



MIAMI BLUE CHAPTER, NABA FEBRUARY 2018 E-NEWS

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CHAPTER MEETING

Sunday, February 4
1-3 pm

Castellow Hammock
22301 SW 162 Avenue
In the Redland
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Program

Annual Election of Officers

President - Jaeson Clayborne
Vice. Pres. for Miami-Dade County - Kitty Suarez
Vice. Pres. for Monroe County - Susan Kolterman
Secretary - Patty Phares
Treasurer - Mary Rose
Past President - Linda Evans
Conservation Chairman - Dennis Olle
Web Master - Becky Smith

Linda Evans is stepping down from chapter president, and Ron Nuehring has resigned as chapter

Upcoming Events

2/4
Chapter meeting

3/24
Native Plant Day

9/16-19
NABA members meeting



Don't miss the meeting at
Castellow Hammock

treasurer, both after many years of excellent service. Thank you.

**Coral Reef Commons:
Status and Some Proposed Responses
Dennis Olle**

Miami Blue Past President Dennis Olle will bring us up to date on the endangered pineland tract near Metrozoo. So little of our native pine forest is left: only 2 per cent in Miami-Dade County. If built, a proposed shopping mall and housing development will fragment the largest remnant of this critical habitat outside Everglades National Park. Dennis has been involved in the coalition to stop this destruction.

While no longer our president, Dennis has stayed involved as Director of Conservation Programs for our Chapter. and serves as a national director for NABA.

**Butterflies of the Florida Keys
Susan Kolterman**

Susan--an expert Keys naturalist who can identify most birds, butterflies and plants--will give a short presentation. This will be a special treat for us!

Refreshments, etc.

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

Come early and stay late to butterfly and bird. In addition to the busy horde of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, two Buff-bellied hummingbird have returned for the winter. (Buff-Bellies usually spend the winter in coastal Texas and Louisiana.)

NATIVE PLANT DAY



Everglades Pinelands



Bartram's Scrub Hairstreak, one of the rare species found in the pinelands. This bug was photographed on Big Pine Key. Courtesy of Linda Cooper

**About NABA and the
Miami Blue Chapter**

Are YOU a NABA member? We are happy to send you this e-news and hope you will attend upcoming Miami Blue activities. 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

Saturday, March 24
A. D. Barnes Park
3401 SW 72 Avenue, Miami

The Dade Chapter Florida Native Plant Society organizes this annual event--a day of programs for adults, activities for children, booths for various environmental groups (including Miami Blue), and plant sales.

Plan to volunteer for a shift at Miami Blue's table. It's an easy and fun way to help the chapter.

More information will appear closer to the event.

NABA MEMBER'S MEETING

Tallahassee, Florida
September 16-19

The 13th biennial national meeting of the North American Butterfly Association will take place within a long day's drive of southeast Florida. The meeting will consist of field trips to various locations around Tallahassee, evening meals and programs, and opportunities to meet and mingle with butterflyers from all over.

North Florida has national and state forests, wildlife refuges, and parks; and butterflies unlike those of South Florida. Come September, consider making a trek to the other end of the state.

Florida and the USFWS to declare Miami Blues an endangered species.

To learn more about Miami Blue, go to our web site at miamiblue.org.

To join (or renew), go to <http://miamiblue.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.

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