

NABA News and Notes

Texas Butterfly Festival

This year, for the first time in the history of the 20 year old Texas Butterfly Festival, NABA, through the National Butterfly Center, will be in charge of organizing and running the Festival. This is an exciting development! Your participation in the Festival will not only ensure a fun-filled butterfly adventure, but will also support the conservation and education efforts of NABA's National Butterfly Center, in Mission. See the ad, on page 31 of this issue and plan on joining everyone in Mission for great butterflies that can't be seen anywhere else in the U.S. and for enjoying great camaraderie!

2014 NABA Biennial Members Meeting

The 11th NABA Biennial Members Meeting will be held Thursday, June 12 through Sunday, June 15, 2014 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The host hotel will be the Chattanooga Marriott, 2 Carter Plaza, Chattanooga, TN 37402; Tel. 423-756-0002, where we have arranged a discounted room rate for those attending the meeting.

This promises to be a fantastic meeting in the southern Appalachians, with Diana Fritillaries as one of many highlights! A special pre-meeting trip to see federally endangered Mitchell's Satyrs is also planned. This may be your only opportunity to see this butterfly!

In addition to great butterflies, the southern Appalachians are the world's center for salamander diversity and there will be experts available to help those of you with amphibious minds to see some of these engaging creatures. Mark your calendars!

NABA-Chat

Those of you not registered for NABA-Chat are missing an important feature and perquisite of NABA membership. NABA-Chat is a free service for NABA members that connects you to the NABA community, providing help and

information about where to find butterflies, how to attract butterflies to your garden, how to raise caterpillars that you find in your garden and then release them back where you found them, and much more. Because membership in NABA-Chat is open only to NABA members and because it is monitored by NABA, NABA-Chat conversations are always friendly and helpful.

To join, simply go to the NABA website, www.naba.org, click on "Membership" and then on "NABA-Chat" where you will find easy-to-follow instructions. You can simply "listen in" until you feel comfortable enough to ask a question or contribute information.

National Butterfly Center

Already arguably the most exciting butterflying location in the United States and the largest botanical garden devoted to using native plants in formal beds, the National Butterfly Center in Mission, Texas has amazing plans for the future. These include the imminent creation of the Texas Savannah Trails and Azenia Refugium (TEXSTAR) in partnership with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the creation of the extensive and innovative Texas Butterfly Garden, with special gardens for each butterfly species. The fruition of these plans promises an even more vibrant and important facility.

Please help us continue the critical conservation and education efforts at the National Butterfly Center by considering making a major gift to the National Butterfly Center. Highly visible naming opportunities are still available. If interested, please contact NABA headquarters at 973-285-0907, or the NBC directly, at 956-583-5400.

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Cover photo, by Don Dubois, is of a Giant Swallowtail that completed its life cycle on a Hercules' Club. See article about foodplant documentation on page 20.

Readers Write

Love at First Sight

Even before reading it all, I can tell you, I LOVE the spring 2013 issue of *American Butterflies*!! What is it about hairstreaks??
Deedee Burnside, Waldwick, NJ

Ministreaks

The article on U.S. & Mexican Ministreaks (*American Butterflies*, spring 2013) was superb. The double-page photo (p.20-21) is so good, it aspires to be art.
David Wright, Lansdale, PA

Cover Girls Redux

I just got the Spring 2013 issue and I loved reading the comments the editor put with the pictures, but I almost fell off my chair laughing at his editorial response to the two women cover photo.
Ralph Fylstra, Hawthorne, NJ

I really loved the editorial reply to the guy who claimed that something occurring every 11 years is a "trend." What fun!!
Teresa Knipper, Princeton, NJ

Corrections

In the article about Atalas in the Spring 2013 issue, it was said "Community organizations such as The Atala and Miami Blue Chapters of the North American Butterfly Association... also continue to play a role in Atalas conservation..." The author inadvertently left out the NABA Broward County chapter from this list. In addition, the editor had removed an acknowledgments section that had thanked, among others, Sandy Koi for research and information she has provided about Atalas. We apologize for the omissions.

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Members Photo Gallery

If you would like one of your photos to be considered for this feature, please submit no more than two, high resolution, interesting and unusual photos of either adult or immature butterflies taken of wild, unmanipulated butterflies or immatures in the United States, Canada, or Mexico. Photos should be in digital form, and should be uncropped and unaltered/ minimally altered. Send your entries on a CD to: NABA Members Gallery, 4 Delaware Rd., Morristown, NJ 07960.

Matching Donations

Those of you who generously contribute donations to NABA and work at a large corporation may be able to double your contribution. Many corporations have matching gift programs. Check with your human resource or public relations department.

A Note About Plant Names

As noted previously, it is our intention to use, both in *American Butterflies* and in *Butterfly Gardener*, the plant names at <http://plants.usda.gov>.

Butterfly Buzz

To receive your NABA member's 10% discount at www.butterflybuzz.com, please enter the code (with the letters NABA all capitals): NABA410