

The New Smyrna Beach Garden Club awards each certified Monarch Sanctuary Garden with a certificate from the FFGC and a metal plaque for their yard.



While a total of 36 gardens were certified the first three months of our project, 19 NSBGC members were awarded with certificates and plaques as well. Even our Garden Clubhouse garden has been certified as a Monarch Sanctuary.



Each month we designate a Garden of the Month to a New Smyrna Beach resident and one garden was a Monarch Sanctuary Garden designee as well.



This Spring, members manned a booth in downtown New

Smyrna Beach with each type of plant required for a Monarch Sanctuary Garden. As you can see there was much interest from the community. We hope to continue certifying gardens through May, 2030 with our fourteen certifiers. Did you notice the unique Monarch apparel that members wore to staff this event?



These gardens show examples of plant requirements for the Monarch butterflies. To become a certified Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary, participants must have a minimum of 20 nectar food plants, three of which are host/larval plants, which includes five milkweed plants, as they are the primary host plants for the monarchs. Nectar food plants include penta, salvia, porterweed, jasmine, plumbago, buddleia, beach sunflower, hydrangea, lantana, bottlebrush, honeysuckle, Mexican sunflower and firebush, pictured below, right. Larval food plants include milkweed, passion vine, cassia, parsley, dill and fennel. The brighter the color in the garden, the more butterflies will visit, according to the garden club. Download the information and an application for a Certified Monarch Sanctuary Garden on our Club website

www.newsmyrnabeachgardenclub.org

