



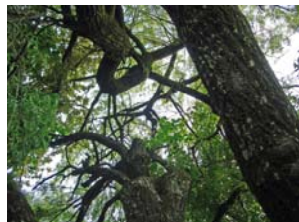
Madison Meadow News

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Fundraising Update

We are pleased to announce that \$10,400 toward the matching grant of \$30,000 has been raised since March 21st. Every dollar donated until May 31st will be matched. **It is a great time to make your donation really count!**



Donor Sought to Pay for Pruning

Madison Meadow is seeking a donor to pay for pruning our Wonderful Willow (photo above). The willow needs to be safe for the many children who love to climb it. The tree is magical in its beauty, but there are also many dead and dangerous branches. Sperry Tree Service has offered us a 50% reduction: either \$200 or \$125, based on amount removed (Great prices from a reputable firm). Contact Noel at 343-9680 for information.

Marine Fossils Found in Meadow

At the Arbor Day clean-up, a sharp-eyed volunteer found a chunk of rock (unearthed by some west alley backhoe work) that was full of marine fossils! If anyone is interested in taking a look at them or can tell us more about prehistoric meadow history, please contact us.

Friday Evening Picnics in the Meadow

Jane and Tom Happy have started a happening in the meadow! Every Friday evening while the weather is pleasant, everyone is welcome to gather to picnic in the meadow. Come around 6:00 pm and bring your own picnic, supplies and blanket.

On April 27th, five families and five individuals/couples gathered for the picnic in the meadow. All the kids herded up, went on adventures, organized their own games of tag, duck-duck goose, etc. All ages (4-11) were included in the fun, no parent intervention or direction needed -- so refreshing in these days of hyper-vigilance and tightly organized activity schedules!

If you have questions about the Friday picnics, please contact Jane Happy at 344-8968.

DANDELIONS TO DONATE MOTHER'S DAY EVENT PROCEEDS

On Saturday, May 12, the florist shop Dandelions will hold their annual "Make It for Mom" event. Children accompanied by an adult (other than Mom) will create floral arrangements for their mothers and all donations will be given to Madison Meadow.

Dandelions' owner, Shirley Lyons, has fond memories of living near Madison Meadow. Dandelions is located at 1710 Chambers Street. Call 485-1261 to sign up or get more information.



Photos of Arbor Day 2007



Arbor Day at the Meadow

On April 7, close to 25 volunteers came to the meadow to help at our Arbor Day tree planting and clean-up event. (Arbor Day is celebrated for a whole week in Oregon, and for some it's every day!) EWEB donated the trees and shrubs, including 3 crabapples (a Prairie Fire, a Snowdrift, and a native) and 2 lilacs, a purple and a white, as part of their "Right Tree in the Right Place" educational program to encourage appropriate plantings under power lines.

Now we have some additional flowering greenery along 22nd, and considerably less brush and debris in the meadow. Please come and admire the new trees and everyone's hard work. We want to thank all of our helpers that day, especially the new neighbors that came for the first time- what a great job!

We would like to give a personal thank you to Gina Fleck of Davey Resources Group (they provide trees to EWEB) for approaching us with the idea, and Ron Dyer, the EWEB Utility Arborist, who went to great lengths (and three nurseries!) to match the approved trees with our desire to add plantings with a rural or native feel. Thanks also to Lance Robertson, head of External Communication at EWEB, for arranging for all the great publicity, and to Ed Russo of the Register Guard for the article before the event. KLCC radio and KMTR, KVAL, and KEZI television also gave us coverage before and during the planting/clean-up.

Thanks also to Chris Stenshoel for digging the holes and to all the other EWEB crew members who helped. Voting Members Teresa Mueller and Chris Enright gave much appreciated advice on types of trees, and Alice Strong of Strong Marketing donated quality gardening gloves to all volunteers. It was a great day in the meadow, thanks to all of you!

Reminder: Look for the Madison Meadow booth at the Mt. Pisgah Wildflower Festival. May 20th.

THANK YOU TO THE STRANGE TONES AND TO SUE ARCHBALD

Thank you to The Strange Tones (awarded "Best Contemporary Blues Band" by the Cascade Blues Society for the past two years), for using their April 14th concert at The Vets Club as a fundraiser for Madison Meadow. Thank you Andy, Jeff, Julie and Phil. Jeff, who used to play in Madison Meadow as a child, was excited when his mother, Voting Member Sue Archbald, told him about our efforts to save it. Thanks again, Sue!

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. We are currently in the process of raising funds to purchase the meadow so that we may preserve the beauty and tranquility of the meadow for decades to come. Please call 683-3430, if you wish to make a donation.



One of our new lilacs is blooming! (4-30-07)