

Broward County Butterfly Chapter
November 2013 Newsletter
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Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Location: Fountain Room at Plantation Heritage Park. 1100 S. Fig Tree Lane, Plantation, FL. 33317

Direction: From I-95 and Davie Blvd:

Head west on Davie Blvd, which turns into Peters Road. Turn right, north, on South Fig Tree Lane. Entrance is on the right, east. Come through the park's gate, drive to the east on the park's single lane road to where it makes a bend to the left. Go past the building and then make a left turn into the parking lot. The Fountain Room is opposite the park's office.

6:30 p.m. Social Time, Plant raffle preview, and refreshments

7:00 p.m. Debbie Stasiw presenting: Margaret Mead and the Atalas

Hello BCBC Members and Friends,

Hope you have been enjoying the slight drop in temperature as much as I have as well as the action in your garden. It is an upper to see so many varieties of butterflies seeking out host and nectar plants. I purchased a new, really squirrel-proof, bird feeder and I am enjoying watching the birds on it. Check out www.DrollYankees.com or www.justfeedbirds.com. They sell several varieties and mine is the Yankee Whipper.

We enjoyed Diana Guidry's presentation last month on The National Wildlife Federation's Habitat Steward program and Broward County's NatureScape garden certification. Some of our folks have signed up for the Habitat Steward Training scheduled for January and there may be some additional openings available. Please contact Diana if you are interested: dguidry@broward.org. Emerald Award Applications, sponsored by Broward County's NatureScape program are due by December 31, 2013. I printed out my application and will be submitting it shortly. Take a few minutes to complete an application for your garden: applications are available on line at: <http://www.broward.org/NaturalResources/NatureScape/EmeraldAwards/Documents/NatureScap%20Emerald%20Award%20Application.pdf>

Please join us on Tuesday, November 12th to hear our member Debbie Stasiw presenting "Margaret Mead and the Atalas". Debbie is a teacher at Driftwood Middle School in Hollywood and has dedicated several years of gardening for the Atalas earning awards of great distinction. These butterflies are procreating so much there, that Peggy and others have rescued hundreds of caterpillars to relocate in other gardens.

We have been wanting to assist in the formation of a Friends of Long Key Nature Center for quite a while. The Broward County Parks and Recreation Division's Community Partnership and Outreach Program staff joined us at an organizational meeting yesterday and we are off to a great start. The

group would need to incorporate as a non-profit corporation in the State of Florida and also file for a 501 (c) (3) status with the IRS. The Friends of the Anne Kolb Nature Center are willing offer guidance and to loan the funds for those expenses. The BCBC received a \$500.00 donation from Lori Parrish in the fall of 2012 and it had been discussed previously to designate some of those funds for the formation of the Long Key Friend's Group; this will be decided at our next meeting. Everyone who has interest in this endeavor is encouraged to attend the next meeting at Long Key Nature Center which will be in about 3 weeks, most likely at 1:00 on Wednesday, November 20th or Friday, November 22nd. As soon as the date is decided, it will be announced.

12th Annual Water Matters Day will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2014. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful event, volunteer for a two or three hour shift, and receive two free plants/trees. We really need more people to handle the crowds that surround our booths.

*If you read this early enough, join David McLean for his **FIRST SATURDAY** presentation at 10:00 at his nursery opposite Trinity Lutheran Church 11 SW 11th Street, Fort Lauderdale. David will have some 'new' herbs, a great caladium, a medicinal plant from South America, 3 ferns and a wild pineapple. He found a source for Worm Castings produced in Naples. Bring a zip-lock bag for a sample after he discusses this mycorrhizal inoculant and how it could help your gardening and potting. David also announced that on November 16th at Jim Ward Park - some really good people are presenting.*

BUSH is meeting next Friday, November 8th at Trinity Lutheran Church 11 SW 11th Street, Fort Lauderdale. Dr. Kimberly Moore will be covering organics in the landscape. Bring your questions in a plastic bag.

And don't forget a free "how to" seminar on artistic pruning on Saturday, November 9th also at Trinity Church beginning at 8:30 am. Bring your shears; gloves and a notebook to learn then remember it. The 11th Street Annex will supply coffee and pastry.

Announcements:

No meeting in December

Mounts Botanical Garden Fall Plant Sale is this weekend
Saturday, Nov. 2 and Sunday, Nov. 3 from 9 am - 5 pm
Admission \$10.00

This is their annual plant sale featuring over 80 vendors from all over the state showcasing an amazing assortment of fabulous plants and garden goods.
Located at 531 Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415

That's all for now.
See you on the 12th,

Janice