



Atala Chapter News

SPRING / SUMMER 2009

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello Everyone! Were you beginning to wonder if we'd plan any meetings or field trips this year? Sorry for the delay. We have scheduled two meetings, two field trips, a gathering in memory of Barbara Liberman and, of course, the yearly butterfly counts. Be sure to go through the entire list of meetings and field trips and add them to your calendar.

We are still looking for volunteers to help research field trips and meetings. We want to keep offering educational meetings and field trips but with our busy schedules it is becoming increasingly difficult. If you can help in any way, please let us know!

Sincerely,

Alana Edwards

ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE – Mark your Calendars!!

(Details for these activities below)

Sunday, March 8, 2009 – Remembering Barbara Liberman – *A social gathering in Jupiter.*

Monday, March 23, 2009 – A Butterfly Discovery at Blowing Rocks – *A meeting at Pine Jog.*

Saturday, March 28, 2009 - Field Trip to Blowing Rocks.

Sunday, April 12, 2009 – Easter Sunday at Jonathan Dickinson State Park and Potluck.

Monday, May 18, 2009 – Alana's 2008 Butterfly Adventures – *A meeting at Pine Jog.*

Saturday, June 26, 2009 – Butterfly Count – Central Circle

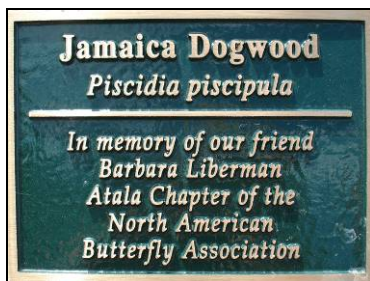
Sunday, June 27, 2009 - Butterfly Count – South Circle

Saturday, July 3, 2009 - Butterfly Count – North Circle

Saturday, July 11, 2009 – Butterfly Count at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park

Sunday, July 12, 2009 - Butterfly Count at Sue Arnold's Butterfly Haven.

Saturday, July 18, 2009 - Butterfly Count at Highlands Hammock State Park.



Sunday, March 15, 2009 – Remembering Barbara Liberman.

Barbara Liberman was a member of our chapter almost from the very beginning. We would love for everyone in our chapter (whether you knew her or not) to attend this very special event at the Jupiter campus of FAU. Our chapter has purchased a bronze plaque in Barbara's memory and we will plant a beautiful Jamaican Dogwood in her memory. We will meet in the Gazebo of the Robert J. Huckshorn Arboretum at 10am. We will serve coffee, juice and Danish. Wear your gardening clothes if you'd like to dig and help cut back some of the overgrown plants in the garden.

Take I-95 to Donald Ross Road. Go east on Donald Ross to the second light, Parkside Drive. Take a left on Parkside Drive. Continue on Parkside Drive and take a right onto University (just before the stop sign) and park in the parking garage on your left. The arboretum is just across the street.



Martial Scrub Hairstreak

Monday, March 23, 2009 – A Butterfly Discovery at Blowing Rocks – NABA member Deb Galloway has been visiting Blowing Rocks for years. Just over a year ago, she photographed the Martial's Scrub Hairstreak, a species not known from our area! Join Deb as she tells us about this discovery and shares her photos. The meeting will be held at the new Pine Jog Environmental Ed Center at 7pm.

To get to Pine Jog, take I-95 North to West Palm Beach (Forest Hill exit.) Turn West on Forest Hill Blvd. & go to Jog road. Go North on Jog Rd. to Summit Blvd. Turn East on Summit Blvd. Look for the Pine Jog entrance on the North side of Summit Blvd.

Saturday, March 28, 2009 - Field Trip to Blowing Rocks. As a follow-up to Deb Galloway's talk, we will search for the Martial Scrub Hairstreak. We will meet at the Blowing Rock's Visitor Center at 9am.

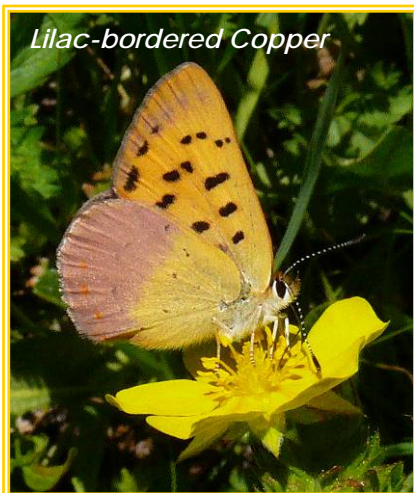
To get to Blowing Rocks, take I-95 to Indiantown Road. Go east on Indiantown Road to Alt. A1A. Take a left on Alt. A1A. Go over the intracoastal and the road turns left onto Beach Road. Continue ~ 2 miles and the Visitor Center will be on your left.

Sunday, April 12, 2009 – Easter Sunday in the park and Potluck– Join us for our yearly search for the Dusted Skipper. We will meet at the entrance of Jonathan Dickinson State Park at 9am and work our way in. At lunchtime, we will gather in the Kitching Creek Pavilion. Bring any type of dish that you would like. Don't want to cook? Bring \$5.

To get to Jonathan Dickinson State Park, take I-95 to Indiantown Road (Exit 87A) - go east on Indiantown Road to US 1. Turn left (north) on US 1. Jonathan Dickinson is 5 miles on your left.



Dusted Skipper



Lilac-bordered Copper

Monday, May 18, 2009 – Alana's 2008 Butterfly Adventures – Last year, Alana traveled to California for the 8th Biennial NABA meeting and to Puerto Rico to lead a Sunstreak Tour, seeing some amazingly beautiful butterflies along the way. Join Alana as she shares stories and her photos about the year's adventures. The meeting will be held at the new Pine Jog Environmental Ed Center at 7pm.

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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 AS MANY OF OUR PREVIOUS COUNTERS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE. ANY LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE IS APPRECIATED.



- Saturday, June 20, 2009** – Butterfly Count – Central Circle
- Saturday, June 27, 2009** - Butterfly Count – North Circle
- Sunday, June 28, 2009** - Butterfly Count – South Circle

Saturday, July 11, 2009 – 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 12, 2009 - 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 18, 2009 - 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 ½ hours from WPB.*