



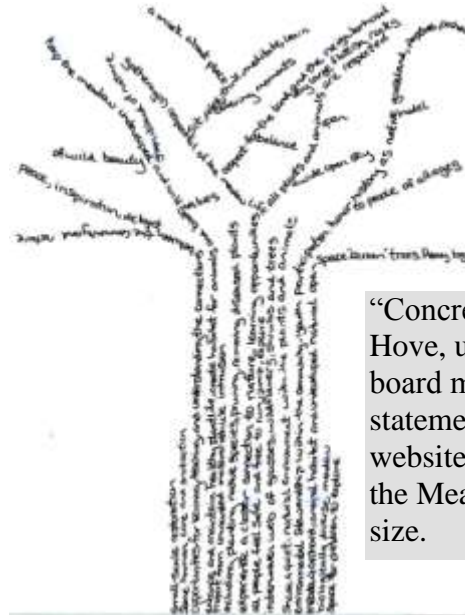
Madison Meadow News

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Sixth Annual Meeting- best ever!

On March 30th Madison Meadow held it's sixth **General Members Meeting** at Washington Park. The board and voting members were re-elected, and two guest speakers were introduced. Will Hobbs, formerly of the band Wheatfield, came down from Portland to tell us about his time living on Madison Meadow in the mid 70's, in a small house that burned down around 1980. The Meadow provided inspiration for many of his songs, and he shared one, about whales, with the group that night. Then Jason Blazar of Camas Education Network spoke about his organization's connection with the Meadow other natural areas, and local schools. More information about CEN can be found at www.camasnet.org. Kim Hove, a board member, created a "concrete poem", using fragments of our proposed vision statements and the shape of our madrone logo. Four original watercolors, to be used as Meadow greeting cards, were on display, as well as a lovely slide show of the Meadow in all seasons. There were flowers, food, and a great feeling of Meadow friendship- thanks to all who attended that night.



"Concrete poem" by Kim Hove, using fragments of all board members' vision statements. Visit our website or our signboard in the Meadow to see it full size.

Outdoor classrooms, and Camas

Madison Meadow is happy to report that the **Network Charter School** has scheduled four additional outdoor classrooms at the Meadow as part of the Urban Ecology class, taught by William Hughes. The students will be planting nearly 100 camas plants during their April session, and will tend to the snowberry patch they planted last fall. Thanks again to the classroom teacher, William Hughes, and to Jason Blazar for helping to create this partnership, and thanks to Jules Bankoff for allowing volunteers to dig up several of his backyard camas to replant in the Meadow.

100 camas are coming, but three are already here. A few meadow walkers have spotted two blooming camas -one that was planted last fall has yet to bloom. At one time our valley was blue with camas- the bulbs were an important food source for both Indians and settlers. Watch in the low area of the Meadow for increasing camas blooms every spring.



A set of four **note cards**, created from original watercolors inspired by four seasons of the meadow, is available for a \$35 dollar pledge. The paintings, by local artist and board member Susan Jerde, can be seen below and on our website.



Filbert catkins



Camas



Autumn



Winter apples

Madison Meadow has a **new president**, Douglas Yook. Thank you from all of us to Craig Haines, who was our president from the inception of the non-profit. We are still in need of a **secretary**, who does not need to be a board member, but should plan to attend most of our 11 meetings per year. The job entails keeping records and filing reports, but the Board members rotate taking the minutes. If you have a little time to give to the Meadow, or would like to know more, please contact Doug Yook at ribyook@gmail.com.



Thanks to Meadow volunteers for mowing nearly the entire Meadow, while saving the wildflowers, including the camas. The meadow looks beautiful now- take some time to walk through and enjoy all the new spring growth.

Don't miss the article in the **Spring FAN Newsletter**, a nice summary of Madison Meadow activities in the past year. Also available online at www.FriendlyAreaNeighbors.org

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After an inspirational musical performance at the recent Voting Members meeting, the Madison Meadow board has unanimously voted to begin the large-scale restoration project of returning the meadow to its original state, a Miocene marine estuary. The non-profit group is looking forward to the reintroduction of many former native species, including whales. "This is a bold move for the Meadow vision" one board member is quoted as saying, " but we think that the hum of whale song vibrating through the Friendly Area neighborhood will bring our goal of a connection with nature to yet another level." Excavation for the project should begin this spring, beginning in the Camas replanting zone. New safety guidelines for dog walkers and visitors with small children will be posted.

**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 541-683-3430 or write P.O. Box 50743 Eugene, OR 97405 to request further information.