

MINUTES

Beautification Committee

Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

*Key Colony Inn Banquet Room, 700 W. Ocean Drive, Key Colony Beach, Florida &
via Zoom Conferencing.*

- 1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLLCALL:** *The Key Colony Beach Beautification Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Sandy Bachman at 10:00 am followed by Rollcall. **Present:** Dave McKeehan, Chair Sandy Bachman, Vice-Chair Pam Geronemus, Jo Corso, Sandra Glassman. **Also present:** Mayor/City Administrator Joey Raspe, Public Works Department Head Mike Guarino, Administrative Assistant Tammie Anderson, City Clerk Silvia Gransee.*

Public Attendance: 16

- 2. SWEARING IN OF NEW ALTERNATE MEMBER MARY KOHL:** *City Clerk Gransee administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed alternate member Mary Kohl.*
- 3. AGENDA ADDITIONS, CHANGES, OR DELETIONS:** *None.*

4. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

a. Tim Heitman: Butterfly Presentation

Key Colony Beach Resident Tim Heitman gave a presentation on Butterflies and presented a PowerPoint presentation with information on the life cycle of butterflies, growing and caring for Milkweed, and migration patterns. Tim Heitman answered various questions from residents after the presentation. A printout of the slides has been attached to the meeting minutes.

Chair Bachman called for a recess at 10:43 am.

The meeting reconvened at 10:50 am.

b. Donald Steamer: Water usage in our gardens: *Donald Steamer was not available to give the presentation on techniques to save water usage in gardens.*

- 5. CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:** *None.*

6. MINUTES

a. Beautification Meeting Minutes January 9th, 2024

Chair Bachman asked for any changes or corrections to the meeting minutes. There were none and Chair Bachman asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION: Motion made by Pam Geronemus to approve the minutes. Dave McKeehan seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

7. BUDGET UPDATE

- a. January Budget Report
- b. Giving Tree Report

Vice-Chair Geronemus gave the budget update for January and informed on no changes in the Giving Tree.

8. GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING UPDATES

- a. Work party updates

Chair Bachman informed on a great turnout for the work party by the Gazebo by post office and thanked the Public Works Department for help with cleaning up. Chair Bachman further suggested for the area to be a possible Milkweed location.

Dave McKeehan updated that work parties to be scheduled late February to the beginning of April and informed on the upcoming 'Hot Dogs at the Hut' event. Dave McKeehan informed to provide a work party roster and update in the future. Chair Bachman agreed with holding work parties in March and early April to have more volunteers available.

b. Ideas for a new garden by the Waterfront Park

Chair Bachman informed on information learned at Monday's Townhall meeting and for the Post Office to remain at the same place. Chair Bachman informed of prior directives on moving plants due to the building being torn down which now can be disregarded. Chair Bachman asked to concentrate on replanting the area and to formulate a plan for the area.

Dave McKeehan agreed and offered to put together a photographic plan for the garden.

Chair Bachman suggested to use some larger bromeliads and plants from other gardens at no costs.

Dave McKeehan reported for the garden not to be in bad shape and for the basic plants doing pretty well.

The Committee further discussed the need for the entrance to the city to be cleaned up on the Circle-K side. Dave McKeehan informed for this could be addressed within the first three work parties.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

a. Christmas Decorations 2024: New Purchases & Replacements

Chair Bachman reported that Public Works Department Head Mike Guarino had informed for the banners needing replacement. Chair Bachman informed to contact Brandano on cost, samples, and quotes.

Jo Corso suggested an alternate vendor for banners and informed to explore available options.

b. Discussion/Approval on purchases for the St. Patrick's Day Parade

Mary Kohl provided ideas for ordering supplies and informed on the prior years order. The Committee discussed different purchase options.

MOTION: *Motion made by Dave McKeehan to allocate \$250.00 for the purchase of St. Patrick Day's supplies per Mary Kohls suggested purchases. Sandra Glassman seconded the motion.*

DISCUSSION: *City Clerk Gransee offered to place the order through the City. The Committee agreed.*

ON THE MOTION: *Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.*

c. Discussion/Approval on the "Hot Dogs at the Hut" Event on March 2ND

Dave McKeehan informed on past years fundraising efforts and for the event being on the City Commission's agenda for approval on Thursday. Dave McKeehan further informed on volunteer involvement and for the coordination meeting being held on Saturday and every consecutive Saturday at 11:00 am at the Tiki Hut. Dave McKeehan informed that more volunteers are needed and offered the Mayor, as well as all the Commissioners, the opportunity to attend and volunteer. Mayor Raspe stated to be attending and happy to help. Dave McKeehan informed on covering all expenses for the event and to be offering the 'Gardens of Key Colony Beach' Book to help with fundraising efforts. Dave McKeehan further informed for having purchased green T-Shirts for the Committee and Volunteers. The Committee discussed the use of donations and came to a consensus to use the raised monies for the refurbishment of the City Hall garden. Dave McKeehan informed to have flyers available after the approval by the City Commission on Thursday. Jo Corso also offered to promote the event at the Garden Club Tour. The Committee discussed the time of the Garden Club Tour and 'Hot Dog in the Hut' Event. Mayor Raspe advised for the promotion of the event at the City Commission meeting.

