

Madison Meadow News

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Annual Meeting Held

New Board Members Voted In

Tuesday, March 31 was an exciting night for Madison Meadow!

Five new board members were voted in, bringing the board to a grand total of 12 energetic, visionary individuals!

Welcome New Board Members:

- Gina Fleck
- Kimberly Hove
- Michael Kennedy
- Allen McWayne
- Bev Parish

Joining Current Board Members:

- Craig Haines
- Susan Jerde
- Lynne Marsh
- Linda Prier
- Sandra Quigley
- Debbie Summers
- Doug Yook

The board is looking forward to an exciting year that includes the creation of a master plan for the Meadow, new partnerships, more Monarch butterflies and fundraising for basic expenses.

JOIN THE ANNUAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AND HELP CLEAN UP THE MEADOW

What:

Plant native grasses in bare spots, clear blackberries, cut out dead branches, improve the butterfly fence, maintain paths

When: April 25, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Bring: Garden tools, gloves

Refreshments: Provided

Weather: we'll work, rain or shine

Information: Susan Jerde at 345-3653.

Students who have been sprouting native grass seed will plant their starts in the bare spot at the center of the meadow which was recently tilled by a volunteer.

Classrooms at Adams, McCornack, César Chávez, Waldorf, and Seedlings preschool participated in this project, and Lane Forest Products donated a \$75 gift certificate for compost and path covering. Camas Education Network offered guidance and advice, and a nearby Meadow supporter donated \$40 for additional native seed from the Friends of Buford Park Nursery.

Thanks to all!

SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR THE MEADOW NEEDED

Our current annual expenses are approximately \$1000. We are looking for sustaining donations in any amount.

For a \$35 annual donation you can receive a *newly redesigned* Madison Meadow t-shirt or *original watercolor* note cards featuring four seasons in the meadow. For \$60 you can receive both! Annual auto-deductions are available.

Please consider sustaining the meadow, now that you have saved it.

Call 541-683-3430 or e-mail info@madisonmeadow.org

Monarch Update

Work is continuing on the butterfly garden in the Meadow. Lora Byxbe is heading up the project, which includes raising milkweed plants for the larvae.

Lora is in the process of securing larvae for this year. Thank you for all of your work Lora!

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.

You Saved Madison Meadow!

Thanks to everyone who donated time, energy, and financial support to help purchase and protect this island of green. All funds have been raised, and the Meadow now belongs to all of us, as well as to the wildlife and wildflowers that have enjoyed it for so long. Thank you again!

Now our focus is on defining a long-term plan to benefit the Meadow habitat and the community. We hope to enhance native plantings, create educational opportunities with local schools, allow the Meadow to be a green gathering place for neighbors, and a haven for urban nature.

We invite you to visit our website (www.madisonmeadow.org) for updates and get involved!

Extra Plastic Bags?

Do you have extra plastic grocery bags filling your kitchen drawers? Bring them by the Meadow next time you come down. The pups would love it if you could help keep the poop bag box filled in the Meadow!

"Ruh- Row!"



The Meadow loves dogs. However, a Meadow neighbor recently received a \$40 ticket from Animal Control for not having a dog leashed in the Meadow. The officer informed the neighbor that the only place dogs are allowed off leash in the City is the dog parks.