



# Friends of Churchville Nature Center

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## The 2026 Butterfly House and Botanical Gardens at Churchville T-shirt Design Contest

### *About the Contest Host*

**Churchville Nature Center** is a facility of the **Bucks County Department of Parks and Recreation** and was founded in 1964. The center's primary focus is environmental education for all ages and the promotion of responsible stewardship within the community and throughout Bucks County and greater Philadelphia region. Churchville Nature Center sits on a 65-acre preserve adjacent to the Churchville Reservoir in Northampton Township.

The **Friends of Churchville Nature Center (FoCNC)** is a 501c3 educational nonprofit organization that supports Churchville Nature Center in fulfilling its mission. The FoCNC provides financial support for programs and staffing for the nature center. Sources of revenue include membership, fees, sales, fundraisers, grants and donations.

### *Purpose of Contest*

The FoCNC is hosting the **2026 Butterfly House and Botanical Gardens at Churchville T-shirt Design Contest** as a fundraiser for its **Butterfly House** and **Botanical Gardens**. The Butterfly House is an enclosed, open-air structure in the nature center preserve that is open for public tours and visits from July through September, and that showcases native butterfly and moth species at different stages of their life cycle. The Botanical Gardens is an enclosed area that surrounds the Butterfly House. The Butterfly House and Botanical Gardens feature colorful native and nectar plants, bushes and trees that are preferred foods for native butterflies and moths.

Churchville Nature Center is seeking creative Bucks County high school and college students (ages 14 – 22 years of age) to submit T-shirt designs for the **2026 Butterfly House and Botanical Garden at Churchville T-shirt Design Contest**. One winning design from this contest will be selected to be printed onto the front of bulk orders of T-shirts that will be promoted and sold by the nature center in its gift store in 2026 – 2027. Proceeds from the T-shirt sales will benefit the Butterfly House and Botanical Gardens.

### *T-Shirt Design Guidelines*

1. The design entry must depict one or more butterfly or moth species that are native to southeastern PA. In addition to an adult butterfly/moth, you may also feature other life cycle stages of that species. Your design must also feature one or more plant species that are native to southeastern PA and that would be a host or nectar plant for some native butterflies and/or moths. (Hint: there are dozens of butterflies and hundreds of moths that are native to our area; please do not focus solely on the popular monarch butterfly.)
2. Only solid colors from the color pallet provided on page 3 of this document can be used in the design. Do not blend or add additional colors. You may use up to 5 colors from this pallet in the design.
3. The phrase "**The Butterfly House and Botanical Gardens at Churchville**" must be part of your design.
4. The design should not exceed 12" wide X 14" tall.
5. Scientific references can be used, including (but not limited to) the following:

<https://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/region/pennsylvania>

<https://www.paenflowered.org/common-plants-native>

<https://extension.psu.edu/gardening-for-butterflies>

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### *Contest Rules*

1. The contest is open to high school and college students (ages 14 – 22 years of age) who attend school/college and/or reside in Bucks County, PA but attend school out of county.
2. The children of FoCNC, Churchville Nature Center and Bucks County Department of Parks and Recreation staff cannot participate in the contest.
3. All elements of the design must be the student's own original work. Trademarked, offensive, violent, or otherwise inappropriate words and imagery are forbidden.
4. Only digital and other original art entries will be accepted, if they are scanned in a high-resolution vector file (see #6/Contest Rules) and if they feature up to 5 colors from the pallet (see #2/T-Shirt Design Guidelines). Submissions of physical art mediums will not be considered.
5. Only one art entry per student will be accepted.
6. The design must be submitted in the form of a vector file in one of the following formats: **AI** (preferred), **SVG** or a high-resolution **PDF**.
7. Design submissions will be reviewed and judged by a team of FoCNC and Churchville Nature Center staff and volunteers. Scoring will be based on three categories, with the potential of achieving 15 points total:
  - Originality (0 – 5 points)
  - Design (0 – 5 points)
  - Scientific Accuracy (0 – 10 points)
8. By entering this contest, the artist gives their acceptance and understanding that the winning design will become the property of FoCNC and Churchville Nature Center. They also accept that the contest prize is fair and adequate compensation for the winning contest entry. Lastly, they understand that they and their parent(s) or guardian(s) will be asked for permission to promote and showcase the name and/or photo of the winning student, in social media and website promotions for the T-shirt and on signage in the gift store.

