



LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

OCTOBER 1989

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Donations of money and recyclables during September totalled \$429.68, which will go toward operating expenses and our December payment on the 140 acre addition to the natural area. Many thanks to you Dishman Hills supporters. Expenses for the month came to \$335.63 for administrative expense, bulletin printing, and postage, and the unusual expenses of escrow fee and data processing forms for the bulletin.

Listed here are those who donated during September and have given permission to be named here. If your name has been inadvertently omitted, please let us know by calling 926-7949.

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Prospects for a less expensive, resource conserving and environmentally sound way to take care of our waste were explained in an article in the Spokesman-Review for Sunday, October 15. This and more information were presented at a meeting arranged the evening before by Citizens for Clean Air, at which Neil Seldman, president of the Institute for Local Self-reliance, Washington, D.C., stated that the waste-to-energy option is virtually a thing of the past, being replaced by expanded recycling programs. Also see articles in the October 16 Spokesman.

Spokane Audubon Society invites you early birds to join it November 4 for a trip to the Columbia Basin lakes to see Winter hawks, owls, waterfowl and northern finches. The all day trip will start at Coeur d' Alene Park in Spokane, at 7 a.m. For further information call Warren Hall at 624-8048.

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

President: Larry Thieman Secretary: Helen Lininger
Vice-President: Tom Rogers Treasurer: David Lentes
Board members (in addition to officers): Doris Allgood, Gary Brewster, Omar Carroll, Margaret Haggin, Francis Potter, June Potter, and Ray Staley.

Our monthly meetings starting September 18 will be in the new lodge at Camp Caro, S. 625 Sargent Road, Dishman. Time is 7:30 p.m. Our meetings will be on the third Monday of each month there. You are cordially invited.

For further information call 926-4365 in the evening (Larry Thieman), or 926-7949 (Tom Rogers).

GOODBYE, SUMMER; AUTUMN'S HERE

"Goodbye, goodbye to the summer, for the summer's nearly done, the garden smiling faintly, cool breezes in the sun..." So goes the poem. The frost of a few days ago brought down a blizzard of yellow leaves, nature's way of preventing excessive water loss during winter. It is also a way to bring up nutrients to the surface soil. Unfortunately the usual practice is to cart the leaves away to the dump and then buy fertilizer to make up for it. Yard and garden "waste" should be composted and returned to the soil.

Trees and bushes in the nearby hills and streamsides are still a blaze of color, yellow, orange and red, contrasting with the deep green of the conifers. Summer resident land birds are mostly gone but a few migrants are passing through: neat little white-crowned sparrows, Audubon's warblers and an occasional hermit thrush. Robins are laying up food reserves for migration as they feast on mountain ash berries. So are the less welcome starlings. Cooler weather has slowed down insect activity but frosts have not been severe enough to kill some of them. Some grasshoppers still linger, as well as a few dragonflies, yellowjackets, wasps and flies. Fertile yellowjackets will be hibernating, as will some kinds of flies and butterflies.

A recent Audubon Society field trip to Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge found a variety of ducks but the big movement from Canada will not occur until freezeup there. The refuge still has one trumpeter swan, which likely will be the last of its kind there, since conditions there are not optimum for this magnificent bird. Nationwide the species has been doing much better, thanks to efforts to increase its numbers. Two painted turtles were sunning themselves on a rock during the trip. They will spend the winter dormant at the bottom of the pond.

The vandal-damaged rest bench for hikers up the trail from Camp Caro was recently repaired by Boy Scouts from Troop 405. Many thanks to Rusty Bastian, Shawn Thurber and Doug Miles who with their scoutmaster Scott Grimmett did the welcome good turn for the natural area.

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