

## Submission Guidelines for Butterfly Gardener Magazine

*Butterfly Gardener Magazine* considers unsolicited submissions.

We are always looking for articles based on your own experiences, conservation projects, community or school butterfly garden projects, chapter news, favorite nectar or caterpillar food plants, gardening tips, artwork, photographs, and poetry to share with our readers.

Share your own experiences through our new feature, *In the Garden!* Send us a favorite photo from your garden with a description of 50 words or less telling us about the photo and why it's one of your favorites.

For *Wanted Alive in your Garden* submissions, please check [here](#) to make sure your submission is for a species that hasn't been covered. Use the articles already published as your template.

Please use the following guidelines as closely as possible:

- Articles should be under 1,000 words. In some cases, we can adjust to a higher word count. Please send a query before submitting an article with a word count over 1,000 words.
- Common names of plants used in *Butterfly Gardener* articles must be the same as those used by the USDA Plants Database at <https://plants.usda.gov>. Please provide the scientific name for the plant in parentheses following the first instance of the plant name so that we may be certain of the identity of the plant to which you are referring.
- Articles and photos must be submitted electronically via email. Articles should be in .DOC or .DOCX format. Each photo should be sent as a .JPEG file, with a minimum size of 2 MG.
- For each photo, please provide the filename, caption, and photographer's credit. If you need to send photos in multiple emails, please include your name and article title in the submission line. Please do not add copyright symbol or photographer's name to the photo; photo credit will be given in the article.
- Please include a brief (50 words or less) description about yourself that will be printed at the end of your article.

**Please send articles and photos or questions to Mary Anne Borge,  
Editor *Butterfly Gardener*, [borge@naba.org](mailto:borge@naba.org)**

*Butterfly Gardener* does not pay for articles but will provide authors three complimentary copies of the issue in which their article appears or, alternatively, a six-month NABA membership with access to digital copies of our publications, *Butterfly Gardener* and *American Butterflies*. Photographers receive one complimentary issue.

*Butterfly Gardener* does not accept articles that describe butterfly collecting,

butterfly nets, or killing butterflies.

*Butterfly Gardener* encourages the use of native plants while acknowledging the fact that many people use non-native plants as well. Our mission is to encourage more people to garden for butterflies in particular and wildlife in general, so our emphasis is on native plants. Please note that content promoting non-native plants that are invasive will not be published.

By submitting material to *Butterfly Gardener*, you represent and warrant that you have full authority that your material will not, in whole or in part, infringe the intellectual property rights, rights of privacy or publicity, or any other rights of any third party. If your submission has previously appeared in print or online, please state when and where so that we may provide appropriate acknowledgement. We reserve the right to edit submissions for length and content.

If you are submitting photos of people, please include their written permission to use the photograph in *Butterfly Gardener*.