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**For Immediate Release**

NORFOLK, Va., July 11, 2019 – Join Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG) and the Butterfly Society of Virginia for the 6th annual **Butterfly Festival** Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Enjoy demonstrations, gardening workshops, and fun activities for butterfly enthusiasts of all ages. Learn about the butterfly life cycle and how you can attract pollinators to your yard.

Enjoy food vendors, children’s activities, face painting, a beanbag toss, several craft stations, and special butterfly activities in the children’s garden. Take a tram ride out to the festival and Butterfly House for an up-close experience with butterflies and caterpillars. It’s an experience you won’t want to miss!

The Garden is continuing its message to save the Monarch butterfly with **Mission Monarch: Project Milkweed** which focuses on the life and issues of the monarch butterfly population. You can help monarch butterflies by planting one milkweed plant, the only food source for monarch caterpillars! The Butterfly Society of Virginia will have milkweed and other butterfly attracting plants for sale during the festival. Get their early for the best selection.

The Butterfly Festival is FREE with Garden admission and will take place in the Garden’s Bristow Butterfly Garden. Fall in love with butterflies at Norfolk Botanical Garden! To learn more about the Butterfly Society of Virginia, visit <http://butterflysocietyofva.org/>

**While you are here visit the Garden’s Summer Exhibit**

**Dogs welcome on SUNDAYS July – October**

**About Norfolk Botanical Garden**

Norfolk Botanical Garden represents an oasis of more than 60 themed gardens encompassing 175 beautiful acres. From stunning plant collections to *WOW - World of Wonders: A Children’s Adventure Garden*, this diverse natural beauty can be explored by tram, boat, or walking tours. The Garden is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, recognized as a Virginia Historic Landmark, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and designated a Virginia Green attraction. It is managed by Norfolk Botanical Garden, Inc. and supported by the City of Norfolk. Norfolk Botanical Garden is dedicated to enriching life by promoting the enjoyment of plants and the environment through beautiful gardens and educational programs. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and military, \$10 for ages 3-17, 2 and under are free. For more information, visit [www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org](http://www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org)