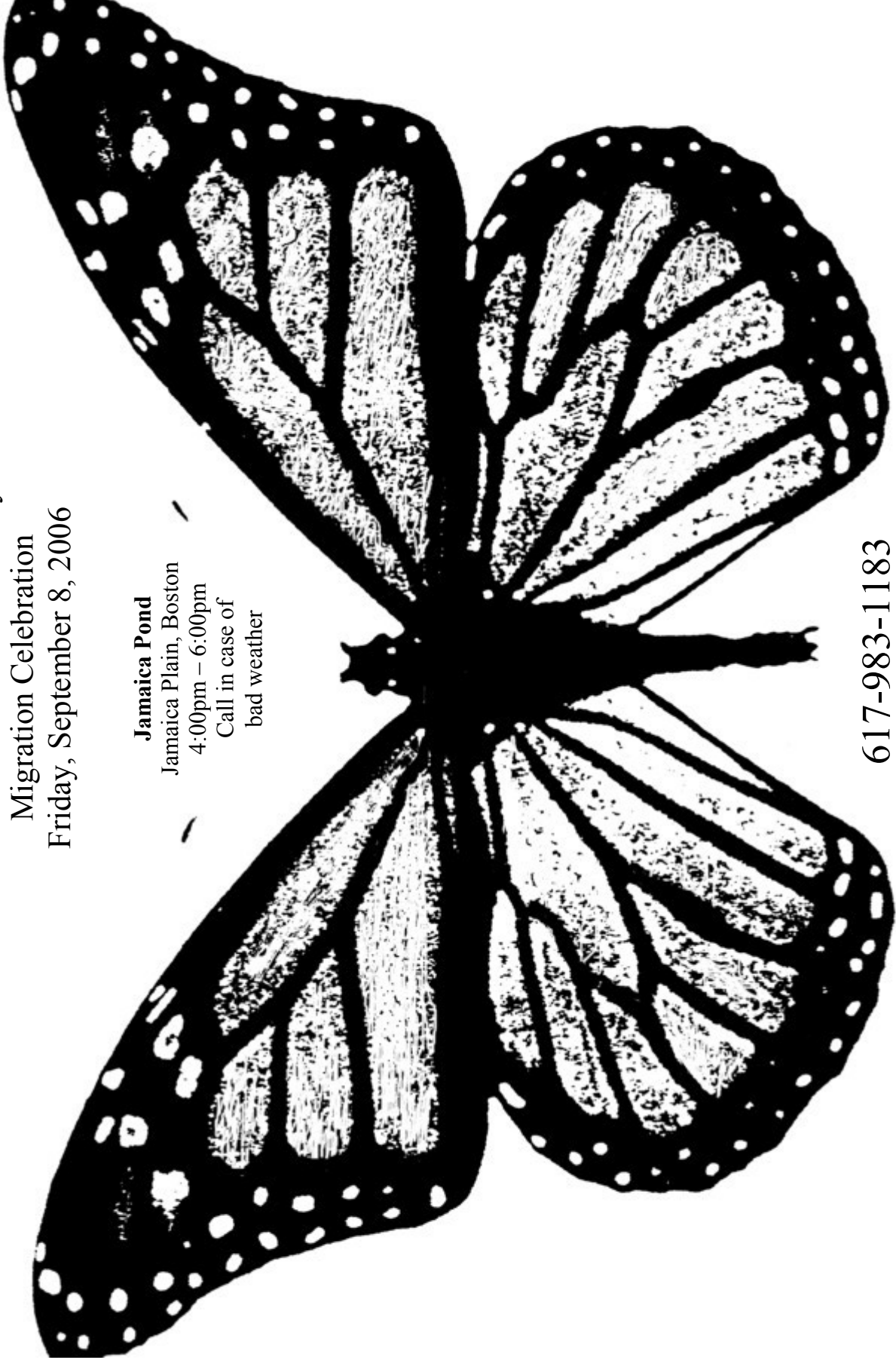


BUTTERFLIES OVER BOSTON
6th Annual Monarch Butterfly
Migration Celebration
Friday, September 8, 2006

Jamaica Pond
Jamaica Plain, Boston
4:00pm – 6:00pm
Call in case of
bad weather



617-983-1183

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You are cordially invited to become a friend of the Monarch Butterfly which came to national attention as an **indicator of the negative effects of toxic pollen generated by genetically engineered food sources**, especially corn. The pesticide-laden pollen drifts in the wind to the milkweed plant which is the sole source of food for the monarch butterfly larvae.

Recent scientific reports have shown conflicting results; however, concern is in order since one serious study from Cornell University showed that **nearly half of the larvae died** when consuming toxic pollen on the milkweed.

The Monarch Butterfly annual migration cycle is one of the most glorious feats of nature. (For further educational information there are several sites that can be found online by searching “monarch butterfly” or by calling toll free to (888) PGMonarchs.

To connect with other local monarch butterfly lovers in the Boston, MA region call (617) 983-1183. We will be actively connecting to other organizations concerned with genetically engineered foods and the effect of these novel food sources on soil, insects, pollen, and ultimately on human health.

This 6th year we are starting a tradition in Boston, MA to say goodbye to the Monarchs as they head to California and Mexico. Each year this event will become larger and have additional educational displays, music, speakers, costumes, masks, games, and family entertainment. You are encouraged to invite your civic groups, schools, family and friends to our Celebration.

The founding members of this group include scientists, artists, educators, doctors, parents, musicians, poets and dancers. Everyone is welcome to bring his or her **monarch butterfly related expressions** to this annual event.

We are specifically interested in this particular member of the butterfly world since it seems to be in a unique position to act as an indicator (much like the old-fashioned, yet reliable, “canary in the mine.”) for trouble in our agricultural methods.)

This year we will have a new display about monarchs. Madeline Champagne will send a “viewing box” with larvae, chrysalis (and if we are lucky, a live butterfly).

THE DRUM CONNECTION will join us again for ceremonial drumming. Marianne Donnelly will tell Butterfly stories and facepaint kids.

Actions you can take:

Read all you can about this amazing creature.

Talk to others about this wonderful butterfly.

Create an art piece to wear or share at the next celebration.

Plant butterfly-attracting flowers in your garden.

Follow the issue of genetically engineered foods closely.

Voice your concern in writing to your local representatives, newspapers, local newsletters, speaking venues and any other way of gathering more support for this growing watchdog effort.

Encourage those who are doing the “grunt work” regarding this issue.

Donate money or time to an organization involved in the food safety issue. We suggest the *Union of Concerned Scientists*, *Greenpeace*, *Sierra Club*, or any of the monarch butterfly educational foundations you’ll find online.

Visit the very informative web site dedicated to the genetically engineered food issue: www.thecampaign.org.

Visit monarchbutterfly.rwriters.com for more about our annual event and other activities.