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A Newsletter for Friends of
Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden



Hello Summertime!

BY ADRIENNE ROETHLING, DIRECTOR



June has always been one of my favorite months in the Garden. Not only is June National Pollinator, Perennial Gardening, The Great Outdoors Month, but June is also officially the start of summer. While most people are focusing on vacations, outdoor grilling, baseball, swimming, and lightning bugs, we at the garden have been busy with pollinators, planting, and watering.

We're halfway through the year and already seems like summer has been going on for 3 months. Not only has it been hot, but it has also been extremely dry. Our summer annuals are growing at a snail's pace, especially when using city water. City water possesses chlorine and salts which have no benefit to the plants, but it will keep the plants alive. I guess we should be thankful that we are not experiencing the drought from 2007.



Coleus and Alocasia
in the Pattern Garden

We are continuing to add summer annuals, swapping plants in the containers, and filling the gardens with more perennials, trees, and shrubs throughout the permanent displays like the Japanese Garden and Discovery Garden vignettes and the Lowland Meadow. As a good rule of thumb, annual plants should be watered every other day for up to three weeks for proper root establishment. Perennial plants should be watered up to four weeks every other day while trees and shrubs should be watered up to 6 months every other day for proper root establishment. This also varies depending on the weather conditions, soil types and sun exposure. It's always best to water in the mornings to avoid a powdery mildew infestation on the leaves.

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It's not too late to take advantage of the Scavenger Hunts this summer. Visit the Welcome Center, Monday through Friday or go to our website, Explore Our Garden and click on the Knowledge page, to download the brochures or pick up a copy from the mailbox in the Discovery Garden. Complete the scavenger hunts and receive a gift from the Garden.

Be sure to follow along on social media, visit our website, or come by to see the many classes, events, and happenings this summer. Kristin has the calendar packed with educational opportunities. We hope to see you at the next Movie on the Lawn, or for a Storytime in the Garden, at the Twin City Artisans Craft Fair or joining Josh or myself on a tour of the Garden. Always remember, one can walk the Garden Displays daily dawn to dusk.

We love all our visitors, sponsors, members, donors, volunteers, and attendees. A big thank you to those who donated hardy plants for our permanent collections, joined or renewed as a member, gave the gift of blood at one of our many blood drives, contributed to our suggested donation boxes, sponsored a child to attend the 2022 Discovery Camp, or volunteered in the Garden. All your contributions help our Gardens Grow.

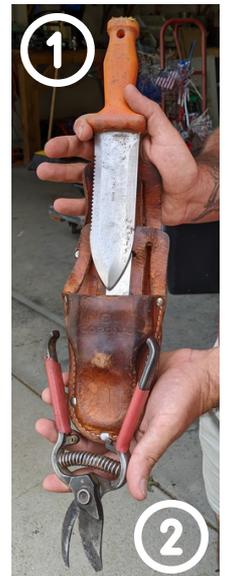


Gardener's Everyday Toolkit

BY JOSH WILLIAMS, GARDEN MANAGER

You don't need a lot of fancy tools to be a horticulturalist. There are four essential tools I recommend, and these are part of my horticultural everyday carry (EDC).

1. Hori Hori Knife – This is a great all-around tool that has both a beveled and serrated edge. It is great for weeding, digging holes, and cutting through roots. I prefer one with a non-wooden bright colored handle because it's easy to find when working in the garden.
2. Pruner – A pruner is one-handed tool and cuts branches less 1 inch in diameter. I like the Corona classic pruner. This is a US-made brand with a bright colored handle, and the minimum moving parts make it easy to take apart for cleaning or sharpening.
3. Lopper – A lopper is a two-handed tool and is used for cutting branches bigger than 1 inch in diameter. Don't use a lopper that is 'too small', I recommend at least a 2.5 inch cutting capacity. I also look for loppers that have action bar, which allows you to increase your cutting force.
4. Pruning Saw – This is the tool I use when a lopper can't handle the job at hand. Pruning saws have either a fixed or folding blade, and blade length ranges from 7 inches to 20 inches. I especially like the Silky foldable pruning saw.





Gardener's Everyday Toolkit ... Cont'd



Bonus – Not a tool, but I always set up a ‘battle station’ when working in the garden. My battle station includes a wheelbarrow and garden bag. The wheelbarrow is great for collecting and moving garden debris. The garden bag is where I keep rags, ties, ropes, drinks, snacks, and trash.

My horticultural EDC is comprised of hand tools. I keep my EDC ready to use through proper daily and seasonal maintenance. Join me for a hands on workshop this July to learn how to keep your essential hand tools in good working order.

