



**LIGHTS AND SHADOWS**  
*From the*  
**DISHMAN HILLS**

OCTOBER 1995

**\$5000 WILL BOOSTS OUR LAND FUND**

Donations to our Dishman Hills - Rocks of Sharon project came to a big \$5742 in August, the huge increase coming from a \$5000 gift from the will of a recently deceased supporter of the project. She was known personally to us. We sincerely regret her passing. We greatly appreciate her generous donation to our effort to save a part of the beautiful Tower Mountain area. We'd like to publish her name but don't have permission to do so. A memorial gift of \$45 was also received. Recycling brought in a mere \$6.52. Prices for recyclables are at an all time high so we should be taking advantage of this.

This big donation must not make us complacent for we can't count on gifts of this size though more might be forthcoming. Our board of directors has voted to make further payments ahead on the land we are buying, in order to save on interest. We now owe \$146,604 on the Rocks of Sharon contract.

Expenses for August came to \$140.20 for the monthly bulletin, \$48 for office expenses and \$10 for misc. expenses.

Interest income was \$17.34 - - we get a lower interest rate from our small savings account than we pay on the land purchase so it is advantageous to pay off the contract faster, with a backup reserve.

We thank the following loyal supporters who donated money or recyclables in August and have given permission to be listed here: Barbara Bailey, Rita Cencich, Ferne E. Dahlstrom, June Helen Foote, Don Friffiths, Adeline E. Haynes, The Hobnailers, Patricia M. Houff, Thelma Knowles, Gloria J. Krebs, Barbara W. Lockwood, John C. Lorang, Ruth S. Perterson, Francis H. Potter, Tom Rogers, Lawrence Shook, Sierra Club-Upper Columbia River, Lois Smith, Florence Thayer, Janice A. Thorson, June A. Warner and Jeanne H. Wilson. Again, THANKS! (If we missed listing your name please let us know at 926-7949)

**EAGLE SCOUTS DID A GREAT JOB**

Eagle Scouts did a very good job of building steps along the eroded trail up from Goldback Spring. The Dept. of Natural Resources supplied the materials and Mike Hamilton, our president, supervised the work. Many thanks to all of them!

**ORGANIZATION PURPOSE STATEMENT**

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: Michael Hamilton; Vice-president: Tom Rogers; Secretary: Helen Lininger; Treasurer: David Lenten; Board members (in addition to officers): Omar Carroll, Francis & June Potter and Ray Staley. All serve without pay and we have no paid employees. We strive to keep expenses at a minimum.

Monthly meetings are held Opportunity Elementary, South 1109 Wilbur on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. **You are cordially invited.**

**AUTUMN COMING TO THE HILLS**

A few wild flowers still greeted me on a recent hike into Dishman Hills Nature Preserve. The star performers were the wild asters ("aster" means "star") with their lavender rays and bright yellow eyes. More modest were the wreath asters with little white flowers. A few goldenrods added to the show. Yampah, that relative of carrots and parsnip, once used as food by Native Americans, added its lacy clusters of white and a lone Indian paintbrush was still dipped in scarlet. In East Pond flower spears of pink knotweed added many a touch of color. Yellow, orange and red poison ivy leaves glowed warmly in a few spots and some chokecherry leaves had turned richly bronze.

A group of pygmy nuthatches chatted in the pines as well as a flock of red crossbills, a red-breasted nuthatch and a flicker but a black-capped chickadee wasn't saying anything. A solitary sandpiper explored the mud flat on East Pond--one usually stops there during the fall migration. Two red squirrels scolded from the pines.

A few butterflies still enjoyed the autumn sunshine; a sulfur, a purplish copper, a mylitta crescent spot and an ochre ringlet. At the pond a big blue dragonfly cruised and smaller, mating dragonflies, the males red, the females brown, swarmed low over the shore side plants. The resulting nymphs seem able to survive the winter under the ice. --TR

**HIKERS ASSISTED**

In early August we assisted a group of hikers from St. John's Lutheran Church in a hike in the Hills. Led by Jackie and Paul Sachse, several other adults, two six-year-old girls and a baby in a backpack all enjoyed the trip.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS GIVE THEIR SUPPORT**

Our board of directors has voted to recommend John Roskelley for county commissioner in the coming election on Nov. 7th. His record of community involvement and his dedication to protection of the environment is our reason for endorsing him. We note by the news that he easily won in the primary.

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