

LIGHTS AND SHA DOWS

FROM

THE DISHMAN HILLS

September 1966- 2006



No doubt that a small group of thoughtful, Committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. - Margaret Mead

NEXT MONTH, BIG ROCK FINALE,
HOPEFULLY

40 YEARS !!!

It was 40 years ago in September when a group of citizens formed the non profit organization to be know as the Dishman Hills Natural Area Association. Their common interest to save the natural beauty of the forested hills in the Spokane Valley was the glue that held them together and lead them on to assemble a natural area piece by piece, donation by donation, with volunteers and community support. Partnerships were formed, speeches were made, letters were written, and this newsletter started its long journey into the future. We still push on as best we can. We now enter our fifth decade of existence, remembering with deep respect and appreciation all of you out there that have made this possible. Here are some newsletter excerpts that documented the events we have lived through.

June-1970, "Well we made it! The Spokane community now has a beautiful 80-acre Natural Preserve in the heart of the Dishman Hills. The enthusiastic response of people like yourself has made this possible."

November-1974, " As Expo '74' ends we must use its momentum to save more of the environment that makes Spokane more than just another city. Surveyor's stakes with their ominous orange ribbons are being driven into quiet wooded hills and valleys that we now enjoy."

March -1976, " Recycling helps increase land fund. Last year about \$477 was raised by recycling of paper, bottles, aluminum cans, foil and dishes, copper, brass, and old batteries."

September-1979, "Association's suit against Spokane County Board of Commissioners for their decision to approve 'The Meadows', a 70-unit housing development south of 10th Ave. and Park Rd. moved ahead with the presentation to Spokane Superior court"

July-1985, "Dishman Hills Natural Area is nearly 50% larger because of our recent purchase of the 140 acres adjoining The Nature Conservancy Land on the south. The acquisition includes Eagle Peak, a favorite destination of hikers: two springs, and a picturesque array of flowery slopes, lichen and moss covered cliffs and wooded valleys."

April-1989, "Arbor day saw about 200 middle grade pupils and their teachers from Spokane Valley planting seedling ponderosa pine and Douglas firs, at the new Camp Caro lodge."

October-1991, "Dishman Hills Nature Preserve has so far been spared the devastating fires, as has the heavily forested area along Iller Creek on upper Tower Mountain. The lower areas of the mountain have not. Much of the slopes on both sides of the creek have been burned almost bare."

June-1994, "We expect our association's offer to buy 170 acres on Tower Mtn will soon be accepted by the seller. This land is adjacent to the Big Rock area which the Park Department is seeking, so this is another big step towards accomplishing what we have long dreamed of, adding the mountain to the Dishman Hills project."

December-1996, "The ice storm-trees-powerlines, paralyzing the area. It appears that most of the vulnerable trees were the broad-leaved ones, not native to the area. Most evergreens suffered relatively little damage, but the ponderosa pine, which are native, suffered more, especially in the Dishman Hills."

September-1999, "Tom Rogers is gone. He passed away at the age of 85 in September on the first full day of Autumn. Tom was a founder, past president, and the guiding light of the DHNAA."

April-2001, "The Association has just received from Foundation Northwest Anonymous Fund, a grant amounting to \$40K, enough to pay off the remaining debt for our Tower Mountain land parcel!"

May-2003, "Success; The State trust transfer land on Tower Mountain will be moved to the Dishman Hills Association some time in late summer or early fall (hip, hip, Hurrah!)"

February-2005, "Global warming is having an unexpected effect on the Natural Area. Accompanying the warm, dry winter is an increase of unauthorized camping in the northeastern parts of our urban forest."

May-2006, "Joy Peterson has decided to do something very bold to support our bid to save Big Rock and the natural lands of the area. She will ride her bike from Prudhoe bay Alaska to the tip of South America. Joy is 81."

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. We meet every other month on the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm, at Opportunity Elementary School, S. 1109 Wilbur. Our next meeting will be November 21st.

The following are our August donors that have consented to be listed. The Big Rock fund drive, spearheaded by the Spokane Mountaineers, accounts for a large share of the public support: Andrew Ashmore, Eric Barrett, Marjorie Benander, Jill Beth, Phyllis Burwell, Teena Carnegie, Frances Davis, Elizabeth DeNiro, John Douglas, Jean Flechel, Paul Fish, William Fix, June Foote, John Frankhauser, Lisa Giegel, George Girvin, Don Griffiths, James Harless, Stephanie Lambert, Lunell Haught, Patricia Houff, Jeff Johnson, Johnson-Fix Foundation, Kiemle & Hagood Co., Chris Kopczynski, Robert Loomis, Kelsey Loughlin, Mary Lentz, Pat Manners, Bettie Maron, Linda Martin, Elizabeth McCoy, Fred Oberdorfer, John O'Brien, Robert Ordner, Marion Phillips, Lorna Ream, Asha Rehnberg, Julie Rosenoff, Shirley Schmidt, Spokane Mountaineers, Mark Stambaugh, Kenneth Swedberg, Donald Walter, Mary Weathers, Edward Whittemore, Edith Wilson, Sylvia Wilson, and three anonymous donors. What a month for conservation!

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