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INNOVATIVE WEB SITE GARDENSWITHWINGS.COM DEBUTS

AT THE KROHN CONSERVATORY BUTTERFLY SHOW 2009 - APRIL 18 - JUNE 21

Did you know that you can beautify your yard and enhance the environment - just by creating a butterfly garden in your own backyard? It's easy with the help of a new Web site, GardensWithWings.com, developed by Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky residents, Fred Miller and Patty Bigner.

Both avid gardeners, Miller and Bigner set out to design a butterfly garden for their home where butterflies could prosper, but couldn't find the resources. They discovered that a successful butterfly garden requires both nectar plants for adult butterflies and host plants for their larvae (caterpillars).

The experience led this husband and wife team to design and develop a website that would show visitors not only which butterflies are in their area but the host and nectar plants they would need to attract them to their garden.

Miller and Bigner spent long hours researching and compiling lists of North American butterflies and the plants that are needed to propagate and feed butterflies and their caterpillars. What started out as research for themselves has metamorphosed into Gardens With Wings, an educational Internet resource for gardeners across the country.

Regina M. Cutter Edwards, an entomologist at Krohn Conservatory's annual Butterfly Show and an independent insect consultant, has partnered with Miller and Bigner in providing in-depth information on the various butterfly species and corresponding host and nectar plants.

This innovative Web site identifies specific butterflies found in a particular zip code area, and then lists the appropriate plants to incorporate into the garden to provide a source of food for adult butterflies, as well as a habitat for laying eggs and feeding caterpillars. Other features of this comprehensive site include:

- Identification Methods (shapes/colors)
- Other Ways to Attract Butterflies
- Educational Facts and Info including Life Cycle of the Butterfly; Glossary; In-Depth Articles by entomologist Regina Cutter Edwards; and more
- Details on Endangered Butterflies
- Places to Visit (parks/events/exhibits across the country)
- Where to Buy Resources



GardensWithWings.com will officially debut with their Educational Butterfly Display at the renowned Butterfly Show 2009 at Cincinnati's Krohn Conservatory. The Butterfly Show runs April 18 through June 21, and is open daily 10AM to 5PM.

GardensWithWings.com will also host two Butterfly Gardening Weekends (May 9-10 and June 6-7) that will include informal presentations on butterfly gardening, as well as general gardening tips from area experts.

This innovative and educational Web site also features a monthly e-newsletter, and the opportunity to share butterfly/garden photos and personal anecdotes and information with the Web site owners. The site will continue to expand as additional photos and expert information is compiled.

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