What is a butterfly garden and how does it work?

Butterfly gardens are floral sanctuaries for many beautiful butterflies. Butterfly gardens provide habitat for caterpillars and adult butterflies by offering suitable shelter and food sources throughout their life stages.

Why use native plants?

Native plants provide additional benefits because they are adapted to local soil and climate conditions. They also create habitat for a variety of wildlife that migrate to or live in the Chesapeake Bay region.

How to construct a butterfly garden:

Butterflies prefer to feed in sheltered areas. Select a location in your yard that is usually protected from the prevailing winds. Measure the garden area and choose a variety of plants appropriate for your conditions. Many butterflies have separate plants for their larval and adult nectar-feeding stages. Selection and placement of plant species (see other side of brochure) will result in colorful blooms throughout the growing seasons. After the initial planting, apply mulch 2"-3" deep around the plants, and provide deep watering during their establishment phase. Trim back any herbaceous stems at the end of winter. Enjoy the garden year after year!

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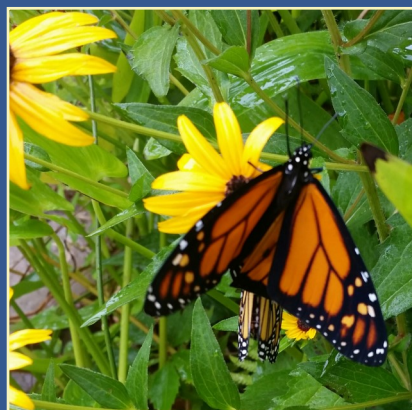**Open House/Native Plant Sales**
the Friday and Saturday before **Mother's Day** and the Friday and Saturday after **Labor Day**.
It is a great day for the retail public. Native plants and garden accents available for sale, as well as several workshops for the public!

For more information:

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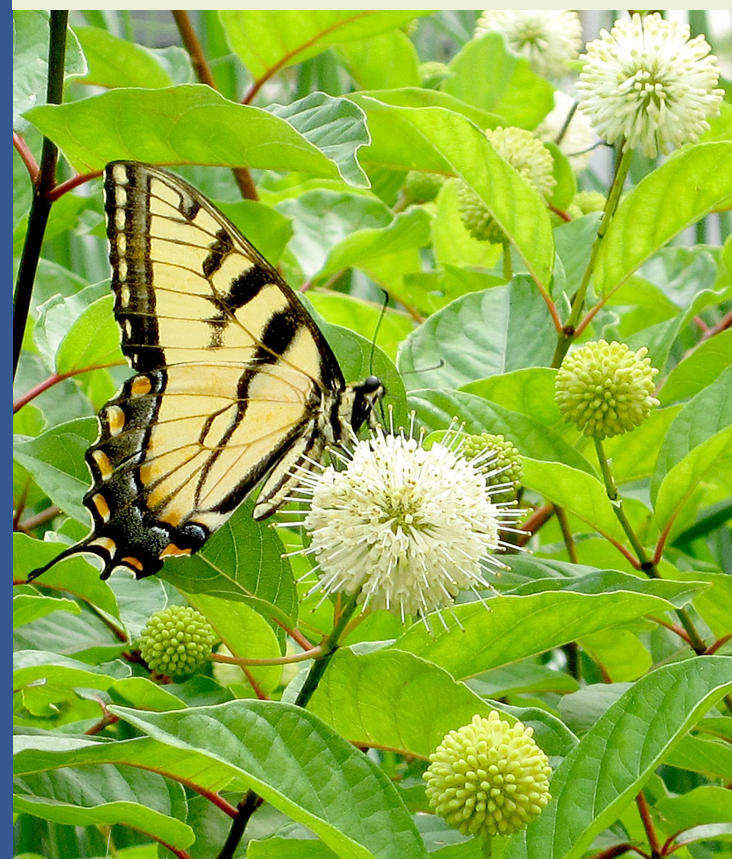**St. Michaels, MD 21663**
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Using Native Plants for Butterfly Gardens

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	Species Name	Common Name	Shade Tolerance	Height	Water Tolerance	Attracts	Host Source	Nectar Source	Flowering Period	Color
Herbaceous Plants										
	Asclepias incarnata	swamp milkweed	Full Sun	Up to 6'	SI	P, B	Monarch 🦋	🦋	June - Aug.	pink
	Aster novi-belgii	New York aster	Full Sun	1' - 3'	II, U	P, B		🦋	July - Oct.	violet
	Baptisia tinctoria	wild indigo	Full Sun	1.5'- 3'	U	P, B	Frosted Elfin 🦋	🦋	June - July	yellow
	Carex sp.	sedge species	Partial Shade	6"- 3'	variable	B, W		🦋	Mar. - June	green
	Chelone glabra	turtlehead	Partial Shade	1' - 3'	SI, U	B	Baltimore Checkerspot 🦋	🦋	July - Sept.	whitish pink
	Eupatorium dubium	joe-pye weed	Partial Shade	2' - 5'	SI, U	S, P, B		🦋	July - Oct.	purple
	Eupatorium fistulosum	trumpet weed	Partial Shade	2' - 6'	II, SI	S, P, B		🦋	July - Oct.	pinkish-purple
	Eupatorium perfoliatum	boneset	Full Sun	2' - 5'	II, U	S, P, B		🦋	July - Oct.	white
	Lobelia cardinalis	cardinal flower	Full Sun	Up to 5'	II, U	B, H		🦋	July - Oct.	red
	Lobelia siphilitica	great blue lobelia	Partial Shade	Up to 3'	II, U	B		🦋	Aug. - Oct.	blue
	Rudbeckia fulgida	black-eyed susan	Full Sun	1' - 3'	II, U	S, P, B		🦋	June - Oct.	yellow-orange
	Solidago sempervirens	seaside goldenrod	Partial Shade	3' - 4'	II	B		🦋	July - Nov.	yellow
	Veronia noveboracensis	New York ironweed	Full Sun	3' - 7'	SI	B		🦋	Aug. - Sept.	purple
Shrubs										
	Cephalanthus occidentalis	buttonbush	Full Shade	6' - 12'	PI (0"- 12")	P, B, M, W		🦋	July - Aug.	white
	Clethra alnifolia	sweet pepperbush	Full Shade	6' - 12'	SI, RI	P, B, M, W, S		🦋	July - Aug.	white, pink
	Lindera benzoin	spicebush	Full Shade	6' - 12'	SI	S, M, P	Spice bush & Swallowtail 🦋		Mar. - May	yellow
	Vaccinium corymbosum	highbush blueberry	Full Shade	10' - 13'	SI	P, S, W, M	Brown Elfin 🦋		Apr. - June	whitish pink
Trees										
	Betula nigra	river birch	Full Sun	50' - 75'	SI	S	Mourning Cloak 🦋		Apr. - May	dark brown
	Liriodendron tulipfera	tulip tree	Partial Shade	75'- 100'	SI	H, S, M	Swallowtail 🦋		Apr. - June	greenish yellow
	Quercus sp.	oak species	Full Sun	50'-100'	variable	B, S, W, M		🦋	Mar. - May	green

Native Plant Attractions Key

B = Beneficial insects S = Songbirds

P = Pollinators M = Mammals

H = Hummingbirds W = Waterfowl

Shade Tolerance Key

Full Sun Partial Shade Full Shade

Water Tolerance Key

SI = Season Inundation

RI = Regular Inundation

II = Irregular Inundation

PI = Permanent Inundation

U = Upland