The Committee further discussed the setting up of the event and inclusion in the Bee Line.

Chair Bachman recognized Vice-Mayor Foster to speak on prior Agenda Item 8b.: Ideas for a new garden.

Vice-Mayor Foster spoke to the Committee on the redesign of the Retention Pond. Vice-Mayor Foster informed on having walked the area in question with Public Works Department Head Mike Guarino and Engineer Jason Shepler from Mittauer Engineering to find solutions for the water runoff into 7th Street. Vice-Mayor Foster suggested the planting of reeds as natural water holders and for it being used in North Florida for being retardant to salt. Vice-Mayor Foster informed for Public Works Department Head Mike Guarino having shared information with the Committee about plants that will create a natural habitat for the area. The Vice-Mayor further suggested to look at grant possibilities and asked for the Beautification Committee to identify plants, quantities, the possibility of benches around the area, and other ideas for improvement. Vice-Mayor Foster asked for the Beautification Committee to be in charge and report back with ideas. Chair Bachman voiced support with the idea and informed to have worked with Florida Friendly Landscaping before. The Committee came to a consensus on the idea.

Dave McKeehan informed for a design having been presented six years ago which considered injections wells, mosquito control, and had elevated walkways incorporated into the design. Vice-Foster informed on the marshlands in Delaware having similar designs.

Chair Bachman informed for the Committee to take on the challenge and to report back with ideas.

There was no further discussion.

10. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL FOR UPCOMING BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

- a. February Award:** The Beautification Committee discussed the nominee for the February Award as well as considerations for March.

MOTION: Motion made by Pam Geronemus to give the February Beautification Award to 1058 W. Ocean Drive. Jo Corso seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

- b. March Award:** None.

- c. April Award:** None.

11. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 12th, 2024, 10:00 am

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Silvia Gransee

City Clerk

ADOPTED: March 12, 2024

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Monarch Butterfly Cycle of Life

