



Washington Butterfly Association

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The newsletter of the Washington Butterfly Association

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*G'n^um is the official greeting of WBA. It is derived from the name of common Washington butterfly food plants, of the genus *Eriogonum*.

WBA Meeting Programs

WBA meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month. They are held at the UW Center for Urban Horticulture (3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle) and begin at 7:00 p.m. The first fifteen minutes are used for social reception and viewing of displays.

October 4

“Caterpillars in a Changing World: Relationships Between Parasitism, Human Actions, and Future Caterpillar Populations” *Speaker: Moria Robinson*

As humans continue to affect the globe through climate change and chemical use, we are only now beginning to discover a few of the manifold ways in which lepidoptera will be affected. This presentation will explore interconnections between caterpillar defense, parasitism, and global warming using data from several research stations in the Americas. Research conducted by an Earthwatch Institute team this past summer will be explored, representing intriguing steps to document caterpillar biodiversity and parasitism here in the United States. Excellent photos will illustrate the content of this program.

November 1

“The Name Game” *Speaker: Jon Pelham, WBA Science Advisor*

How do butterflies get their names? Jon will take us through the process of the naming, re-naming, and sometimes re-re-naming of butterflies. (It is a lot more complex than just trying to frustrate butterflyers!) Jon's programs are always filled with solid scientific information along with his wonderful sense of humor.

December 6

“Challenges of Rare Species Recovery” *Speaker: Mary Linder*

Mary Linder of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will share with us some of her intriguing work with the Taylor's Checkerspot from the Fort Lewis prairies and the Mardon Skipper from the Scatter Creek prairies south of Olympia. This is another program leading WBA to greater involvement with projects that can make a difference.

January

No membership meeting. There will be a Winter Party with date and place to be announced later.

November Book Sale

Our November membership meeting will also be an opportunity for members to sell their own nature, field guides, travel, and other books. Tables will be available free for each person to display their used books. The suggestion donation to WBA is 20 percent of each sale. This is a perfect opportunity to rid your shelves of unused books and make room for new ones as well as to support WBA. There will also be a sale table of books donated to WBA. Doors will be open at 6:20.

Metaline Falls Conference

by Richard Youel

Many WBA members will remember the annual conference two years ago at Metaline Falls when we were rained out for the entire weekend. It was a bust for butterflies. Thank goodness for members with knowledge of mushrooms and fossils to fill in for the missing butterflies. We felt the place was special and deserved a second chance. This was it and it was wonderfully hot and sunny and alive with butterflies.

Metaline Falls is situated at the north end of the lovely Pend Oreille River valley in the very northeast corner of Washington. The complex geology of the region is the source of not only notable fossils, but minerals, namely lead and zinc, that are actively mined there. The town is picturesque and historically interesting. It's beautiful Cutter Theater was the site of our meetings and meals and the assembly point for our field trips.

The field trips were spectacular. The difficult to find Compton's Tortoiseshell was seen in abundance. The Peck's Skipper, Long Dash Skipper and Garita Skipperling, special butterflies of the region, were seen. We even had an exciting new county record with a sighting of the Edith's Copper, a butterfly that should be in the southeast corner of the Washington.

On Friday evening Chris Loggers, U.S. Forest Service biologist, gave an interesting and informative talk on "The Forgotten Corner - The Uniqueness of Habitat and Creatures" in which he introduced us to the special flora and fauna of the region. Jonathan

Pelham was our Saturday night keynote speaker. His subject was "Butterfly and Moth Scales - Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About Them" and it was a fascinating discourse on the complex, refined and beautiful world of lepidoptera scales with extraordinary illustrations at extreme magnification.

A sizable contingent of local northeast Washington attendees enriched the good fellowship of the July 14 through July 16 conference. The Saturday evening dinner was a nice reward for a long and satisfying day in the field with good food and conversation, fun and games with prizes and the election of officers. Maureen Traxler continues as president, Donna Scheaffer is our new vice president (she was secretary last year), Robin Lewis is secretary and Mardell Moore continues as treasurer. David Williams was thanked for his service as vice president last year. Maureen, Donna and Mardell were thanked for their service as officers over the past year and for generously continuing as leaders of the organization this year. Appreciations were extended to Joyce Bergen, our conference organizer, Marty Hansen for conference registrations and to Idie Ulsh for being founder of the Washington Butterfly Association, who put us on a good path and continues as our constant source of good guidance, good ideas, energy and fun.

Metaline Falls will stand out among particularly memorable WBA conferences. This one will surely be remembered as the one that was exceptionally sunny and rich in special butterflies.

Conference 2007

Save the dates: July 20-22 in the Wenatchee-Cashmere area.

Native Seed, Bulb, & Plant Sale

Washington Native Plant Society

The Central Puget Sound Chapter Fall Plant Sale

Date: October 14, 2006

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Magnuson Park, Seattle

Enter Magnuson Park from
Sand Point Way at NE 74 th
Follow the signs to parking
Sale is in Building 30

For more information
<http://www.wnps.org/cps>

WBA Mission Statement

**The Washington Butterfly Association is devoted to
scientific understanding and enjoyment of butterflies and their ecology
through conservation and education.**

Member Noticeline

Member Noticeline: This is an "opt in" service for WBA members in which announcements, butterfly related articles, and other WBA information will be sent to you via e-mail. We are very careful to not overuse this method but some very interesting and timely information has been sent.

Photos from 'Wings Over Metaline Falls' Annual Conference 2006

Photos by Al Wagar



Great Butterflying



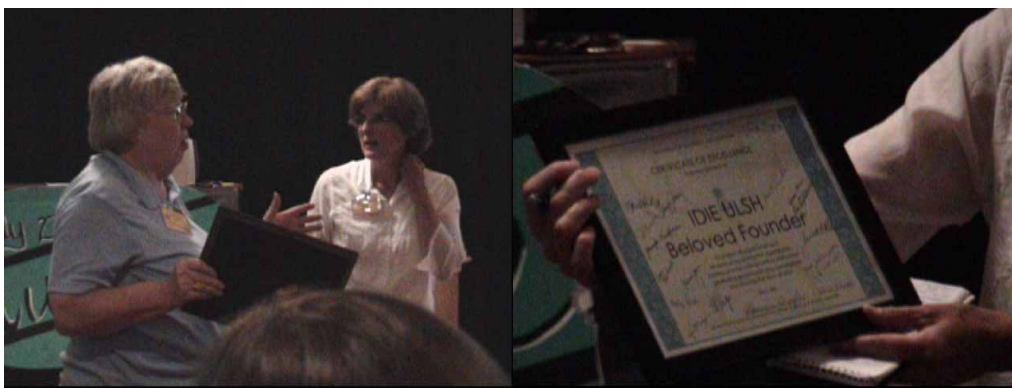
Wonderful Speakers



Field Study



Challenges



Awards



Good Food



Enjoyed by Butterflies of All Ages

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<https://wabutterflyassoc.org/membership/>