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Mission Blue Butterfly, art created for Pacific Beach Coalition

The Mission Blue Butterfly is a hand-pulled, hand-colored block print by Caren Loebel-Fried.

Featured in the art are the female, the male, and pupa Mission blue butterflies, Silver lupine, the leaves of which the Mission blue larvae feed on, and the Mules ear blossom, from which the adults sip nectar. Also pictured is the native ant that protects the larvae during this vulnerable stage. The ants are rewarded with honey that the larvae produce.