T.D. Heitman

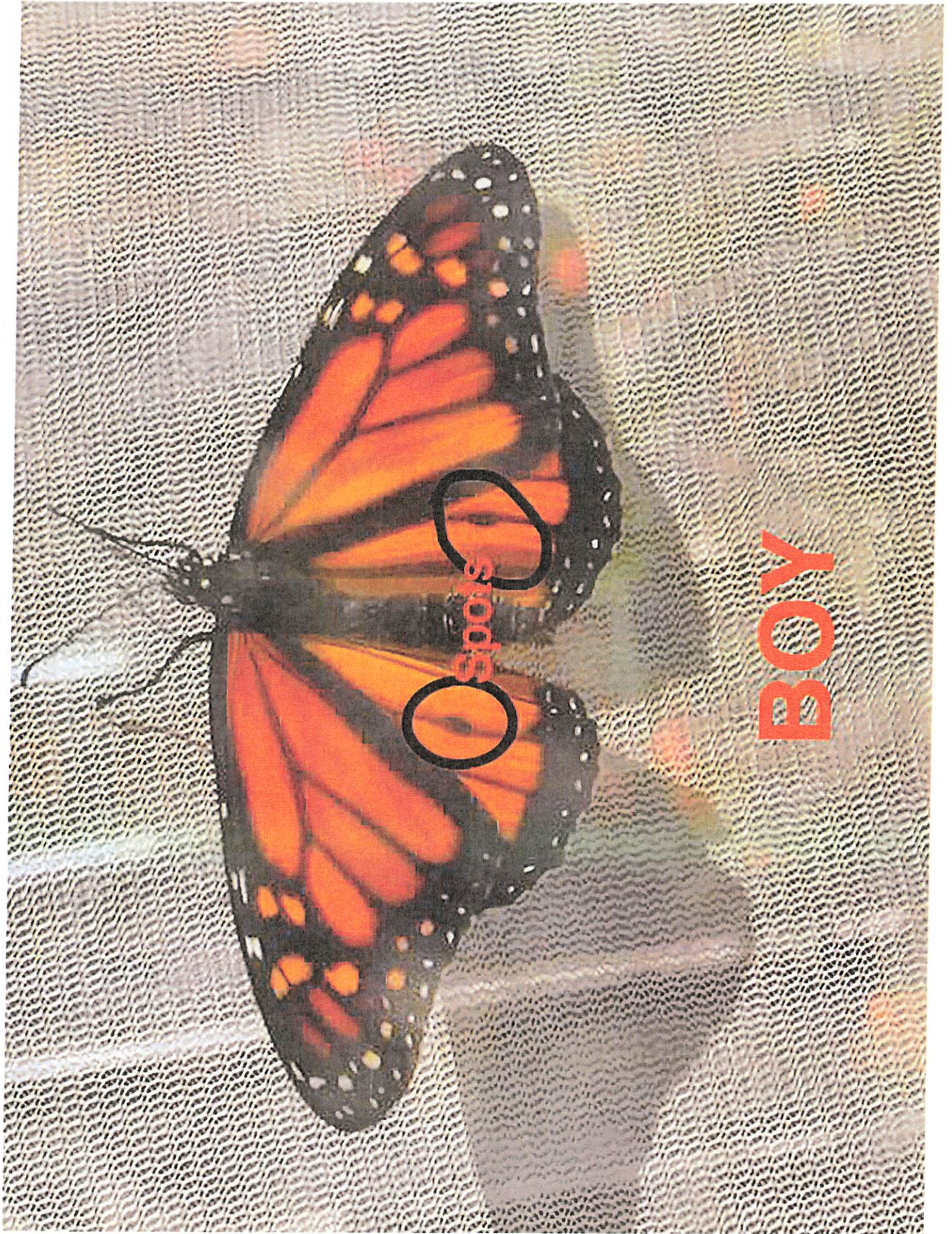
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