

# Nearby Nature News

Nature does  
not hurry, yet  
everything is accomplished.

— Lao Tzu



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## Help Nearby Nature Care and Share



*“I’m the best!” stormed Brother Rain. “My water makes the plants grow!”*

*“No way!” shouted Sister Sun,*

*as she glared at her brother. “I’m the best. It’s my light that brings everything to life.”*

So begins a tale we often tell at Nearby Nature, about the Sun and Rain, and an argument they once had about who’s most important.

As you might imagine, all this bickering drives Mother Nature pretty much nuts. So to get a little peace and quiet, she sends her kids to opposite sides of

the earth for a sky-scale time out, warning them to leave each other alone until they can find a way to get along.

To make a long story short, it all works out in the end, but only after the floods and fires caused by those boastful siblings on opposite ends of the earth get dried up and put out cooperatively by those same siblings. Mother Nature celebrates by creating a water and light inspired rainbow and the siblings realize they’re both equally important.

We love how this tale emphasizes cooperation in nature and the value inherent in every part of the system — as well as every child. We often follow up our telling with an Earth Art project, where kids work together to build something from sticks, stones, leaves, and cones. Their creations are fabulous and inspiring and remind us all that **it’s possible for many hands to come together for good**, whether it’s creating something beautiful, car-

ing for something essential, or fixing something broken.

Here at Nearby Nature **we love how nature inspires cooperation and how every part of the community strengthens the whole**. With this spirit in mind, we hope you will **support us in our efforts to care for and share nature nearby**. How?

● **Become a member or renew your membership.** Help us get kids outside for 30,000+ hours in 2017!

● **Make a special year-end donation.** Help us train volunteers, protect public parks, and serve new communities.

● **Donate to our Youth Scholarship Fund.** Help families and schools with limited resources connect with nature. In 2016 we provided \$7,000+ in camp and field trip scholarships. Let’s do more in 2017!

It’s easy to contribute, simply go to [nearbynature.org/contribute/membership-and-donations](http://nearbynature.org/contribute/membership-and-donations). **Thanks so much!**

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### 25th Anniversary Coming Soon!

That’s right, we’re getting ready to celebrate! In 2017, Nearby Nature will be 25 years old. We’re planning to have fun all year long, highlighted by a variety of special events — from a party in the Learnscape, to a celebration of our partnership with the Network Charter School, to a special gathering for volunteers. If you would like to be involved in the planning process, let us know! We’ve got a Party Team forming, and we would love to have some parents, teachers, and students involved. Contact Director Beth Stein at [info@nearbynature.org](mailto:info@nearbynature.org) for info.





# Living Lightly

## Rainwater Harvesting

The Willamette Valley is known for its

rain, approximately 50 inches annually in Eugene. During the wet winter months, it can be easy to forget how hot and dry our climate is during the summer. Collecting and storing rain over the winter can provide you with a free source of non-potable water, as well as help prevent storm-water pollution.

During periods of heavy rain, our urban landscapes produce a high volume of storm water runoff from gutters and impermeable surfaces. This water picks up pollutants, such as oil and herbicide residue from streets and front yards, which eventually travels to storm drains and ends up in local waterways. Installing a rainwater harvesting system slows the amount of runoff that occurs on your property, allowing water to percolate slowly into the ground, which filters out sediment and harmful chemicals.

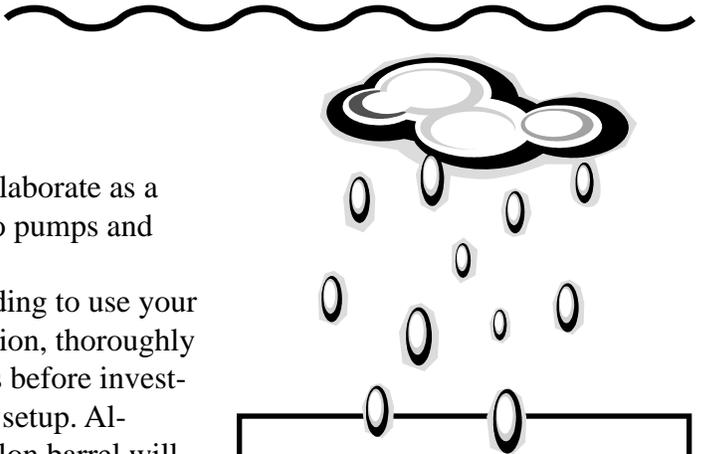
A rainwater catch can be as simple as a barrel under your downspout that slowly releases water after

