

Broward County Butterfly Chapter's May 2010 Newsletter
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Next Meeting: Thursday, May 13th, 2010
Broward County Extension Office
3245 College Avenue, opposite FAU's Davie Campus

6:30 Social Time/Refreshments; purchase your plant raffle tickets
tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

7:00 Art Constantino, Presenting two programs: Aposematic Coloration & Native Plants--How to Find
Them Using (live) Internet

Dear Members and Friends of the BCBC:

We all enjoyed seeing the spectacular butterfly/caterpillar photographs taken by our members and friends shared in a slide show organized so wonderfully by Bonnie O'Leary at our April meeting. Some pictures were amazing and should be entered into NABA's photo contest. Rules for submission are explained in the American Butterfly magazine or at www.naba.org.

Special thanks to Sandy Fernandes who volunteered her house for our garage sale on Sunday, April 10th. Barb and Nancy joined me bright and early and helped Sandy with some of the sales and to Peg who helped later on in the morning. Thanks to everyone who donated items; we all wound up purchasing some great things. This event brought in over \$200.00 to benefit our chapter.

Several of us participated in the Spring Butterfly Counts at Tree Tops Park and Long Key Natural Area on Sunday, April 11th along with folks from the Miami Blue Chapter and the Atala Chapter. The weather cooperated until the end of our delicious pot luck picnic luncheon, when the rains came, but we were sheltered in a pavilion thanks to Kelli Whitney. Kelli also coordinated logistics at both parks and also led one group. Special thanks to Barb, our count organizer, and Nancy who also led walks. Elane Nuehring, President of the Miami Blue Chapter shared information about a research project being conducted by Dean Jue for the Florida Natural Area Inventory; Dean is seeking volunteers to monitor certain butterfly species in various locations in the tri-county area. Participants would be reimbursed for their mileage when conducting their surveys. Dean will be in town and speaking about his project at Gumbo Limbo

Nature Center in Boca Raton on Thursday, May 27th. All are welcome to attend; more details about the project will be forthcoming.

Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33432
Phone (561) 338-1535 <http://www.GumboLimbo.org>

A warm welcome to new members Jana Bares and Stephen Baig and James and Enid Smith. We appreciate the membership renewals from the following folks: Lew and Sherry Agnello, Sandy Fernandes, Mary Maxwell, Alex Schore, Eileen d'Addezio, Page Thomas, and Pat Howell.

HELP BCBC: VOLUNTEER TO STAFF our information booth--GET FREE PLANTS

The last two opportunities to help with Broward County's outreach events to celebrate the Broward County School Green Initiative on Saturdays from 9:00am-12:00 pm are listed below.

Nancy represented us at Crystal Lake Middle School and we still need volunteers for these events:

May 8, 2010 - Arthur Ashe Middle School – City of Ft. Lauderdale
1701 NW 23 Ave Ft. Lauderdale, 33311

May 15, 2010 - Silver Trail Middle School – City of Pembroke Pines
18300 Sheridan Street Pembroke Pines 33331

If you are willing to share our BCBC information at a table at one of the above events, please contact me at 954-993-9449 or at cycad49@aol.com and put the subject in the heading. The County has promised that the give-aways at these events will feature new plants that are not normally part of their collection. Volunteers are able to take plants home as a token of the County's appreciation for their time assisting at these community outreach projects.

Please set aside a few minutes and read the details of the ground breaking event at NABA's National Butterfly Center (NBC) in Mission, Texas that is described in the Spring issue of the American Butterfly magazine that arrived recently in members' mailboxes. Jeffery Glassberg, NABA's President, shared how his vision became a reality. I was most impressed with the amount of commitment and involvement from various groups and the local community to make the NBC into a showcase for butterflies. Some of us are thinking about attending the 9th Biennial Meeting there from October 28th-31st, so let us know if you have interest in coming along. A registration brochure for the event from NABA should be arriving soon. When you read the article, please remember that our chapter and several members have made the financial commitment for sponsorship for one of the gardens there.

It was also stressed in the magazine how vital the information we collect on the counts is to the researchers monitoring butterfly populations. Jeffrey is requesting that if you have participated in counts, continue to do so and if you have not ventured out in the fields, join us! NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY; we always can use extra eyes to spot those fast flyers!

The following announcement is from NABA:

NABA Memorial Day/Victoria Day Butterfly Counts

The NABA Memorial Day Count (in the United States) will be held May 29-31, 2010 and the Victoria Day Count (in Canada) will be held May 22-24, 2010.

