



# Madison Meadow News

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## New Partnership with CEN and the Charter School

On November 24 and December 1 the Meadow benefited from a joint project with Camas Educational Network (CEN) and the Network Charter School. Eleven students and their teacher, William Hughes, came for two service learning days as part of their Urban Ecology class.

They brought a lot of energy, and planted 25 snowberry bushes (great bird habitat) and native grasses in an area where a neighbor had cleared rubble and ivy while building a new fence. They also mulched these plants with donated compost, weeded the butterfly garden and surrounded it with leaves, and pulled a small mountain of ivy and debris from trees that were nearly covered in the vine.



The students also surprised a garter snake in their cleanup efforts. The little snake is part of the reason the Meadow continues to keep and maintain areas of vegetation. They support small wildlife, even as we continue to clear ivy and blackberries.

## Garage Sale a Big Success

Madison Meadow raised nearly **\$1100** at our annual garage sale. Thanks to everyone who donated time and items, and thanks to those who came and bought them! This income has provided the non-profit with over a year of funding for general expenses.

Madison Meadow is very excited about this new partnership with CEN and the Network Charter School. Thanks to all the kids who worked so hard, to their teacher, to Jason Blazar of CEN for making the connection happen, and to CEN for donating the native shrubs and grasses.

## Madison Meadow Mission Statement

Now that the Meadow has been purchased, the board recently voted to adopt a new mission statement:

*“To keep and maintain Madison Meadow as a natural open space for the benefit of plants, wildlife and people.”*



### A Thought for Dog Owners

Most Meadow dog walkers do the right thing—here’s a thought to help motivate all of us to pick up after our friends. Dog waste left on the ground is the equivalent of raw sewage, which washes into our storm sewers, and then into our streams and rivers. Picking up after our dogs can help save our salmon.

### Who is Madison Meadow?

Madison Meadow is the name of the non-profit, 501(c)(3), corporation that was formed in November of 2003 to preserve the two-acre historic, remnant orchard and meadow at 22nd and Madison in Eugene, OR. Madison Meadow is also the name of this two-acre parcel. Now that we have raised the funds to fully purchase the Meadow, we are focused on preserving the beauty and tranquility of the Meadow for decades to come. Please call 683-3430 or write P.O. Box 50743 Eugene, OR 97405 to request further information.



### Kidfest, September 20

On a beautiful afternoon in late September, the Meadow was full of talented kids and their fans. Meadow neighbor **Scotty Perey** of the Sugar Beets helped organize an “open-mic talent show for kids of all ages.” Scotty invited his music students and all neighborhood young people to participate. Over ten students and about forty friends, family members, and neighbors came to enjoy the music.

### More Meadow Thanks:

To the four volunteer mowers who gave most of their Sunday in September, and to **Beehive Rental** for donating the high weed mower rental; to Doug Hornaday of the **Artistic Arborist**, for donating his time and expertise to remove dead and dying branches from our meadow trees; and to **Lane Forest Products**, for donating half the compost used in the restoration project along the southwest border.