a rain storm, or as elaborate as a system connected to pumps and drip irrigation.

If you are intending to use your rainwater for irrigation, thoroughly consider your needs before investing in an expensive setup. Although one fifty gallon barrel will not suffice for summer irrigation, several can be combined to meet minimal watering needs for most people. For larger needs, consider purchasing a cistern, which can hold anywhere from 100 to 10,000 gallons. Any system of over 5,000 gallons may require building or storm-water permits, so be sure to consult the Permit Information Center at Public Works ([eugene-or.gov/stormwater](http://eugene-or.gov/stormwater) or 541-682-5505) if you are considering a large system.

With any setup, maintenance is important. Empty your barrel between rainstorms in the winter, and be sure to clean your system with a non-toxic cleaner at least once a year. Investing in a rainwater harvesting system will help protect our community's fresh water, as well as provide you with non-potable water for use in your landscape.

— Paul Catino, Park Host



### Resources

**The Water Wise Garden and Nearby Nature's Learnscapes:** Come check out this demonstration garden for a look at a large rainwater harvesting cistern.

**Grady Barrels** ([gradybarrels.com](http://gradybarrels.com)): This local business provides products, consultations, and installation of rainwater harvesting systems.

**City of Eugene Website** ([eugene-or.gov/877/Water-Reduction-and-Reuse](http://eugene-or.gov/877/Water-Reduction-and-Reuse)): At this site, you can find all sorts of information about reducing water use, both indoors and out.

**City of Springfield Website** ([springfield-or.gov/dpw/CW\\_Gardens.htm](http://springfield-or.gov/dpw/CW_Gardens.htm)): At this site, you can find information about the city's Clean Water Gardens program.



### Network Charter School Update

Fall classes at NCS have been going well. In Alton Baker Park, our staff has really enjoyed working with students in the Learnscapes Garden and out in the park on restoration projects. Thanks so much to all of the great kids who are helping keep our park and gardens healthy.

If you are looking for a hands-on, exciting, unique place to send your 7th-12th grader to school, then you should check out NCS. To learn more about the school, call 541-344-1229 or see [networkcharterschool.net](http://networkcharterschool.net).



### Board News

Nearby Nature is pleased to welcome one of its favorite volunteers, **Cynthia Waters** to our Board of Directors. Cynthia has been involved in our work since 2012 and has helped with everything from leading nature walks to planning our fundraising raffles. She's also a Master Gardener with a love for all things green! We look forward to having Cynthia as part of our team.

# Discover Nature Nearby

## Meadowlark Prairie

Looking for an adventure in nature nearby this winter? Why not explore the West Eugene Wetlands? Even in the middle of winter there is never a shortage of interesting sights in this interesting area.

Wetlands are among the most productive and diverse ecosystems in the world. Although the Willamette Valley contains only .05 % of its historic wetlands, there are projects underway to preserve and restore these important ecosystems.

Meadowlark Prairie in west Eugene is a 400 acre wetland restoration site — the largest such project outside of the Everglades. Co-managed by the City of Eugene and the Bureau of Land Management, this special area is home to an abundance of wildlife, from dabbling ducks to burrowing snakes.

These days, the seasonal ponds on the northern edge of the prairie have begun filling up and offer views of bulky Northern Shovelers, tiny Green-winged Teals, and elegant Northern Pintails. Shorebirds, such as Dunlins and Dowitchers, can also be viewed in this area. Gathered in groups to forage in the shallow ponds, they probe with long bills into the thick mud, and if spooked, fly up as a group to move in unison to a quieter spot.

