

Windmill Pointe Garden Club 2024

A Butterfly Garden

What a terrific theme it is this year, to plant flowers and decorate with butterflies in mind.

In our garden we decided to have a color scheme of pink and blue. Of course there are also many other flower colors to attract butterflies. Our puddler for the butterfly water source of bright blue is front and center. It is filled with mineral rich sand from a Lexington beach. The puddler is surrounded by annuals of bright pink Portulaca that is flanked by a mix of colorful Snapdragons .

Behind these annuals are some of our nectar rich flowers. They are Salvia, Lantana and Catmint. Then there is our cute butterfly path made by one of our garden club members. Behind the path are many more nectar rich flowers, such as Butterfly Weed, Liatris, Zinnias and a variety of Salvia.

We have a lovely bright pink butterfly chair to accentuate the theme. Two large blue pots flank the chair with a Butterfly Bush in each one and five Calibrachoa for beautiful color. Behind the chair, (and I hope they bloom), are Cup Plants. This is a native perennial, which can grow up to 10 feet tall. They have leaves opposite each other on the stem that form a cup that catches rainwater. This entices butterflies, birds, and insects to drink.

I hope you enjoy our version of a butterfly garden!



Plant Identification 2024

1. Portulaca, *Portulaca graniflora*, Happy Hour Rosita
2. Salvia, *Salvia nemorosa*, Salvatore Blue
3. Lantana, *Lantana camara*, Havana Cherry
4. Zinnia, *Zinnia elegans*, Zesty Fuchsia
5. Butterfly Weed, *Asclepias tuberosa*
6. Silky Deep Red Butterfly Flower, *Asclepias curassavica*, Tropical Milkweed
7. Catmint, *Nepeta frassenil*, 'Junior Walker'
8. Gayfeather, *Liatris spicata*, Floustan Violet
9. Salvia, *Salvia guaranitica*, Black and Blue
10. Salvia, *Salvia hybrid*, Rockin Blue Suede Shoes
11. Salvia, *Salvia x HYBSV16017*, Skyscraper Pink
12. Butterfly bush, *Buddleja davidii*
13. Rue, *Ruta graveolens*
14. Cup plant, *Silphium perfoliatum*
15. 'Kobold' Spike Gayfeather, *Liatris spicata* 'Kobold'

* All the flowers meet the theme requirements