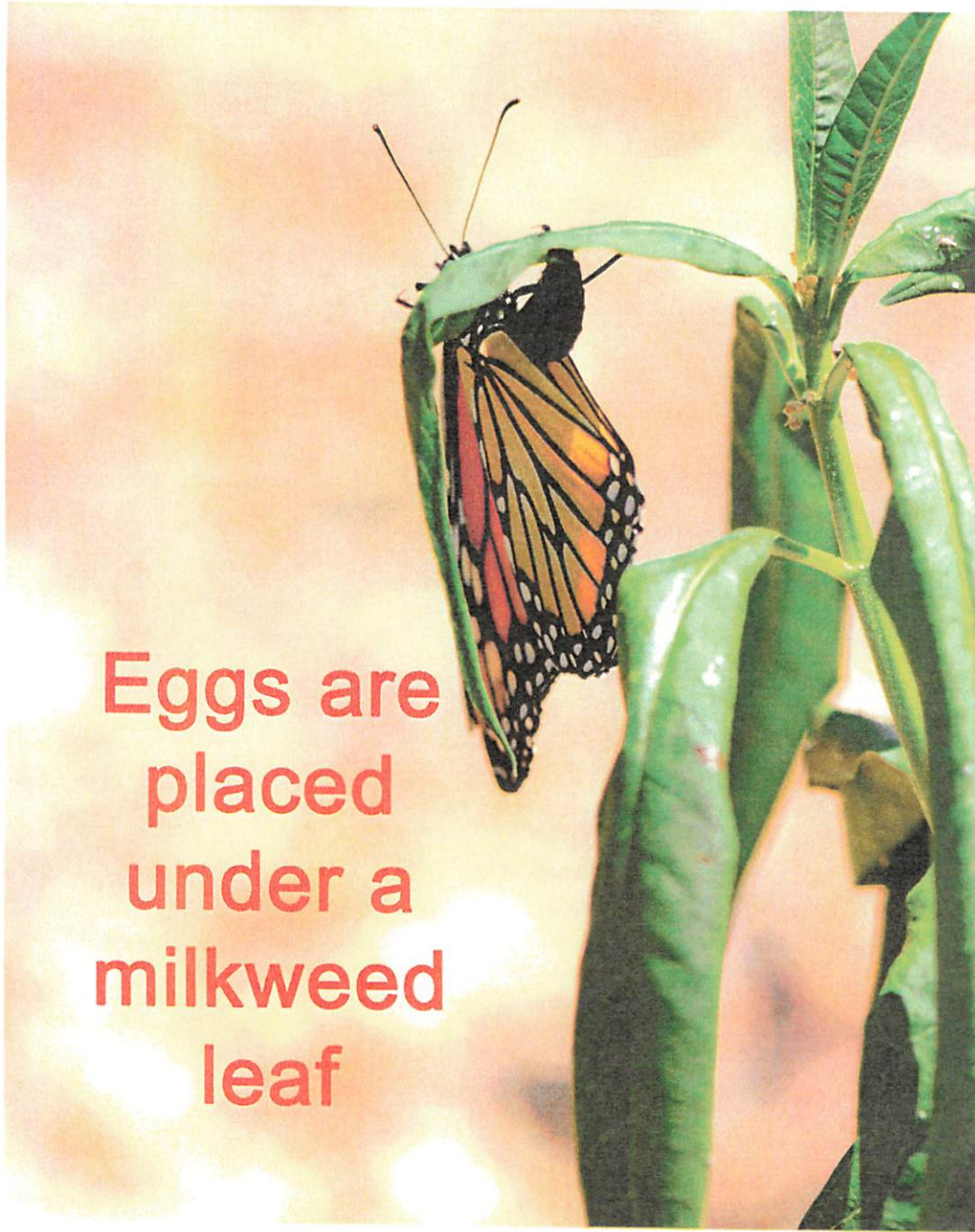
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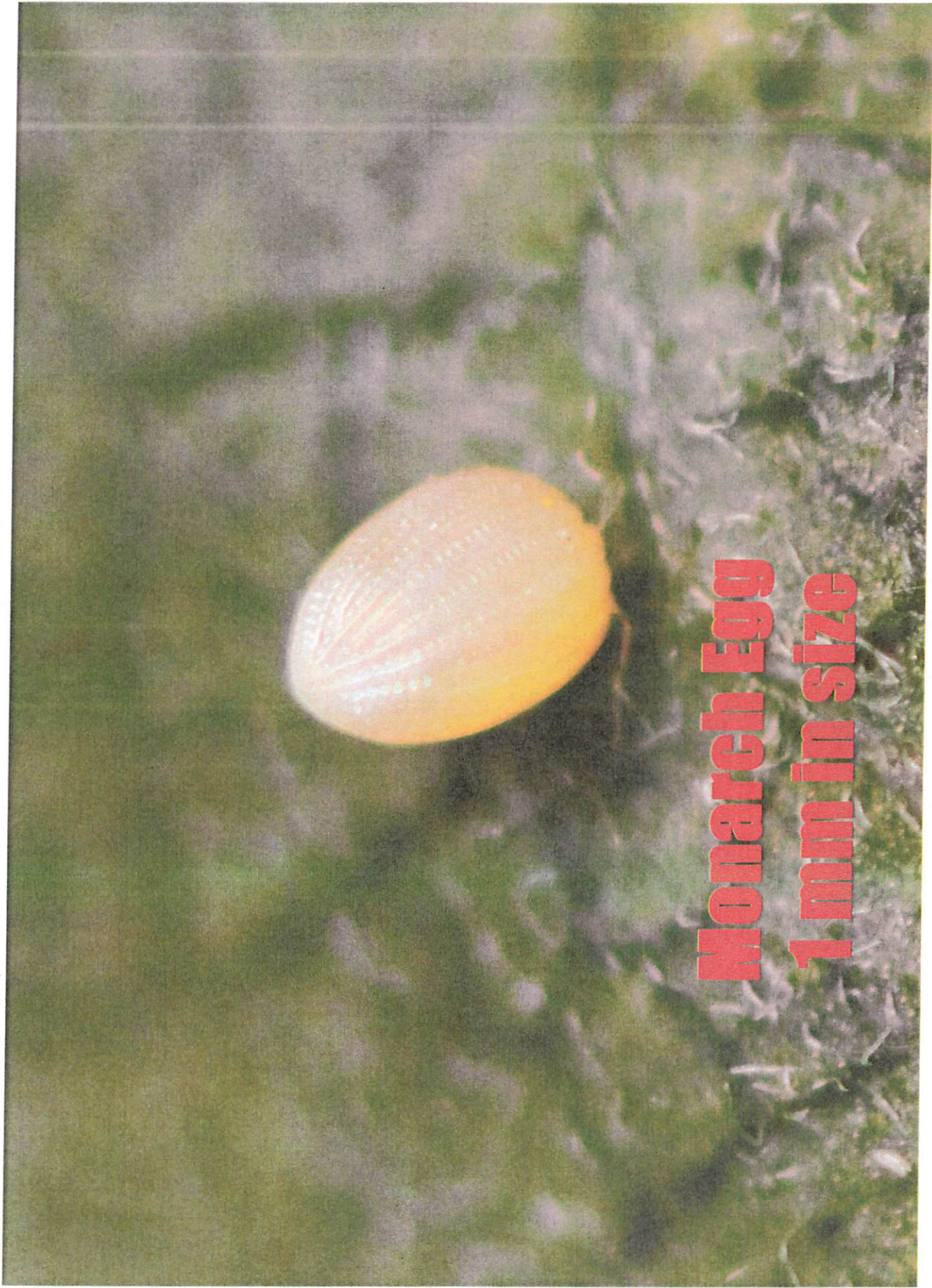