Visitors to the area commonly hear Oregon's state bird, the Western Meadowlark, singing while perched nearby, hidden, though in plain sight. Watch for raptors, especially the Rough-legged Hawk, near the trees east of the Greenhill Road parking area. The occasional American Kestrel can also be spotted here, perched on the telephone wires near Royal Avenue. Northern Harriers fly low to the ground, listening for critters moving through the bunch grasses and shrubs. If you are lucky, you may see a Bald Eagle circling overhead in search of a meal or a Great Blue Heron near a waterway.

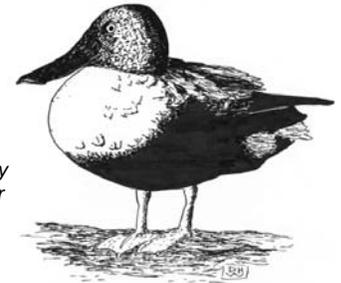
In addition to excellent bird watching, winter in the wetlands can also yields traces of other interesting wildlife. While walking along the area's paved paths, you might happen upon coyote scat, often filled with a mix of fur and fruit seeds. These undigested remnants make coyote scat easy to distinguish from that of domesticated dogs. Look also for raccoon and mink tracks along the muddy edges of the canal at the far northeast end of the prairie. If you visit the wetlands in the early morning, you may actually get a peek at a mink foraging on the banks!



So layer up and grab your binoculars for a trip to Meadowlark Prairie soon.

**To Get There:** Drive west on West 11th Avenue, turn right onto Greenhill Road, and park in the lot just across from Greenhill Humane Society, before Royal Avenue. Visitors ride bikes to the site by following the Fern Ridge bike path west all the way to the parking area on Greenhill Road. For more information about the West Eugene Wetlands, including a guide that you can download, see [eugene-or.gov/647/West-Eugene-Wetlands](http://eugene-or.gov/647/West-Eugene-Wetlands).

ShyAnne Woods,  
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Dave Wagner



### Staff News

At this time, we are pleased to welcome **Hayley Kaufman** as our new assistant Park Host. Hayley joined Paul Catino as a resident host in August, after serving as an intern in our garden last spring and summer. A recent graduate of the University of Oregon, Hayley earned BAs in both Spanish and International Studies. She has spent time in the past volunteering in support of small coffee farmers in Guatemala as well as WWOOFing at a vineyard in Washington state. Hayley is enjoying her time working in our Learnscape and helping with park restoration and is pleased to be part of the Nearby Nature crew. Welcome Hayley!

### Book Review: Hermit Thrush by Amy Minato

If you haven't read any poetry by Amy Minato, one of Nearby Nature's original founders, then you'll be delighted when you discover her newest collection, *Hermit Thrush*. The minute you venture into Amy's world, you are walking in the woods or sitting by the edge of the sea, immersed in the intricate web of life all around you. Regardless of whether she is pondering love or loss, Amy's words sing and shine on the page, awakening all of your senses. Amy will read from her book at a local event sometime in 2017 — we'll keep you posted! In a special offer, Nearby Nature will have a limited number of signed copies available for \$15 each. A portion of the sales will benefit Nearby Nature! Email [info@nearbynature](mailto:info@nearbynature) to let us know you would like a copy today.



# Nearby Nature Events

## Nature Quests

Family-paced nature adventures! Members FREE, non-members \$2/person, \$5/family. Pre-register: **541-687-9699** or [nearbynature.org/pre-registration](http://nearbynature.org/pre-registration).



### Tall Tree Trek

**Saturday, December 10, 1-3 pm**

Enjoy a family-paced trek in search of the tallest trees of Hendricks Park! Get to know your tall tree neighbors, play tree games, and enjoy tree tunes and hot cider by the fireside in the park shelter. Meet at the Wilkins Shelter in Hendricks Park.

