

# News From The Garden

## Butterfly Release

Enjoy a wondrous flight of color!  
 Learn about Monarch butterflies, their  
 migration and their host plants.  
**Sunday, October 6 | starts 2 p.m.**  
**Hurley Park, the Annex section**

**FALL 2019**



## More Butterflies Are Better!

By: *Danelle Cutting*

As a wonderful garden area, Hurley Park provides both a peaceful oasis for casual strolling and a hosting location for a menagerie of educational events. One of our most popular events is the Butterfly Release. Currently, the *Asclepias tuberosa*, aka Butterfly Weed, is currently blooming. This flower has small reddish-orange flowers arranged in large clusters with deep green petals. This beautiful plant used to be spotted on many country sides, but due to urban encroachment and development, the plant is no longer as common. With the decline of Monarch butterflies, this plant is needed now more than ever since it is the only plant on which the Monarch can complete its lifecycle. The upcoming Butterfly Release is a great event to inform the public of how they can help.

The event received the largest crowd ever last year, topping over 500 people. We believe this year will be just as popular.

A common request last year was to have more butterflies released. In our past events, we released 50. We will release the

same amount this year, plus butterflies bought by the public over the summer. Butterflies had to be purchased by July 26, to ensure that the butterflies would be fully grown by the day of the event.

We also received feedback on the hot weather and decided to move the event to the fall when we could actively participate in the Monarch migration. So, this year the Butterfly Release will be held Sunday, October 6, at 2 pm, at Hurley Park (304 Annandale Ave), Annex section of the park where we have more room to fit the larger crowd. This part of the park is the large open area across from City Lake and on the other side of the dam surrounded by Lake, Club, Annandale and Confederate Avenues.

Attendees also requested that we have food and refreshments, so we are currently looking for vendors/food trucks who would be interested in this opportunity! The event happens quickly so be sure to arrive on time to pick the best spot to sit and see the entire event. Guests will learn about Monarch butterflies and other species of butterflies, their migration, and milkweed (their host plant). This is a great opportunity to help out our local pollinators since their habitat and host plant locations have dwindled. With a little bit of luck and education, we can help our local pollinators thrive for future generations.

## Garden Education

By: *Danelle Cutting*

One of our more popular Hurley Park educational events is the upcoming Lecture and Plant Giveaway.

This year's lecturer is Adrienne Roethling, Director of Curation and Mission Delivery at the Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden in Kernersville. The event will be held on Thursday, August 22, at 7 p.m., at 1 Water St., Salisbury.

In addition to Roethling's "A Year in the Garden" presentation, the focus will be on new trends, innovative garden styles, adapting to a changing environment and, of course, free plants from Hurley Park!

Roethling handles all of the gardening and horticultural activities at the Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden, including the exquisite bulb garden display with over 30,000 bulbs! She selects and designs the display every year with assistance from volunteers.

For more information on Hurley Park, visit: [salisburync.gov/HurleyPark](http://salisburync.gov/HurleyPark), Facebook (@HurleyParkSalisbury) Instagram (@HurleyParkNC) or call us at (704) 638-4459.



## Summer Cleaning By: Mark Martin

If you've visited the pond area lately then a transformation has taken place. The deck area has been pressure sprayed. This took a few days to complete but was well worth it. We have purchased the deck water proofing and will be applying soon. Next time you have an opportunity, take a look and enjoy our cleaned deck area. This before and after shot really shows a difference.



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