

We invite you to learn more about the groups that collaborated to bring you this garden – and to join us!

The **Cary Woman's Club**, first organized in 1935, is a 501(c) 3 charitable and service organization. Our mission is to promote the civic, cultural, social and educational advancement of Cary and to provide service to our community. Find out more at carywomensclub.com.

The **Cary Garden Club** was founded in 1958. Our mission is to promote the love of gardening, floral design, civic and environmental responsibility and engagement in community service. Find out more at carygardenclub.org.

The **Friends of the Page-Walker** is a passionate group of citizens who advocate for historic preservation, facilitate history education and promote the cultural arts. Our non-profit, all volunteer organization formed in 1985 as a grassroots effort to save the historic Page-Walker Hotel. Since then, we have created the Cary Heritage Museum on the third floor as well as created and maintain an educational herb garden on the grounds of what is now the Page-Walker Arts & History Center. History is an ongoing narrative, and we invite you to become a part of it. Learn more about us online at www.friendsofpagewalker.org or email info@friendsofpagewalker.org.

The **Town of Cary** has many opportunities for groups to get involved either through our green volunteer program called Spruce, through our Adopt a Spot Program that made this space possible, or through the Cary Garden for Wildlife Program. Find out more at townofcary.org and search "Garden for Wildlife" or call (919) 460-4963.

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Pollinator Garden

Page-Walker Arts & History Center

CARY, NORTH CAROLINA





Welcome to the Pollinator Garden at the Page-Walker, created and maintained through a partnership of the Cary Woman's Club, the Cary Garden Club, the Friends of Page-Walker and the Town of Cary.

What are pollinators? Butterflies, bees, birds, and more . . .

A pollinator is anything that helps carry pollen from one flower to another. The movement of pollen must occur for the plant to be fertilized and produce fruits, seeds, and young plants. Some plants self-pollinate, while others are fertilized when pollen is carried by wind or water. Other flowers are pollinated by insects and animals, such as bees, beetles, wasps, moths, butterflies, birds, flies and small mammals. Almost all of the fruits, nuts and vegetables that we eat need pollinators to produce our food.



Monarch butterfly



Pollinators need our help!

Many pollinators are in decline. They require two essential components in their habitat: somewhere to nest or lay their eggs and flowers from which to gather nectar and pollen, as food for them and their young. These components are more scarce as development increases. Native plants are the best source of food for pollinators, because plants and their pollinators have coevolved. Many varieties of garden plants also attract and are dependent on pollinating insects. Some of the plants in our garden include milkweed, goldenrod, butterfly weed, lantana, yarrow, columbine and aster.

Get to know some of our local butterflies and what their caterpillars look like so that when you encounter them in your yard you can avoid killing or removing them.

We hope you will learn and get ideas from our garden, and then consider planting a pollinator garden – even a small one – at your home to provide nectar and host plants for the pollinators that call Cary “home.”

This is part of an effort by the Town of Cary to partner with the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) to encourage residents, organizations, and schools to certify their yards and outdoor spaces as wildlife habitats. The Cary Garden for Wildlife Program shows how easy it is to support wildlife, like birds, bees, and butterflies by providing:

- Food, such as a bird feeder and nectar flowers
- Water, like a bird bath
- Cover, and places to raise young, like dense shrubs, and
- By practicing sustainable gardening practices, like using mulch to conserve water or avoiding pesticides that are hazardous to pollinators.

Each certified space will receive recognition from the NWF, and more importantly you will know that you are doing things in your outdoor spaces to keep wildlife and the environment healthy in Cary.

