Native Plant Society's state meeting at E.W.U. reveled in the flower diversity of the Hills. Then came the Voyagers from Millwood Presbyterian, Rosemary Brandvold and Barbara Willrich the organizers. Spokane Audubon scheduled the well-attended Lilac Festival hike May 18. (continued July issue)

Due to unconfirmed allegations and to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, our association has transferred all land purchase funds to existing and new accounts with Pacific First Federal Savings and Loan Association.

The June 7 Spokesman-Review article on our association contained many inaccuracies and misleading statements, some of which are corrected here. All persons who were board members at the time of the BDR transaction approved of the transaction. Our treasurer had been authorized by our board of directors to place (continued in column 2)

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 Thienan, President; Thomas H. Rogers, Vice-President and bulletin editor; Heien E. Lininger, Secretary; David E. Lenten, Treasurer.

We offer slide programs on the Dishman Hills and other outdoor subjects, and guide service on hikes in the Hills. No charge for these. Call us at 926-7949 for arrangements. Our monthly meetings during the summer months are at Camp Caro, S. 625 Sargent Rd., Dishman, the fourth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend.

HILLS BRIGHT WITH FLOWERS AND BIRDS

May was a month of luxuriant flower display. First were the bright yellow of balsamroot, mixed with lavender shooting stars and snowflake-like fringecups. Then came pink phlox and purple larkspur, camas and wild hyacinth. At month's end arrived blue expanses of lupine mixed with pale yellow Indian paint brush, and in open woods, wild roses and geraniums. Bees and flies busied themselves gathering pollen and nectar. Bright orange-tip butterflies soon gave way to swallowtails, diminutive "blues" and skippers. A few ochre ringlets and one scarcer Butler's alpine flitted over the grasses.

This month completed the return of summer birds: warblers, vireos, western tanagers, black-headed grosbeaks and even a Swainson's thrush. Red crossbills and evening grosbeaks still lingered. A great horned owl thrilled the children on one of the hikes. A mountain chickadee popped into its nest cavity, which was made last year by a nuthatch. One school class found a bull snake an enjoyed passing it around for touching. Another class came upon a racer, which raced too fast for even the boys to catch. Both of these snakes are harmless. Piles of pine cone scales showed where red squirrels had dined. The squirrels themselves chattered from the trees and chipmunks scurried among the rocks.

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the money where it would bring in the highest return consistent with safety. Our investments were made in compliance with Washington State regulations for nonprofit corporations and with our articles of incorporation.

Monthly donations totals have been reported in "Lights and Shadows", since the signing in June 1985 of the contract to buy 140 acre addition to the natural area. All donations came directly to our place of business or to our treasurer's private box. The \$54,285 down payment and four quarterly payments of \$6339.21 have already been made on the addition from current donations and reserve funds. Our association records continue to be available to our members.

Our reserve fund is earning less interest after transfer to the bank. In order for us to meet our quarterly payments for the next few years we need your continued support through your tax-deductible donations.

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Account No. **15185**

\$ _____ Land purchase fund

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