

## 2017 Monarch Trail Milestones

It's that time of year to reflect on how far we've come. You, our volunteers and monarch followers, have helped make it possible to complete our restoration on the western side of the Monarch Trail and continue to expand the habitat in the areas surrounding the roost sites.

This year began with our April Fund Raiser, which took place in the Historic Eschweiler Building on the Echelon grounds. This venue was not only a milestone for us but it was also an extremely successful event.

Funds raised allowed us to complete our 2-year match-grant Project: "**Monarch Habitat Enhancing Waterways**" [See Link Below](#)

The Fund for Lake Michigan and Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District provided half of the funds needed for this major restoration project.



This essentially allowed us to do 7 years of work in 2 years. We are extremely thankful to the Fund for Lake Michigan and MMSD for their incredible support and all of you who provided the matching funds and in-kind volunteer work.



# Our Annual Events-In Pictures

June 4, 2017 ~ Annual Plant Sale and Educational Displays



June 25, 2017 ~  
Volunteer  
Planting Party



August 27, 2017 ~ Annual Migration Celebration  
Educational Displays, Guided Tours, Entertainment



September 17, 2017 ~ Educational  
Bug Day at Wehr Nature Center

October 29, 2017 ~  
Milkweed Seed Processing

## 2017 Educational Presentations and Tours:

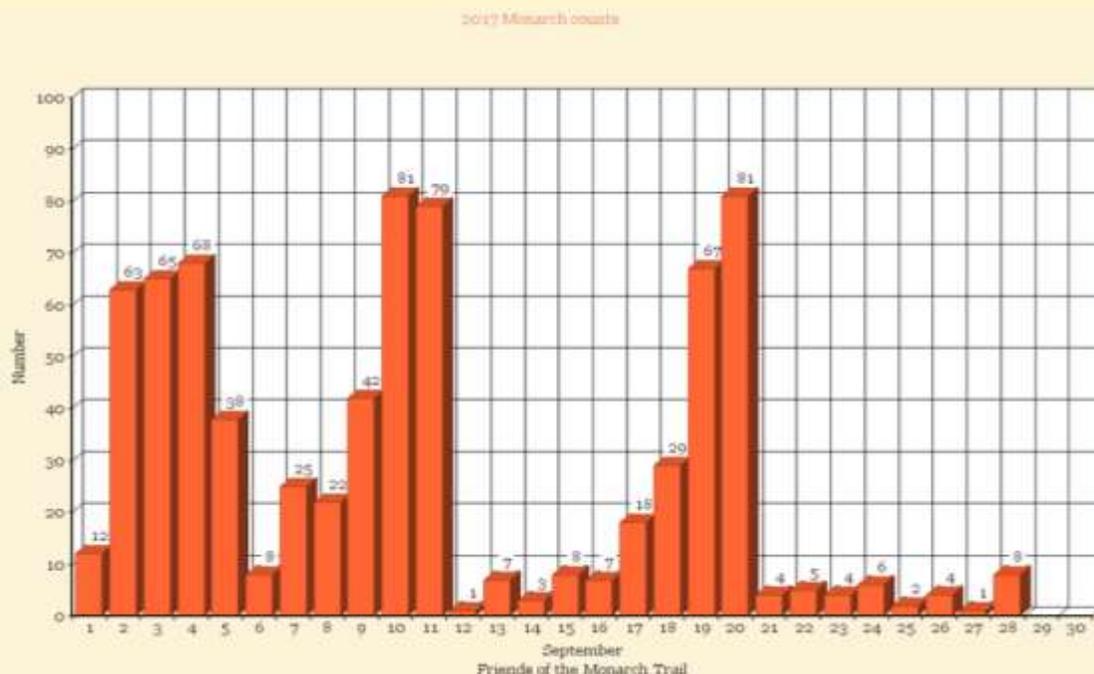
- Presentation at Annual Spring Conference ~ WIASLA ~ American Society of Landscape Architects, March
- Presentation to the Wild Ones, March
- Guided Tour for the Wild Ones, August
- Guided Tour for the Kettle Moraine Garden Club, September
- Guided Tour for the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, September
- Three Guided Tours for attendees of our Migration Celebration, August
- Annual appearance at Wehr Nature Center's Bug Day, September

The 2017 Migration on the Monarch Trail was atypical at best. This year's migration was stalled across the Midwest.

*Misplaced monarchs: Clusters of butterflies stuck up north-October 26<sup>th</sup> 2017*

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/science/ct-monarch-butterflies-stuck-up-north-20171026-story.html> See Link Below

We counted each day and although we didn't even come close to last years numbers, this graph shows the peak days and that these few monarchs did not stay long. The first peak is likely our local butterflies. The 2nd and 3rd peaks are groups that came through from further north. We anticipated a late peak but it was not to be. The warmth and winds sent them along other routes this year.



One of our greatest accomplishments this year was being recognized as “Friends Group of the Year” by the Park People of Milwaukee County Friends Group of the Year

[Link Below](#)

The work committee would like to thank *everyone* who continues to contribute their time, talent, dollars, and passion for the Monarchs and the land they so desperately need! As more and more development is being planned, we have shown that success in preservation requires passion, determination and hard work. Our persistence demonstrates that we understand the importance of saving these unique places for our children and our future. We take great pride in protecting and restoring our natural world.

*Happiest of Holidays and let's make 2018 a hopeful year for the monarchs and all wildlife in need of our efforts.*

Joy,

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Please consider giving a tax-deductible contribution to help us meet this challenge.

Please go to **The Park People of Milwaukee County** <http://www.parkpeoplemke.org/> click on the “Friends Groups” tab, select donate to a Friends group, select us and follow instructions on webpage. Sincere thanks for your continued support.

Our Website: [WWW.TheMonarchTrail.org](http://WWW.TheMonarchTrail.org)

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