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Dear Activity Coordinator,

After ten years of raising butterflies, I am still captivated by my experiences and enthusiastically share my knowledge with an entertaining and educational presentation I do entitled "How to Raise a Monarch Butterfly." The presentation is a compilation of experiences I've had since the first time I watched a butterfly emerge from a chrysalis. I was stunned. I was even more astounded later on when I watched a caterpillar turn into a chrysalis. Using humor and wit, I explain how easy it is to raise a butterfly. I relate my personal experiences to the audience and explain that even though caterpillars are an extremely low maintenance pet, there are a few basic principles that need to be adhered to. My goal is to instill enough confidence in others so they can raise a caterpillar and witness the phenomena of metamorphosis themselves.

My PowerPoint presentation is augmented with live butterfly exhibits which include eggs, caterpillars, chrysalises and butterflies when possible. Additionally, my display includes samples of simple cages made from recycled household materials, reference books, photos, posters, and other hands on materials. All audiences, from preschoolers to Nursing Home Resident's, will find the presentation engaging, entertaining, and educational.

Please contact me for additional information, pricing, and availability. I look forward to working with you soon.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Thorne

"Thank you again for doing your program! It was outstanding and the feedback was excellent." - Audrey Durr, Program Coordinator for the Florida Yards & Neighborhoods University of Florida/IFAS Citrus County Extension

"An excellent experience in edutainment." - Allison Wehmeyer, Instructor, College of Menominee Nation, Keshena, Wisconsin