

20th Anniversary Monarch Tagging and Release

Saturday, October 1st, 2-4 pm

The Butterfly House at

**Nathanael Greene|Close Memorial Park
2400 S Scenic Ave, Springfield, MO 65807**

Be a part of one of the most remarkable natural events on the planet! Join **Friends of the Garden** as we celebrate the **20th Anniversary of the Monarch Watch Butterfly Tagging Program**. From Springfield, a Monarch can travel about 1,600 miles to its overwintering site in Mexico.

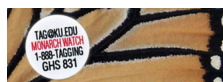
Help local experts: tag a butterfly, release it, and receive the tag code and information from **Monarch Watch** so you can track if and when the butterfly is found! This hands-on program from the University of Kansas is a unique opportunity for all ages to learn about Monarchs, their habitat, life cycle and amazing migration.

The tagging of Monarchs has been used to confirm their migration from Canada and the United States to Mexico. It helps scientists determine the pathways, or routes, Monarchs take to reach Mexico. Tagging helps to unlock the mystery of how these tiny creatures navigate mountains, forests, streams and meadows to overwinter in the same several acres as their great, great, great grandparents. Learn more at **monarchwatch.org**.



Visit the Dr. Bill Roston Butterfly House:

Open weekends 10am–6pm; Tuesday & Wednesday evenings
5 pm–dusk through season end, Sunday, October 2, 2011.
Admission is free. For more information call 417-891-1515 or
visit **friendsofthegarden.org**.



TAG YOUR OWN MONARCH