### *Prize Package for the T-Shirt Design Winner*

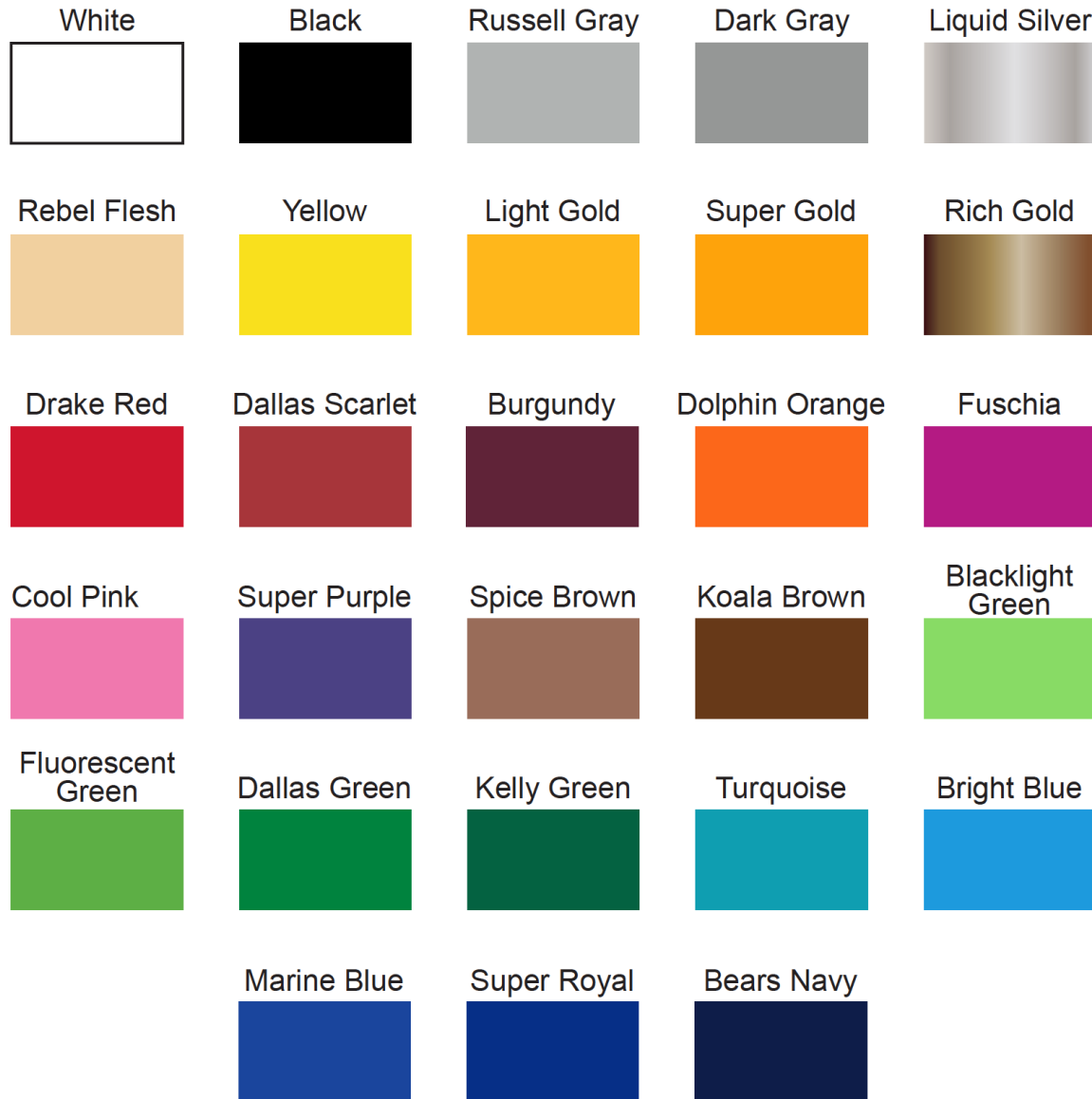
The winning student will receive one **\$150.00 Amazon gift card**, one free **Butterfly House and Botanical Gardens at Churchville T-shirt** featuring the winning 2026 design, and one **2026 family membership for Churchville Nature Center**, which offers several benefits that include unlimited visits to the Butterfly House and Botanical Gardens.

### *How to Enter (Due by 5:00 PM on Friday, May 22)*

Artists should email their submission (in an appropriate vector file format) to Assistant Director Peg Mongillo ([pamongillo@buckscounty.org](mailto:pamongillo@buckscounty.org)) using the subject line "**Butterfly House T-Shirt Design Contest.**" Please include in the email the name of the artist, their email address, cell phone # and home address, the school they attend and/or grade level, the name of their parent/guardian and the parent/guardian's email address. **Submissions are due by 5:00 PM on Friday, May 22.** The winner plus all candidates will be notified by Friday, June 19. Questions can also be emailed to Ms. Mongillo.

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## Acceptable Color Pallet for T-shirt Design



\*Please note: These color swatches may not be 100% accurate, as colors appear differently from screen to screen.

**Do not deviate from these color pallet options.**

To ensure that your designs match these colors exactly, we recommend that you copy the above image into your digital art software and then use the **Eyedropper tool** to select your chosen colors.