

**Sarasota County Butterfly Club
Membership Application**

Name: _____ **Annual Dues:** _____
Address: _____ **Individual \$35.00 (\$70 outside NA)**
City: _____ **Family \$45.00 (\$90 outside NA)**
Phone: _____ **Renewal**
Fax: _____
Email: _____

Special Interests: **Gardening** **Observation** **Photography** **Conservation**

Mail to: Sarasota County Butterfly Club, 1131 Blvd. of the Arts * Sarasota * FL * 34236
 Make checks payable to NABA. Alternatively, you can join by going to NABA.org/membership and follow the directions for online payment or by mail to the address listed.



**Miss your garden?
Getting your hands in
the dirt? Spending time
outside surrounded by
nature?**

**Then consider adopting
a section of the
butterfly garden!**

Sarasota County Butterfly Club members can adopt a section of the Catherine and Richard Labrie Butterfly Garden at the Sarasota Garden Club, 1131 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota, FL 34236.

The Butterfly Garden was started in 1992 and for the past decades has provided an area of calm where the public can view butterflies flying free, giving them a chance to appreciate a bit of nature in a downtown landscape.

The garden is open to the public, free of charge, 7 days a week, and is handicapped accessible.

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*A Chapter of the
North American Butterfly
Association (NABA)*

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What is the Program?

To support the ongoing maintenance of the Catherine and Richard LaBrie Butterfly Garden within the Sarasota Garden Club, sections of the garden have been identified that may be “adopted” by individual(s) willing to take responsibility for that section’s upkeep.

Is someone in charge of this program? Although within the Sarasota Garden Club, oversight of the garden and this program is the responsibility of the SCBC President or designee.

What do I have to do as an adopter?

An “adopter” of a garden section is responsible for the overall maintenance of that section, keeping it presentable to the public and attractive to butterflies. This generally includes ongoing weeding, mulching, trimming of plants, etc. This maintenance may be done by you, the adopter, or by persons assigned or paid by you. You do not need to be an expert with butterflies or butterfly plants – you will receive direction and mentoring from knowledgeable butterfly club members.

Who can adopt a section?

An adopter must be a member of the Sarasota County Butterfly Club; annual membership is \$35 single, \$45 dual membership. One or more people may adopt a section as an individual or as a team.

How do I apply to adopt a section?

Interested persons can send an email describing their interest in adopting a section

to sarasotabutterflyclub@gmail.com. A time will then be scheduled to meet and discuss further.

Can I choose any section I want? If more than one area is available, you may choose the area you prefer. Once adopted, an orientation will be given to the plants in their adopted section, how to maintain them, identification of “weeds” that need to be pulled, equipment required or available, and the overall duties of an adopter. After adoption, your name will be added to an I’ve been Adopted sign in your section

Does it cost anything? No, outside of the cost of club membership, there is no requirement to spend money on your section. You may, of course, decide to do that (buying plants, paying someone else to weed, etc.) but that is your choice. SCBC will, from time to time, buy plants for your area.

How often do I need to come?

This is entirely up to you. But generally, sections require oversight and some degree of work every 1-2 weeks

When can I come?

- Friday morning is the usual workday for the Garden Club and Butterfly club volunteers; all volunteers are welcome to gather for snacks at 11 A.M; in summer’s heat, Friday volunteers start early

- You can work on any day you choose; if Mon to Thurs, for safety, please let the Garden Club

secretary know you are working in the garden (the secretary works morning to early afternoon).

- Generally, do not schedule Saturdays for garden work; there are many paid events (weddings, etc.) held at the Garden Club on Saturdays.

How long does my adoption last? How do I cancel?

There is currently no time limit. We do ask that you initially commit to 6 months before dropping out of the program.

Can I plant or remove anything I want from my section? Please seek guidance before initially adding or removing any plants to your adopted section. More details will be given when you adopt.

Details of Maintenance The Butterfly Garden must always be left presentable to the public; all garden debris must be picked up and placed in the yard waste enclosure before you leave; do not leave piles of debris in the garden.

Additional information about selecting butterfly plants, weeding and trimming, tools pesticide use, mulching, watering, and fertilizing will be given when you adopt.