These new counts will give butterfly enthusiasts throughout the continent an opportunity to get out and enjoy butterflies while contributing to our growing knowledge of butterfly distributions, flight times, and abundance.

In contrast to the highly organized NABA 4th of July and 1st of July Butterfly Counts, the Memorial Day and Victoria Day Counts are free-form. All you need to do is to observe butterflies at one or more of your favorite butterflying localities (such as your own backyard) this coming Memorial Day or Victoria Day weekend and note what butterflies you've seen. There are no requirements regarding how much time or

area you cover. Then go to the NABA web site, www.naba.org, and from there to the "Butterflies I've Seen" web pages and enter your report, filling in the location, date, and butterflies seen. More than 1 million locations are already in the system. For your own backyard, you can create a new location using the information at the site, or, perhaps more easily, you can simply use the name of the town or city in which you live -- these names have already been entered into the system.

Because these counts will be taking place during a very different time of year than do the 4th of July and 1st of July counts, we can expect to see different populations of butterflies than those present for the July counts. Because the approach is different, maybe we'll also see different populations of counters! We hope that literally thousands of enthusiasts will have a great time in the field and contribute their knowledge, quickly making "Butterflies I've Seen" one of the largest biological databases in the world

Announcements:

May 14, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm THE GREATER FT LAUDERDALE FLYWAY CITIES COALITION MEETING. LOCATION: IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame and Museum, 300 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach, FL 33004. Pre-register with NatureScape Broward at: 954/519-0317 or 954/519-1470. For directions to the museum, please call 954/922-4212.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 12th topic TBA
No regular meetings during June and July

This event is on the calendar at Coconut Creek's City Hall: May 18th: NatureScape for a Greener Planet with Diana Guidry

Mark your calendar to sign up for our summer counts:

JUNE 13th 4th of July South Circle Butterfly Count at Tree Tops and Long Key

JULY 17th 4th of July North Circle Butterfly Count at Birch State Park, Crystal Lake, Hillboro, and Tamarind Village

Expect to see the following plants, plus others not listed, for our plant raffle on the 13th:

Native plants for the raffle table;

- 1 Beebalm, *Monarda punctata*
- 2 Bloodberry, *Cordia globosa*
- 1 Blue Eye Grass, *Sisyrinchium angustifolium*
- 1 Carolina Elephant foot, *Elephantopus carolinianus*
- 2 Climbing Carolina Aster *Aster carolinianus*
- 1 Coontie *Zamia pumila*
- 1 Devil's backbone, *Pedilanthus tithymaloides*
- 1 Dune sunflower, *Helianthus debilis*
- 1 Florida ironweed *Vernonia gigantea*
- 1 Frog-Fruit, Frog's Bit, *Phyla nodiflora*
- 2 Frostweed, *Verbesina virginica*
- 1 Goatsfoot, *Passiflora sexflora* Juss
- 1 Hairy Leafcup, Bearsfoot, *Smallanthus uvedalia*
- 1 Pineland blackanthers, *Melanthera parvifolia*
- 1 Pineland croton, *Croton linearis*
- 2 Pineland Passionflower, *Passiflora pallens*
- 1 Quailberry, *Crossopetalum ilicifolium*
- 1 Rice button Aster, *Aster dumosus*
- 2 Scorpion Tail *Heliotropium angiospermum*
- 1 Seaside goldenrod, *Solidago sempervirens*
- 1 Silverling, *Baccharis glomeruliflora*

- 1 Swamp hibiscus, *Hibiscus grandiflorus* Michx.
- 2 Sweetscent, *Pluchea odorata*
- 2 Tropical Sage *Salvia coccinea*
- 2 White Twinevine *Sarcostemma clausum*
- 1 Whitemouth dayflower, *Commelina erecta*

Native milkweed seedlings;

- 3 Whorled milkweed, *Asclepias verticillata*
- 3 Swamp milkweed *Asclepias incarnate*
- 3 Green antelopehorn, *Asclepias viridis* Walt.
- 3 Butterfly milkweed *Asclepias tuberosa* L,

NON native plants

- 2 *Asclepias* Butterfly Weed, *Asclepias curassavica*
- 2 Butterfly weed "Silky Gold" *Asclepias curassavica*
- 1 Cardboard palm, *Zamia furfuracea*
- 1 Chaya, Spinach tree, *Cnidoscolus aconitifolius*
- 2 Coralbush, Coral Plant, *Jatropha multifida*
- 1 Hummingbird plant, *Scutellaria longifolia*

Hope to see you at the meeting!

Janice