

Garden Club Newsletter



Building a Butterfly Garden

Butterfly gardening has become one of the most popular hobbies today. Creating a butterfly garden involves planning your garden to attract, retain, and encourage butterfly populations to visit. Here are some tips and ideas to make your garden butterfly friendly.

-Plant your butterfly garden in a sunny location (5-6 hours each day) but sheltered from the winds. Butterflies need the sun to warm themselves, but they won't want to feed in an area where they are constantly fighting the wind to stay on the plants. It is also a good idea to place a few flat stones in your sunny location so the butterflies can take a break while warming up.

Did you know...Some people say that when the black bands on the woolly bear caterpillar are wide a

-Butterflies need water just like we do. Keep a mud puddle damp in a sunny location, or fill a bucket with sand and enough water to make the sand moist.

-Do no use pesticides in your garden.

-Butterflies use two different types of plants. Those that provide nectar for the adults to eat (nectar plant) and those that provide food for their offspring (host plant).

-Most nectar and host plants will flourish if given at least six hours of sunlight. Single petal flowers and native plants are butterfly favorites.

-Protect your butterfly garden from human predators.

Adults and children should be encouraged to watch and learn about butterflies and caterpillars without handling them.

-Be patient! It may take butterflies more than one growing season to find your new garden.

Did you know... Butterflies range in size from 1/8 inch to almost 12 inches

Host plants for Nebraska:

- Butterfly Weed
- Cabbage
- Chokecherry
- Common sunflower
- Dill
- Cottonwood
- Milkweed
- Parsley
- Rosemary
- Queen Ann's Lace
- Snapdragon
- Sunflower

Nectar Plants for Nebraska:

- Bee Balm (Monarda)
- Butterfly Bush
- Coneflower (Echinacea)
- Black-eyed Susan (Rudbeckia)
- Coreopsis
- Gayfeather (Liatris)
- Lavender
- Joe Pye Weed
- Yarrow
- New England Aster
- Sedum
- Cosmos
- Spirea
- Viburnum
- Zinnias

Did you know... Butterflies cannot fly if their body temperature is less than 86 degrees



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30% off
(garden club members only)
Gaillardia- Gallon (limit 1)
Home Décor w/sunflower (limit 1)
Gardening Tool over \$30 (limit 1)

Garden Club Meeting
Saturday, June 19th 10am

Please call and let us know if you are attending. **Thanks**

Theatre West Garden Walk
Saturday, June 26th 8am-1pm
Purchase your ticket now for \$10