Precious pollinators are back: butterflies! Molbak's Butterfly Garden reopens Memorial Day weekend

WHAT:

Memorial Day weekend will be fluttering with butterflies when Woodland Park Zoo reopens Molbak's Butterfly Garden: Friday, May 27 through Monday, September 5. The seasonal garden has been closed the last two summers.

Molbak's Butterfly Garden is a magical experience where guests of all ages, backgrounds and abilities can experience the wondrous world of "flying flowers." Stroll among hundreds of free-flying butterflies inside an enclosed space, all while surrounded by beautiful flowers. Learn about the life cycle of these colorful, winged insects while watching larvae undergo a miraculous metamorphosis as they emerge as butterflies before flying.

Behind Molbak's Butterfly Garden is the year-round Microsoft Pollinator Patio, a glorious garden complete with ideas and actions to take on behalf of native pollinators such as butterflies, hummingbirds, beetles, bees and flies.

WHEN: Opens Friday, May 27, through Monday, September 5, 9:30 a.m.-6:00

p.m. daily

Microsoft Pollinator Patio is open daily during zoo hours year-round

WHERE: Woodland Park Zoo: Enter through West Entrance at Phinney Ave. N.

between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts. or South Entrance at N. 50th St. & Fremont

Ave. N.

INFO: Molbak's Butterfly Garden is free with zoo admission.

> Discover, recover and coexist with pollinators! Pollinators, such as birds, bees and butterflies, carry pollen from one flower to another, which fertilizes plants and crops, and allows them to reproduce. This vital interaction gives the world immeasurable benefits such as fresh food and clean air. Join Woodland Park Zoo's pollinator journey and the growing movement to protect and conserve habitat for pollinators across the Northwest: www.zoo.org/nw/pollinators.

Zoo hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily through April 30; 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. daily starting May 1.

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