



## Visitor's Center: Facts at a Glance

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**Total Project Cost:** \$3 million

**Total Square Footage Completed:** 9,740 square feet

**Groundbreaking:** January 2019

**Grand Opening:** November 2019

**Community Uses:** Education, Tours, Special Events, Outreach

**Total Visitation Expected at Completion:** 125,000

**LEED Certification:** Our project is striving for LEED Gold.

**Project team:** Architecture West, Elder Construction, City of Fort Collins

### Amenities:

- Production greenhouse
- Evelyn Clark Classroom
- Butterfly House **(NEW – 1,500 square feet)**
- New entryway with expanded gift shop **(NEW)**
- Community meeting room **(NEW)**
- Café concessions **(NEW coming in 2020)**
- Additional office space **(NEW)**

### Butterfly House

The heart of our expansion is a 1,500 square foot glass house with a meandering pathway and two primary gathering spaces. A home to 300+ native butterflies, the Butterfly House offers educational opportunities for all ages. To support the expanded butterfly and horticulture needs of the Butterfly House, a new mechanical room and Chrysalis Room was installed. The Chrysalis Room has a viewing window where guests can watch butterflies emerge from their chrysalises. In addition, a 220 square foot living wall with 1,650 plants was also installed in the corner of the Butterfly House.

### Art in Public Places

The Butterfly House is now home to 'Butterfly Bouquet' by artist Joe McGrane. The installation is a trio of steel structures that have a collection of natural rust finished butterflies positioned freely atop acrylic colored panels. The installation is located on the exterior front side of the Butterfly House.



### **New Entrance and Lobby**

Our main entrance is now one single point of entry, and the new lobby welcomes every guest to The Gardens. The Guest Services desk expanded to four stations. A new gift shop will offer botanical decor and souvenirs. The new Visitor's Center now connects to the former stand-alone bathroom building - bringing all restrooms under one roof with a newly added family restroom.

### **Community Meeting Room**

A new conference room allows us to host an expanded selection of classes and offers the community another meeting space at The Gardens. It will also serve as a green room for guest performers and a bridal party room for weddings.

### **Café Concessions / Coming in 2020**

A small concession cafe will offer snacks and beverages to our guests for purchase, rounding out the new lobby area.