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Monarchs and Great Spangled Fritillaries Bear All In Public Display

MEDIA, Pa – *August 7, 2015* - In **Tyler Arboretum**'s purpose-built, 1,400 square foot Butterfly House, visitors to the annual **Butterfly Festival** (Saturday, August 22, 2015) will experience native butterflies, including: Eastern Tailed Blues; Great Spangled Fritillaries; Monarchs; Spicebush Swallowtails, Silver-spotted Skippers.

“This event offers visitors a unique opportunity to get a close-up look at local butterflies in all stages of development,” says Amy Mawby, Tyler Arboretum's Director of Public Programs.

The **Butterfly Festival** presents visitors with informative, educational insight on attracting butterflies to their own back yards, and features native plants, caterpillars, chrysalises, and newly emerged butterflies. Other highlights include:

- demonstrations of monarch butterfly tagging
- a display of butterfly attracting plants (courtesy of **Redbud Native Plant Nursery**),
- a live bee hive demonstration, courtesy of Edward Pieters, Ph.D. of **Pieter's Apiary**,
- insect fun and education with **Jon the Bugman**,
- beer sampling courtesy of **Yards Beer Garden** from noon to 2 p.m.

“This promises to be a lively event for the whole family,” says Cricket Brien, Tyler Arboretum's Executive Director, “We look forward to showcasing our butterflies, and we encourage visitors to explore Tyler's 650 acres, and our 17 miles of trails.”

Admission to this rain or shine event is included with general admission. Gourmet pizza will be available to buy on the day of the event courtesy of the **Pizza Wagon**. The Butterfly Festival is sponsored by **Redbud Native Plant Nursery**, of Media, PA

Event details: Saturday, August 22, 2015. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Rain or shine.

Included with general admission; no pre-registration required.

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About Tyler Arboretum

Tyler Arboretum provides a natural sanctuary for visitors interested in horticulture, history, and the natural world. With 650 acres of meadows, wetlands, and unbroken forest, and over 17 miles of hiking trails, Tyler is an important community resource and cultural destination and one of the oldest and largest arboreta in the northeastern United States. www.tylerarboretum.org

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