



# Atala Chapter News

SUMMER/FALL 2011

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

No, there hasn't been a single meeting or field trip this year. I desperately need help planning them. PLEASE! I am seriously considering folding the chapter because I just can't keep up anymore. As you may know, besides my full-time job, I am currently working on my PhD. I should actually be doing my homework right now!

I would love it if *you* would just choose one task: schedule a speaker or schedule a field trip. If 5 people stepped up, we'd have all of our events planned for the rest of the year! Call me on my cell phone and we can discuss how you can help. NOTE: Don't email me since my inbox has over 3000 unread messages and I won't find it! I don't need you to take a title....although if you want it, I'll happily pass it on. ☺

But the clock is ticking and butterfly counts are just around the corner. PLEASE, choose at least ONE date to join us this year. You don't have to know any butterflies. We just need your company. We get lonely out there all by ourselves. Please join us!

Check out the count dates on the next page and call me if you'd like to join us! 561-706-6732.

Sincerely,

*Atana Edwards*

# BUTTERFLY COUNTS



**The following three dates are for our Palm Beach County butterfly counts. You can count butterflies in your garden as well as join us at one of the local natural areas. WE NEED YOUR HELP THIS YEAR! ANY LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE IS APPRECIATED.**



- Saturday, June 25, 2011** – Butterfly Count – Central Circle
- Sunday, June 26, 2011** - Butterfly Count – North Circle
- Saturday, July 2, 2011** - Butterfly Count – South Circle

**Saturday, July 9, 2011** – Butterfly Count at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park – Kissimmee Prairie has the highest diversity of butterflies in the state of Florida. We will meet at the entrance at 9:00am.

**Directions:** Take I-95 to Blue Heron. Go west to SR 710 (Bee Line Highway). Take SR 710 to Okeechobee which is approximately 70 miles. At Highway 70, turn left (west) and continue through the city of Okeechobee Turn right onto Hwy.98 and continue about 15 minutes. Turn right (north) on SR 700 and continue for another 15 minutes. Bring a picnic lunch. Plan for ~2 hours to get to the park.

**Sunday, July 10, 2011** - Butterfly Count at Sue Arnold's Butterfly Haven – If you haven't been yet, you need to join us! This is not your average butterfly garden!

**Directions:** Take I-95 to Blue Heron. Go west to SR 710 (Bee Line Highway). Take SR 710 to Okeechobee which is approximately 70 miles. At Highway 70, turn left (west) and continue through the city of Okeechobee. Turn right onto 441 (Parrot Ave.) and continue north about 10 minutes. Take a left onto NW 144th Street and go about 2 1/2 miles. Take a left on NW 30th Terrace. You will see a sign here for Arnold's. Continue to the end of the road. We will meet at 9:00 by the butterfly garden.

**Saturday, July 16, 2011** - Butterfly Count at Highlands Hammock State Park - A chance to see numerous species of swallowtail and always the Little Metalmark. Make sure you bring bug repellent and shoes you don't mind getting wet! Also, bring picnic lunch. We will meet at the entrance at 9:00am.

**Directions:** Take I-95 to Blue Heron. Go West to the Beeline (710). The Beeline through Indiantown to SR70. Go West on SR70 through Okeechobee to SR98. Go North on SR98 to SR27. Go North on SR27 into Sebring. Take a left onto Highlands Hammock Rd. (also called 634. Landmarks: traffic signal and Bar-B-Que restaurant). We will meet at the Ranger Station at 9:00am. ~2 1/2 hours from WPB.