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July 8, 2024

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There is a meeting of the BOG on July 10 at 6:30 pm. [Agenda](#)

The PWC is hosting a cocktail party on June 13.



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Giants Neck Beach - A Natural Beauty

At least two *Asclepias* varieties are blooming in our neighborhood this week. *Asclepias syriaca*, "Common Milkweed," grows along the Mother's Beach Wall and other locations. *Asclepias tuberosa*, "Butterfly Weed," is the second that many of us have planted in our gardens. Let's look at each of these and see what makes each of them such an important native plant for our neighborhood!



First, *Asclepias tuberosa* is 1 ½ -2 feet tall perennial with yellow to orange flowers. These brilliant flowers attract butterflies, bumblebees, and hummingbirds. It is the larval host to grey hairstreak, monarch, and queen butterflies. It is a plant that enjoys good drainage and does well in our sandy soils. To start these plants in your yard, you need to have a seedpod that one of your kind neighbors might be willing to share with you, and carefully plant some soil to allow it to stay cold in the winter. The bonus to this plant is there is no milky sap! I love the color of these wonderful plants.



Second, *Asclepias syriaca*, or the common milkweed, is the milkweed that we associate primarily with Monarch butterflies as it is a larval host for them. Last summer, I saw hardly any monarchs, but this year, I have been treated to many sightings. Honey and bumble bees also love visiting these plants during their blooming months of June, July, and August! These plants spread rapidly by their rhizomes (lateral roots) and will be appreciated most if they are in a more wild area. They can be transplanted early in the spring by digging up the tubers and finding a new sunny location to relocate the aggressively spreading plants. The coolest part of milkweeds is they contain cardiac glycosides...because the Monarch butterfly larvae eat the plants, and then they become toxic to birds and other predators. Without this plant, the Monarchs would have a hard time surviving—so thank you, Giants Neck Beach, for your part in keeping our neighborhood a Natural Beauty—for us and the wonderful animals around us.- Lisa Doggart

Have a great week!

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