

The World of the Monarch Butterfly (Danaus Plexippus)

All About My Exhibit:

My name is Amelia and I am fourteen years old. I live in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. We have Monarch Butterflies in Calgary and I have seen them during the summer. My exhibit is all about these beautiful insects, their lifecycle in North America, their migration to Mexico and California, their roosts in these places and their Caribbean homes.

It is also about their food Milkweeds and Nectar from certain flowers. I will also show predator's, things that eat them.

They also live in the South Pacific, Australia and New Zealand and the Far-East in Asia.

The most important thing right now is conservation of their homes. The climate changes are affecting them a lot as are pesticides.

We all need to grow Milkweeds and other nectar flowers.

My special philatelic items include:

An original artwork for the Pupa that was drawn by Michael Parsons, U.S.A. for an unissued stamp of Mexico-WWF

A high value stamp from Costa Rica

An Antigua & Barbuda souvenir sheet over-printed, "Barbuda Mail"

A stamp from St. Pierre Miquelon (imperf, high postage rate)

A Mexico \$10.00 rate used (scarce usage)

Cover mailed in Mexico for Anganguero in 1931 (Town of Migration)

A proof from Niufo'ou, an island in the Kingdom of Tonga

A New Zealand Souvenir sheet with First day cancel

Books: I used to research my exhibit are:

The Last Monarch by Phil Schappert Publisher: Firefly in 2004

The World of the Monarch Butterfly by Eric S. Grace Publisher: Sierra Club in 1997

I also used the internet a lot:

The World Wildlife Fund site: www.panda.org

Lots of other websites!

I would also like to thank the Calgary Area Philatelic Exhibitors group for all their help.