



Lights and Shadows from the Dishman Hills, July-August, 1997

NATURE TRAIL GRANT

Foundation Northwest has awarded the Dishman Association a \$5,200 grant for the construction of a Nature Interpretative trail in the Camp Caro area. The trail will include an information kiosk at trail head, an outdoor classroom site (benches), and a set of information stops that are keyed to a brochure which will be available at trail head. Existing trails will be used including the old Boy Scout nature loop trail through the Enchanted Canyon and by Caro Cliff.

We plan to use this facility both as an environmental education tool, and as means of passing information about Spokane Conservation issues to the public. The trail's dialog will be designed to tell the geologic, biologic, and human stories of the Dishman Hills rather than just list plant species. The area's schools will hopefully be major users of the trail and we plan to spend some time getting out a mailing introducing the project to them. We also envision some interesting spin-off projects along the lines environmental lesson plans that will help students understand better their natural setting in the Spokane area.

Construction of the trail's components will start this fall. The project will be a joint effort with Spokane County and Washington State, who will supply resources where they can. While the Northwest Foundation has generously awarded the capital funds for the project, it's our responsibility to see the job completed by supplying the labor for planning, construction, installation, maintenance, and running of the trail. Anyone interested in joining the trail project, call Michael Hamilton at 747-8147. The project work group will probably not be assembled until September or October of this year.

ORGANIZATION NEWS

We are a non-profit organization dedicated to saving natural areas in the Spokane region for public enjoyment and education. Call Michael Hamilton at 747-8147 with any questions about the Association. We have suspended our monthly meetings for the summer, but will start meetings in September at our usual place, Opportunity Elementary School, South 1109 Wilbur, the third Tuesday at 7 PM, **You are cordially invited.**

We thank the following June donors who have given permission to be listed here: Paul Ammons, Brian Chavez, Wilbert Fritz, Don Griffiths, Janyce Keeling, Helen Lininger, Janice Mahoney, Marlene Montgomery, Helen Nelson, Ruth Peterson, Francis/June Potter, Avis Ray, Tom Rogers Ernest Richlie, Iris Scheel, Spokane Valley Kiwanis, Florence Thayer, Jeffrey Warner, and Jeanne Wilson.

SEPTEMBER BULLETIN

Conservation Futures Tax info for special County vote on Sept. 16.

SECOND QUARTER \$ REPORT

Here is the second quarter financial rundown. June had a larger amount of tax than usual since we are obliged to pay property taxes on the land donated by the Dishman family until next year when tax exempt status is established. We now have our own electric folder for the bulletin, donated by one of our board members.

APRIL	Receipts:		MAY	Receipts:	
	Dues	\$ 177	Dues	\$ 104	
	Land Purchase Fund	1,943	Land Purchase Fund	250	
	Memorials	25	Memorials	45	
	Undesignated	110	Undesignated	39	
	Recycling	<u>00</u>	Recycling	<u>17</u>	
	Total	\$2,255	Total	\$ 455	
	Expences:			Expences:	
	Weed and Fire Tax	\$112	Printing supplies	\$ 77	
	Bulletin mailing	<u>83</u>	Bulletin mailing	<u>\$ 84</u>	
	Total	\$195	Total	\$161	
	Net gain	\$2,060	Net gain	\$294	
JUNE	Receipts:			Expences:	
	Dues	\$ 90	Bulletin mailing	\$ 86	
	Land purchase fund	450	Taxes	<u>508</u>	
	Memorials	20	Total	\$594	
	Undesignated	550			
	Recycling	<u>11</u>	Net gain	\$527	
	Total	\$1121			

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