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NEWSLETTER

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"Well hey neighbor, whatcha doin?"

Just sitting here trying to figure out this month's Newsletter but I just keep drawing a blank. I have been so busy Wilson that now I'm really stressing to get it done in time. I just wish I could figure out what to talk about this month you know?

"Well, I know you have been putting in a lot of hours and figured that this might happen so....."



.....I thought I would take the liberty of writing one for you just in case you needed it. And it seems you do. I know it may not be up to your standards but at least it may get you through."

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Pretty Monarch Butterflies but can you tell which ones are the boy Monarchs and which ones are the cute little girls?

Here, take a closer look and see if you can tell the major differences.



Girl Monarch

and...



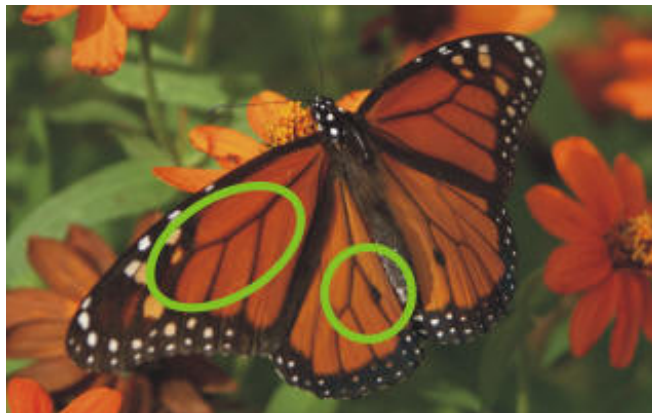
Boy Monarch

So, did you figure it out?
If not then read on or read on just for the fun of it!

Aside from the "underlying" differences which we can not discuss in this "G" rated Newsletter, there are two major distinguishing differences that are easily noticeable once you know what you are looking for.



Girl Monarch



Boy Monarch

The girl Monarch has much thicker veins in its wings than the boy Monarch plus the boy has a little something extra. Notice the two spots on his wings. From these two spots the boy releases what is called "Love Dust" which he sprinkles over the female upon courtship.

Hmmm....May need to get a few bags of that!

So, now You know the major differences and can impress your all your easily impressed friends.

YUK!!!



What is on the leaves of some of my plants?

Well, to be short and to the point, it's Powdery Mildew!
The white or grey blotches that can cover the leaves and stems and
even the flower buds of many plants. And it's UGLY!!!

And, many of you probably already knew that, but it's what Mr. Wilson
put in the Newsletter so I am going to run with it.



Powdery Mildew is a disease which almost any plant can get.
Some plants are just more likely to get it such as roses and lilacs and
honeysuckle and many perennials such as peonies and monarda.
Grapes and vegetables such as pumpkins and cucumbers are also
more susceptible and the list goes on and on and on.

However, even though it makes your plants look like someone got
over spray of white milk paint on them the good news is that it is not
usually fatal to the plant. However, if it becomes severe enough or
goes untreated for several seasons it could then very likely weaken
the plant and make it susceptible to other things that will kill it. Or in
heavy infestations such as in the first photo above it can actually block
the process of photosynthesis which in turn could kill the
plant.

The other good news is that there are many different types of Powdery Mildew and if it shows up on your lilac it won't spread to other plants nearby. Different types attack different plants and they don't jump from one plant to the other just because it's there.

So what causes Powdery Mildew and how do I stop it? Well, I was just about to tell you. Geez! Anxious aren't we?

Powdery Mildew is a fungus and fungi (plural for fungus) produce spores which overwinter in dead and decaying plant material. Stuff you should have cleaned up before winter set in. In the spring these spores get splashed around by all the spring rains and or get carried by insects that walk in the area or are blown by the wind and end up on the plant that they like as a host.

Now that spore may sit there for a while and wait for just the right time to activate itself and attack your plant. That special time occurs when there is a lot of dampness or high humidity such as we have seen here in July.

