

NABA News and Notes

2010 NABA Biennial Members Meeting

We are pleased to report that the next NABA Biennial Members Meeting will be held October 28-31, 2010 in Mission, Texas. At the last Members Meeting in Mission, in 2004, we celebrated the official opening of the National Butterfly Center. The 2010 Meeting will (we hope) celebrate the official opening of the first major building at the National Butterfly Center, the Welcome Center. Mark your calendars now — we look forward to seeing you there!

Don Mitchell

Don Mitchell, founder of the Orange County, California chapter of NABA, died on August 16, 2009 of complications from cancer. He was 72 years old. Don was a great lover of butterflies who frequently communicated with NABA National, suggesting ways to grow NABA so that we might better educate the public about butterflies and the need to conserve them. Don will be especially missed in southern California, but the loss of his presence will be felt throughout North America.

Give the Gift of Creating Habitat for Butterflies this Holiday Season.

As you will read in page 4 of this issue, NABA is making progress developing the National Butterfly Center in Mission, Texas. As we construct the new Welcome Center this winter, we will also be creating new gardens! To help us plant these gardens, your gift donation will help plant a tree or a bush. Please consider giving your family and friends a gift tree or gift bush that will be planted at the National Butterfly Center. The donation needed to plant a gift bush is \$50; to plant a sapling gift tree, \$100 and to plant a semi-mature gift tree, \$500. Send your donation to NABA, 4 Delaware Rd., Morristown, NJ, indicating that it is for a gift bush, a gift sapling tree or a gift semi-mature tree. the name and address of the person or persons to whom you are giving the gift. You can help butterflies and make your Holiday gift giving easy at the same time!

Butterfly Gardens and Habitats

NABA's Butterfly Gardening and Habitat program is undergoing a major face-lift and expansion. New web pages, now beginning to appear, will emphasize native plants for butterfly gardens including photographs, cultural information about garden plants and also a butterfly garden certification program.

Experienced butterfly gardeners are invited to participate by providing information on butterfly gardening in their region and/or photographs of butterfly garden plants from their region. We are looking for regional garden specialists, garden photographers who wish to share their work, and gardeners who are passionate about native plants. Interested gardeners should send an email to hurwitz@naba.org requesting more information about the ways that NABA members can participate in spreading the word about butterfly gardening.

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.

Butterfly Buzz

To receive your NABA member's 10% discount at www.butterflybuzz.com, please enter the code (with the letters in NABA all capitals): NABA309

(Continued on the Inside Back Cover)

Cover photograph is of a painting entitled "Transition (Flight of the Soul)" by Judith Starchild. See article on page 40.

Readers Write

Thanks

Keep up the good work! Great publications and organization.

David McMurray, Greenville, SC

Location, Location, Location!

Please include more articles covering the Southwest (New Mexico and Arizona) in your magazine.

Virginia Burris, Albuquerque, NM

While *American Butterflies* does try to include articles that focus on the many different regions of North America, many of the articles carried in the magazine are broadly applicable to most if not all geographic areas. For example, in this issue we would hope that each article would be of interest to someone living in the Southwest! While the article about the National Butterfly Center should be of interest to all readers, the article about rare and endangered New Jersey butterflies might not seem to be relevant to some. But note that this latter article contains information about how to approach your own state government to encourage them to conserve butterflies. Other articles, such as those on tongue colors, on Monarch populations (with the implied hypothesis that Monarchs may be moving from Mexico through New Mexico and Arizona) and on the results of the art contest, are equally applicable to all geographic regions. The Hot Seens article mentions a number of Arizona rarities! So, while we understand that many readers especially enjoy seeing articles that focus on where they live (such as the four Definitive Destination articles treating butterfly-rich locations in New Mexico and Arizona), we hope that readers can see the wide relevance that most articles have to increasing their knowledge of, and enjoyment of, butterflies. Ed.

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NABA Photo Contest

The 8th NABA Photography Contest will be held in 2010. The winners of each of two categories, adults and immatures, will receive \$150 and the 1st runners-up will receive \$50. Winning entries will be published in the Fall 2010 issue of *American Butterflies*. Photographs of adults must be of free-flying, unrestrained butterflies taken in the field, in Canada, the United States, or Mexico.

Photographs of immatures must be of eggs, caterpillars or chrysalids 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 May 1, 2010, should be in the form of digital images, sent as high resolution jpeg files on a CD formatted for a PC. 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 one-time right to copy and publish the photographs in *American Butterflies*, 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.

Send your entries to: NABA Photo Contest, 4 Delaware Rd., Morristown, NJ 07960.