



MIAMI BLUE CHAPTER, NABA NOVEMBER 2017 E-NEWS

In this issue and taking place this month: the next chapter meeting and the Ramble.

CHAPTER MEETING

This Sunday, November 5
1-3 pm, **Eastern Standard Time**

New location

Tropical Audubon Society Doc Thomas House
5530 Sunset Drive
adjacent to downtown South Miami

Program

**Unfurling a full spectrum approach to
Environmental advocacy
Jean Sarmiento and Houston Cypress**

Jean Samiento and Houston Cypress: we will speak about Love the Everglades Movement -- who we are, what we do, and why we care. We will honor Miccosukee perspectives, as well as highlight the work being done with native plants to educate and inspire our communities as a tangible way to get involved in Everglades Restoration.

Jean Sarmiento is creator of SunKeeper Solutions

Upcoming Events

11/5
Chapter meeting

11/10-12
Ramble



Jean Samiento

(www.sunkeeper.org) and co-founder of our sister organization Love the Everglades. Together, they have become a creative force in the realm of environmental advocacy. SunKeeper Solutions is dedicated to the health of the planet, which we achieve through implementation of artistic strategies to solve environmental problems. We specialize in native plants and habitat restoration.

Houston Cypress grew up in the swamps of the Florida Everglades. The endangered beauty of the natural environment made such an impression on him during his childhood – being a refuge for his ancestors and the source of traditional plant medicines – that today he articulates strategies for preserving this World Heritage Site. Houston Cypress is a two-spirit poet, artist, and activist from the Otter Clan of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida. He resides on the Miccosukee Reservation; and he maintains many traditional villages located on tree islands scattered throughout Water Conservation Area 3A – called by his community: Kahayatle, which can be translated as “Shimmering Waters.”

The original meeting location, John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, is still closed, due to Hurricane Irma. The meeting, therefore, has relocated to the Doc Thomas House, in South Miami. The house is an "old Florida" architectural gem, and the grounds are usually a native plant oasis (but presently somewhat the worse for wear, thanks to Irma).

Parking: Free on-site parking is limited; enter from the 55th Avenue side of the property.

Overflow parking: We will have permits from Tropical Audubon Society for overflow parking, thanks to the generosity of Rivieria Presbyterian Church, [5275 Sunset Dr](#), Come to the TAS parking entrance on 55th Ave just south of Sunset, and if there is no parking available, pick up a dashboard authorization to place clearly visible in the car. Parking at the church is on all sides of the building, and is available for us noon to 4 pm.



Houston Cypress



Doc Thomas House

Metered and garage parking is readily available, across the street and within a few blocks, including the Sunset Place parking garage and the South Miami municipal parking garage (5829 SW 73 St.). Or, valet at George's across the street.

You are invited to add to the refreshment table! Finger foods preferred. Ice, cups, toothpicks and napkins are provided. Refreshments start about 12:45.

THE RAMBLE

Friday-Sunday, November 10-12
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden



Linda and Jaeson at the Miami Blue table, 2015.
Courtesy of Becky Smith

We will have an information table at the Ramble, where we will merrily interact with Ramble visitors about butterflies, caterpillars, butterfly gardening, NABA, and the Miami Blue chapter. **Please volunteer for a shift at Miami Blue's table. Email [Linda Evans](#) or sign up at November's chapter meeting.**

We will again share a display of caterpillars and native plant larval hosts with the Florida Native Plant Society. If you might have caterpillars that we could

use in the display, please let Linda know.

Before or after your shift, visit the plant sales area, to find nectar and host plants for your yard.

ABOUT NABA

Are YOU a NABA member? We are happy to send you this bi-monthly e-news and hope you will attend upcoming Miami Blue activities, learn and enjoy. If you aren't a NABA member, we'd be delighted to have you join -- or rejoin, if your membership has lapsed.

As a member, you will enjoy NABA's quarterly publications ([American Butterflies](#) and [The Butterfly Gardener](#)), regional and national meetings, and the news and activities of the Miami Blue Chapter (or your local chapter).

Better yet, you will help ensure that this national organization and its chapters will continue to work to increase public enjoyment and conservation of butterflies. You helped us petition the State of Florida and the USFWS to declare Miami Blues an endangered species.

To join (or renew), go to <http://miamiblu.org/> or <http://www.naba.org/>.

Not sure if you are a member (or current member) or need help? Contact NABA at naba@naba.org or the Miami Blue membership chair, Patty Phares, at pharespl@gmail.com, [305-255-6404](tel:305-255-6404)).

Memberships start at \$35 (see NABA.org). Such a small amount to support big things--endangered species.
