

CITY OF ST. LOUIS OFFERS SPECIAL MONARCH OPPORTUNITIES



Millions of Eastern Monarch butterflies have now migrated south to the Oyamel forests of Mexico, where they will spend the winter. Some may have stopped to enjoy a garden you created -- thank you! A remarkable 400 City monarch gardens have been registered. To recognize your efforts, the Mayor's Office of Sustainability is presenting two special opportunities: (1) The Smithsonian Institution Community of Gardens Story Collection; and (2) The 2017 St. Louis

Monarch Photo Contest. We are making a difference for monarchs, thanks to your continued and wonderful participation in *Milkweeds for Monarchs: The St. Louis Butterfly Project!* I hope you will consider sharing your monarch gardening experience in one or both of these ways.

Share Your Story with the Smithsonian: The Smithsonian Institution Community of Gardens is the digital home for preserving stories of gardens ... and the gardeners who make them grow. It presents a terrific opportunity to share your monarch gardening experience with others, too. If you have an anecdote or reflection about your *Milkweeds for Monarchs* garden, please write it up in 2-3 paragraphs, and attach a photo. If you email me the story, I will make sure your story gets posted in the Smithsonian's digital collection, and also include it in a special printed booklet.

Enter The 2017 St. Louis Monarch Photo Contest: The Mayor's Office of Sustainability is holding a Monarch Photo Contest. All entries will be recognized, and prizes will be awarded.

Six Photo Contest Categories:

Best Monarch With The Gateway Arch

Best Monarch On Nectar Plant Source

Best Monarch Photo Taken By Youth (12 and under)

Best Monarch As Caterpillar

Best Monarch As Chrysalis

Best Monarch In STL Milkweeds For Monarchs Garden



Photo Contest Criteria:

Photo must have been taken in 2017

Photo must have been taken in St. Louis City (please provide the location)

Permission must be given to re-use the photo (credit will be given)

Must send a high resolution jpg file of the photo

All photo entries and stories must be received by December 1, 2017

for consideration in the contest and/or inclusion in the printed monarch story booklet.

Please email the photos and stories to Catherine Werner at WernerC@StLouis-mo.gov.