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 $m{R}$ ight smack in the middle of Yonkers, NY, in a historically middle income community that's now diversified sits an unusual house! This particular house has a beautiful wrought iron fence along the road. On a very hot Saturday morning as I opened the gate, a spectacular vista of flowers is artfully planted on both sides of the front yard, as well as along the edges of the house itself. White & Purple Butterfly Bushes, Wisteria fragrances attract butterflies, Liatris, Black Eyed Susan, Rose of Sharron colors, and Crape Myrtle all designed to attract butterflies, pollinating bees, and beneficial insects adorn the front yard. A pavers sidewalk winds its way to the front entrance of the house and continues around the side leading to the rear.

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Mrs Wanda Edwards

'The Butterfly Lady'

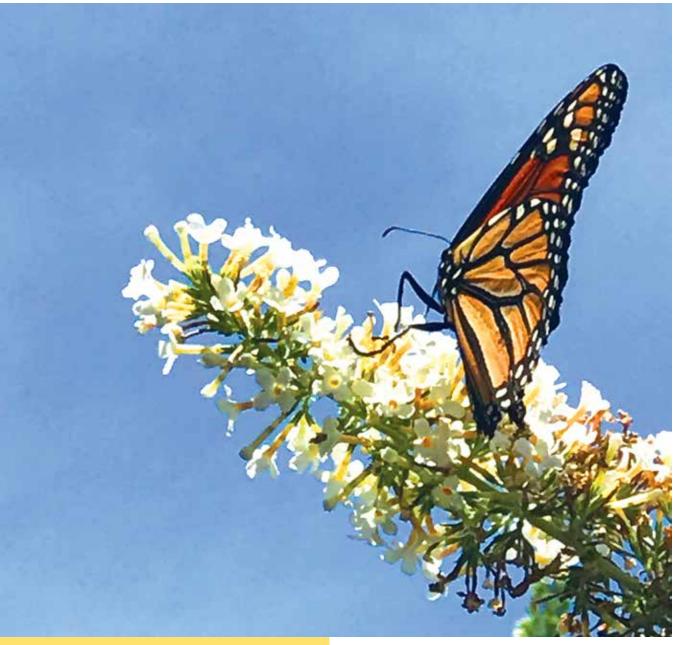
with Cone Flowers

in her backyard.

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Wanda's photographs are sold by her and the money raised goes to her church scholarship fund.

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As I opened the gate, a 6 foot 5 inch man, with a load of lumber on his back, and a bandana around his head, said, "Good morning, Wanda is expecting you, won't you come to the back yard where we have some shade!"

Sitting down in the shade of an umbrella, the giant of a man said, "there's Wanda over by her flowers, she will be right with us!" Cecilio, was

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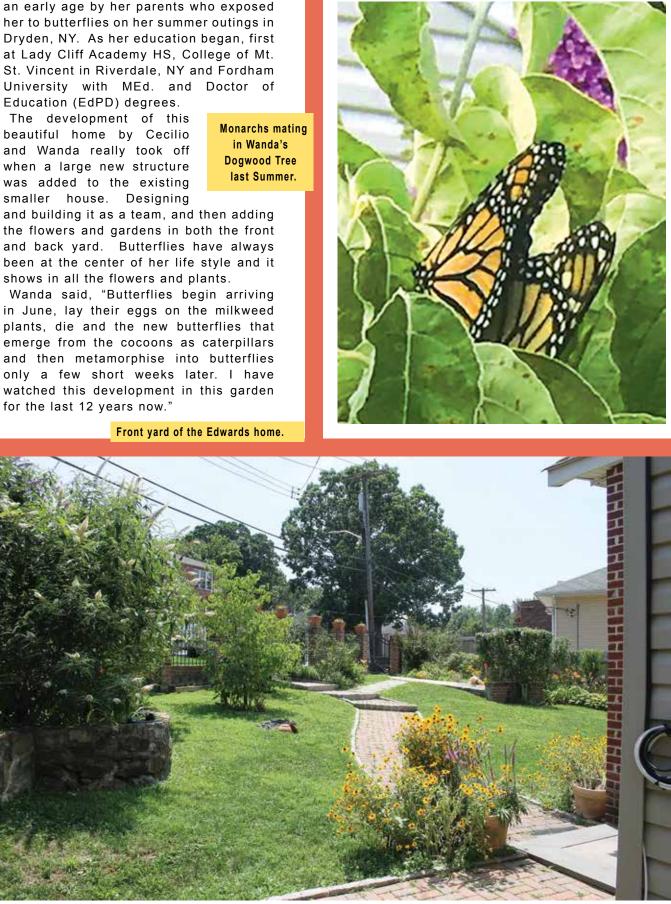
Pathways

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the man's name and he turned out to be Wanda's husband! An amazing man as he looked far younger than his 64 years of age, with a calm, almost reserved demeanor, as he asked "Can I get you all a glass of water or soda?" I answered positively just as Wanda appeared and sat down in the other shaded chair.

Wanda and I had met several times before in Yonkers (at TLC Thursday's Lunch Club) I knew that her husband was the ordained minister of the The Pressley Memorial Church of God in Christ, Inc. in Yonkers and that she worked hand in glove with him keeping the church going. Wanda Edwards had been influenced at her to butterflies on her summer outings in Dryden, NY. As her education began, first at Lady Cliff Academy HS, College of Mt. St. Vincent in Riverdale, NY and Fordham University with MEd. and Doctor of Education (EdPD) degrees.

in Wanda's Dogwood Tree last Summer.



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