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# COURTYARD CALLER

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## BOARD MESSAGE

If you have a chance, don't miss the April 21 Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., in the lobby of the office building at Courtyard Drive & North Scout Island Circle. Sheri Gallo, our District 10 City Council representative, will be there to discuss what's happening with our new council and talk with interested residents. You may want to bring your own folding chair as there is very limited seating. This is a great opportunity to bring to Councilwoman Gallo's attention the matters that concern you as a homeowner in the Courtyard living along the 360 corridor.

In the midst of all your energetic spring cleaning/yard work, please remember that it's still too early to be trimming oaks. Wait until the end of June and help safeguard our neighborhood from oak wilt. On a related issue, if you live along a common area or cliff edges, please do not throw, toss, or blow yard debris down into those areas. Brown bag it and let the City take it away for free every Friday. This type of trash is exactly what a portion of your dues is being spent to clear and haul away in our efforts to decrease the chances of wildfire. The array of materials found tossed away behind residents' homes is amazing. Our common area isn't a private dumping ground. If you have a lawn service, please make sure they know this. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Please take a minute and read the article in this month's Caller about what has been happening to kill off the monarch butterflies and what you can do to help them. The Courtyard is proud to support and be a part of this national effort.

Quick update on the February break-ins. Three arrests have been made. There are several charges pending against the female adult "ringleader" and at last check, she had not posted bond and was still in jail awaiting action in district court following her grand jury indictment. Of the two male juveniles, one has posted bond and the other remains at Gardner Betts Juvenile Center with adjudication dates having been set for both.

Finally, please continue your efforts to drive at or below the speed limit through the neighborhood.

Our best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy spring!

## ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

It's that time again! Time to purge, declutter and score some cash! Mark your calendars for the Courtyard's Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale

Saturday May 2nd  
(rain day May 9)

This annual event which includes neighboring communities is always a big success. And we make it easy for you.

The Homeowners Association will take care of advertising in the Austin American Statesman and putting up signs in the neighborhood. If you would like a sign placed near your home, we'll do that too. Contact Joany Price (775-8942; joanyprice@gmail.com) to reserve your sign.

Not sure you have enough stuff to sell? No problem, just team up with a neighbor.

What about those leftover items that don't sell? No worries, the HOA has an arrangement with Settlement Home for Children ([www.settlementhome.org](http://www.settlementhome.org)) to come by the day of the sale and pick up any leftovers for donation. *You will need to contact them directly to set it up.*

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## Courtyard Book Club

*Tuesday, May 5, 2015, 1 p.m., 5612 Scout Island North*

The Lady in Gold: The Extraordinary Tale of Gustav Klimt's Masterpiece, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer by Anne-Marie O'Connor, The Courtyard Book Club's selection for March is a captivating tale of art history and the fate of Europe's prized art works at the hands of the Nazi power brokers. The book follows, Klimt's masterpiece, Lady in Gold, from its commission in 1903, as portrait of Jewish beauty and society maven, Adele Bloch, through theft by the Nazi government, to its restitution to surviving family members and subsequent sale.

O'Connor was a reporter for the Los Angeles Times when she met Maria Altmann, the niece of Klimt's subject, Adele Bloch, who had fled Germany during the Nazi era, living quietly in California for 60 years. Bloch and her husband had followed the efforts of the Rothschilds to gain restitution of their artwork and decided to pursue the return of Klimt's portrait of her aunt and several other pieces of Klimt's art rightfully belonging to her family. O'Connor's research for the book produces not only interesting details of the lives of both Bloch and Klimt, but also intriguing tidbits of other prominent names of the period: Sigmund Freud, Gustav Mahler, Mark Twain, Joseph Goebbels. Lady in Gold won the Marfield National Award for Arts Writing in 2012 and was included in many reviewer's lists of best books of 2012.

In June the Club will read One Summer, America 1927 by Bill Bryson. Bill Bryson has a throng of devoted fans for good reason...his titles are great reads. This one which covers the many history making events of 1927, from Lindbergh's flight, the debut of the Model A, and the first "talkie" to personalities the likes of Sacco and Vanzetti, Al Capone and Babe Ruth.