If your plants get Powdery Mildew the only thing you can do is to stop the spread of it is by applying a fungicide. There is nothing you can do to get rid of the white or grey looking leaves other than pruning out those uglies. It will remain on those leaves already infected but the new growth will be ok if treated. Most of your ornamentals can be sprayed with a copper based fungicide such as Daconil every 7-10 days or Neem oil. However be sure to check the label before applying anything to be sure it won't harm your specific plant and especially check before applying anything to your vegetables....YUK!

So, keep your garden and landscape areas clean and free of debris. Don't plant things so close together that there is poor air circulation. Don't fertilize infected plants. It will only make things worse as the fungi like the young succulent growth the best. And last, if one of your plants does get it, prune if desired and apply a fungicide on a regular basis.

Oh....and of course we have Daconil for sale here at the Nursery.

This is NOT a Yawn.....



This IS my desperate cry for H-E-L-P!!!!

As you can see I am an extremely cute Siamese kitten.

I am approximately one year old...I think!

My previous owners put this really cute little collar on me and then they took me for a ride and just dumped me. Yeh...Dumped me!!!...I remember wandering around for what seemed like months looking for food until I found the safe haven of these Beaver Creek folks. I could hardly stand up I was so weak and I was so dehydrated that I couldn't even drink water.

Starved and on my last leg they fed me and gave me shelter in their nice big barn.

And then in a couple of weeks after I got my strength

back and put some weight back on they told me they were taking me to get "tutored". Well, I am here to tell you that when this veterinarian guy gave me that shot for "babies" and then put me to sleep, I knew that I wasn't really being "tutored". I don't know exactly what he did but I just feel a wee bit more feminine for some reason here lately.



Here I am just relaxing, enjoying the good life

Now, back to my cry for help. It appears according to Ken and Ava that I don't play well with others. They say I keep trying to chase their other two cats away. My thought is that those "girls" really don't need to be here. This is a man's world. Why don't they get it? I want "all" the food for me...just me! When you have been as starved and stranded as I was you really get afraid that you won't have something to eat if you share. Can't help it. I didn't ask for this to all happen to me but it did and now I want it all. I want the nice

warm barn and the cozy swing, and the porch and sitting on their laps and getting rubbed. I think that's my favorite thing to do...sit on their laps and get rubbed....ohhh...it feels s-o-o-o good you know.

Anyway, I think I need to find a place of my own. I know these people have been good to me and helped me through some really bad times but from hearing their whispers I think it would be best if I could just move in with someone else.

Now, here is my problem. I need a really safe place to go and I don't know where that is. I know I need to be somewhere that is nice and warm where I can have a great lap to lay on and get rubbed. I also know I need a place that is definitely away from those nasty streets and scary cars. I don't know much about them in my short existence but I have overheard the other two cats here meowing something about it. Anyway, those are definite must haves. I really don't remember but I think at my first home I would go inside and/or outside. At least that's what I've heard Ken and Ava say as I sometimes try to get in their house at night. And in case you are worried....I don't scratch anything either...I just lay around looking cute. Heck I don't even like chasing mice or birds or any of that dumb kitty stuff. That's like work. Why would any smart cat want to do that? I think of myself as the new generation type cat. I am a nice, sweet, lovable Siamese who just wants to lay around, get fed and definitely get petted on. Ahh..the good life for me.

So, I am making my plea for help. Will some really nice person with a nice safe home come take me away?



PLEASE?????

You can even name me!

If you are that special person that will take care of me, keep me safe and love on me then please send Ken an email at beavercreek55@yahoo.com or call him.

Before and After

Hope Community - Office
Madison, Indiana



Before

And



After

What a difference a day makes!

If there is anything about this month's Newsletter that you don't like....Blame Wilson!!!

A Closing Thought

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter
saying that I approved of it"

....Mark Twain

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