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Madison Meadow News

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On March 29 the Madison Meadow annual voting members meeting was privileged to have **Bruce Newhouse**, noted field biologist, as a guest speaker. We all learned about the important role that wild pollinators play.

A few highlights-

~About 75% of flowering plants rely on native pollinators

~Native bees, flies, butterflies, moths, beetles, and even birds all contribute, and are declining because of habitat loss and invasive species

~We can help by planting native plants in our gardens and parks

~To learn more about the links between plants, pollinators, and what we can do, refer to "Bringing Nature Home" by Douglas Tallamy and "Attracting Native Pollinators" from the Xerces Society.

Everyone was very inspired by Bruce's talk- the Meadow currently hosts an additional 25 species of native Forbs and grasses, and there are plans for more.

Thanks to Bruce for giving his time and valuable information to the Meadow community.

Thanks again to the **Network Charter school's Urban Ecology class** and teacher William Hughes for coming to the Meadow in April and May to help with maintenance and upkeep. The students always bring a lot of energy, and their efforts are always appreciated!

In April Yotokko Kilpatrick of the **Walama Restoration Project** did an initial walkthrough of the Meadow with three board members. He offered us advice on increasing biodiversity and invited us to volunteer at their work parties at the Butterfly Meadow in Alton Baker Park. Madison Meadow is looking forward to a growing connection with Walama- for more information about their organization visit www.walamarestoration.org.



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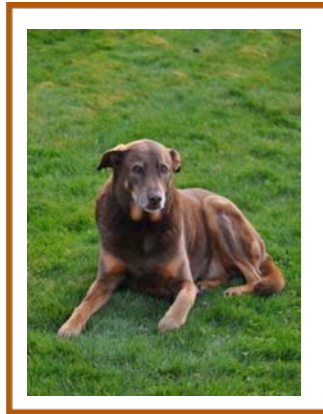
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Hazelwood Urban Forest preschool, a group of 16 children ages 3-6, have been visiting the Meadow almost every morning this summer. Their teachers are Waldorf-trained, and believe in the value of outdoor playtime for the little ones. All the children love playing under the willow tree, and made a donation to help Madison Meadow pay for Sperry tree Care to perform some selective pruning on the tree. Thank you, Hazelwood teachers and students.

On Sunday, June 5, Scotty Perry's music students put on their 2nd **Kids Concert**- about 60 friends, family, and neighbors came to enjoy selections by the Beatles, Fleetwood Mac, the Eagles, and indie favorites including Jason Mraz and Hot Hot Heat. Two teen groups performing were Chaos and the Sub Pilots. The young musicians got pizza and juice after the concert, and everyone agreed it was a great event.



On August 6, the **Friendly Area Green Neighbors Tour** visited the Meadow- about 25 neighbors arrived, all by bicycle, on a lovely summer day. Three board members volunteered to offer a tour and information about the Meadow, beginning with the fundraising efforts and finishing with the Native Garden- freshly weeded and re-fenced by volunteers. Thanks to Doug Black of Walama Restoration for organizing the Tour and inviting Madison Meadow to be part of it. For more information about these tours please visit www.eugenesustainability.org



*In memory of Argus,
who loved the Meadow
for almost 11 years*



This drawing of the Meadow is by Clara, one of the students of the **Whole Earth Nature School**, a summer program of 1st-3rd graders who visit the Meadow frequently. To learn more about the class and after-school programs and activities please visit - www.WholeEarthSchool.com

Annual Madison Meadow Garage Sale
coming soon! September 24 & 25- save the date and save your valuable donations! This is the Meadow's only fundraiser and we count on all of you to help out. For more information and where to donate contact Doug at 541- 729-2884. Sale will be held at the SE corner of 20th and Madison.

Volunteers wanted- Anyone interested in maintaining *our website*? Let us know! Also, the Board is looking for someone with a *riding mower*, and we will need help with the *garage sale*!

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.