

July is “Monarch Month” at the Point!

As a part of our 2026 Mayors’ Monarch Pledge, the Borough of Cape May Point has once again designated July as “Monarch Month” at the Point. All residents are encouraged to:

1. Plant milkweed! Monarchs ONLY lay eggs only on milkweed; the eggs hatch into caterpillars and the caterpillars eat the foliage. The three most common species in our region are common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*), butterflyweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), and swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*). Avoid planting “tropical milkweed.”
2. Avoid using any pesticides on your property! The Xerces Society identifies insecticides as a primary driver in the alarming decline of monarch butterfly populations.
3. Plant late blooming, nectar-producing plants! In addition to milkweed, we urge you to plant one or more of the late-blooming, native perennials (Joe Pye Weed, Golden Rod, native aster and Black-eyed Susan). They provide much-needed nectar for monarchs passing through the Point during their fall migration.

As we continue to support the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, keep an eye out for the Monarch Minute section in the Cape May Point Taxpayers' Bulletin to learn more about the monarch butterflies and what we can do to help them thrive in our community.

Also, to learn more about Monarch butterflies, check out the information below about upcoming events at the Cape May Arts and Science Center.



Project Monarch Exchange at the Cape May Point Arts & Science Center

This July, the CMPASC hosts the world's leading monarch researchers for the Project Monarch Exchange—a conference on the groundbreaking monarch-tracking work that began right here at the Point three years ago. Two evenings are open to the public:

Meet the Researchers — Monday, July 13, 6–8 p.m.

Mingle with monarch researchers from across North America.

Keynote & Film Premiere — Wednesday, July 15, 5:00–8:30 p.m.

A keynote by Eduardo Rendón (World Wildlife Fund–Mexico), followed by the premiere of *Generation Treasures*, a documentary on the CMPASC team's work in Mexico's monarch preserves.

Both events are ticketed and held at the Cape May Point Arts & Science Center, 101 Lehigh Avenue. Learn more and register at capemaypointartsandsciencecenter.org.