

NABA News and Notes

National Butterfly Center (NBC)

January 23, 2010 was a proud day for NABA as the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Visitors Pavilion at the National Butterfly Center were held. Please see the article beginning on page 4 of this issue about the ceremonies.

Due to an unusual amount of rain (good for the plants but bad for digging) actual construction was delayed and began on February 16th. You can follow the course of the construction by viewing the photos of the construction site at NABA's home page, www.naba.org.

Although NABA has the funding on hand to complete the building, we still need to raise funds for exhibits, furnishings, gardens and outdoor structures. In addition, we need to continue to fund operations until the NBC is developed enough to attract sufficient visitors to help offset operating costs.

Please consider donating to support the National Butterfly Center. One of the best ways to support the National Butterfly Center is by sponsoring one of the existing gardens. You can see a map of the gardens online and use the donation page to sponsor a garden, or you can call the NABA office, 973-285-0907 to learn more. Or, you can simply send a tax-deductible donation check, indicating that it is for the National Butterfly Center, to: NABA, 4 Delaware Rd., Morristown, NJ 07960.

Biennial Members Meeting

The ninth NABA Biennial Members Meeting will be held Oct. 28th - Oct. 31. Prior to the meeting on Thursday, October 28, we plan to have the opening ceremonies for the Visitors Pavilion at the National Butterfly Center. We are currently evaluating the possibility of offering a three day post-meeting trip to the El Cielo area between Cd. Victoria and Cd. Mante in northern Mexico. Please mark the meeting dates on your calendar. A registration brochure will be mailed shortly.

Monarch Joint Venture

NABA is proud to be one of the founding members of the Monarch Joint Venture. We hope that this partnership among governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations and academic institutions will play an important role in helping to conserve the phenomenon of Monarch migrations, to raise public awareness of butterflies and to protect habitat that is important for many species of butterflies. Praise is due to Carol Lively of the U.S. Forest Service for her critical role in the initiation of this novel Joint Venture and for her farsighted vision of its future.

NABA Butterfly Count Program

As you can see from many of the recent articles in the Count Column that appears in *American Butterflies*, the NABA Butterfly Counts, including 4th of July Counts (U.S.), 1st of July Counts (Canada), 16th of Sept. Count (Mexico), and seasonal counts, are increasingly being used by scientists to help answer questions not only about butterflies per se, but also about the effects of global warming on butterflies and the effects of human development on habitats.

Over the past few years, the number of counts conducted has been slightly fewer than 500/year. This year we are making a concerted effort to increase the number of counts so that we can better monitor butterfly populations in North America.

If you currently compile or participate in a NABA Butterfly Count, please continue to do so! And, if, near where you live, there is room for additional count circles, please consider

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Cover photograph of a portion of the groundbreaking for the Visitors Pavilion at the National Butterfly Center was taken on Jan. 23, 2010 by Kert Wogan. See the article about the groundbreaking on page 4.

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starting a new count. With the new Count pages, including count data entry pages, at the NABA website, this is easy to do.

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 Gardens and Habitats

NABA's Butterfly Gardening and Habitat Program needs knowledgeable and avid butterfly gardeners from around North America to expand its growing number of regional butterfly gardening guides. If there isn't an up-to-date regional butterfly gardening guide for your area at www.nababutterfly.com, please contact Jane Hurwitz at hurwitz@naba.org to learn how you and other local butterfly gardeners can work with her to create web pages that will help gardeners increase the number of butterflies in North America.

Butterfly Buzz

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

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. 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).

Because of the number of submissions and the limited volunteer staff, no submitted materials will be either acknowledged nor returned.

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.