July Plant of the Month

***Manfreda undulata* ‘Chocolate Chips’ –deciduous Agave**

Manfreda undulata is native to Mexico and has been a favorite in the Xeric Scree Gardens since summer of 2009. Beginning as one plant, the rosettes have created a tight forming and attractive colony in a short amount of time.

Manfreda undulata ‘Chocolate Chips’ makes low spreading rosette of wavy, blue-grey foliage is heavily spotted with chocolate colored markings. The marginally evergreen foliage grows to 18” tall and 24” wide. Flower spikes begin to emerge in late April quickly growing to 5-6 feet tall producing several 1” long buds. The grey buds recurve while the stamens burst open offering a spidery-like effect.

Grow *Manfreda undulata* in full sun with well-drained soils. To assure winter survival, amend your garden soils with permatil to provide good drainage. Join or renew your garden membership during the month July and your name will be included in a drawing for a division of *Manfreda undulata* ‘Chocolate Chips’.



Membership

Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden is located in the heart of the Kernersville historic downtown district. Memberships help the Garden provide valuable educational opportunities to people of all ages and help in the development of new garden spaces as we continue to grow. Individual/Family Memberships are \$50 annually. Member benefits include a 10% discount at the Garden's Plant Sales and the Garden Gift Shop, free admission to the Garden's "Lunch and Learn" and "Summer Evening" lectures, discounted rates for classes and workshops, preferred registration to outings for members, free subscription to Better Homes & Gardens or Martha Stewart Living compliments of American Public Gardens Association, discounts to over 300 gardens throughout North America and the Cayman Islands through the American Horticultural Society, and more! Join or renew your membership online and your name will be entered into a drawing for our Plant of the Month.



Companion Planting in the Kitchen Garden

BY TRISH SPRAGUE, GARDENER

The Kitchen Garden at PJCBG features a variety of companion plantings this summer. Companion planting is the practice of growing different plants together to benefit one another. One of the more well-known examples of companion planting is ‘the three sisters’ – corn, beans, and squash. How do these plants benefit each other? Corn provides a stalk for the beans to climb, beans provide nitrogen in the soil and support corn stalks in strong winds, and squash provides shade to keep soil moist and prevent weeds.



Companion planting is also useful in managing insects, as an alternative to chemicals. Aromatic herbs such as lavender or rosemary and flowers like marigolds can repel unwanted pests. This is why you often see tomatoes and marigolds planted together. Other flowering plants, such as nasturtiums, are used as ‘trap plants’. They sacrifice themselves by attracting unwanted insects away from vegetables. We spray horticultural oil on these trap plants every few days to rid them of the pests they have collected. Incorporating trap plants in the vegetable garden will result in healthier crops and increased production. As an added bonus, flowers bring pollinators and when it comes to gardening of any type, pollination is key. Consider adding companion plants to your vegetable garden. Not only will they work hard for you, they will also add beauty to your space.

News From the Wyatt & Dolores LeFever Garden Shop

Happy Summer! Beat the heat and stop in the Garden Shop when you visit the Garden this summer.

We have an exceptional selection of rain chains and wind chimes, beautiful solar and LED lanterns for the deck or patio, summer flags, succulent arrangements and more! Local honey, soaps, jewelry, notecards, and pottery are also available.

Garden Shop Hours

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 10:00am - 4:00pm*

Wednesdays, 12:00pm - 4:00pm*

Saturday, July 16, 10:00am - 2:00pm

CLOSED Mondays

*Hours subject to change





Host Your Event at the Garden

BY DIANA DAY, FACILITY RENTAL COORDINATOR



Did you know Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden is a beautiful public garden that offers special event rentals? The Garden's Carriage House has been designed to accommodate a full range of events, from business meetings and nonprofit events to rehearsal dinners, weddings & receptions, birthday parties, and more.

Our goal for hosting special events at the Garden is to provide a magnificent garden surrounding and a lovely facility. We accommodate a full range of events with stunning gardens, spacious Ballroom, adjoining Patio Terrace, and Conference Room. Host an indoor event that brings the outdoors inside.

Inquire online by visiting www.cienerbotanicalgarden.org or call 336-996-7888 and ask to speak with Diana Day, Facility Rental Coordinator, to schedule an appointment to tour the facilities at the Garden.



