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All about the Monarch Butterfly

Presented by Debbie Jackson, Monarch Watch Conservation Specialist

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Doors Open @ 7:00 PM, 7:30 to 9:00PM Presentation and Q&A

St Daniel's Church, Cushing Center Hall (7010 Valley Park Dr, Clarkston)

From the time millions of years ago to today, monarchs and their *Danaus* cousins have brightly colored the Earth, their caterpillars eating *Asclepias* leaves from Africa to Asia, both North and South America and now southern Europe. These tropical butterflies have perfected their lifecycle by performing the longest insect migration known.

Once, clouds of orange wings darkened the sky as they soared south to the Mexican states of Michoacán and Mexico but today, they are a mere 5-10% of their previous healthy population. Come and explore their wonders and find out what difference you can make to preserve this wonder.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this **free** North Oakland Wild Ones event. Donations are always welcome to help bring future educational opportunities!



About Debbie Jackson

I myself became infatuated with [monarchs] as a young girl. My mother gave me a copy of "The Golden Book of Butterflies and Moths" where on page 39, I discovered what their caterpillars and host plants looked like. Off with a storage jar to put them in, I bicycled down the road in search of caterpillars. I easily raised them and the moment of eclosure became an addiction I'm still swept up in.