

# Contributors



**Ahmet Baytas** is a professor of economics at Montclair State University. He is an avid butterflyer and a past president of the North Jersey chapter of NABA. He is especially passionate about the identification,

distribution and conservation of butterflies in his native Turkey and has recently authored *A Field Guide to the Butterflies of Turkey*.



**Mary Ann Friedman** has a Masters' Degree in Music with a specialization in voice. She and husband Norm have been roaming the woods of northwestern Florida for some time in search of snakes and butterflies

to photograph and admire. She is the compiler for three NABA butterfly counts in Florida and has spent many hours bringing butterfly presentations to schools and civic organizations. She is currently the Western Panhandle coordinator for a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Grant to collect data on the current distribution of Florida's rare butterflies. As a soprano soloist, Mary Ann has appeared with the Pensacola Opera, the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra, the Philharmonic Orchestra of Northwest Florida, and other musical organizations. She recently combined her special interests in music, photography and butterflies by creating and performing *Butterflies in Song and Simulation*, a multimedia offering of butterfly inspired Classical Art Songs, accompanied by her digital images.

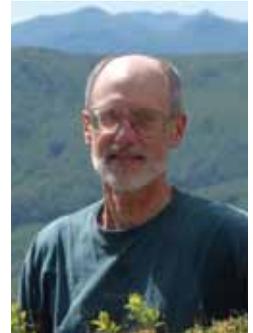
**Jane Hurwitz** is Director of NABA's Butterfly Garden and Habitat Program, which allows her to work in a variety of ways to promote butterfly gardens that use regionally native plants. She has also been a co-administrator of the NABA Butterfly Count Program since 2003. A maniacal gardener since the age of ten, her first career was in agronomy. She is the author of numerous nonfiction works for young adults and now writes and maintains the website [www.nababutterfly.com](http://www.nababutterfly.com)



**Ann Swengel's** brief biographical sketch appeared in the Winter 2008 issue.

**Mike Reese's** brief biographical sketch appeared in the Spring 2009 issue.

**Ernest Williams** is the Leonard C. Ferguson Professor of Biology at Hamilton College in upstate New York. He is author of *The Nature Handbook* (2005. Oxford University Press) and coauthor of the *Stokes Butterfly Book* (1991. Little, Brown & Co.).



He is a charter member of NABA and he has served as secretary of the Lepidopterists' Society. His background includes a Ph.D. in Ecology from Princeton University and, with field work in Wyoming and New York, 20+ years studying the population biology and chemical ecology of nymphalid butterflies. His favorite species is Gillett's Checkerspot, and his favorite place to spend a day is a Rocky Mountain meadow.

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