

**Lombard Garden Club  
Video Project: Pollinators  
Application for GCI Award #82**

**1. New Project: Yes\_\_ NoX\_ Beginning Date: 7/1/2020 Completion Date: Ongoing**

**2. Brief Summary and Objectives of Project.**

The Lombard Garden Club's Conservation Committee sets goals each year to educate club members and the public about pollinators and the need to sustain their populations. To that end, **a series of videos and informational shorts** were created to be shown on Facebook and YouTube. We began a series of still photos highlighting different local butterflies and their preferred habitats each week. We hope to encourage gardeners to plant with these preferred breeding and feeding plants in mind.

The videos and informational spots are intended to inspire others to garden, learn about the importance of pollinators, and to promote our club.

We celebrated Pollinator Month in June with a month-long series of videos and photographs on Facebook. Some of these are attached with links to Facebook and/or YouTube. Photographs of our **The Butterfly Gardener** series are also attached

**3. & 5. Involvement of Club Members, other organizations, etc. & Continuing Involvement, Follow-up, Maintenance**

All our members are encouraged to participate in taking photographs and in sharing ideas.

We plan to keep expanding our educational outreach beyond Lombard to the surrounding area. The Publicity and Marketing Committee oversees the media programming and is committed to continuing the video outreach program on social media. The entire Lombard Garden Club has always made it a priority to include all members in our programs in many different capacities. The video programs are a great way to accomplish this priority.

**4. Project Expenses and means of funding**

The Lombard Garden Club's inhouse videos are done on a strictly volunteer basis and the LGC has no out-of-pocket expenses for this project. The many in-kind hours spent on these videos are happily contributed by the Executive Board, the Committees, and the Lombard Garden Club's General Membership.

## Sample Video Links to Facebook and/or YouTube:

Beautiful Moths and Butterflies <https://youtu.be/QyDKmJkY8Ac>

Wild World Pollinators <https://youtu.be/jMozjYf2QR4>

June is National Pollinator Month <https://youtu.be/cV8MS1Sifdg>

Peck Homestead Gardens in Summer <https://youtu.be/1GOJg0RYU18>

Monarch Waystation <https://youtu.be/Sc8GCrIUBGc>

Peck Homestead Garden in Autumn <https://fb.watch/8X-eTHgU6g/>

## The Butterfly Gardener

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Clouded Sulphur butterfly is found across the nation with the exceptions of Florida, Texas and California. It prefers the flowers of aster, goldenrod, phlox, verbena, lead plant and clover. Clover, alfalfa, wild indigo, lead plant and aster are preferred hosts to their caterpillars.

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Gray Hairstreak butterfly is found coast to coast and prefers the flower of goldenrod, milkweed, butterfly weed, aster, hollyhock, clover and winter cress. Hibiscus, clover, mallow, achillea, and vetch are preferred host plants for the caterpillars.

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Fiery Skipper is found in the Midwest, Southeast, Desert Southwest and California. Fiery Skipper prefers the flower of statice, aster, lantana, achillea, marigold and ironweed. Bermuda grass and crabgrass are preferred hosts to their caterpillars.

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Variegated Fritillary is found in the Midwest and High Plains, as well as the Southeast, Desert Southwest and New England. It prefers the flower of butterfly weed, clover, shepherd's needle and milkweed. Violets, passion vine and stonecrop are preferred hosts for their caterpillars.

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Pearl Crescent is found across the nation except in the Pacific Coast area. It prefers the flower of thistle, aster, black-eyed susan, verbena, butterfly bush, coreopsis and gloriosa daisy. Aster is a preferred host to their caterpillars.

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Painted Lady butterflies are found across the nation. The Painted Lady prefers the flower of aster, agastache, scabiosa, cosmos, cornflower, sunflower, malva, lead plant, thistle, hollyhock and buttonbush. Thistle, mallow and hollyhock are preferred host to their caterpillars.

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American Small Copper is a common Midwest butterfly, found also in New England. American Small Copper prefers the flower of butterfly weed, coreopsis, goldenrod, yarrow and buttercup. Sheep sorrel and curled dock are preferred hosts to their caterpillars.

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Buckeye is found coast to coast except in the High Plains. Buckeye prefers the flowers of aster, agastache, cornflower, coreopsis, knapweed, bugloss, malva and chicory. Plantain, snapdragon and toadflax are preferred hosts for their caterpillars.

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The Black Swallowtail is found not only in the Midwest but also the Southeast, Desert Southwest and New England. The Black Swallowtail prefers the flowers of the Butterfly weed, butterfly bush, summersweet clethra, scabiosa, lantana, aster, verbena, phlox, clover and thistle. Carrots, parsley, dill and celery are preferred hosts to their caterpillars.

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European Cabbage Butterfly is found from coast to coast. It prefers the flower of lantana, nasturtium, impatiens, marigold, mint and dandelion. Cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, radish and nasturtium are preferred hosts to their caterpillars.