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Eggs are
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under a
milkweed
leaf

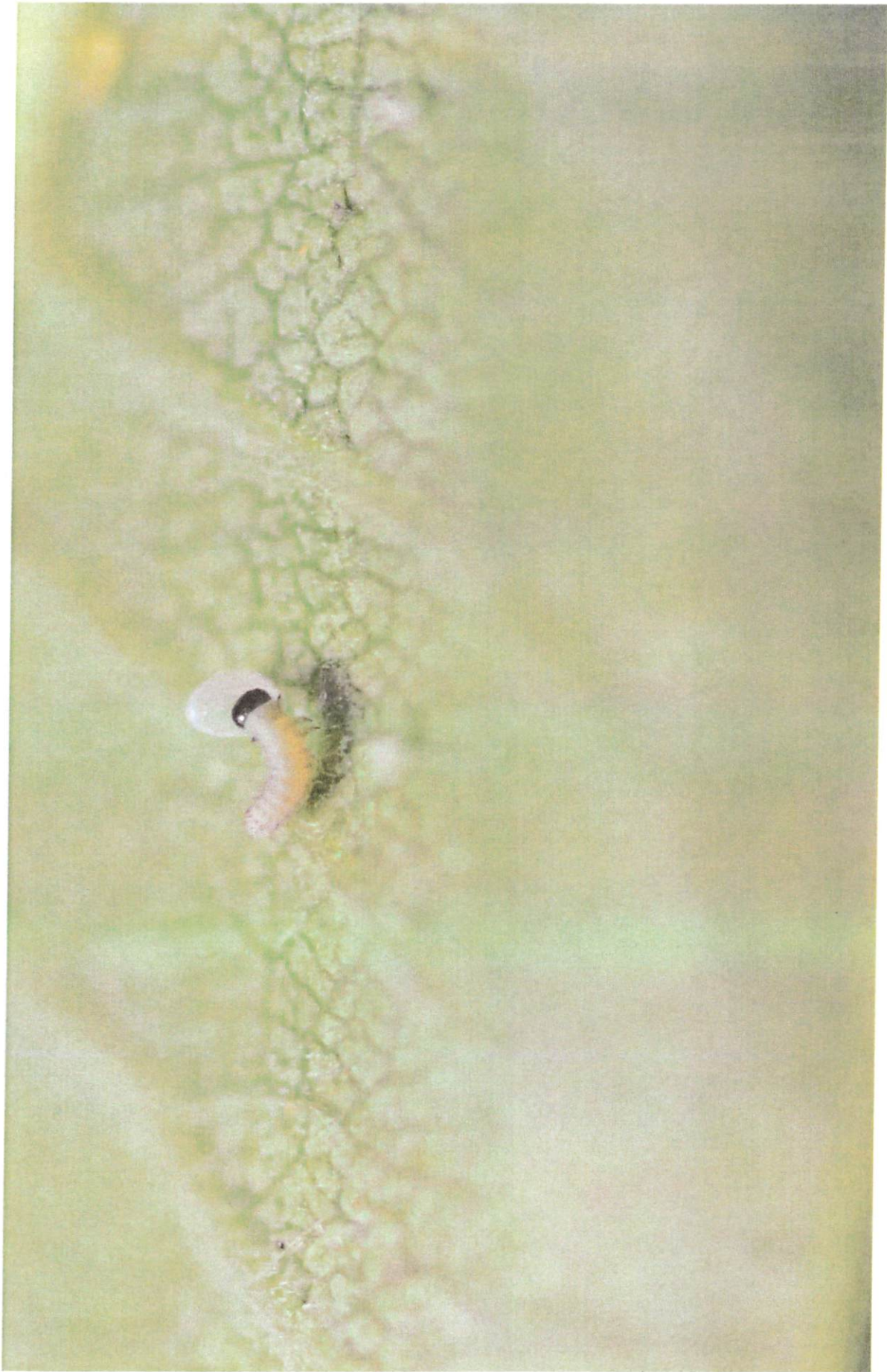




