Asclepias & The Monarch Butterfly

Asclepias *sp.*, or Milkweeds, are perennial flowers that monarch butterflies use as a food source and host plant. They have scarlet and yellow or orange flowers that not only attract the butterflies, but look great in the garden. There are several different species that all grow well in this area. Asclepias like well drained soil and full sun. They can withstand drought conditions. The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) wants to encourage people to grow Milkweeds to increase the populations of monarch butterflies.

Monarch butterflies travel 2,800 miles from Canada and the United States to overwinter in Mexico each year. Since 1993 there have been recorded the number of acres that are covered by the monarchs in Mexico each winter. In 1997 the monarch colonies covered 45 acres. In 2009 the acreage dropped to 4.7 acres. In 2010 the population almost doubled to 9.9 acres. Year-to-year fluctuations in insect populations are normal, but the primary causes of these monarch declines are attributed to factors such as climate change, habitat loss through deforestation and the spraying of weeds along roadsides which kill natural populations of common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*).

Asclepias *sp.* - Milkweed can be found where perennials are sold or online. Below are samples of the asclepias (left to right) hello yellow asclepias, the asclepias cinderella and the asclepias tuberosa.

The Physical Plant family extends a hearty WARM WELCOME to our new and returning students. We have been busy refurbishing and spiffing up our campus. We wish you a safe, studious and fun Fall!

Thanks to Paul Miller, Irrigation for the beautiful art work on our Physical Plant Tiger. All 100 tigers will be unveiled on the Student Plaza, Saturday, September 10th @ 12:00 noon. Hope to see you on the plaza!
Our Condolences

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AUGUST’S PHYSICAL PLANT VALUE

Commitment

Be loyal to the University, your co-workers and your supervisor. Recognize the on-going positive contributions of the University and be an ambassador of goodwill spreading news of its accomplishments and advancements throughout the community. Always perform work assignments in a manner that exhibits quality, productivity and professionalism. Take pride in being a part of the team.

Helpful Household Tips!

Candles will last longer if placed in the freezer for at least three hours prior to burning.

To help eliminate odors in your wastebasket, place a dryer sheet in the bottom of the wastebasket. Smells great!

Celery will keep for weeks in the refrigerator when wrapped in aluminum foil.

When boiling corn on the cob, add a pinch of sugar to help bring out the corn’s natural sweetness.

When you get a splinter, reach for the scotch tape before resorting to using the tweezers or a needle. Simply put the scotch tape over the splinter and then pull it off. The tape removes most splinters easily.

The last thing you should do with plastic bags and baggies is throw them away...they take forever to break down in a landfill...instead rinse out and re-use.

You may return most plastic shopping bags for recycling at most grocery stores. For more recycling tips, call Sustainability Coordinator Amelia Mayahi @ 678-5543.

Just a little note that’s being sent your way to let you know you’re in our thoughts each and every day!

Get Well Soon...We Miss You All

Jessie Johnson, Building Services
Faye Wilson, Campus Planning and Design
Bobby Smith, Lock Shop

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