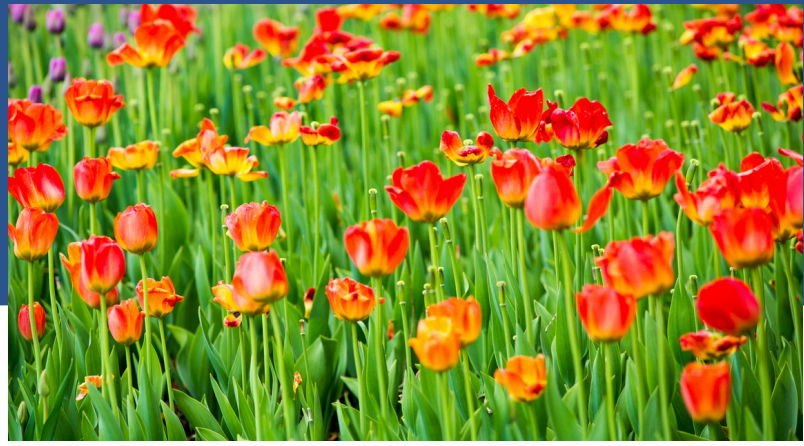


The Settings SUN Newsletter Spring 2026



Dear Settings of Black Mountain Community,

As we welcome the warmer days and longer daylight of spring, I want to take a moment to share my excitement about what lies ahead for our beautiful community. With new plantings taking root along our waterways, across the common areas, and along our trails, we're already seeing signs of renewal—the fresh green shoots, the promise of vibrant blossoms, and the gradual restoration of the natural beauty that makes The Settings so special.

On behalf of the HOA Board, I extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you for contributing to our shared commitment to preserving and enhancing this mountainside haven. Your patience, dedication, and neighborly spirit throughout this process are much appreciated. Whether through volunteering your time, offering thoughtful input, or simply maintaining your own property with care, every contribution has helped us move closer to a healthier, more resilient landscape.

As a quick reminder, our **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **April 25th** at the Clubhouse. Sign-in begins at **9:15 AM**, and the meeting will start promptly at **10:00 AM**. This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow residents, hear updates on our projects, and participate in our community's governance. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Here's to a spring full of growth, good conversations on the trails, and the quiet joy of watching our restoration efforts take root. If you have any questions about the reclamation work, the upcoming Annual Meeting, or ideas to share, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful spring,

Steve

Steve Kyryk, HOA President of The Settings of Black Mountain

The Settings of Black Mountain Notice of Annual Meeting



**The Annual Meeting of the HOA for
The Settings of Black Mountain will be held:**

When: Saturday, April 25, 2026

Time: Doors open at 9:15 AM,
Meeting starts at 10:00 AM.

Where: The Settings Clubhouse

Note: Lunch will be served afterwards.
Please RSVP as indicated in the meeting
packet sent via email and US Mail.



Meet Michelle Young

*Michelle is our new
representative from FSR.*

Michelle Young is an experienced Portfolio Manager with more than 11 years at First Service Residential, where she has built a strong reputation for dependable leadership, clear communication, and a commitment to meaningful client relationships. She excels at managing complex portfolios with a balanced approach that emphasizes accuracy, collaboration, and high quality service.

Michelle brings a steady, solution-focused mindset to her work, partnering closely with teams and clients to ensure smooth operations and well supported communities. Known for her professionalism and reliability, she approaches every challenge with integrity and a drive to deliver the best possible results.

In 2001 Michelle obtained her North Carolina Real Estate License, and practiced real estate for 7 years. She is a Certified Manager of Community Associations (CMCA) and a member of the Community Associations Institute (CAI).

When she is not working she enjoys spending time with her family, camping, and riding ATV's on different mountain trails in Western North Carolina. She is always embracing the outdoors whenever she can.



APRIL 15TH

BOOK CLUB



MAY 20TH

**The Book Club meets the
3rd Wednesday of the month at
3:00 PM at the Clubhouse.
All are welcome to attend.**

*For more information please email
Michelle.Young@FSResidential.com*



JUNE 17TH



Upcoming Social Events

APRIL 13 - MONDAY

Dinner at The Grange



APRIL 24 - FRIDAY

JUNE 5 - FRIDAY

Drinks on the Porch

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AND SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TOWN!**

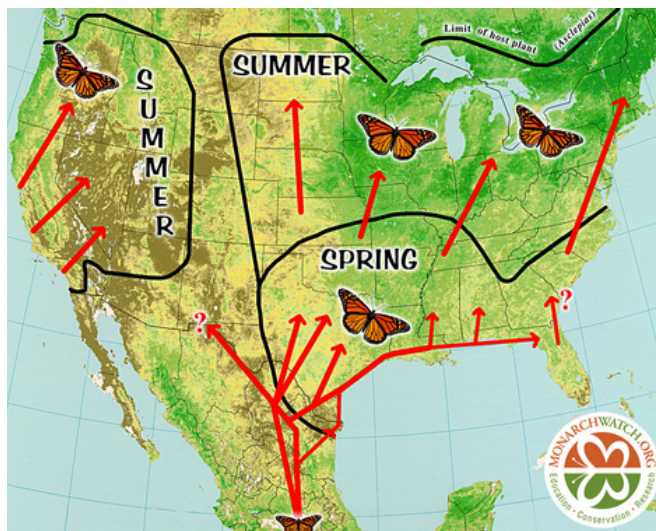


Bringing the Butterfly Highway to Our Mountain Community

By: Jim Barber

Here in western North Carolina, we're fortunate to live among ridgelines, rivers, and some of the richest biodiversity in the country. But even in our beautiful mountain setting, pollinators like butterflies and native bees are under pressure from habitat loss and changing weather patterns. One simple way we can help is by joining the Butterfly Highway—a statewide effort led by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to create a connected corridor of pollinator-friendly gardens across North Carolina.