Garden Fun All Summer Long

BY KRISTIN HENNIG, PROGRAMS OFFICER



It might be summer, but the Garden is not on summer vacation. The calendar is packed with programs, activities, and events for all ages. Storytime in the Garden and Kindermusik with Carol Penney continue this summer for our youngest friends, and Discovery Camp is back for its second year (registration for 2022 is full). We've partnered with a/perture cinema to bring the Brooke Cashion & Associates Movies on the Lawn series to the Garden, and the Triad Craft & Art Guild, formerly Twin City Artisans, will once again be hosting their "Artisans in the Garden" craft show on July 15 & 16. This show is 100% indoors and a perfect escape from the July heat. Director's Tours with Adrienne and Lunch & Learns continue this summer, and Josh is even leading a hands-on workshop all about maintaining your garden hand tools.



I am especially excited to welcome Mona King, an artist and interior designer from Winston Salem who specializes in biophilic design, to the Garden on August 15. You might not be familiar with the terms biophilia or biophilic design, but you most likely already have biophilic design elements inside your home. The simplest definition of biophilia is 'a love of nature' and biophilic design incorporates nature into our built environment. Mona will not only be talking about the benefits of biophilic design to our health/well-being and sharing ways you can incorporate nature into your home and office, she will also be introducing her new Living Aura DIY frames! This is a talk you don't want to miss.

Check out the upcoming events for more information about all these programs.



Upcoming Events

For more information or to register for our events, visit our website, www.cienerbotanicalgarden.org or call 336-996-7888.

Garden Hand Tool Maintenance and Repair

Thursday, July 7, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

\$25 / \$20PJCBG members

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Proper care and maintenance of your garden hand tools prolongs their life and keeps them in good working order. Both everyday tasks and seasonal tasks are essential to making sure your tools are clean, sharp, and ready for use. Join Josh Williams, Garden Manager, for a demonstration and hands-on workshop all about daily and seasonal maintenance of your garden hand tools. Learn how to properly clean, hone, sharpen, and oil your tools, and more. You should bring 1-2 of your own hand tools (pruners, loppers, shovels, axes, etc.), please no power tools. You will practice maintenance tasks on your own tools, with guidance and support from Josh, and leave the workshop with cleaned and sharpened tools. Oil, rags, steel wool, and sharpeners/files will be provided.

Storytime in the Garden

Tuesday, July 12, 10:00am - 11:00am

Tuesday, August 9, 10:00am - 11:00am

Tuesday, September 13, 10:00am - 11:00am

RSVP HERE



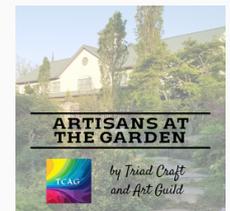
We've partnered with the Kernersville Library to bring storytime to the Garden. Bring a blanket and join us on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00am for stories, songs, and activities. FREE, recommended for ages 6 and under.

Artisans at the Garden

Friday, July 15, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Saturday, July 16, 10:00am - 2:00pm

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The Triad Craft and Art Guild returns to Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden to host Artisans in the Garden. The exhibition and sale will showcase the work of local contemporary artists and craftspeople featuring the works of diverse artists from around North Carolina. All work is crafted by hand. Craft show is free to attend and all booths are set up inside. Beat the heat this July and support local artists!

Kindermusik Playdate with Carol Penney

Monday, July 18, 10:30am - 11:30am

Monday, August 22, 10:30am - 11:30am

REGISTER HERE



Join us at the Garden for a Kindermusik Playdate with Carol Penney! Grown-ups and children from infants to 6-year-olds will have loads of fun together singing, dancing, playing instruments, and listening to a story. Taught by Master Kindermusik Educator, Carol Penney. FREE, recommended for ages 6 and under. Limited to 18 families, advance registration required.



Upcoming Events ... Cont'd

Lunch & Learn Conversations: Gardening For Birds

Tuesday, July 19, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

\$5 / Free PJCBG members

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If you plant it, they will come. Learn how to create a bird-friendly garden with your plantings. Join Dennis Burnette, from the T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society, as he shares how to attract birds to your garden. Though not the sole focus of the talk, special attention will be given to attracting birds with native plants.

Brooke Cashion & Associates Movie on the Lawn: Minari

Thursday, July 21, Sunset

\$5.50 / Free PJCBG members

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a/perture cinema is bringing the 'big screen' to the Garden! Bring a blanket or lawn chair and join us for a screening of Minari. Gates open at 7pm, movie starts at sunset. Food and beverages will be available for purchase on site. Minari (2020) - A tender and sweeping story about what roots us, Minari follows a Korean-American family that moves to an Arkansas farm in search of their own American Dream. The family home changes completely with the arrival of their sly, foul-mouthed, but incredibly loving grandmother. Amidst the instability and challenges of this new life in the rugged Ozarks, Minari shows the undeniable resilience of family and what really makes a home.

