

Nature Notes

From your friends at Saint John's Arboretum

For the
week of
Aug. 26th to
Sep. 1st

**Has the start of the new school year
given you butterflies in your stomach?**



Photo by Saint John's Arboretum Staff

**Hopefully it didn't give you this
butterfly!**

The Monarch Butterfly Did you know:

- **The Monarch is poisonous because as a caterpillar it will pick up toxins (cardiac glycosides) from the Milkweed plant by eating it. Once they become adults they will hold the cardiac glycosides in their wings and exoskeleton, making them poisonous to many potential predators.**
- **The Monarch is Minnesota's State Insect.**
- **Monarchs will migrate up to 3 thousand miles in the fall to spend the winter in Mexico. The peak of Monarch migration in this area is from Aug 29th to Sep. 10th.**

Q: Who is the king of insects?

A: The Monarch!

Q: What do a moth, a butterfly and a fish all have in common?

A: They all have scales!

Q: What kind of pillar doesn't need to be held up?

A: A Caterpillar!

Q: What is the greasiest insect?

A: The butter-fly!

www.monarchwatch.org

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Upcoming Events

Timberdash 5K Race Saturday, September 19, 10:30 a.m.—Noon

Join the Arboretum at this year's annual Timberdash 5K race! Come for a fun filled morning race through the trails of the Arboretum. Preregistration before Thursday, September 17th is only \$5. Register the day of the race for \$10. Registration includes snacks at the finish and an Arboretum bandana. Sign up on our website, or just click on the link below:

http://www.csbsju.edu/arboretum/arb_highlights/fall/Timberdash.htm

Involvement Welcome Fest '09 Tuesday, September 1, 5:00pm-7:00pm.

The Saint John's Arboretum will be a part of this free event to help students of CSB/SJU get involved. Each fall Student Activities hosts a fair for students to discover campus clubs, organizations, and the resources in our community. Over 1,000 students participate in this event—see you there!

Minnesota Natural History Lecture Series

Third Tuesday of the Month, September—May, 6:30—8 p.m.

Free—Arboretum members and students of all ages

\$5—Non-members/non-students

Fossils of Minnesota: Organisms Older than the Speaker Tuesday, September 15

Dr. Larry Davis, CSB/SJU professor of geology

Meet at the pendulum of the New Science Center of Saint John's University for the first lecture topic of the season.

Check the Arboretum Web site for updates to this year's lecture schedule!

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If you would like to be on the volunteer e-mail list for the Arboretum, please e-mail arboretum@csbsju.edu.

We'll be in touch...

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It's your backyard, so get out and play!

***Nature Notes is a weekly publication designed to keep you informed about exciting events offered by the Arboretum!

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