

Madison Meadow News

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LAST CHILD IN THE WOODS' author, Richard Louv to speak on Monday, March 7 at 7:30pm in the EMU Ballroom.(1222 East 13th on UO campus). FREE. His talk "Beyond Nature-Deficit Disorder: The Restorative Power of the Natural World," exploring questions concerning the connections between family, nature, and community. Sponsored by the Oregon Humanities Center (541-346-3934 for questions and disability accommodations).

Once again the Urban Ecology Class of The Network Charter School came to the Meadow on a cold November afternoon to help with the Native Plant Garden. The students assisted in planting several new varieties of native **forbs*** in the dedicated space, and also planted additional camas and native grasses throughout the Meadow.

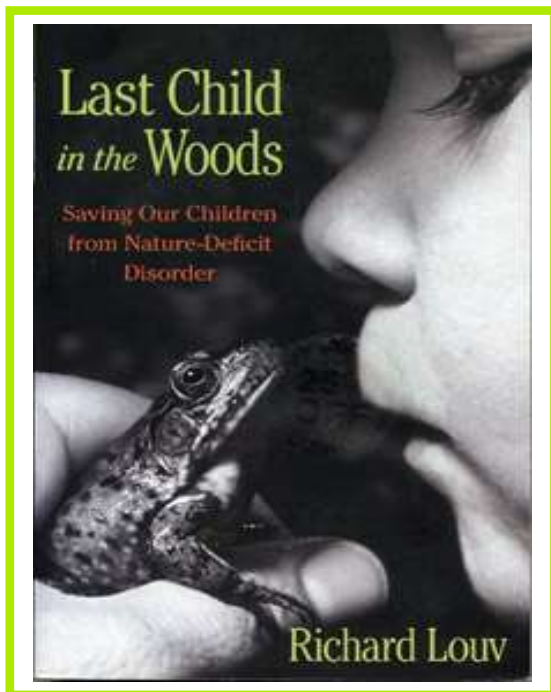
Thanks to Camas Education Network for donating the plants, and to William Hughes and his students for giving their time.

All the chosen plants were once common in the Willamette Valley Ecoregion, which now has the heaviest urban, suburban, and rural development in the county. This Garden is part of the efforts of the Meadow to increase diversity and restore habitat within our neighborhood.

Please visit the Garden to read a list of plantings, and to watch them grow and bloom.

* *Forb*- an herbaceous flowering plant that is not a grass.

**Herbaceous*- a plant that dies to the ground in winter but regrows from perennial roots



For those unable to attend Mr. Louv's talk Madison Meadow encourages you to read his book, which addresses our children's connection to the natural world. Nature needs children as much as children need nature.



Rose Checker-Mallow- *Sidacea virgata*

After the Network Charter students had finished helping with additions to the Native Plant garden a group of volunteers came to rebuild the fence around the area with re-used stakes and bamboo poles donated from a neighbor's back yard. The fence crew learned a little about "square lashing" from a former board member, and then wooden labels were placed next to the new plants with their common and Latin names.

In time, after the plantings become more established and substantial, the Meadow board plans to remove the fence. Until then it's a reminder to visitors that the garden needs a little protection.



Native plant garden after a February snow

Madison Meadow Mission Statement

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



In memory of Diesel, who loved the Meadow for 16 years

Thanks again to all Meadow dog lovers who pick up after their best friends. If you forget a cleanup bag, the Meadow has a box of donated bags attached to the sign post.

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.