

LIC HTS AND SHADC NS

from the Dishman Hills, July, 2002

NEW FORMAT

The bulletin has taken on a new look. It's now a full page newsletter on one side with address on the reverse. The remodeling started with a request from the Postal Service to clear the address area of text so as not to interfere with postal bar codes. We saw the opportunity to improve the product by having a larger text area that we can photo copy (we have been laser printing each copy) which will save money in reproduction cost. The only notable change is that the account number used for dues and donations will be found in brackets following your name in the address (which is still printed off the computer). If there are any budding artists out there, we could use some design or art work for the top of this new bulletin to create an attractive masthead. If you feel inspired give it a go and send in a copy to the DHNAA address listed below. With the extra room on this page we now have room for photos, so if you have some favorites, mail them to us or e-mail them to hamfam@ieway.com so we can publish some of them.

MEMORIAL SPOT

The Dishman Hills Association and Washington Dept. Natural Resources have installed a memorial bench at Camp Caro. The bench is in remembrance of Gail Lambert who enjoyed and supported the Dishman Hills during her lifetime. Her family thought that there should be something visible to commemorate an important part of Gail's life, her love for nature. With this in mind, we got to work. The bench was made and assembled at the State workshop in Deer Park. The seat and back are a trunk of a fallen white pine that was

part of a small stand of virgin trees found north of Spokane. The base consists of two cedar logs and the supports sticks are tamarack. The bench is finished with a clear varnish to showcase the natural beauty of the wood. The site is along the paved loop trail at Camp Caro on the west side of the open field, nestled up against towering ponderosa pines and banks of wild rose bushes. The view from the bench evokes serenity and reflection. We invite each and every one of you to find this special spot and spend a restful moment or two in quiet comfort where the city meets the forest, and remember the many who have made this view possible. Let's keep this a memorial spot.

VACATION

The Association has petitioned and has approval from Spokane County for the vacation of the Third Ave. right-of-way on the northeast side of the Natural Area, just east of Sargent Road. This extra bit of land (3,750 sq. ft.) will be added to adjacent Association land. The right-of-way is undeveloped and will become part of the buffer zone that has been established to protect the Natural Area from development along the new Appleway arterial. In this area every square foot counts. Also, there has been some garbage dumping there

Laws Change; People die; the Land remains

- - - Abraham Lincoln

as there has been at other places where people can pull off Appleway into the woods and we want to stop this and clean up.

TOWER UPDATE

The Association's pending land purchase near Big Rock on Tower Mountain is going forward slowly but surely. As part of the purchase deal we are asking the seller for a conservation easement on acreage adjacent, but not included in this purchase that includes part of a creek and valley bottom. This easement would provide a corridor for animal movement, protection for the plant refuges next to the creek, and allow public hiking access up the canyon to Association holdings. We seem to be breaking some new ground here by crafting an easement that will provide all these functions, and this is taking some time. We are getting some pro bono help with this easement from Preston, Gates, and Ellis LLP. We very much appreciate their involvement with this. Soon, we will have to initiate a campaign to fund the purchase cost, but for now the nuts and bolts of this deal are keeping us fully occupied.

The Association is planning in joining with KHQ TV in petitioning the County to include our land on Tower Mountain in a no-shooting zone. This summer we have received reports of gun fire in the area. There is no place in a public nature area for such activity, and on this issue we can partner with the television stations that want to protect their transmission equipment on Tower Mountain.

ORGANIZATION NEWS

We are a non-profit organization dedicated to saving nature areas in the Spokane region for public enjoyment and education. Call Michael Hamilton, 747-8147, if you have any questions. It is still our summer break and the next monthly meeting is not until September.

The following are our June donors that have consented to be listed: Margaret Bloom, Myrna Ann Cliff, Myrtle Erickson, Don Griffiths, Kenneth Gudgel, Brian Miller, Marilyn Miller, Lois Smith, Beth Tietjen, and one anonymous donor. Thank you very, very much.

The supreme reality of our times is the vulnerability of our planet

- - - John F. Kennedy

Please use this form when sending **CONTRIBUTIONS** or **DUES**

All contributions are tax deductible

SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO: DHNAA

3415 S. Lincoln Dr.

Spokane, WA 99203

Your Name: _____

Please put your account no. on your check (no. on address)

\$ _____ MEMORIAL FOR _____
\$ _____ LAND PURCHASE FUND
\$ _____ ANNUAL DUES due in January (\$10 regular, \$5 student
or living lightly, \$2 to cover bulletin expenses)

New ? Renewal ? Don't list me as donor

Please tell us if this newsletter is unwanted or if there is an address mistake