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Although a bit late (OK, very late), this triple issue of *American Butterflies* has a variety of articles, at least some of which I hope will be of interest to everybody!

A detailed description of the Mormon Metalmark complex should allow NABA members to locate, should they so choose, many of the subspecies of this fascinating complex.

Two articles about progress at the National Butterfly Center should truly excite NABA members. If you believe in the importance of this project, we urge you to get involved, by donating time, expertise, or money, or simply by visiting!

An article about the reconfigured NABA Names Committee, consisting of some of the top scientists throughout the world, describes an important step toward stabilizing the names of North American Butterflies. Stabilizing doesn't mean "unchanging" but rather changing conservatively. Stay tuned over the course of 2012 for important developments!

Other articles explicate butterfly behavior, showcase art, and regale taxonomists. In addition, some darn good butterflies are seen.

NABA has thousands of members and hundreds of volunteers working toward NABA's mission of increasing public awareness and conservation of North American butterflies.

During this past year, the NABA Board of Directors (see page 1 for list) has spent untold hours dealing with a number of complicated issues of critical importance to NABA. Board members receive no financial compensation for their efforts nor are they reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses, such as travel expenses. Many of them have made significant financial contributions to NABA.

NABA VP Jim Springer, NABA's webmaster, oversees increasing activity at NABA's website. Jane V. Scott, NABA secretary/treasurer, spends around twenty hours each week on NABA's financial records, contracts, personnel matters and too many other important tasks to list!

During the past 9 years, the National Butterfly Center has become a major education and conservation center. Thanks to Executive Director Norm Winter, to the staff, especially Max Muñoz, Flora Vela, Chris Watenpool, Jessica Ochoa, Karina Muñoz, Yoli Gonzalez and to all the volunteers, including Jan and Dave Dauphin.

Near the end of 2011, Karen Hillson stepped down as editor of *Butterfly Gardener*. Thanks to Karen for the great job she has done over the past number of years! The new editor of *Butterfly Gardener*, which will now

be full-color, is Jane Hurwitz.

NABA's Butterfly Count Program is a large-scale effort. With Sharon Wander as Count Editor, the program continues to improve. Thanks also to the regional editors, compilers and thousands of Count participants for making this program a valuable resource for scientists and butterfly conservation.

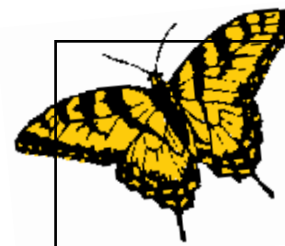
The work at NABA HQ requires the concerted efforts of a team of people. Members of the team include Jane Hurwitz, who focuses on the Program for Butterfly Gardens and Habitats and also on the Count program; and office manager Lisa Lewis, who focuses on membership services, chapter relations, the Count program and financial record-keeping. Thanks to both Jane and Lisa and also to our excellent accountant, Ralph Fylstra.

Thanks also to the many NABA chapter officers and volunteers who help us to help butterflies and butterflyers, by leading field trips, creating butterfly gardens, and by giving talks and helping with educational outreach activities.

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