

BUTTERFLY GARDEN
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The St. Lucie West Garden Club in conjunction with the " Oxbo Eco Center" have been working since July on a very big project.

My idea was to get involved with that wonderful place right here in P.S.L. It began after we had the Education Coordinator/ Naturalist "Amanda Johnson" speak at our District X meeting. I thought; why not ask them, if they need any help from our Club. Together, we decided to build a Butterfly Garden with homeschooled Children, which after several meetings took shape. We now have a Butterfly Club of 12 children, ages 6 to 13, with 10 Club members involved. Our new member " Pam Allen" accepted the responsibility of being the Chairperson. Now " Oxbo" will be the place where visitors young and old can enjoy Butterflies and native Plants.

We also have 2 art teachers who will help us create Art with the children. This Junior Butterfly Club is a great learning experience. It will be their Garden to enjoy with friends and the community. Together we are committed to tend the garden throughout the year. With our help we will teach them that plants and insects play an important role in the environment. The Club has regular meetings at the "Oxbo". Last week was a thrill to see the children proudly plant their garden, which ...by the way... has the shape of a Butterfly in the center. With this project, St. Lucie West Garden Club is totally committed to help the children understand the importance of larval and nectar plants and to expose them to nature, so they will feel responsible later to make Earth a better place.