## Treasure Trails

**Saturday, January 7, 1-3 pm**

Wander park trails and explore the Learnscape on a variety of scavenger and treasure hunts. Discover secret spots where animals hide and gnomes might have homes. Meet outside our Yurt in Alton Baker Park.



## Treefrog Tunes

**Saturday, March 4, 6:30-8 pm.**

Enjoy a treefrog tunes walk in Amazon Park! Learn about — and listen for — Pacific treefrogs with ecologists Peg Boulay and Bruce Newhouse. Meet at the Amazon Playground.



## Green Start Play Day

**February 2 — Cozy Critters, 10-11:30 am**

Enjoy pre-school crafts and stories in our yurt plus outside nature play in our Learnscape. Cuddle up with critter puppets while you listen to songs and tales about winter critters! Rain or shine.

Kids 5 and under only, with an adult. Members free, non-members \$5/family. Meet outside our Yurt in Alton Baker Park. Pre-register at: [nearbynature.org/pre-registration](http://nearbynature.org/pre-registration) or **541-687-9699**.



## Restoration Celebrations

Thanks so much to REI for helping to sponsor this year's caretaking work in Alton Baker Park.

**Saturday, December 3, 10 am-1 pm**

**Saturday, January 21, 10 am-1 pm**

**Saturday, February 11, 10 am-1 pm**

**Saturday, March 4, 10 am-1 pm**



Join Nearby Nature for restoration and litter patrols. Bring a water bottle and come dressed for the weather in work clothes. For details about each project and registration instructions, see [nearbynature.org/events](http://nearbynature.org/events).

## Winter 2017

### No School Day Adventures

Enjoy a day of exploration, science, hiking, and art in Alton Baker Park and at our yurt. \$40 members/\$45 non-members, ages 6-9, max 12 kids, all programs 8:30 am-3 pm. Register at 541-687-9699.

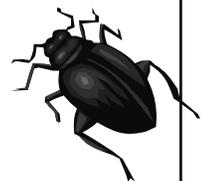


**Winter Wanders: Monday, December 19**

Wander forest trails in search of winter tracks and traces. Look, listen, and learn as you discover hidden treasures on a scavenger hunt in the Learnscape. Make a tasty treat to share with your winter wildlife friends.

**Creepy Crawlers: Monday, January 16**

Turn over logs, search under leaves, discover who is scurrying, wiggling, and crawling on the forest floor. Make a model insect, play bug bingo and learn what it takes to survive on the forest floor.



**Nature's Busy Builders: Friday, February 3**

Enjoy a building adventure in nature nearby. Make a bird nest and your own fairy fort or gnome home in the forest. Go on an animal homes scavenger hunt and create your own fort from our new nature's builders super blocks.



**Birding Blitz! Monday, February 20**

Discover who's zipping, zooming, and looming in Alton Baker Park. Practice beak techniques, check out our talon collection, and make a tasty bird seed treat. Go on a bird watching walk in the park.

# Kids Explore!



## Wrapping Paper Bowl

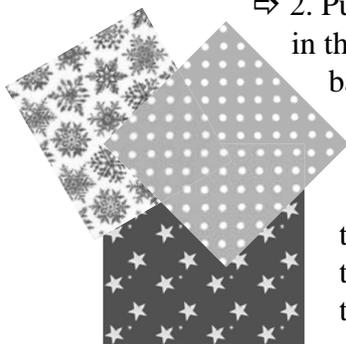
Reuse holiday wrapping paper to make a festive bowl.

### Materials

- ◆ A soup bowl (or something similar)
- ◆ A plastic grocery bag
- ◆ Used colored tissue paper, wrapping paper, scrap paper
- ◆ Glue and Scissors
- ◆ Paintbrush

*Steps with a ⇒ may require adult help.*

1. Gather some used wrapping paper and other lightweight paper scraps. Tissue paper works especially well. Ripped pieces are fine!



⇒ 2. Put your bowl in the plastic bag, bottom side down. Now tie a knot in the top of the bag and tuck it into

the bowl's opening. Put the bowl facedown on a smaller object so its edges don't touch the table.

