

## Youth and Adult Educational Outreach Programs

Many groups call in requests for presentations on various horticultural topics. Master Gardeners frequently give talks at the Reddick Library in Ottawa, the LaSalle Public Library in LaSalle, at private businesses, during Framer's Market events, and to various youth groups and clubs. Topics covered vary and have included "Monarch Life Cycle and Needs", "Pollinators", "Native Plants", "Container Gardening", "Herb Gardening" and "Attracting Backyard Birds", to name a few. Master Gardeners also attend the LaSalle County 4-H Fair to assist with youth project judging.



**Above left:** Master Gardener Robbin Keenan gives a presentation on monarch butterflies at the Prairie View Nursing Home in Ottawa.  
**Above right:** Girl Scouts play a native species identification game manned by Master Gardener and Master Naturalist volunteers at the Girl Scouts Love State Parks event in July 2019.



**Above left:** Program Coordinator Meg Overcker poses with youth participants in the native wildflowers and pollinators program in June 2019.  
**Above right:** Master Gardener Vicki Stacy and Marv Graunke pose with the winner of the "Outstanding Garden/Outstanding Herb" category at the 2018 LaSalle County 4-H Fair.