

Broward County Butterfly Chapter's February, 2010 Newsletter

<http://browardbutterflies.org>

Next Meeting: February 11, 2010

Broward County Extension Office
3245 College Avenue, opposite FAU's Davie Campus

6:30 Social Time/Refreshments

7:00 Guest Speaker: Ms. Kelli Whitney, presenting "A Butterfly's Anatomy"

Dear Members and Friends of the BCBC:

Art Constantino is due recognition, along with Ann Poe who assists, for his wonderfully informative Rain Barrel presentation at our January meeting. If you need help with Rain Barrels, Art welcomes your inquiries at artcons@bellsouth.net

A warm welcome to new members Cindy Jenkins, Rick and Nancy Blancett, as well as Heather Payne, who renewed her membership.

A reminder that membership to the North American Butterfly Association, NABA, entitles you to two excellent quarterly publications: American Butterfly and Butterfly Gardening. Individual Membership is \$30.00 per year and BCBC receives \$5.00 per membership or renewal. Applications are available at the meeting or the form can be downloaded from our website, <http://browardbutterflies.org>. NABA has 31 chapters across the United States; we are one of about seven other chapters that currently have over 50 members, which makes our chapter exceptional!

A reminder about our Photos Night, which is planned for our April 8th meeting. Select five (5) special photos that you have taken from your garden or of butterflies/caterpillars or a chrysalis or start taking photos to present for the evening. You are welcome to share your own comments about the photos or write up a couple of sentences for someone else to share. Barb and Joe Richie have agreed to receive the photos and help organize this event. Details will be forthcoming.

The countdown for getting volunteers is getting closer. If you had offered to help out at the November meeting, we need to make sure we know who you are as names were not written down. Since we had people committing to help, we passed a motion to be at two events and now we need that assistance. Experience is not necessary; all that is needed is for you to have some free time to represent us at a booth and to pass out our materials. The first event is the City of Plantation's 2010 GREEN Day Environmental Expo on Saturday, February 27th 2010, from 9am – 3pm at Liberty Tree Park, 7421 NW 5th Street Plantation. The second event is the 8th Annual Broward Water Matters Day, on Saturday, March 13, 2010. Please consider coming out and helping us by volunteering to work a 2-hour shift and leave me a message at 954-993-9449. Join me for a pleasant outing.

Announcements:

Broward County has approved two-days a week watering restrictions. Please encourage your city to enforce the consequences for violators. Help them and our water supply by reporting infractions.

T-Shirts: We will be able to order shirts at our February meeting, so if you are interested, please bring a check made payable to BCBC. Shirts have the BCBC logo on the left side and if you'd like, your name in block or script lettering on the right side.

OUTER BANKS 7 OUNCE ULTMATE SPORTS SHIRT INCLUDES MONOGRAMMED NAME

Ladies Style OB12 \$25.98

Men's Style OB 11 \$25.98

OUTER BANKS 6.8 OUNCE PIQUE KNIT SPORTS SHIRT INCLUDES MONOGRAMMED NAME

LADIES' STLE 2400 \$21.48

MEN'S STYLE 2100 21.48

A polyester/cotton blend shirt with an embroidered name costs \$16.72.

Any shirt or style in any color that is on the American Logo website can be ordered. www.americanlogowear.com. It is \$5.00 less without a monogrammed name.

Sandy Koi has posted new Atala info on her website: <http://e-atala.blogspot.com>

Join Sandy on February 13th for THE GREAT BACK YARD BIRD COUNT at John Williams Park's Sheridan Oaks Forest, on Sheridan Street just west of 441 in Hollywood. You are welcome to bird count at home too and can submit your info at e-bird. If you'd to assist with exotic plant removal from 1:00 till 3:00, in the afternoon, please be sure to dress accordingly and to bring your tools. Sandy will also be in town on March 6th at Sheridan Oaks Forest. Please read Sandy's article about Atalas in Florida Entomologist.

Spring Count Dates:

South Circle, Sunday, March 28th, Long Key and Tree Tops Park

North Circle, date to be announced, Birch State Park, Crystal Lake and Hillsboro

We are speaking with the Miami Blue Chapter and the Palm Beach Atala Chapter about all of us participating in a Spring Butterfly Walk/Count and Picnic Outing. Details will follow as soon as they are firmed up. We encourage your participation, as it will hopefully be in Broward; past years' events were at Jonathan Dickinson State Park. This is a great opportunity to meet our neighboring butterfly enthusiasts and to enjoy Mother Nature.

February 11th

Kelli Whitney, " A Butterfly's Anatomy"

March 11th

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April 8th

Photo Night

Check out this website for assistance with Identification: *butterfliesandmoths.org*

We welcome your plants for our raffle at the meetings, but please be aware that a motion was passed that only native or non-invasive plants are permitted.

Ink Cartridges, etc: please recycle for our fundraising efforts by bringing items to our meetings. Thanks to Nancy Johns for her untiring efforts in packing up and shipping them out. Nancy has brought sizable funds into our treasury.

Happy Valentine's Day,

Janice L. Malkoff