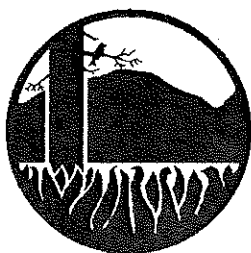


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Donations for July totalled \$480.16 and expenses, \$260.83 (\$80 for legal expense).

Our thanks to the following who contributed money, recyclables and/or services to the Dishman Hills project during July. If you have given permission to be listed here and we have failed to do so, please let us know and accept our apologies. Kathryn Bernard, Jim/Marilyn Bertis, Helen Blackwell, Gretchen Brown, Verna Dolphin, Reece Enness, Gil/Myrt Erickson, Bob/Marion Furness, John Gardner, Girl Scouts of University Neighborhood, Dorothy Hartung, Izzy Hawkins, Ivy/Ken Hendrix, Lynn Long, Jack/ Alice Malone, Bernadine McClincy, Mel/Gloria McCuddin, Helen Nelson, Aroa Ohme, Frank/June Potter, Ambrose/Willene Priestley, Milt Rawlings, Tom Rogers, Dennis Sanders, Blanche Sarver, Frank/ Clara Simons, Mary/Stan Sweeting, Larry Thieman, Jane/George Van Meter, Leona Widner, Jeanne Wilson and Paul Winkelman.

A bus load of alert senior citizens from Franklin House in Spokane recently enjoyed our slide program on the Dishman Hills at the new lodge at Camp Caro recently. The trip was arranged by Bernice Hahn, formerly caretaker at the camp and also a former board member, and conducted by Diane Keener. Come again, folks!

Earlier in the summer we conducted a weed pull in the county's part of Dishman Hills, concentrating on Dalmation toadflax ("wild snapdragon"), listed as noxious weed. Conducted by several of our board members, it was joined by several Girl Scouts and their leader, Carol Goering. Thanks, girls!

A few more of the little caterpillars that eat the toadflax have been found in the Hills. They apparently are on the increase there. Whether or not they will be an effective control remains to be seen. Their presence has been reported to the county weed control board.

cont from column 2. . . . That should greatly reduce the amount that will be burned in the waste-to-energy plant now under construction, thus cutting down on carbon dioxide, an important "greenhouse" gas. Of course that is saving a resource as well. It looks as if it will keep the price of old newspaper higher also.

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, Omar Carroll, Margaret Haggin, Francis Potter, June Potter and Ray Staley.

Our monthly meetings starting in September will be at the new lodge at Camp Caro, S. 625 Sargent Road, Dishman, at 7:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month. You are cordially invited. For additional information call 926-7949.

GOODBYE (ALMOST) TO THE SUMMER

"The goldenrod is yellow, the corn is turning brown,
The trees in apple orchards with fruit are bending down,
The sedges flaunt their harvest in every meadow nook,
And asters by the brookside make asters in the brook."

So wrote Helen Hunt Jackson. Once again the summer is on the down slope. Days are getting a bit cooler. A few autumn flowers are appearing in the Hills: besides the goldenrod there are the blue of gentians, the lacy white of yampah, the flaming red of Indian paintbrush. Leaves of ninebark are turning ruddy. Summer birds are slipping quietly away and some migrants are gathering: robins, warblers and nighthawks. Hummingbirds with their needlelike beaks find delectable the nectar of paintbrush's tubelike flowers. Bees and other insects visit the colorful flowers of spotted knapweed and tansy, two imported weeds we wish were not around. Late summer butterflies are here: fritillaries, wood nymphs and new brood mourning cloaks, California tortoiseshells and anglewings. The latter three will hibernate until spring. The pine whites, so abundant a few weeks ago, have completed their brief aerial lives, leaving only a few strewn on the ground or caught in spider webs. Presumably the rest have been scavenged by birds, chipmunks, ants, ground beetles and other animals. Nothing in nature goes to waste.

Our thanks to the many individuals who have saved recyclables and have helped to haul them. As of June 30 recycling has brought in over \$600 for the Dishman Hills project. The price of newspapers and corrugated has dropped a bit but that of other recyclables has remained quite steady. Recycling is making progress for plastic milk jugs, two liter plastic pop bottles, tin cans and slick magazines are now being bought. Pay'N Save Drug stores are accepting plastic shopping bags for recycling. Thanks to them!

Inland Empire Paper Company is taking a big step forward in planning to de-ink newspaper and make it into newsprint again. According to reports, the company will have to bring in old newspaper from points outside Spokane in order to get enough. (cont. in column 1.)

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