

Contributors



Bill Benner was inducted into the world of butterflying at meetings of the New York City Butterfly Club, under the expert guidance of Guy Tudor, Rick Cech, Skip Blanchard, Tom Fiore, and the rest of the gang,

where he also perfected his chocolate chip cookie recipe. He has since moved to western Massachusetts, where he currently serves as President of NABA's Massachusetts chapter.



Javier de Leon began his work at NABA-IBP in late 2005 as an intern hired to help the native plant community restoration project. The Malachites, Daggerwings and Bluewings floating around the butterfly parks gardens greatly influenced

his decision to stay at the butterfly park as a naturalist from May of 2006 through July of 2007. He is now working as the naturalist for the Edinburg World Birding Center where he is already teaching staff and visitors alike all about the wonderful world of butterflies.



Tom Gagnon has lived in Northampton/Florence Massachusetts his entire life. He graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts. Tom worked for almost 39 years at the Pro Corporation, PMC in Florence, retiring in April of

2007 as the shipping/receiving person. Tom is truly enjoying retirement, getting a chance to enjoy butterflying even more!

Carol Goolsby is a certified Texas educator with over 18 years experience teaching in public schools, as well as in nature and environmental centers in Texas and Australia. Her interactive curriculum, Food for Wildlife, was nominated by the state of Queensland, Australia for an Arbor Day award in 2003, and her interactive curriculum for NABA Butterfly Park earned an invitation to present at the 2006 National Interpreter's Conference. While working for the NABA International Butterfly Park, she has educated over 3000 Lower Rio Grande Valley school children about butterfly biology and conservation. Her "taking action" curriculum has helped over 1000 Valley school children and community members plant native butterfly gardens in schools, homes and religious institutions throughout the Lower Rio Grande Valley. In 2003, her first children's book, *My Wayward Wish*, was published.



Jeffrey Glassberg's brief biographical sketch appeared in the fall/winter 2006 issue of *American Butterflies*.

Beth Herr has been a naturalist with the Westchester County Dept. of Parks for 23 years, most of those based at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation; currently she serves as Program Administrator of the Conservation Division, guiding the scientific research and education at six nature centers.



Mike Reese's brief biographical sketch appeared in the fall/winter 2006 issue of *American Butterflies*.

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