



# Madison Meadow News

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## Mark Your Calendars!

The Annual Madison Meadow General Membership Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Tsunami Bookstore.**

All Voting Members of Madison Meadow are required to either attend the meeting or vote via absentee ballot. Absentee voting information will be in your mailboxes soon.

Thank you to David and Scott for making the space at Tsunami available to us!

## Fundraising Update

With a little over \$23,000 left to raise in order to pay off loans, work continues on vital fundraising. January was a slow month, but we know you are still out there and still support us! We are seeking match pledges towards a \$12,000 match challenge drive. Another \$4,000 will complete the match fund and allow us to kick off the drive.

**Send your pledge to  
P.O. Box 50743, Eugene, OR 97405.**

## 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 pay off the last of the loans used to purchase the Meadow. The beauty and tranquility of the Meadow will be preserved for decades to come. Please call 683-3430 or write P.O. Box 50743 Eugene, OR 97405 if you wish to make a donation or to request further information.

## Thank You To .....



### Ellie Parish-Mueller

7 year-old Ellie loves playing in Madison Meadow, especially in her favorite "L Tree" (the apple tree with the "L" shape along the walk).

Knowing of the effort to save the Meadow, Ellie had wanted to offer her support for a long time. Over this last Christmas, she decided to make that desire a reality. She got together a jar and started collecting coins and dollars in it. She even made gift tags for presents and sold them to members of her family in order to raise money for the Meadow.

She recently donated all \$4 she raised to the Meadow. Thank you Ellie!!!

## Profile of Madison Meadow Board Members

Who is behind Madison Meadow? To help answer this question, we will be profiling board members in upcoming newsletters. This month we profile Lora Byxbe and Doug Yook.

### *Doug Yook*



Doug Yook has been the Secretary for Madison Meadow for 4 years. The consummate Meadow volunteer, Doug has taken on many, many roles including event organizing, manning tables, coordinating mailers, pounding in lawn signs and raising funds as well as his secretarial duties. He sees the Meadow as his "part-time job with no pay," putting in up to 20 hours per week.

Doug says he has loved the Meadow since he moved to the neighborhood in 1995. He and his wife, Claire, have explored the Meadow regularly in the company of their delighted dogs.

Doug believes that having an open, natural space for kids to explore is very important for their development. "Many kids that have grown up playing in the Meadow have turned out to be great young adults. It is a critical thing for kids," he says.

Doug spends much of his days (and nights) working from home as a map maker. Lately he's been working on numerous wind farm projects.

Doug can be reached at [ribyook@gmail.com](mailto:ribyook@gmail.com).

### *Lora Byxbe*



Lora has been on the board of Madison Meadow from the beginning of this effort to save it. She served dutifully as grant writer for the Meadow, taking a grant writing class at LCC to prepare herself. She also serves as a liaison to other non-profit groups.

Her vision for the Meadow includes the use of it for nature studies that involve the community. She joined the North American Butterfly Association and the Audubon Society in hopes of forging partnerships with the Meadow. The Milkweed Planting project undertaken last summer is one such partnership, which will support reintroduction of the Monarch Butterfly to the Willamette Valley. Lora also hopes to work with the Audubon Society to start bird counts in the Meadow.

Lora loves walking along 22nd Ave and encountering that wide open space with trees and grasses, "that break in construction and concrete, it always gives my heart a lift."

Now retired, Lora came from Germany to the U.S. in 1955 and has lived on the Meadow since 1992.

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