

# BBW-5: Conservation of Butterflies Award

## Submitted by: Harbor Island Garden Club

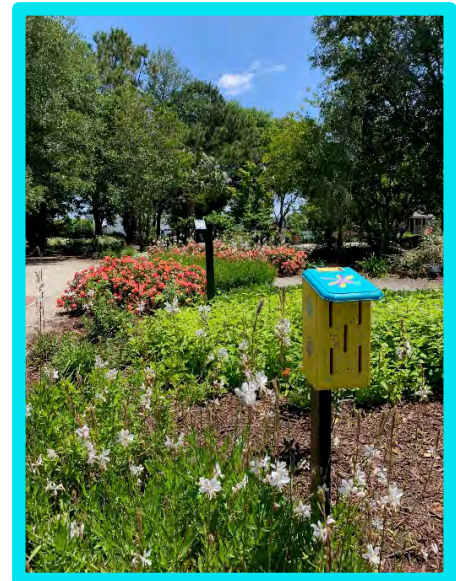


### Brief summary and objectives:

The Harbor Way Gardens in Wrightsville Beach is a public garden maintained by the Harbor Island Garden Club. Butterflies have been a focus area. The garden contains a beautiful Butterfly Bench, Butterfly Sanctuary and Pollinator Garden as identified in the Harbor Way Gardens Visitor's Guide. It was also certified and registered as an official Monarch Waystation in 2018. In 2020, the Harbor Island Garden Club partnered with the community youth to further the conservation of butterflies.

Connor Jones from Boy Scout Troop 232 led a team of fellow scouts to design, build and install butterfly boxes in the garden as his Eagle Scout Service Project. Per the Lumina News, a local Wrightsville Beach newspaper: "Butterfly boxes provide a convenient area for butterflies to find shelter from the elements and to hide from hungry predators. They are an attractive addition to any garden and help to attract and keep butterflies."

Melia Adams is a student from UNCW (University of North Carolina Wilmington), studying Biology with concentration in freshwater and terrestrial conservation. She is doing a formal internship for college credits working at the garden. Melia is documenting the caterpillar, chrysalis and butterfly stages of life, and compiling the information in a data book. Two information panels were also installed in the garden which display her butterfly brochures and provide instructions for a butterfly scavenger hunt.



### Involvement of club members and other organizations:

This project involved the Harbor Island Garden Club, Boy Scout Troop 232, UNCW and the Town of Wrightsville Beach.

### Project expenses and means of funding:

The butterfly boxes were funded by the Eagle Scout Service Project. The information panels were provided by the Town of Wrightsville Beach.

### Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance:

The Harbor Way Gardens is maintained by a large committee of the Harbor Island Garden Club. The butterfly boxes and brochure panels are maintained by the committee as part of its responsibilities.

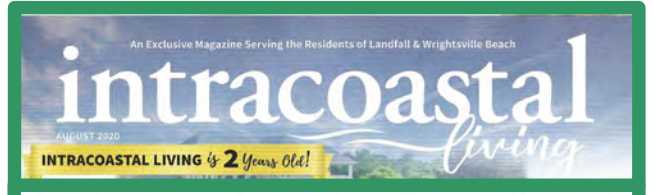


### Attach or insert photos, digital photos:

See the following pages for additional photos, local media coverage and Harbor Way Gardens Visitor's Guide.

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The violet butterfly house built by Boy Scout Conner Jones, matches the blooming bee balsms around it.



The garden club also got some help from their friends in Boy Scout Troop No. 232 which meets regularly at Little Chapel on the Boardwalk in Wrightsville Beach. The troop has installed three projects since last December. One of those scouts, Connor Jones, built a butterfly house whose violet color perfectly matched the color of the blooming bee balsms that surrounded it. Scouts Ethan Joyner, Gavin Cazeault and Brooks Isear also worked on projects for the gardens.

