

Carved Monarch Butterflies

Darkwood Woodcarving
Artists: Gary Crosby & Marie Crosby



Gary & Marie Crosby (c)

Our Butterflies are created out of durable New Brunswick Maple wood. All of its joints are glued with waterproof glue. Once ready for painting, they are given a sock coat of epoxy on the wing tips. Then they are painted with acrylics, both by hand and with an airbrush. Once all that is complete, we finish the outdoor monarchs with three coats of Spar Varnish, creating a waterproof and UV protective finish.

Size: 50 cm x 42cm with a depth of 16cm

Material: Maple

Paint: Acrylics

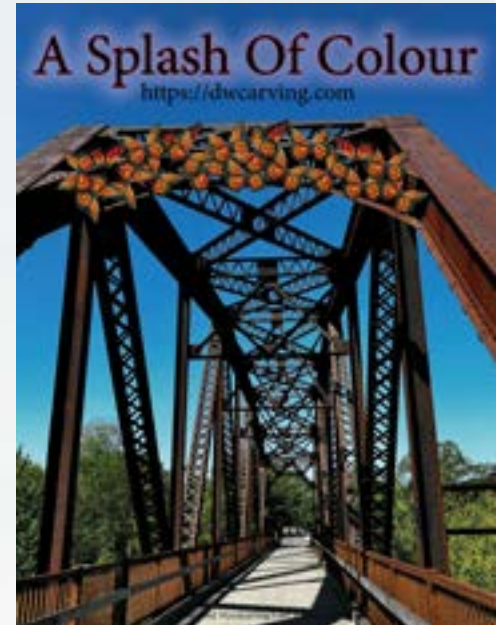
Finich: Spar Varnish (Waterproof)

Our Monarchs have been used in several indoor and outdoor sculptures over the last two years, including “Riding The Wind,” a summer 2025 outdoor installation located in Fundy National Park. And again, May 2025- to -May 2026 “Splash Of Colour” City of Fredericton, New Brunswick. With 30 Monarchs secured to the top truss of the railway bridge.

Indoor installation in Saint John, New Brunswick, Market Square.



Fundy National Park
4.5 m tall sculpture
with 18 Monarchs



City Of Fredericton NB



In 2026, we will be taking the Monarchs on a province-wide trip across New Brunswick.

Starting in May 2026, “Riding The Wind III” will take flight. Starting in Saint John, with the Monarchs moving every two weeks or so.

At the same time, there will be a short story about one of the Monarchs, called Carlos the 3rd, as he moves around New Brunswick searching for Milkweed.

Join us on this incredible journey of Carlos the 3rd starting May 2026