

MONARCH-MAKER GARDEN

at Art Barn School of Art

Art Barn is now part of a world-wide network of Monarch “Waystations” where the endangered butterflies are supported during their lifecycle.

Nearly 460 square feet of planting beds have been converted to viable breeding and feeding habitat for Monarch butterflies. The 69-acre campus includes a 100-year-old renovated barn and related buildings used to support the Art Barn mission— **to provide quality art education programs for all ages in a supportive, creative environment** in order to enrich the quality of life in the region. Art Barn is an ideal setting to link art to environmental awareness.

Milkweed is a keystone plant species for Monarchs’ reproductive cycle. Several varieties of milkweed native to our area are needed for the Monarch’s survival. Because it is important to support the entire life cycle (from egg to migrating adult) we have included a variety of native flowering plants where Monarchs and other pollinators may feed as well as water features for hydration.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Here is a list of places to get more information on everything from the science of monarchs to tips on making your yard more pollinator-friendly:

The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation

Resources on making your yard and garden more pollinator-friendly

<https://xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/yards-and-gardens>

Pollinator Partnership

<https://www.pollinator.org/>

7 Things you can do for Pollinators: <https://www.pollinator.org/7things>

Earth Day Toolkit: <https://www.pollinator.org/earth-day-toolkit>

Indiana Monarch & Pollinator Conservation Hub

<https://indianawildlife.org/monarchs/>

Monarch Joint Venture: Learn about Monarch Biology

<https://monarchjointventure.org/monarch-biology>

Save the Dunes native planting guides

<https://savedunes.org/resources/>