



AVERAGE ANNUAL BUDGET:

Our Operating Expenses: Aprox. \$30,000 per year.

Our Funding: The VillageWalk HOA provides the land and water. The operating expenses are covered by fund-raising activities (plant and bake sales, raffles and the annual Butterfly Festival) and donations. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our donors.



HOW TO DONATE:

The VillageWalk Garden Club of Bonita Springs is reliant upon the generosity of members from the community. As a 501(c) (3) organization, all donations are tax deductible within the guidelines of U.S. law. If you wish to donate to the Butterfly Gardens, go to our website and click on the **Donate Now** button or contact us by email at VillageWalkGardenClub@gmail.com.

www.villagewalkgardenclub.com



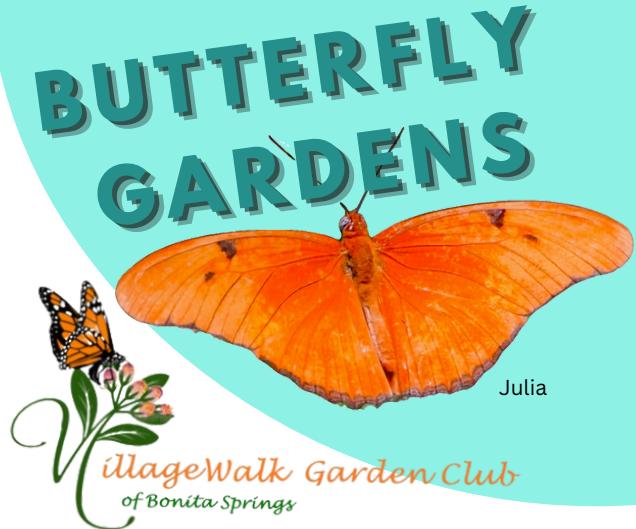
Inquiries for joining the club, volunteering to work in the butterfly gardens, making tax-deductible donations, and other inquiries should be sent to:

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Florida State Butterfly
Zebra Longwing



- The Butterfly Gardens provide a safe habitat for winged pollinators, where they can feed, rest, and reproduce.
- The Gardens are host to more than 20 species of butterflies as well as large numbers of native bees, wasps, and other insects.
- In addition, the local and migratory birds take advantage of the safe havens.



White Peacock

OUR GARDENS

Location

The Butterfly Gardens are located within the one mile long Native Buffer Zone on the south side of VillageWalk. Gardens 1 to 4 are between Wahoo and Vermillion, while Gardens 5 to 10 are between Scrub Jay and Queen Angel. The sidewalk along the Gardens has benches at regular intervals and is accessible to golf carts, making it ideal for the handicapped to visit. So, sit, listen and enjoy the flowers and the many creatures they attract.

History

The Butterfly Gardens are a major project of the VillageWalk Garden Club (VWGC). Started in 2014 and incorporated as a Florida non-profit organization in 2015, the Club registered as a 501 (c) (3) charitable corporation in 2017. The Gardens have the guidance and support of the Bonita Spring Community Development Department. Over the years, the Gardens have grown from a few square yards to 2.5 acres, and are divided into 11 individual Gardens.

The Hive

Most of the work in the Butterfly Gardens is done by volunteer VillageWalk residents who are members of the VillageWalk Garden Club. Over the years, the number of gardeners (our "worker bees") has grown to over 50 strong. They are guided by the Butterfly Garden Chairwoman (the "Queen Bee"). An aging population and a hotter climate have led to the need for paid outside laborers for the harder physical tasks.

The Hive



MISSION

- Create a habitat friendly to native pollinator insects and resident and migratory birds.
- Promote the preservation and propagation of Florida native plants.
- Provide healthy physical and mental activities for VillageWalk gardeners, and an attractive environment for VillageWalk residents and visitors.

Annual Butterfly Festival Event

A Butterfly Festival is held every Spring to celebrate the beauty of the gardens. It is a free, family educational event which is great fun for kids and adults.



"My family was in town for high school graduation, and we took all of them through the butterfly gardens several times. What a treat. It is so beautiful and the highlight of everyone's trip. It's such a special place." – Jill M.



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail



Orange-Barred Sulfur



Ruddy Daggerwing



Black Swallowtail

One of every three bites of food is owed to a pollinator