

# THE VILLAGE GREEN

## Growing Community and Ecosystems

### One Butterfly Garden Planting at a Time

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How do you connect enthusiastic gardeners to make a difference in the overall sustainability of a neighborhood? You start with a vision of gardening as a community event.

In February 2022, North Glenora was selected by the **David Suzuki Foundation** to become a ButterflyWays Community from over 1000 applicants. **The ButterflyWay Project** is bringing nature to neighborhoods across Canada, one butterfly planting at a time.

In North Glenora, the butterfly garden initiative has moved forward to cultivate community as it supports individuals to learn how to plant and tend gardens that are friendly to pollinators like bees, butterflies and other insects.

One key to creating butterfly gardens is planting native plants, requiring much less water and offering a surprising array of colors from the glorious purple blue of Wild Bergamot or native Beebalm to the delicate white fronds of June grass.



On **Community Day, September 17**, North Glenora hosted a Butterfly Garden workshop with Manna Perseyan from Arnica Wildflowers. To close the workshop, a group of volunteers aged 5 to 75 worked together to plant a community butterfly garden located in the hall parking lot.

Butterfly friendly garden spaces are created through small changes that can happen through pots on a balcony or in established yards. You can learn more from the **David Suzuki Foundation** website <https://david Suzuki.org/take-action/act-locally/butterflyway/>.

**Want to receive a collection of resources on pollinators, butterfly-friendly plants and fun activities for your kids?**

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