3. Lay a square of tissue paper over the bowl and paint it with glue so that it molds to the shape of the bowl.

4. Add four to five more layers of tissue paper and glue to the bowl, making sure the edges of the bowl are covered. Brush glue slightly past the bowl's edges.

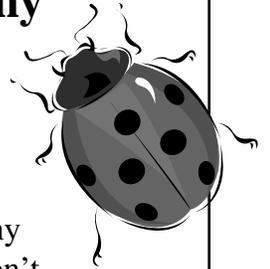
5. On your last layers, cut out special shapes or make patterns with your paper scraps. Now let the bowl dry, at least overnight.

⇒ 6. Gently remove the bowl from the mold by pulling up on the edges of the bag. Trim the bowl's edge with scissors. Set the bowl upside down until it is completely dry.

— Adapted from the book *Paper Fantastic*

## Tell Me Why

*Why do most bugs disappear in winter?*



Although you may not see many of them, bugs don't actually disappear in winter. In fact, they are probably all around you! Insects and their creepy-crawly kin — spiders, roly-pollies, and the like — survive the cold and scarce food supplies of winter in many different ways. Some, such as grasshoppers and crickets, leave behind only eggs. Tucked safely underground, eggs hatch in the spring when there is sun to bathe in and food is plentiful. Other insects, such as ladybugs and flies, survive the winter as adults, but are dormant (very inactive) when it's cold, and hide in crevices or under logs, bark, grasses, or leaves. On a warm day, you may see these creatures buzzing about. Insects that spend most of their lives in water, such as dragonflies and caddisflies, may overwinter in their nymph or larval stages, protected from the cold in their watery homes. A few amazing bugs, most notably the monarch butterfly, actually migrate!

## Fall Programs Fun for All

**Haunted Hike:** This year's Haunted Hike was a real hoot! More folks than ever before, 544, attended this 20th anniversary event. The weather was lovely, the critters were fabulous, and the crowd was lots of fun. Thanks so much to the 70+ volunteers who helped with everything from pumpkin carving to leading walks to acting in costume. Special thanks to our Critters who each did 14 performances in a row!

**Fall Nature Walks:** Despite a VERY rainy fall, the 850+ kids who joined us in Alton Baker or Hendricks Park for nature walks had lots of fun exploring. Highlights included busy beavers in Alton Baker Park, lots of heron sightings, and of course, many, many spiders! Thanks to the 21 volunteers who donated 400 hours to the program this fall.



# Cheers for Volunteers

Nearby Nature's engine runs on V-85, and the V stands for VOLUNTEERS! Without this sustainable fuel, our organization simply couldn't accomplish our mission. This season, a special thanks is dedicated to four volunteers who have been working with our Park Host for a combined total of over 300 hours. These volunteers have redesigned spaces in our Learnscape, pulled countless yards of invasive plants, helped plan and execute our work parties, helped instruct and lead Network Charter School volunteer days, and have overall been an incredibly helpful team to Nearby Nature. Thanks so much to Laura McCullough, Bassim Jamal, Madeline Middlebrooks, and Taylor Barnhart for all your help!