Director's Tour: Shade Loving Plants in the Japanese Garden Vignette

Wednesday, July 27, 10:00am - 11:00am

\$10 / \$7 PJCBG members

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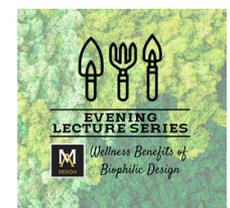
Explore Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden from the Director's point of view. Adrienne Roethling, Director, will select a new topic each month and take you on a unique tour of the Garden. Beat the heat this month and find shade loving plants in the Japanese Garden Vignette. Join Adrienne for a tour of the Japanese Garden Vignette. Highlights will include Japanese maples, hydrangeas, and more!

Wellness Benefits of Biophilic Design

Monday, August 15, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

\$7 / \$5 PJCBG members

REGISTER HERE



Nature's design principles are all around us. The term Biophilia has become mainstream in the built environment of Design + Architecture. The term was made popular by psychologist and philosopher Erich Fromm, and later popularized by renowned biologist E.O. Wilson in his 1984 book, "Biophilia." It means "love of life," referring to humans' instinctive fondness for plants and animals. Mona King, Founder and Chief Creative Cultivator of Mona + Associates Design, LLC, will introduce the concept of Biophilia in the home and workplace. Learn some of the benefits to our mental, emotional, creative, and physical health that are achieved by intentionally adopting biophilic principles.



Upcoming Events ... Cont'd

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 16, 12:00pm - 4:30pm

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Roll up your sleeves and help save lives! It's not too late to be a part of something big this summer. As we flip the calendar to August, there's no time to wait - patients are trusting blood and platelet donors to ensure lifesaving care is ready as soon as it's needed. Each pint of blood we collect can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. To schedule an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org.

Brooke Cashion & Associates Movie on the Lawn: Being There

Thursday, August 18, Sunset

\$5.50 / Free PJCBG members

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a/perture cinema is bringing the 'big screen' to the Garden! Bring a blanket or lawn chair and join us for a screening of *Minari*. Gates open at 7pm, movie starts at sunset. Food and beverages will be available for purchase on site. *Being There* (1979) - Simple-minded Chance (Peter Sellers), a gardener who has resided in the Washington, D.C., townhouse of his wealthy employer for his entire life and been educated only by television, is forced to vacate his home when his boss dies. While wandering the streets, he encounters business mogul Ben Rand (Melvyn Douglas), who assumes Chance to be a fellow upper-class gentleman. Soon Chance is ushered into high society, and his unaffected gardening wisdom makes him the talk of the town.

Lunch & Learn Conversations: Cold Hardy Tropical Plants

Thursday, August 25, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

\$5 / Free PJCBG members

REGISTER HERE



North Carolina is far from the tropics, but you can bring elements of the tropics to your garden. How? By selecting cold hardy tropical plants that can thrive in zone 7b. Join Adrienne Roethling, Director, as she shares which tropical plants can do well in our region and offers tips on caring for these plants. PJCBG's very own tropical garden will serve as a case study for this lunch and learn.

Director's Tour: Exploring the Tropical Garden

Wednesday, August 31, 10:00am - 11:00am

\$10 / \$7 PJCBG members

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Explore Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden from the Director's point of view. Adrienne Roethling, Director, will select a new topic each month and take you on a unique tour of the Garden. The Tropical Garden has been a fixture at PJCBG since 2008, when it was designed / installed to improve the look of the construction site and mobile office trailer. Dormant during the winter months, this garden space is lush by the end of summer. Explore the Tropical Garden with Adrienne this month. See tropical plants such as Musa 'Black Thai' -hardy banana and *Traachycarpus fortunei* -windmill palm, and learn how we care for this garden space during different times of the year.



Upcoming Events ... Cont'd

Lunch & Learn Conversations: Pruning Without Fear

Tuesday, September 20, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

\$5 / Free PJCBG members

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Pruning doesn't have to be a daunting task, especially if you understand the factors that affect plant behavior. Josh Williams, Garden Manager, will share the basics of plant science and pruning techniques. Learn tips, tricks, and best practices for pruning and maintaining plant health. This is sure to be an engaging and informative presentation.

