

# *Annual Maywood Benefit Banquet*



*Thursday, October 9, 2025  
Lakeland University*

*5:00 pm*

*Reception, cash bar, silent auction, raffles*

*6:45 pm*

*Buffet-style dinner including  
tossed garden salad, rolls, pork tenderloin medallions,  
baked pesto chicken breast, sour cream & chive  
mashed red potatoes, gnocchi with portabella  
mushroom Bolognese (vegetarian - vegan available  
upon request), grilled lemon asparagus,  
caramel apple nut pie, coffee*

*7:30 pm*

*“Monarch Butterfly Biology and Conservation  
in a Changing World”*

*Keynote Speaker Karen Oberhauser*

*Silent auction checkout to follow*

**RSVP by Wednesday, September 24, 2025**

*Proceeds support the Maywood mission of  
connecting our community with nature*



## **“Monarch Butterfly Biology and Conservation in a Changing World”**

Keynote Speaker

**Karen Oberhauser**

Professor Emerita, UW Madison  
Department of Entomology

Monarch butterfly populations have been declining over the last 25 years—essentially the entire time that we’ve been monitoring them. It is important to move beyond documenting this decline, and focus on the challenge posed by monarch conservation and insect conservation in general. Karen will describe the amazing biology of migratory monarchs, how we can use data collected by scientists and the public to understand what is driving monarch numbers, and what we can do with that information. The take-home message will be how we can address species conservation—in our own gardens and beyond—in the face of climate and other human-driven changes.

For almost 40 years, Karen and her students have conducted research on several aspects of monarch butterfly ecology. In 1996, she started the Monarch Larva Monitoring Project (MLMP), which continues to engage hundreds of volunteers throughout North America. As Director of the UW-Madison Arboretum from 2017-2023, Karen fostered a strong Participatory Science program that incorporated the MLMP and many other projects to engage the public in meaningful ecological data collection. Karen is passionate about the conservation of the world’s biodiversity and building connections between humans and the natural world. She is a founding officer of the Monarch Butterfly Fund and has served on several state and national organizations focused on pollinator conservation and participatory science.