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Monarchs and Milkweed exhibit comes to Bell Museum

By Kinsey Gade

The Bell Museum presents “Monarchs and Milkweed: A Story of Survival” exhibit to the Roseville and Twin Cities communities.

The traveling exhibit, created by Outhouse Exhibit Services, explores the relationship between the butterflies and milkweed, their unique life cycle, migration across the continent and how the public can support the endangered species.

The exhibit is on display in the Nova Galleries of the Bell Museum until June 8. The museum is located at the southwest corner of Larpentour and Cleveland avenues in Falcon Heights.

Jennifer Stampe, Bell Museum director of public engagement and science learning, said she hopes the exhibit, geared towards a family audience, will educate the public about the monarch’s difficult migration to Mexico and inspire help change for the species.

“We wanted to draw attention to the journey that monarchs take to migrate over the course of the year,” Stampe said. “There’s a lot that humans can do to help them. That’s really important.”

The normal monarch lifespan is two to six weeks, according to the exhibit. During the harsh Minne-

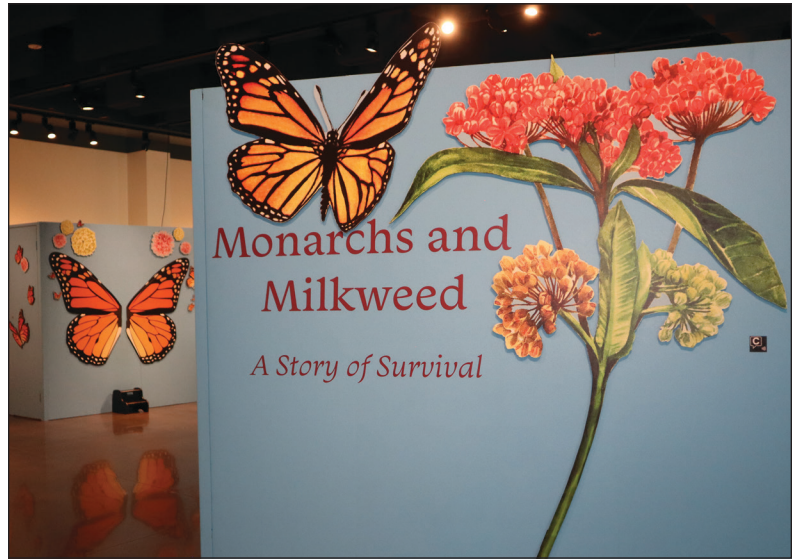
sota winters, a “supergeneration” of monarch butterflies, surviving up to nine months, make a difficult trek to Mexico and return in the spring. Milkweed plants are essential to the monarchs’ life and migration as the butterflies’ only food source.

Jack McCormick, a University of Minnesota student studying biology and a student employee at the museum, said working the exhibit has taught him more about Minnesota’s wildlife.

“Growing up in Minnesota, monarchs are something that you hear a lot about,” McCormick said. “In kindergarten, we raise them up and let them go. But I haven’t really taken the time to learn about their biology.”

McCormick said kids visiting the exhibit have been more interested in the monarch sanctuary area, but, surprisingly, the adults are more interested in the milkweed information than the butterflies.

“There is a lot of information about how you can be engaged in the monarch’s conservation, just at your own home, and I think that’s really powerful,” McCormick said.



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Monarchs and Milkweed Exhibit. On display through June 8 at the Bell Museum. Photo courtesy of the Bell Museum.

About the Exhibit

On display through June 8 at the Bell Museum.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesdays through Sundays.

Tickets: Starting at \$12.

Free admission for Bell Members and University of Minnesota students.

To purchase tickets, visit www.bellmuseum.umn.edu/admissions/ or call the museum at (612) 626-9660

Welcome to the first edition of the new Roseville Reporter

Welcome to the first edition of the new Roseville Reporter! It is our hope, as Roseville residents, this paper will fill a void in our community that has existed since we lost our local paper over 10 years ago. To that end we are very excited to introduce the very first edition of a new local newspaper.

As you might expect, this is and has been a daunting exercise for a few dedicated volunteers. Many residents in this community have skills in journalism, marketing, fundraising, web design, finance, and technology. We hope that many of you will volunteer your

expertise to improve and expand our efforts.

We hope you, members of the community, will join to help and support us in creating a grass-roots local, independent paper that is a cooperative venture. Everyone is a member! Everyone has something to offer!

Meet Rosie, our paper’s ace reporter and mascot

Born Roscoe Gee Beak, Rosie was hatched in Roseville’s Central Park several summers ago. Following an unfortunate collision with a very clean pane of glass, Rosie was restored to health at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. However, due to some lingering problems from his head injury and his love of consistently constant tempera-

tures, freedom from predators, and abundant food, he decided to simply enjoy life in his spacious indoor habitat and look for work.

We are all grateful that he answered our advertisement seeking a “natty and attractive” journalist. While we will never know if Rosie’s love of journalism may be the result of his injuries, what we do

know is that Rosie collects news from his own sources and writes crisp, direct articles intended to inform, and sometimes entertain. As to sources, he often says, “A little bird told me...”

Look for Rosie’s reports in upcoming issues!

Greetings and welcome to our first edition sample. We hope you will enjoy the stories and make suggestions for more you would like to see!

-Roscoe Gee Beak, esq.



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