

“Flowers that Fly”
An Introduction to Our Amazing Butterfly Fauna
with Sue Anderson



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Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W. C St, Springfield

Sue has loved butterflies ever since she was "knee high to a grasshopper." Fascinated by all sorts of insects and spiders, she focused on butterflies because "They're beautifully colored and they don't bite!" She has led 4th of July Butterfly Counts (similar to Christmas bird counts) for more than 38 years in the Ochoco and Metolius areas of Central Oregon and is now learning her Willamette Valley species. She has taught Adult Ed classes and led numerous butterfly walks for the Deschutes Land Trust.

Sue's presentation will touch on the butterflies most common to our local area, the mystery of metamorphosis, the Monarch migration phenomena, identification resources, and stories from her fieldwork. Nearly all the slides will be from her own photo collection. She'll cover butterfly biology, the difference between butterflies and moths, links to plants including habitat requirements and butterfly gardening, available field guides including where to find butterflies in Lane County, and the North American Butterfly Association annual counts.