To: Mary Neal, Mary Jane DuCoin, Mary Ann Abegglen

From: Leslie Perna

Date: 10/28/26

Re: October Butterfly & Conservation report

Two butterfly gardens were visited this month. Both gardens met criteria to receive FFGC Butterfly Garden Certification. A shout out/thank you to Louise Andrews for referring her dentist, Dr. Olin Tyler. Dr. Tyler's unique butterfly garden is located at his dental office on E. Ocean. Cameras are placed throughout the garden. His patients can view, in real time, a myriad of activity on T.V. while in the dental chair – from butterflies to hummingbirds, squirrels and other birds. Sharing his unusual and outstanding garden on T.V. keeps his patients calm and engaged.

The second butterfly garden is another beauty located in the Summerfield community. The property is owned and tended by Diana Mihaltse of the Tabebuia Circle. Diana's butterflies have a veritable smorgasbord of host & nectar plants to keep them fed and mating. Today we spotted several orange barred sulphurs, queens and monarchs. Diana has created a haven for butterflies, bees and other wildlife.

These two butterfly gardens will be presented with their FFGC certification in Decenber and January.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Butterfly Garden Certification & Conservation