By planting even a small sunny bed with native flowers, we can provide food and shelter for butterflies, bees, hummingbirds — and especially migrating monarchs passing through our region each year. When neighbors participate together, our individual gardens become something larger: a living network of habitat that strengthens the natural beauty and resilience of our mountain community. We already have a couple areas with good flowers, the path on the south side of the pond, and the slope by the clubhouse parking area.



Easy Pollinator Plants for Western NC

If you're just getting started, these dependable native plants thrive in our mountain climate and provide nectar from late spring through fall:

- *Asclepias tuberosa* (Butterfly Weed) – Bright orange blooms. A critical host plant for monarch caterpillars.
- *Echinacea purpurea* (Purple Coneflower) – Long blooming and drought tolerant once established.
- *Rudbeckia hirta* (Black-eyed Susan) – Cheerful, hardy, and easy for beginners.
- *Monarda didyma* (Bee Balm) – Loved by butterflies and hummingbirds.
- *Symphoricarpos novae-angliae* (New England Aster) – Essential late-season nectar for migrating pollinators.

Tip: In late March, it's usually better to plant nursery-grown starters ("plugs") this spring and plan to sow native seed in the fall for best results.



You don't need a large yard. Even a small sunny bed (4x6 feet) can become part of the Butterfly Highway through the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

1. Choose Sun. Most pollinator plants need at least 6 hours daily.
2. Clear & Loosen Soil. Remove grass and weeds; skip heavy fertilizer.
3. Plant in Clumps. Group 3–5 of the same plant together for better visibility to pollinators.
4. Plan for Continuous Bloom. Include late spring, summer, and fall flowers.
5. Avoid Pesticides. Even mild sprays can harm beneficial insects.
6. Add Water. A shallow dish with stones gives butterflies a safe drinking spot.

In western NC, late March is ideal for planning and purchasing plants. Wait until after the last frost (often mid- to late April depending on elevation) before planting tender starts outdoors.

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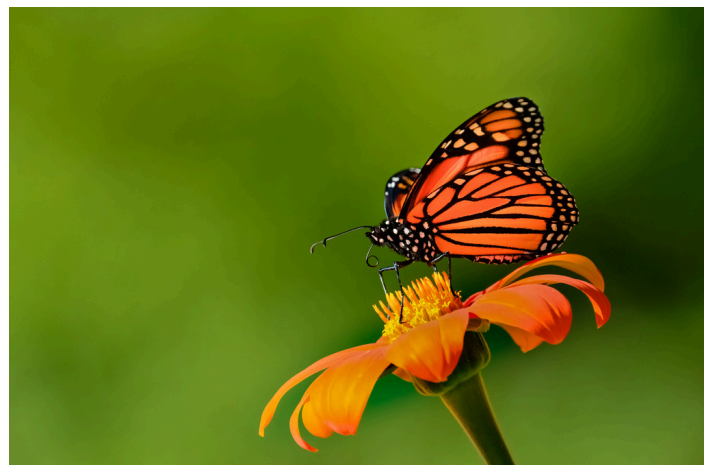
Why Monarchs Matter Here

Western North Carolina sits within the migration path of the *Danaus plexippus*, whose eastern population travels thousands of miles between Mexico and the United States each year.

Monarch numbers have declined significantly due to habitat loss — especially the loss of milkweed, the only plant their caterpillars can eat. By planting milkweed and fall-blooming nectar plants, mountain gardeners can provide vital “rest stops” that help monarchs successfully complete their remarkable journey.

When many neighbors participate — even with small gardens — we create a connected corridor of habitat across our community.

You can find out more about the Butterfly Highway Program [here](#). Some WNC specific articles that you may find helpful have been prepared by the [NC Arboretum](#) and [Conserving Carolina](#).





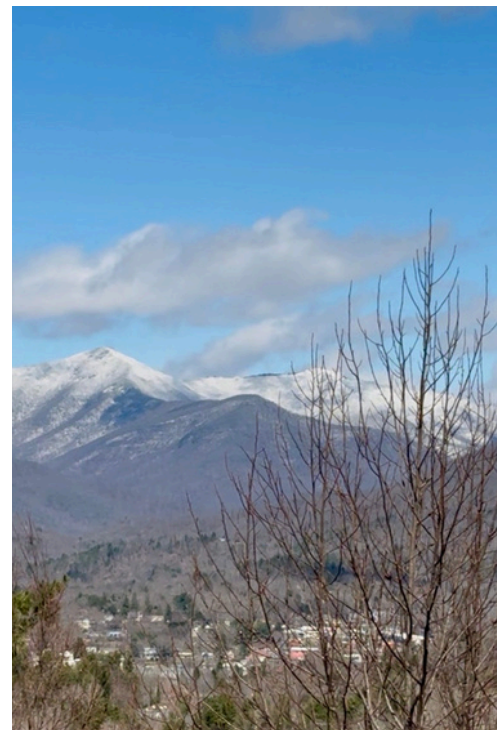
January Bingo



St. Patrick's Day Party



It Was a Real Winter This Year!





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If you have any questions or need information about your unit or community, you can submit your request by [clicking here](#).