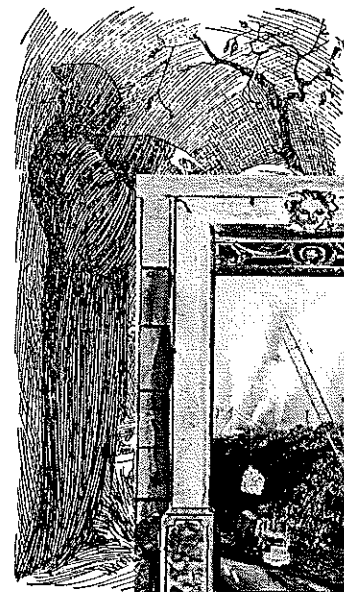


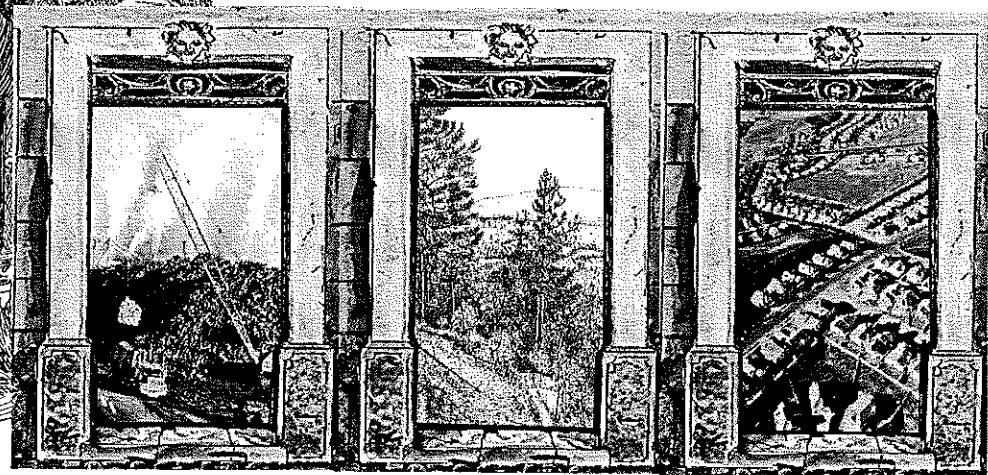
# LIGHTS and SHADOWS

from the Dishman Hills

December 2007



*Charles Dickens Christmas Carol (abridged) as applied to our choices for our green future.*



*"I am in the presence of the Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come?" said Scrooge. -- "Ghost of the Future!" he exclaimed, "I fear you more than any spectre I have seen. But as I know your purpose is to do me good, and as I hope to live to be another man from what I was, I am prepared to bear you company, and do it with a thankful heart. -- Before I draw nearer to that stone to which you point," said Scrooge, "answer me one question. Are these the shadows of the things that Will be, or are they shadows of things that May be, only?--good Spirit," he pursued, as down upon the ground he fell before it: "Your nature intercedes for me, and pities me. Assure me that I yet may change these shadows you have shown me, by an altered life." The kind hand trembled--"I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the (conservation) Future."*

## CHOICES

Life is full of choices, big and little, easy and hard, good and bad. Dickens in his Christmas tale was trying to show us that if we can understand the past consequences and the possible future effects of our choices we can better make the present ones. As the Dishman Hills Association cruises into its 5<sup>th</sup> decade, we find there are still many choices for us to make. We invite all of you to send us your opinion of what we should be striving to accomplish for our future. Our general membership meeting will be January 15<sup>th</sup> and all are welcomed to express themselves and members of good standing by last June 30 can vote for board members and officers. We can work together to assure the Christmases yet to come include the Natural Heritage that makes Spokane a special place to live and visit.

## ASSOCIATION 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 questions. We meet every other month on the third Tuesday at 7pm, at Opportunity Elementary School, S. 1109 Wilbur in the Spokane Valley. Our next meeting will be in 2008, January 15. This is our annual meeting with officer election.

**Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays,  
and a wonderful, green New Year**

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