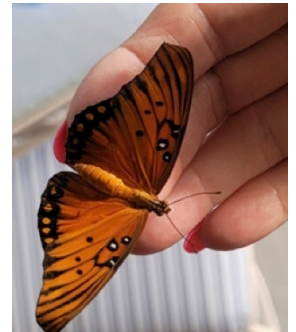


# Gillespie Creek Journal

**A Stunning Passion Flower hosts the Gulf Fritillary Butterfly in Sun City, Arizona carefully nurtured throughout its metamorphosis by master gardener and naturalist Linda King.**



**Passion Vine Flower**



**Gulf Fritillary Butterfly**



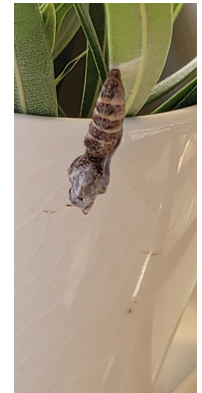
**Passion flower Vine**



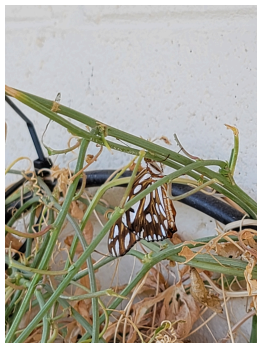
**GF Chrysalis**



**GF Caterpillar**



**GF Butterfly Emerging**



## **Just "Born" Gulf Fritillary Butterfly**

The Passion flower (Vine) is the single host of the Gulf Fritillary Butterfly. Their territory is mainly in the southern U.S. and Mexico. Together like the Bumble Bee and the Bottle Gentian, plant and animals are symbiotic partners.

### **Gulf Fritillary**

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raised on passion flower  
a queen in flirty dance  
sucking sweet nectar  
the essence of romance

a symbol of childhood  
Tinkerbell and Peter Pan  
of winged adventure

as Pegasus, unicorns  
magic carpet ride  
pixies hiding under fern  
our inner child inside

come alive

dress in autumn color  
nimble, noble butterfly  
captured by a shutter  
yet still free to fly

### **"Just show up!"**

Nature, constantly at work, performs miracles continuously. Occasionally one can be lucky enough to follow its wonders throughout an entire life cycle. My friend Linda King, an artist, master gardener sent me this extraordinary series of shutter clicks this past week. Before her eyes she experienced the process from egg laying to the emergence of over 100 Gulf Fritillary butterflies in the past few days. An avant garde naturalist she was able to deliver the tray of eggs in the photo to Kelly Ann Holland of the **Butterfly Wonderland in Scottsdale** where the Fritillaries will enhance their butterfly population.