## Grand Marais Garden Club *A Butterfly Garden* Trial Gardens 2024

A butterfly garden is a beautiful, purposeful garden. It's colorfulness and vibrancy are an inviting oasis for pollinators, rather than only our viewing pleasure.

We chose butterfly host plants for the four cycles of butterfly metamorphosis as well as nectar rich flowers that are known to attract butterflies. Our garden has multiple water sources and puddlers. The puddlers' are composed of sand, compost, and sea salt which, when damp, provides the butterflies with essential minerals. Even the simple concrete frog dish provides calcium and minerals. The viburnum bush in the back of the garden provides not only nectar but also concealment and weather protection. Our garden has a variety of milkweed and herbs that act as host plants and serve as a place to lay eggs and also a feast for hungry caterpillars. The trellis in the rear of the garden supports a nectar rich passion flower vine and offers a grid for the chrysalis stage. Additionally, we have a dish of fermented fruit hanging from a shepherds hook, a special treat.

We designed our garden to be a simple, colorful and a well balanced retreat. Every flower, bush, and herb sustains the life cycles of the butterfly.



## Grand Marais Garden Club 2024 Plant List

1	Blanket Flower 'Spintop Red Starburst'	Gaillardia	perennial
2	Zinnia 'Profusion' series**	zinnia elegans	annual
3	Dwarf butterfly bush 'Pugster Amethyst'	buddleia"SMNBDL"	shrub
4	Salvia 'Victoria Blue'**	Salvia Farinacea	annual
5	Fernleaf dill**	Anethum gravelens	herb
6	Italian parsley**	Petroelinum crispum	herb
7	Marino Blue heliotrope	Heliopium arborscens	annual
8	Penta Starcluster Red**	Pentas lancelata	annual
9	Lantana Goldengate, Citron, Royale Red Zone**	Lantana camara	annual
10	Bee Balm 'Electric Neon Pink'**	Monarda	perennial
11	'Black and Blue' salvia	Salvia guaranitica	annual
12	Gayfeather 'Floristan Violet'	Liatris spicata	perennial
13	Coneflower 'Ruby Star'	Echinacea	perennial
14	Butterfly Weed**	Alclepias tuberosa	milkweed
15	Tropical Milkweed**	Alclepias curassavica	milkweed
16	Swamp milkweed 'Cinderella'**	Alclepias incarnata	milkweed
17	Pacific Giant Delphinium 'Black Knight'	Delphinium elatum	perennial
18	Fennel**	Foeniculum	herb
19	Passion Flower vine	Passiflora coccinea	annual
20	Arrowwood viburnum Blue Muffin**	Viburnum dentatum	bush

\*\* Indicates required plants, i.e. milkweed, herb, shrub, annuals