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Moraga's monarch habitat boasts two decoratively-themed sculptures to help boost its butterfly appeal



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Commission, accepted the sculpture for the park. What makes "Wings" so special as an interactive sculpture is, if anyone stands in front of it, there is the illusion that the individual has the wings of a monarch butterfly.

"Katy Pillar" creator, Mary Gilles, (email: mo-saicorinda@gmail.com), has done fused glass work for about 15 years. A former research scientist at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Gilles wanted to spread her wings (so to speak) in community art. While working on a monarch butterfly mosaic in her studio at Oakland's The Crucible, the Orinda resident found out about the habitat and contacted the MGC. The garden club wanted a caterpillar sculpture, so Gilles set about creating the yellow, black and clean white piece beginning with high density polystyrene in an almost paper mache process. The final stage came in the form of hand-cut glass pieces small enough to be applied in a circle around the body and smooth enough so as not to cut anyone's fingers when touched. The time-consuming process to create "Katy Pillar" became a labor of love which Gilles generously donated.

"Katy Pillar" makes her presence known in the monarch habitat garden.

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by the Art in Public Spaces Committee and approved by the Parks and Recreation

The town, as recommended

For anyone wanting to help maintain the garden, email moragaformonarchs@gmail.com. For general information, visit www.moragagardenclub.com/moraga-for-monarchs.

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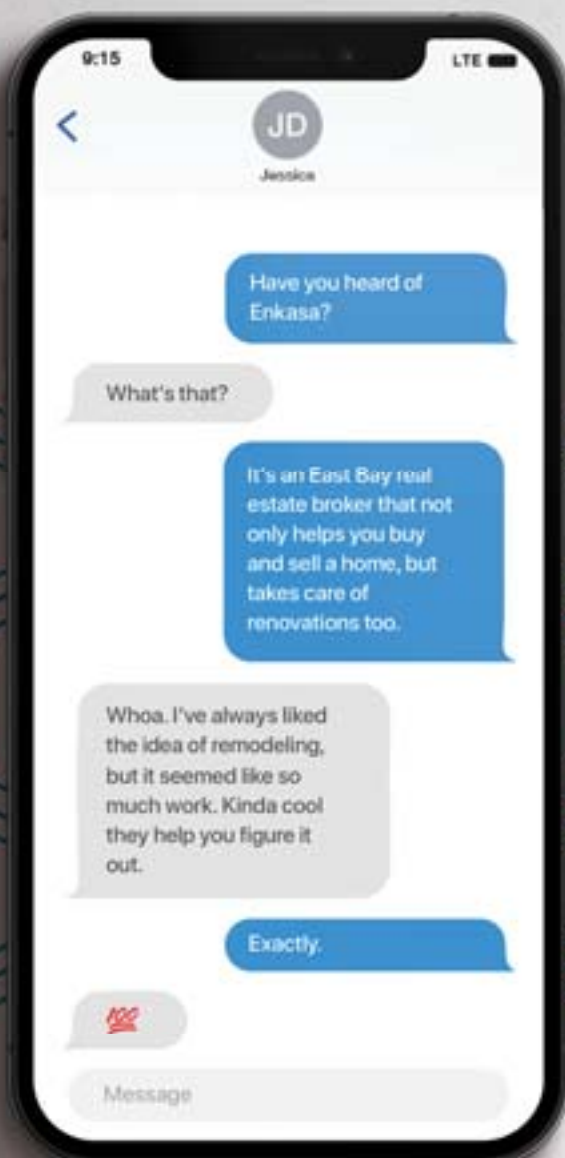
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