## Wrightsville Beach Eagle Scout Beautifying for Butterflies

By Sherri Robinson  
*Community Writer*

Connor Jones is an Eagle Scout; he belongs to Wrightsville Beach's Troop 232. The Troop was first chartered and accredited by the Boy Scouts of America in 1963 but became inactive from 1982-1989. Reactivated with its current sponsor, Little Chapel on the Boardwalk, in 1989, Troop 232 has been a continuous member of the Cape Fear Council and the Masonboro District of Boy Scouts of America.

Jones, just as Eagle Scouts before him, completed his Eagle Scout Service Project, which involved designing, constructing, painting, and erecting butterfly boxes in Harbor Way Garden. Butterfly boxes provide a convenient area for butterflies to find shelter from the elements and to hide from hungry predators. They are an attractive addition to any garden and help to attract and keep butterflies.

An Eagle Scout Service Project provides the opportunity for a Scout to demonstrate leadership of others while performing a project for the benefit of his community. Jones demonstrated his leadership and service to his community in submitting his plan



for local and district approval, enlisting his fellow scouts to assist in the erection of the boxes, and placing the beautiful boxes in the Harbor Island Garden Club's award-winning Harbor Way Garden, a community garden.

"I wanted to do something at Wrightsville Beach Park

the Harbor Island Garden Club's

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because I have spent many hours there with family and friends. My grandfather has a brick of remembrance there, and my older brother Donovan has a brick in recognition for achieving his Eagle Scout," Jones said.

The Harbor Island Garden Club has a long history with Boy Scout Troop 232. The Troop has assisted in Arbor Day tree plantings, celebrations and cleanup projects. The Troop's complement of Eagle Scouts has provided Harbor Way Garden with many beautification projects, including a paver pathway and arbor thresholds. One arbor threshold is dedicated to those Eagle Scouts who have completed their service projects in the garden. Each is acknowledged with a memorial brick in recognition of their service to the community. Those bricks comprise the dedicated arbor threshold.






Jones is a rising junior at John T. Hoggard High School, where he enjoys playing on the varsity football team and has been involved in Boy Scout Troop 232 since he was old enough to join. Jones said, "I was lucky enough to be introduced to Mrs. Elise Running who advised that they were looking to get Butterfly houses for the Monarch gardens. It was a really fun project that family, friends and other scouts helped me complete. I hope that people who enjoy sitting or walking through the garden area will also enjoy seeing the houses."



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*Harbor Way Gardens*  
**Visitor's Guide**  
 321 Causeway Drive  
 Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480

Harbor Way Garden Reservation Information  
 Contact the Town of Wrightsville Beach Parks and Recreation office  
 at (910) 256-7925, or email ParksAndRecreation@towb.org.

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**Memorial, Dedicated, and Park Benches**

- 1 Park Bench
- 2 Park Bench
- 3 Robert Baldwin Long
- 4 Wrightsville Beach Lions Club
- 5 Eddie & Margaret Collins
- 6 Ma Braswell
- 7 Rose & Bobbie
- 8 James "Jimmy" Hunter Wade
- 9 William "Bill" D. Johnson
- 10 Captain Michael D. Godwin
- 11 Lucille & Haywood McDonald
- 12 Ladies of the Harbor Island Garden Club
- 13 Park Bench

**Garden Features**

- A Pet Fountain
- B Butterfly Bench
- C Butterfly Sanctuary
- D Lady Banks Rose Arbor
- E Diane McIntyre Skiba Memorial Garden
- F Children's Interactive Fountain
- G Native Adaptive & Maritime Garden
- H Pollinator Garden
- I Children's Playground
- J Free Little Library
- K Garden Cottage
- L Cottage Garden
- M Labyrinth & Fragrance Garden
- N Southern Heritage Garden
- O Rings of Life Fountain
- P Information Board
- Q Pathway/Cottage Bricks
- R Blue Stone Paver
- S Fountain Brick

