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Bexley, OH. The Friends of the Ohio Governor's Residence and Heritage Garden is pleased to announce that the Heritage Garden has officially been named a Monarch Butterfly Waystation.

The Emma and Reece Butterfly Garden was officially dedicated on October 26th. Judith Levicoff, Ohio's Butterfly Lady, gave a presentation on the importance of butterflies to the Governor Gardeners before the dedication before unveiling the plaque.

The Heritage Garden at the Governor's Residence joins about 285 sites in Ohio and over 5100 in North America and a certified and registered site that provides the basic needs of the Monarch. Sites range from small [under 200 sq. ft.] to colossal [over 5000 sq. ft.] and can be rural, urban or suburban. Many in Ohio are schools, park districts, public gardens and individual property owners.

According to their website, "Monarch Waystations are places that provide resources necessary for monarchs to produce successive generations and sustain their migration. Without milkweeds throughout their spring and summer breeding areas in North America, monarchs would not be able to produce the successive generations that culminate in their migration each fall. Similarly, without nectar from flowers these fall migratory monarch butterflies would not be able to make their long journey to overwintering grounds in Mexico. The need for host plants for larvae and energy sources for adults applies to all monarch and butterfly populations around the world."

The Heritage Garden, a collection of areas focused on the major eco systems of the state, has at least 3 kinds of milkweeds in addition to many nectar-producing plants. In its 2010 Bio Blitz thirteen different species of butterflies were identified.

The Governor's Residence and Heritage Garden in Bexley, OH is open on Tuesdays for Tour by appointment. Call 614-644-7644 for a reservation.

To learn more about Monarch Waystations Program, butterfly needs or become a site, please see: www.monarchwatch.org/waystations

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Dedication of monarch waystation in the Heritage Garden, Oct 26, 2011. Knealing: Judith lovicoff, Monarch butterfly expert, Jon for DAS sign maker, and Gov Gardeners- Mary Lewis and Hoe Taft directors.

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