



OF

LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

MARCH, 1988

CONSERVANCY BUYING HILLS LAND

The Nature Conservancy expects to have completed the purchase this month of about 70 acres in the northwestern part of the Dishman Hills, according to Fayette Krause of that organization's Seattle office. Washington State's Department of Natural Resources expects to buy the land from TNC with money appropriated by last year's legislature. This parcel, containing East Pond ("Horsesoup Lake") and West Pond, has long been in our plans for inclusion in the natural area. Thanks to Senator Bob McCaslin's efforts, this is about to be accomplished. Dishman Hills Natural Area is now known statewide! After the purchase, public meetings will be held to help determine management rules for the entire Dishman Hills area. We need a big attendance by you Dishman Hills supporters to insure strong protection for the area.

PAYMENT MADE ON LAND ADDITION

By the time this reaches you we will have made our quarterly payment of \$2917.55 on the 140 acre addition to Dishman Hills Natural Area, plus an extra \$10,000 to reduce the balance owed and the amount we pay on interest. We are most grateful to you loyal boosters for your continued support. February donations came to only \$667.74. Please keep the donations coming. The following contributed money, recyclables and/or services in February and have given permission to be listed here:

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If you have donated during March and are not listed above, please let us know.

Spokane Recycling, E. 3407 Main is now buying "slick" magazines. Save them for us or drop them off there and tell them it's for us. Thanks!

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

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BUTTERCUPS CALL TO HIKE IN HILLS

Spring is on the way! A few buttercup flowers are open in the Dishman Hills and many more are expected Sunday, March 20 on our annual Buttercup Hike. Join us at 1:30 p.m. at Camp Caro, S. 625 Sargent Road for a leisurely ramble. The green spikes of grass widows are appearing. Hopefully they will be in flower Sunday. Mosses are emerald on the walls of the Enchanted Ravine and lacy lichens are colorful on rocks and trees. Chickadees and nuthatches, year round residents, are busy in the pines and juncoes are moving back from winter feeding stations in our back yards. Flickers are calling. It's time for the handsome rufous-sided towhees to be back looking for nesting sites on brushy hillsides. Tree frogs should be croaking up a storm of sound at the ponds, which may also host a pair or two of mallards. Water levels are very low in the ponds, which need much more rain before summer. If it is sunny and warm we may be treated to a few butterflies: mourning cloaks, tortoiseshells and anglewings, always the first butterflies of the Spring. They have passed the winter dormant in some sheltered cranny.

Timely reminders: The wildflower identification class being offered by Washington Native Plant Society begins April 13, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at Ferris High School. Enrollment is limited to 25 so it is well to register early. The classes on sight recognition of common edible mushrooms to be conducted by Spokane Mushroom Club begin the last Monday of March. They and the club's programs are free and open to any interested persons. For more information on either class call Nicolín Gray, 467-8895.

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