Monarch Egg
1 mm in size



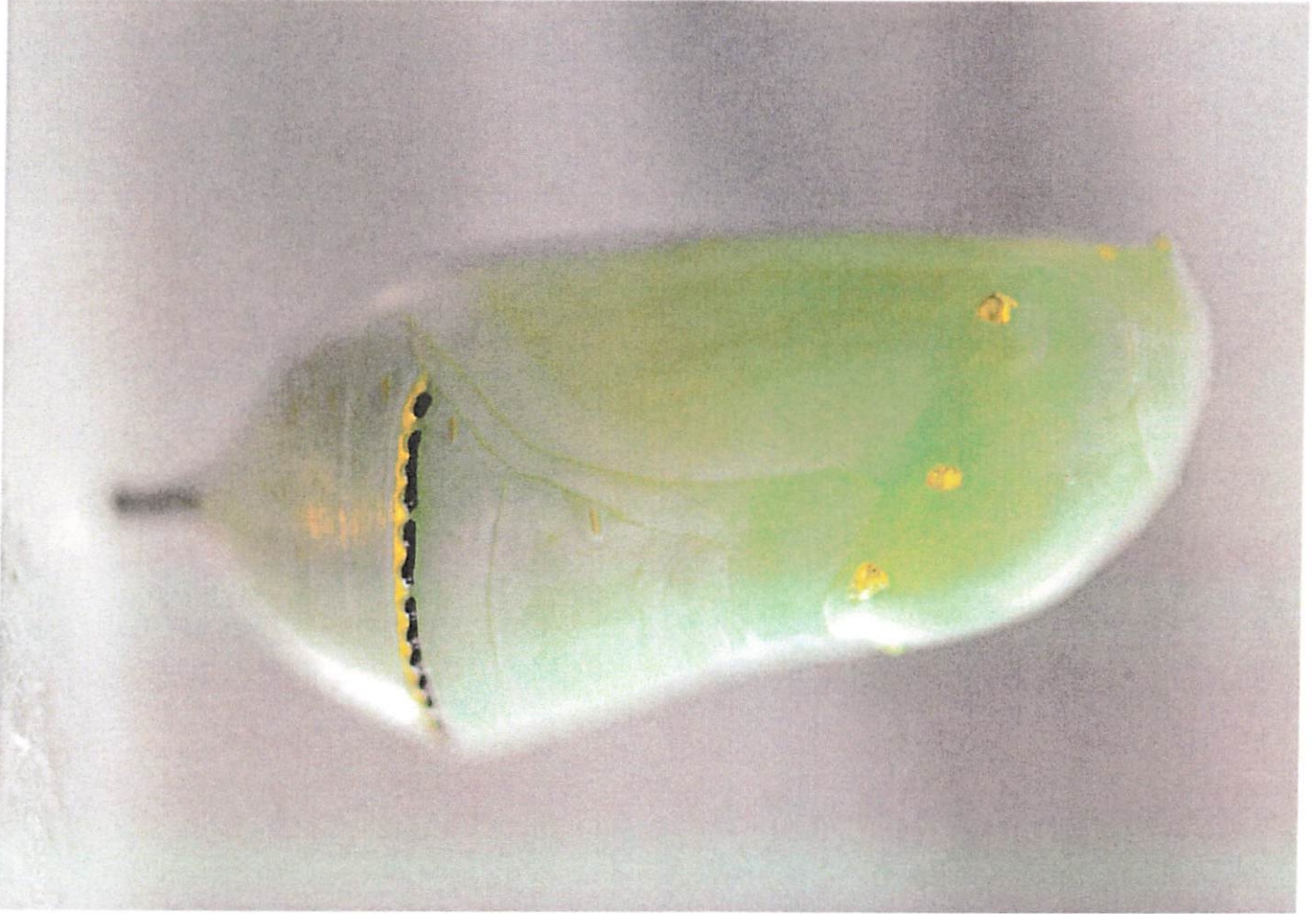
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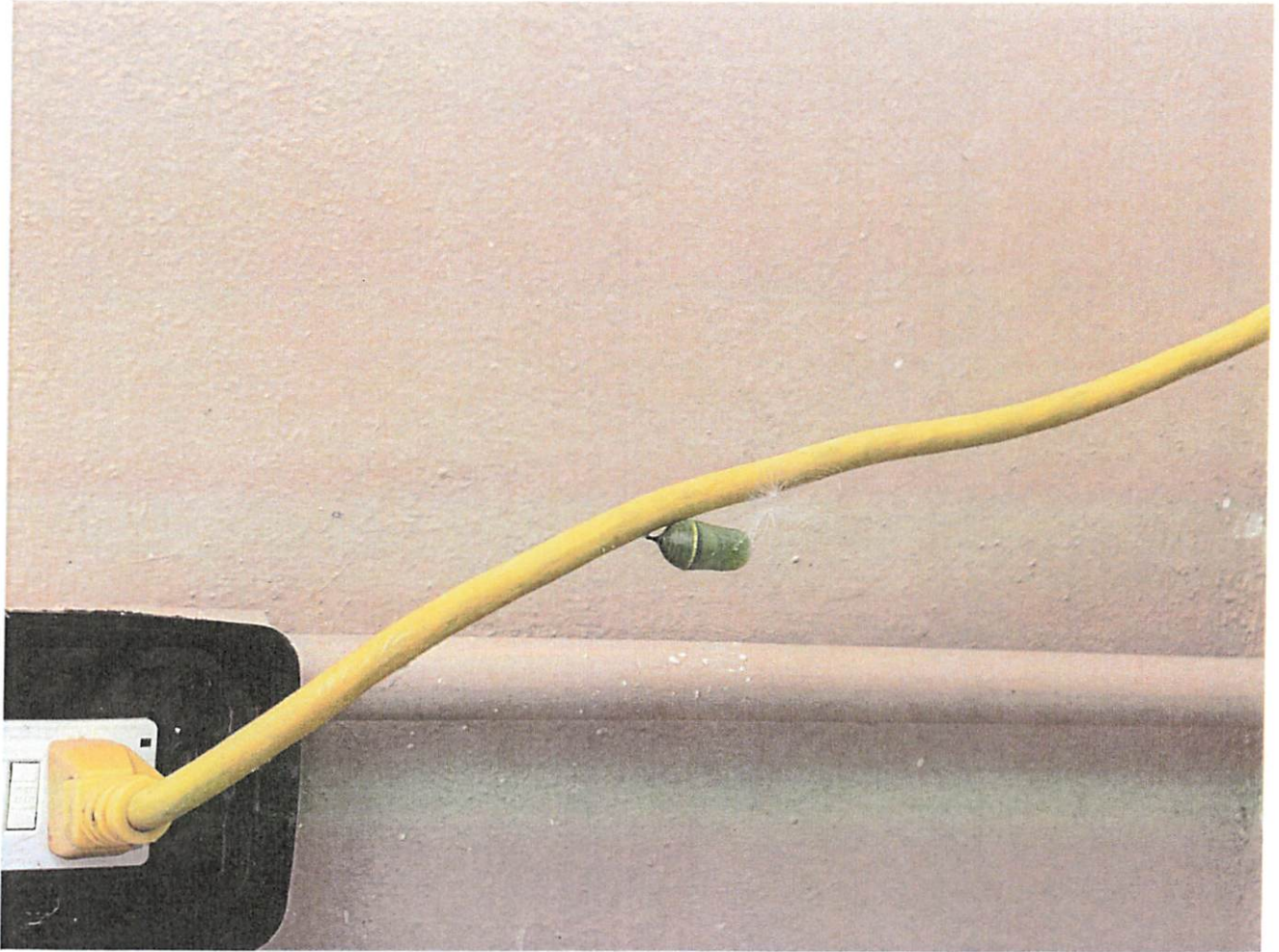






