EXPLORE THE GILCREASE GARDENS AS YOU LEARN ABOUT LATIN AMERICA.

Find each of the locations below.

Monarch Waystation

Every fall, millions of monarch butterflies (mariposas) migrate from the United States and Canada to spend the winter in the mountains of Central Mexico, turning the forests orange with their wings! Along the way, they need nectar from flowers (las flores). Monarch waystations such as this one help them make this long journey. Do you see any monarch mariposa? Where might they take shelter here? What flores do you see that could provide them with nectar? Draw a picture of what you see.

Colonial Gardens

Visit our Colonial Garden and look for a zucchini (calabaza) plant. This plant, a type of squash, is native to Central America and Mexico and it grows throughout the United States during the warm months. Look at the plant's leaves. Do you think they are rough or soft? Do you see any flores on this plant? If so, what color are they? Talk to your group members to find out who has tried calabaza and what their favorite way to eat it is. Bonus points for trying a calabaza recipe together at home!

Simón Bolívar Sculpture

Simón Bolívar was a Venezuelan soldier (soldado) and political leader who helped to free many Latin American countries from Spanish rule.

Read the plaque near the sculpture to find out four facts about him.

- Date of birth:
- Place of birth:
- What territories he helped liberate:
- Place of death:

_Garden Exploration

Wander around the gardens (los jardines) with your group. Find a flower, tree, plant or sculpture that reminds you of a special memory. With your group members, take turns pointing out your objects and sharing the memories connected with them.

After you finish your garden scavenger hunt, go down to Stuart Park and follow the walking path to the Pre-Columbian Garden to learn more about plants that are native to the Americas.