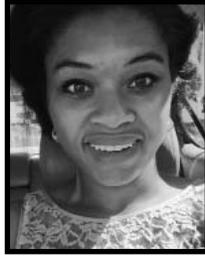
Laura



Bassim



Madeline



Taylor



## THANKS TO...

★ **Friends of Hendricks Park** for sponsoring nature walks and storytelling for 5th graders as well as our December Nature Quest!  
 ★ Haunted Hike volunteers: **Alec Sweetland, Alicia Kristen, Anna Davis, Anne Campbell, Avalon Reynolds-Brice, Barb Sammons, Conor Tracey, Cynthia Waters, Deb Rosenthal, Gary Rost, Holly Hartmann, Ian Smith, Ian Whitelaw, Jean Murphy, Jeff Letey, Jessi Gates, Kayleigh Eagen, Nicole Butcher, Renee Hildebrand, Paul Santana, Diana Cain, Laura Buckle, Kyle Myer, Leslie Kidd, Madeleine Pears, Madeline Middlebrooks, Matt Groberg, Matt Pittman, Michael Wherley, Miyako Iwata, Olivia Vilain, Pat Purdue, Read Wagar, Roger Nichols, Rylie Sollars, Sahalie Pittman, Salmon Stroich, Sarah Fugler, Taylor Barnhart, Vicky Mello, Wendy McKenzie, & Zacory Shakespeare** plus pumpkin carvers: **Hannah Wilson, Avani Kana, Nimai, Kapila, & Kalrie Peacock, Anna Sheehan & Eireann Woods, Collette Christian & Darwin, Drake, and Lily Scapin, Cat Merritt & Sage Harper, Amanda Robinson & Gabby, Tyler, Karis, Jessica & Tristan Kuehn, Loreen Heneghan & Beatrix & Linden Kaswell, Stella Wright-Hay, Audrey Sparrow,**

**Amy, Emma, & Erin Mahady, Steven & Hazel Bennett.**

★ Our Haunted Hike raffle & food service donors: **Actor's Cabaret, Becky Smith, Berry Patch, Bounce Gymnastics, BRING Recycling, Cascades Raptor Center, Capella Market, Catherine Heising, Cornbread Cafe, Crux Rock Gym, Dancing Weasel, Excelsior, Glenwood, Grocery Outlet, Hypertufa Creation, Ian A. Whitelaw Design and Construction, Mazet Studios, MECCA, Morning Glory, KIVA, Lane County's MLK Education Center, Lane Transit District, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum, Northern Lights Christmas Tree Farm, Off the Waffle, Onsen Hot Tubs, Oregon Contemporary Theatre, Oregon Paddle Sports, Organically Grown, Papa John's Pizza, Papa's Pizza on Coburg, Pepper Tree Aviary, Passionflower, Potter's Quarters, Quentin Furrow, Safeway on 18th, Science Factory, Shane Slayer, The Shedd, Skipping Stones Magazine, Sweet Life, Track Town Pizza on Franklin, Trader Joe's, Turning Point Center, Uncommon Scents, UO Art Museum, UO Natural and Cultural History Museum, The Vintage, Wendy Loren, William Sullivan, Whole Foods, WOW Hall, & Za Cart Pizza.**

## Volunteer Opportunities

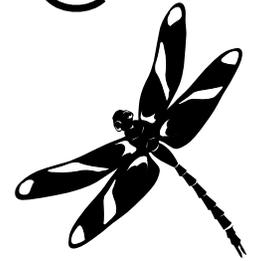
Email [info@nearbynature.org](mailto:info@nearbynature.org) or call 541-687-9699 for more information.

- ◆ **Nature Quest Assistants:** Assist with hike and activities on December 10, January 7, or March 4.
- ◆ **Green Start Helpers:** Help with activities on February 2, 10-11:30 am.
- ◆ **Learnscape Gardening:** Mulch, plant, weed, propagate, and more.
- ◆ **Restoration Celebrations:** Join a planned work party or call to set a date for a service group.
- ◆ **No School Day Assistants:** Help with crafts, hikes, and more on Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 3, and Feb 20.