**prior to coming out
the chrysalis looks black**





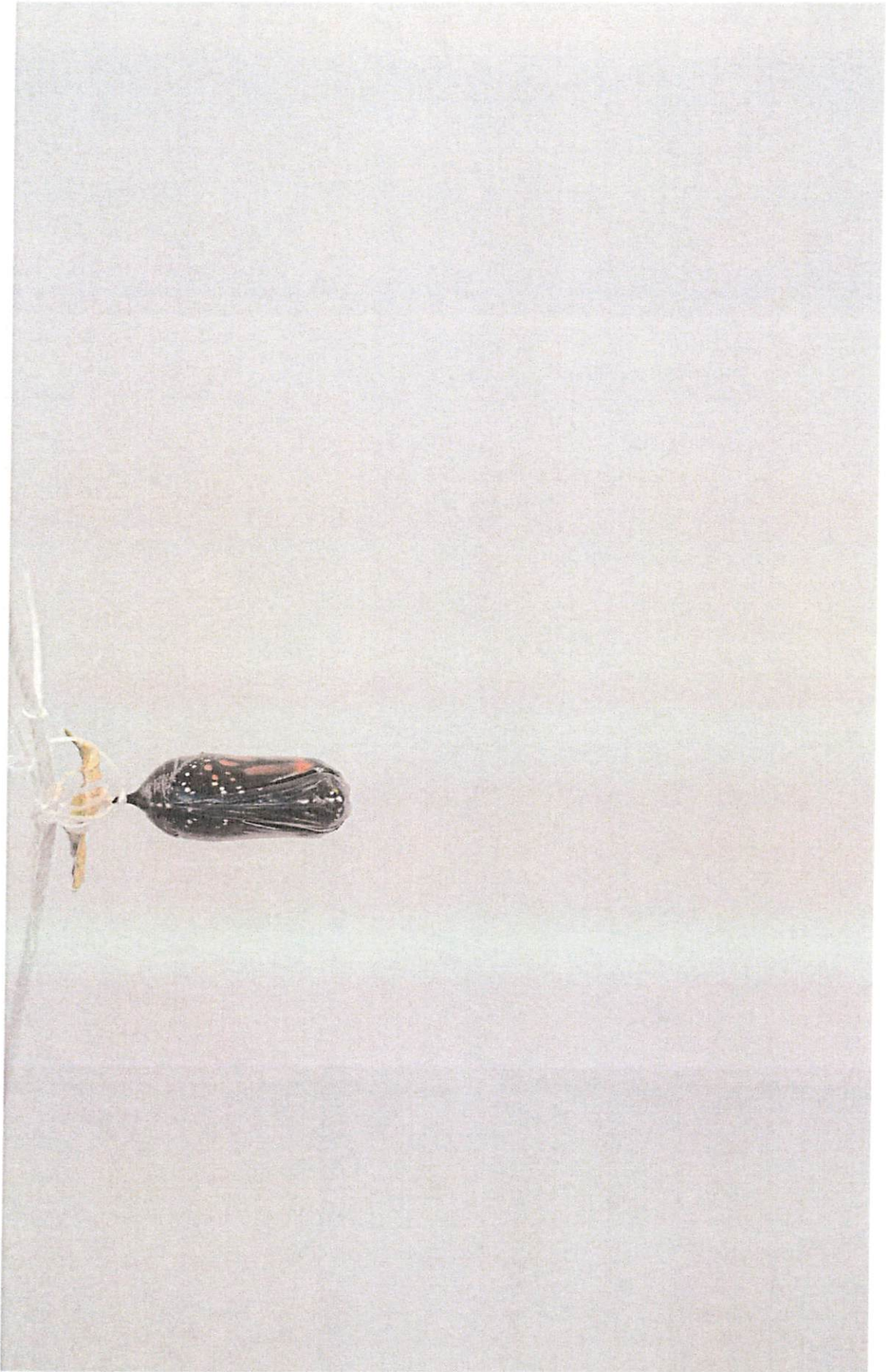












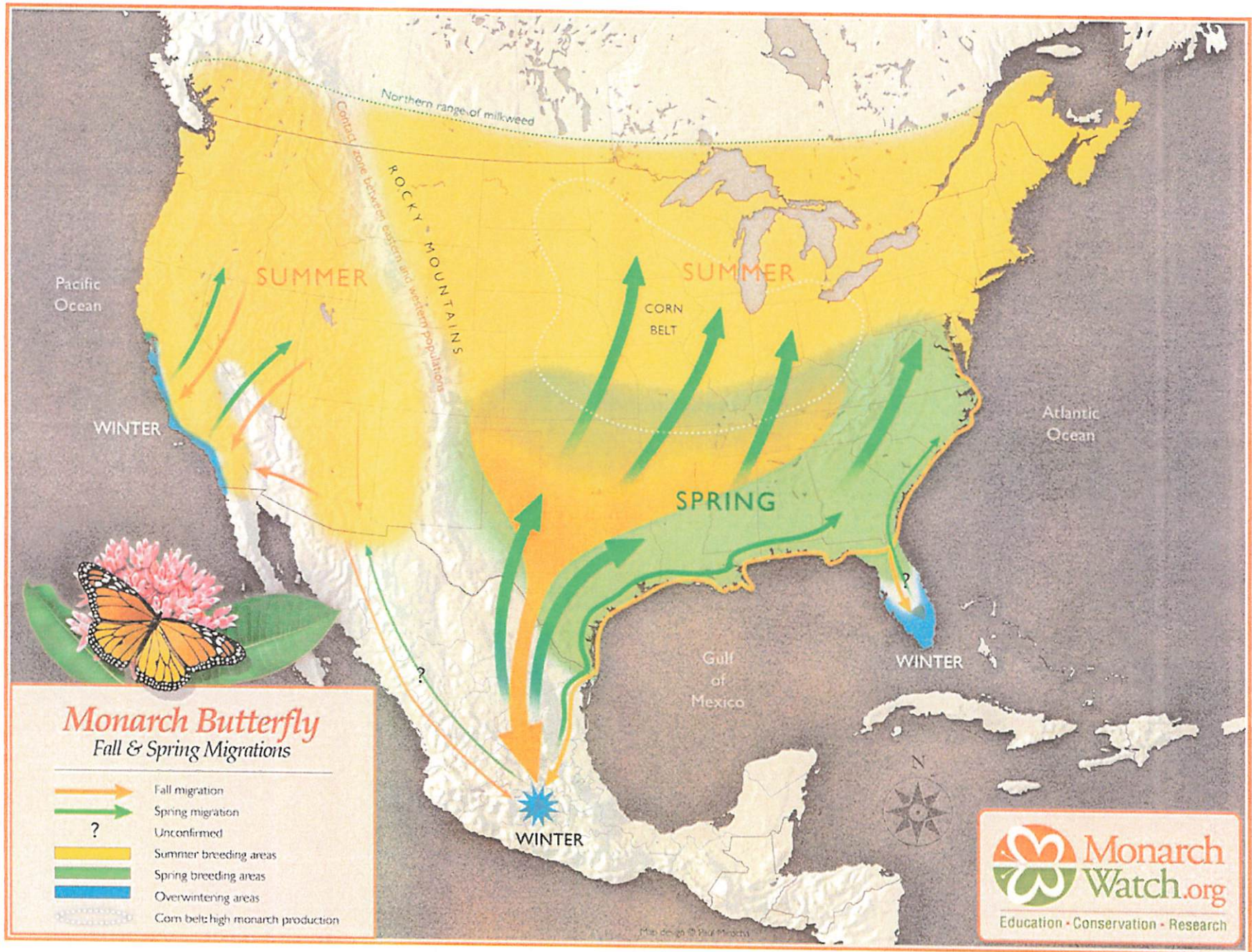
TIMELINE

- All stages are temperature dependent
warmer temps quicker
- Egg to adult total 25-50 days
 - Egg to hatch 3-8 days
 - Caterpillar to chrysalis 2-3 weeks
- Time to make chrysalis 2-3 minutes, 40 min to harden
 - Chrysalis to Butterfly- 8-17 days
- Time to come out-2 minutes, 15 to expand wings
4-6 hours to dry wings

Lifespan:

- First three generations 2-5 weeks
- Fourth generation, migrating- 9 months





A photograph of a large tree with green and yellowing leaves, with red text overlaid. The text reads: "Sept. 8 2010 Migration Stop in Whitefish Bay, Wi." The tree's branches are thick and dark, and the leaves are dense, with some showing signs of autumn. The background is a clear blue sky.

Sept. 8 2010
Migration
Stop in
Whitefish Bay, Wi.



Garden

Need Host plants where caterpillars feed-
Milkweed

Need Nectar plants where adult butterflies feed

Host plants

- Native – Butterflyweed

Pink swamp milkweed

White swamp milkweed

Non-Native

Tropical – NO

Giant Milkweed aka Crown flower

Nectar plants

- See list online but in general for the keys you want everblooming plants.
- Lantana several kinds
- Penta
- Sea Lavendar
- Peregrin