

NABA News and Notes

2014 NABA Biennial Members Meeting

Whether you've attended prior NABA Members Meetings or the 2014 Meeting would be your first, you will be sorry if you miss this one! 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! See the ad for the meeting on page 25 of this issue. Guidance will be provided to meeting attendees regarding locations to possibly see endangered Mitchell's Satyrs prior to the meeting. This may be your only opportunity to see this butterfly!

You can register for the meeting online by going to the NABA website, www.naba.org.

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 overseen 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 plans to break ground for the extensive and innovative Texas Butterfly Garden this summer. In addition to sunken butterfly gardens, the Texas Butterfly Garden will include special gardens, each of which is designed for a particular butterfly species. And, as part of the garden, the NBC has partnered with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to create the Texas Savannah Trails and Ayenia Refugium (TEXSTAR). 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.

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.

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Cover photo of a Regal Fritillary was taken by Judd Patterson on Aug. 3, 2009 at the Tallgrass National Prairie Preserve, Chase Co., KS. See the article about Tallgrass Prairies by Ann Swengel on page 64.

The two small inset photos of a Meadow Fritillary were taken by Jeffrey Glassberg. See the article about Westchester Co., NY on page 34.

Readers Write

People for Butterflies

I really enjoyed the recent review of the book *Butterfly People* by William Leach.

There was some evidence around our house to suggest I might be one of those people. Maybe the collections of butterfly and moth frass in different shapes and sizes displayed in glass jars? Maybe all the old butterfly wings saved from the roadsides?

This summer there was no doubt that I was a butterfly person. When the National Weather Service issued a report for strong winds and advised taking in all light objects, I looked over at the Red Admiral chrysalis. It was inside the house safe and sound.

Thanks for being there for all of us who love butterflies. I've got a copy of the book with me right now and look forward to reading more about our kind and "the beauty of the world".

Pat Thomas, Duluth, MN



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.

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 discount at butterflybuzz.com, please enter the code NABA 410 

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NABA Photo Contest

The 10th NABA Photography Contest will be held in 2014. The winner will receive \$200 and the 1st runner-up will receive \$75. Winning entries will be published in the Fall 2014 issue of *American Butterflies*. Photographs of adults must be of free-flying, unrestrained butterflies taken in the field (not in a butterfly zoo), in Canada, the United States, or Mexico.

Photographs of immatures must be of eggs, caterpillars or chrysalises taken in the field, or at a location (e.g., one's house or laboratory) within 20 miles of where the eggs or caterpillars were obtained. Submissions, which must be received by June 1, 2014, should be in the form of digital images, sent as high resolution jpeg files on a CD formatted for a PC. Please include the photographer's name in the file name. Files sent via email will not be considered. Please limit your submissions to three images (only the first three images received, per entrant, will be considered).

Entries must be accompanied by a signed statement giving NABA the right to copy and publish the photographs, both in print and digital form, and vouching that the photographs, if taken of adults, were taken in the field, of free-flying, unmanipulated butterflies. If of immatures, the photographer's statement must vouch that the immatures were either photographed in the wild; or within 20 miles of where found and if removed from the wild that they were reared through to adults (or attempted to rear through to adults) and released where they were found.

Please include detailed information about when and where the photographs were taken, as well as camera, lens, flash, film, and setting information — to the extent known. Please include a telephone number and/or email address where you can be reached.

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