Director's Tour: The Trees of PJCBG

Wednesday, September 28, 10:00am - 11:00am

\$10 / \$7 PJCBG members

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Explore Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden from the Director's point of view. Adrienne Roethling, Director, will select a new topic each month and take you on a unique tour of the Garden. There are 200+ species of trees in the Garden's collection. From springtime blooms to fall colors and interesting bark, trees offer interest in the Garden throughout the year. Look to the canopy this month, as Adrienne takes you on a tree walk through the Garden. See the redbuds, Japanese maples, ginkgos (and more!), and learn about the variety of pruning techniques being used to train trees in different areas of the Garden. Along the way, you might even pick up a few basic principles of tree identification.

Brooke Cashion & Associates Movie on the Lawn: A Little Chaos

Thursday, September 29, Sunset

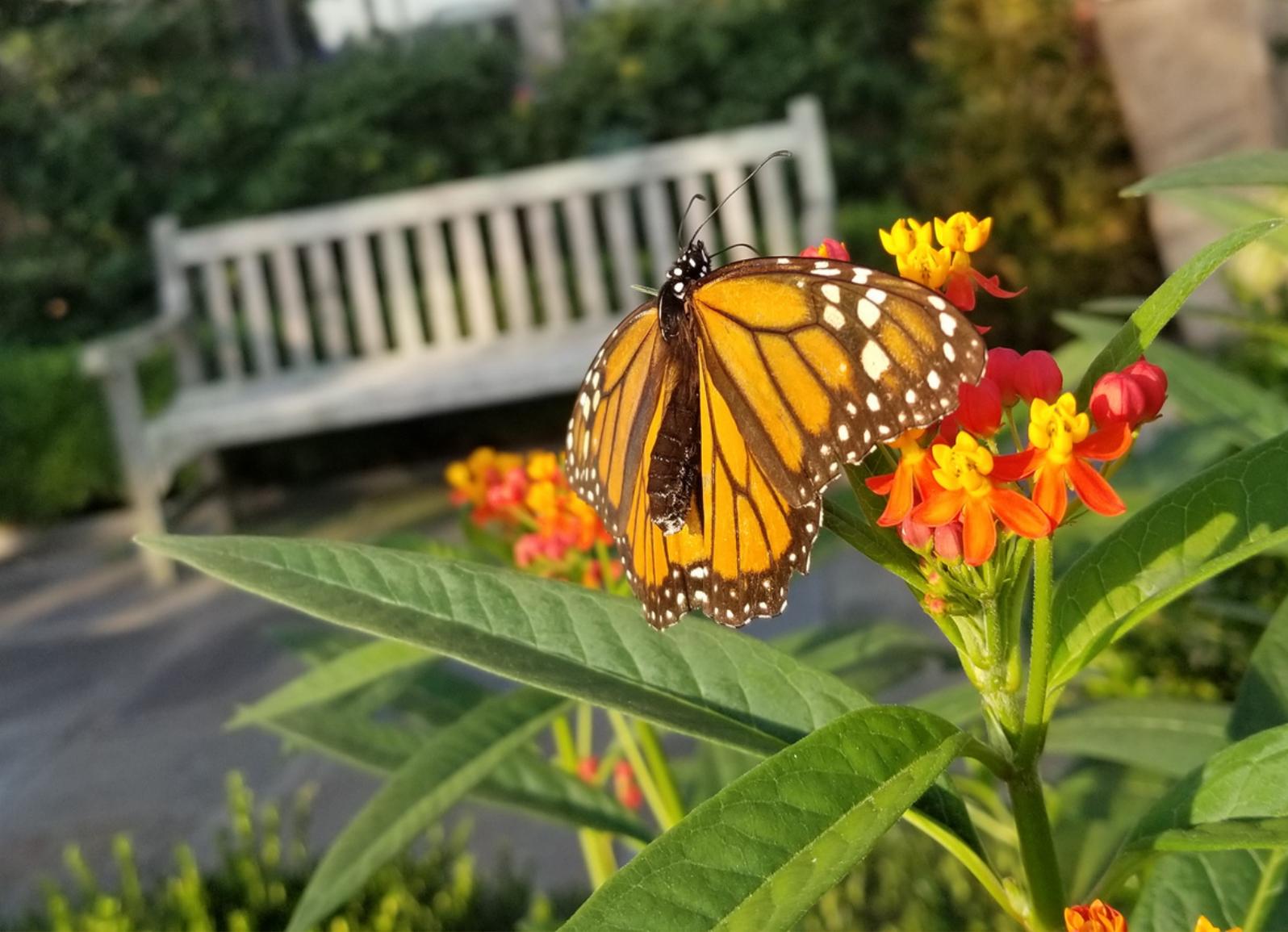
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