

THANKS

Those of you who have been around from the first issue of this magazine, in February, 1993, know that it has been published on a very regular schedule. Those of you still paying attention will notice that this issue, Volume 13, number 4, is arriving in your mailbox more than a tad late; in fact it's very late.

A series of major events, both good and bad, conspired to cause the editor of this magazine to focus on non-NABA issues. First, in November 2005, Jane Vicroy Scott, to whom the editor is not only married, but with whom he is also deeply in love, suffered a major heart attack while helping family in Katrina-torn New Orleans. Subsequent months were spent focusing on her. I am extremely happy to report that Jane's heart attack, while serious — 40% of her heart was not beating for days — was of a highly unusual nature (it is being described in a medical journal article) and that she has now made a complete recovery with no lasting heart damage. However, the editor's heart is still in recovery mode. Thank you to the many NABA members who knew of this event and who thoughtfully sent along their well-wishes.

Next, the computer system at NABA headquarters failed and it took almost three weeks to get it back up to speed.

Lastly, on January 27, 2006, the editor became a grandfather and Hunter Scott demanded his immediate attention.

Those of us who rely on NABA, its publications and its activities, owe thanks to the growing number of individuals who contribute their time and effort to helping this membership organization achieve its mission of increasing public enjoyment and conservation of butterflies.

NABA's Board of Directors (see Table of Contents page for list) steers the organization and works and travels without compensation. Jim Springer, NABA vice-president, also spends much time overseeing the NABA website, including web interfaces with the NABA

Members Meeting, the NABA Butterfly Count Program, and the NABA Online Store. Jane Vicroy Scott is both a Director of NABA and NABA Secretary/Treasurer, overseeing financial records, contracts, relationships with employees, correspondence and too many other important tasks to list!



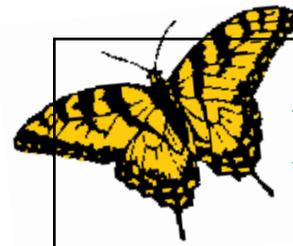
Readers are asked to assign responsibility for the late publication of this issue to Hunter Scott, shown above with the editor.

Sue Anderson continues to devote an incredible amount of time to the NABA Online Sales office, providing NABA members with an invaluable source for all their butterflying needs.

Karen Hillson continues her great work at *Butterfly Gardener*, teaching us all about how to actually garden for butterflies and about the interesting activities of the far-flung NABA chapters.

The NABA chapters help NABA achieve its butterflying mission. Thanks to all the volunteers who help us to help butterflies and butterfly gardens, by leading field trips, creating butterfly gardens, and giving talks and helping with educational outreach activities.

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