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EASTBLUFF TO CELEBRATE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF BLUE HERON PARK'S BUTTERFLY GARDEN

April 4, 2024, Newport Beach CA - Newport's Eastbluff community invites guests to "LET'S CELEBRATE BUTTERFLIES", a First Anniversary party of their Butterfly Garden in Blue Heron Park, on Saturday, April 27, from 10:00 am to noon.

It's time to expand, adding butterfly attractive plants in more areas of Blue Heron Park, and to introduce them to back yards in the community.

Last year, Newport Beach's Eastbluff community partnered with the nonprofit Pollinator Protection Fund to plant California native plants in Blue Heron Park to combat the decline in native butterflies, monarchs and other pollinators. Buckwheat, lilac verbena, milkweed, sun drops and seaside daisies grew all year, forming an oasis for a variety of butterflies, moths and birds. Eastbluff is now expanding the garden, adding more plants, including salvias, native strawberries, and mallows.

The community is invited to attend the "Let's Celebrate Butterflies" Party to view the thriving garden and learn more about the importance of pollinators in our environment. Cookies and snacks will be donated by Champagnes Kitchen. Laura and Michael Ford of the Pollinator Protection Fund will be available to provide tips on how to attract butterflies to your own yard.

The Tree of Life Nursery, which supplied many plants for the garden, will sell native plants. Sokugarden will offer for purchase natural body care products and culinary items made with herbs and organic beeswax. Cocoa and Stardust will be selling sourdough bread, cookies, pastries, seasoning salts, herbal teas, sourdough starter, dried herbs, and other tidbits. Their eye-catching creations are made with natural ingredients without scrimping on the flavor.



The Irvine Ranch Conservancy and Environmental Nature Center representatives will describe the facilities they offer for the exploration of native habitats. Plus, free crafts will be available for children.

Donations are encouraged to help build a butterfly garden at Davis Magnet School, part of the Newport Mesa School District. The Davis school garden was neglected during the Covid 19 school closure. Expanding the school garden provides a wonderful educational opportunity for children to learn how they can help improve the environment. The Newport Balboa Rotary Club sponsors the Davis Magnet School butterfly garden and will be assisting in the celebration event.

Bring a blanket or chair to enjoy the morning. Blue Heron Park is located at 2615 Basswood Street, in the Eastbluff Community of Newport Beach.

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