- ★ Fall nature guides: **Alan Pittman, Alec Sweetland, Anna Davis, Avalon Reynolds-Brice, Barbara Sammons, Bear Scamman, Cynthia Waters, Gery Sorg, Ian Smith, Jamal Dygert, Jean Murphy, Kyle Meyer, Lindsay Piggott, Michael Wherley, Olivia Vilain, Pat Purdue, Rick Ahrens, Roger Nichols, Sally Keller, Sam Shaw, Tabor Whitney, and Vicky Mello**
- ★ Fall mailers: **Vicky Mello, Alec Sweetland, Cynthia Waters & Laurie Anderson.**
- ★ Fall No School Day Assistants: **Avalon Reynolds-Brice, Sahalie Pittman, Ron Coffman, and Olivia Vilain.**
- ★ **Cabela's** for donating 12 Morakniv Bushcraft knives and **Lane Forest Products** for donating wood blocks.
- ★ **Pat Purdue** for helping with Hope in Action and **Alec Sweetland, Avalon Reynolds-Brice, Tabor Whitney, Gery Sorg, Roger Nichols, and Jean Murphy** for helping at Play in the Rain Day.
- ★ The following groups and 298 total individuals for 731 hours of work in the park and Learnscape: **Pentagon Federal Credit Union, Wells Fargo, Springfield and Albany Kohl's, Hamlin Middle School 8th Grade Leadership, Girl Scout Troop 20337, Alpha Phi Omega, UO Geology Club, Delta Tau Delta, Darci Hassman, Nikki Louchious, Kyle Meyer & Olivia Vilain.**
- ★ **Alec Sweetland & Avalon Reynolds-Brice** for help at the UO Science Open House.

# Partners and People

We have LOTS of partners and people to thank for their fall and early winter 2016 contributions. A special thanks to the following friends and members for recent donations, membership contributions, and Youth Scholarship Fund gifts ranging from \$30-\$5,000.



Alexandra Tallifuss	Holly Knight and
Alice Parman	Tom Williams
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Elaine Rees	Sean Long
Ginger Fullerton	Tiffany and Janet
Glen Gillis	Panaliuk
Heather Dickerson	Tom and Jane Happy
	Track Town Pizza

## Recent Grants and Gifts News

◆ Thanks so much to the **Peara-Cantril family** for their very generous donation in memory of Ed Peara, one of Nearby Nature's favorite volunteers. We still miss Ed and will happily put this contribution to work in his honor.

◆ Thanks to **Cabela's** for their generous donation of \$4,000+ from their Hunting for Hope, Fishing for Families fundraising dinner and silent auction in November. We had an awesome time at the event and are so grateful to the folks who attended, participated in the silent auction, and donated goods and services to support us.

◆ Thanks to **Albany Kohl's** for their recent \$1,500 grant in honor of their employees who volunteered at the Haunted Hike. We really appreciate your help *and* your financial support.

◆ Thanks to **Jan, Susan, and Karen Suwinski and the Suwinski Family Foundation** for their generous grant of \$500. We are so grateful for your yearly grant!

◆ Thanks so much to the **anonymous donor** who gifted us \$500! We will put your generous contribution to work for our kids and natural places.

## Member/Donor Information

Check the label on this newsletter for your membership expiration date.

Enclosed is my:  New Membership  Renewal Membership  
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- Community Friends \$45 Gift Membership

- I have made my payment on-line with PayPal at *nearbynature/contribute*.
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Send to: Nearby Nature, P.O. Box 3678, Eugene, OR 97403

**Don't forget to make your 2016 tax-deductible donation soon!**

## Share When You Shop

Here at Nearby Nature we have a "less is more" approach to shopping. We love thrift stores and sharing resources. However, everyone does buy things from time to time. So here are two ways to SHARE WHEN YOU SHOP!

**1. eScrip:** Join eScrip and each time you use a credit or debit card at Market of Choice (plus other merchants), 2-4 % of your purchase cost will go to Nearby Nature! See *eScrip.com* and designate Nearby Nature (ID #500004201) as the recipient of your donations.

**2. AmazonSmile:** The Amazon Smile Foundation donates 0.5% of the cost of eligible products purchased on *Amazon.com* to charities. Go to *smile.amazon.com/ch/93-1077352* for your next Amazon purchase and your earned donations will automatically go to Nearby Nature.

## Winter Wish List

- Musicians for events
- Accounts for advice
- Fundraisers to share expertise
- Computer experts to help us choose a new membership and programs database
- Artists to brighten our Learn-scape Gardens



**Help Nearby Nature be eyes and ears in Alton Baker Park. Report non-emergency park safety issues to 541-682-4800 or [eugene-or.gov/parkwatch](http://eugene-or.gov/parkwatch).**

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