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**The Gardens at Elm Bank to Open May 3**

**WELLESLEY, MA, April, 3 2019** — The Gardens at Elm Bank, home of Massachusetts Horticultural Society (Mass Hort), will open on Friday, May 3. This 36-acre property features both traditional and modern gardening styles that serve as inspiration for home gardens, a place to relax in the natural world, and a backdrop for time spent with family and friends.

Located on the Elm Bank Reservation at 900 Washington Street in Wellesley, the buildings, grounds and gardens are accessible with paved and crushed-stone paths. The displays of different plants, flowers, and trees provide a beautiful setting for gatherings, walks, picnics, and more.

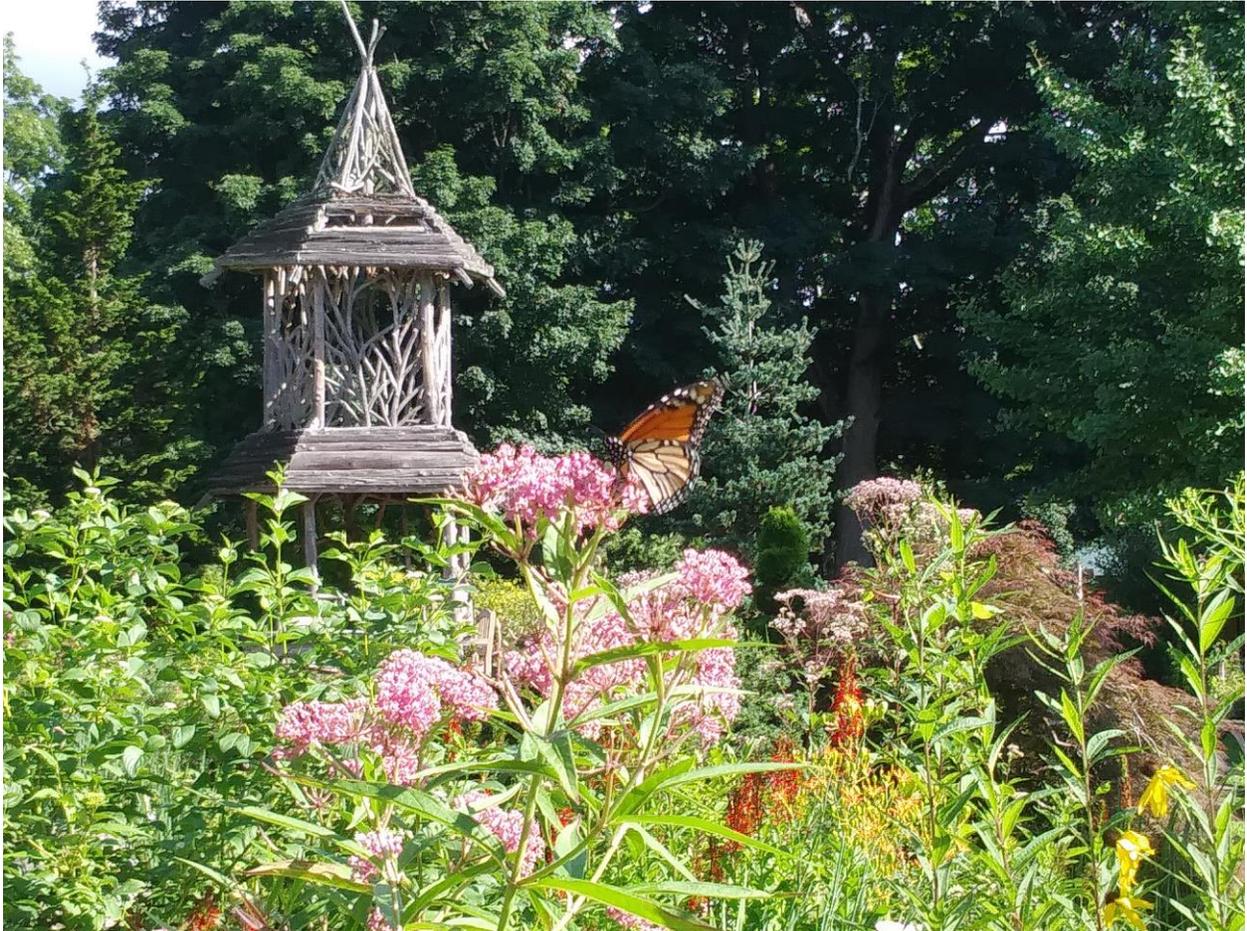
Family programs will be offered Friday through Sunday in Weezie's Garden for Children. Join us for staff-led activities designed to engage 3-6 year-olds in the science and wonder of the natural world. Programs meet at 11 a.m. and usually last 30 minutes. All ages welcome, must be accompanied by an adult. New this season, we'll offer themed activities on the second Saturday of each month May – August. Be sure to check out Bird Bonanza on May 11 for bird-related crafts and activities, as well as adult-level lectures.

Visitors may also want to explore the Library and Archives, renowned for its books related to early agriculture, horticulture and landscape design, rare books, and seed and nursery catalogs. The library is open on Thursdays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and by appointment.

The Gardens at Elm Bank will be open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$10, free for Mass Hort members and children 12 and under. More information about the gardens, membership, and programs can be found at [www.masshort.org](http://www.masshort.org).

Massachusetts Horticultural Society's mission is to develop the public's enjoyment, appreciation, and understanding of plants, gardens, design, and the environment. Mass Hort is a 501 (c) (3) educational nonprofit and is supported by membership, sponsorships, and donations.

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A Monarch butterfly rests in Weezie's Garden for Children at The Gardens at Elm Bank, Wellesley.



Mass Hort educator, Melissa, helps a family learn how their food grows in Weezie's Garden for Children at The Gardens at Elm Bank, Wellesley.