For more information about the Courtyard Book Club, call or email Jean Heath, 512-231-9412, c.jeanheath@gmail.com.





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# MONARCH JOINT VENTURE

*Partnering across the U.S. to conserve the monarch migration*

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*The Monarch Joint Venture is a partnership of federal and state agencies, non-governmental organizations, and academic programs that are working together to protect the monarch migration across the lower 48 United States.*

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*In the face of declines in monarch numbers and habitat, researchers and conservationists are pooling their efforts under the Monarch Joint Venture to protect monarchs and pollinator habitat.*

## Monarch Migration

The monarch migration is one of nature's most spectacular events. Much as birds migrate to take advantage of resources available across a large landscape, North American monarchs travel up to an astonishing 3,000 miles in an annual migration from their summer breeding habitat to overwintering grounds.

During the summer breeding season, eastern monarchs spread across the eastern U.S. and into southern Canada, laying eggs on milkweed plants. Western monarchs make use of milkweeds across the western states, primarily west and south of the Rockies, and into southwestern Canada.

In the fall, monarchs feast on late-blooming nectar plants along the way to their wintering sites. The eastern monarch population winters in oyamel fir forests in the mountains of central Mexico.

While the spring migration northward is completed over the course of two or more generations, the final generation of the year flies the entire way back to these forests, new to them, but visited by

their ancestors a few generations ago. In the same way, monarchs from across the western U.S. return to eucalyptus, Monterey cypress, Monterey pine, and other trees in groves along the Pacific coastline, from Mendocino County south to Baja, Mexico. Climatic conditions at these sites allow monarchs to survive the winter before beginning the return trek to their summer breeding grounds.

## Monarchs and Milkweed

Monarch caterpillars require milkweed to grow and develop into butterflies, and they feed on many of the over 100 species of milkweed native

to North America. These plants, key to monarch survival, are found along roads and highways; in yards, parks, and gardens; in old fields; and in pristine native prairies and other natural habitats.

In addition to the important role that milkweeds play in the lives of

monarchs, they are valuable nectar resources for a diverse suite of bees and butterflies. Enhancing monarch habitat will thus benefit many important pollinators.



## The Monarch Joint Venture Mission and Vision

Recognizing that North American monarch (*Danaus plexippus*) conservation is a responsibility of Mexico, Canada and the U.S., as identified in the North American Monarch Conservation Plan, this Joint Venture will work throughout the U.S. to conserve and protect monarch populations and their migratory phenomena by implementing science-based habitat conservation and restoration measures in collaboration with multiple stakeholders.

This goal will be achieved through a combination of habitat conservation, enhancement and restoration; education; research and monitoring.

The vision of this Joint Venture is abundant monarch populations that can be sustained into perpetuity, and more broadly the promotion of monarchs as a flagship species whose conservation will sustain habitats for pollinators and other plants and animals.

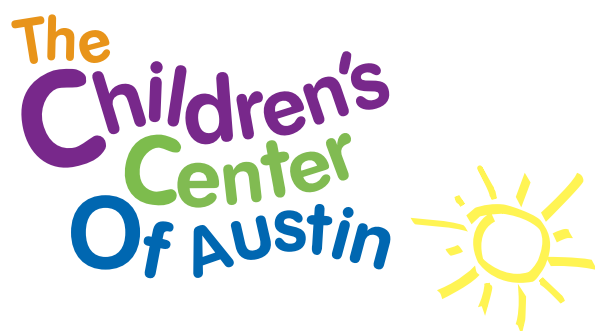
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*Saturday, April 4th 11:00am – 1:00pm*

Plan now to attend the 2015 Courtyard Easter Egg Hunt in the Park! Bunnies of all ages bring your baskets and hop on down for some Easter fun. Hunt for eggs, play games and win prizes! Hope to see you there!

Please call or email to let us know how many egg hunters will be in your group.  
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*Before*



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*Before*



*After*

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