

# Contributors



**Don Dubois'** formal training is in the area of chemistry, with a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. He retired in 2002 after working 32 years as a chemical researcher and relocated to the Houston, Texas area. Since then Don has busied himself converting a large barren backyard

into a butterfly friendly habitat. This gardening effort has been rewarded with visits by over 80 species of butterflies, several of which were county records. His interest in butterflies and insects started at an early age and involved the usual insect collection. With the availability of good quality, reasonably priced digital cameras, collecting was abandoned in favor of photography. Don's interest in native plants has been nurtured by volunteering with native plant specialists at Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens.

**Jeffrey Glassberg's** brief biographical sketch appeared in the Spring 2013 issue of *American Butterflies*.



**Cathryn Hoyt** is the Director of Research at the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute in Fort Davis, Texas. She began her career in science as an archeologist,

receiving a B.A. from the University of Arizona and an M.A. in Nautical Archeology from Texas A&M University. After 7 years of excavating shipwrecks in Bermuda and Jamaica, she returned to Texas to work for the Texas Historical Commission as a dryland archeologist. She eventually decided to go back to school and received her Ph.D. from the University of Texas in Austin. Her research focused on vegetation and climate change in the northern Chihuahuan Desert over the past 10,000 years. The purchase of a digital camera in 2003 opened the world of

butterflies to her. Her fascination with the beauty of butterflies led to an interest in incorporating them into her research on climate change and pollinator conservation. She is currently working on several butterfly monitoring projects and a study of effective pollinators of rare plants.

**Katy Prudic** is an entomologist interested in discovering how ecological and evolutionary interactions promote biodiversity. She received her doctorate in Evolution and Ecology from the University of Arizona and her bachelor's degree from UC Davis before joining the staff of Yale University where she studied how and why butterflies have such beautiful wings.



Her research findings have been published in top notch research journals such as Science, Proceedings of the National Academy, Proceedings of the Royal Society and Behavioral Ecology. Her results have been featured in a variety of popular press venues including Associated Press, BBC, CBC, The Guardian, Harper's Magazine and Smithsonian Magazine.

She has taught for the Environmental Studies Program at Yale University and given invited seminars to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Exeter University, University of New Mexico, University of Virginia and Wesleyan University.

Katy is presently a research scientist at Oregon State University in the department of Zoology and directing eButterfly USA, citizen science project focused on butterflies and climate change. In the few moments she is not engaged in scientific discovery, she enjoys birding, making cheese and playing roller derby.

**Mike Reese's** brief biographical sketch appeared in the Spring 2013 issue of *American Butterflies*.

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