



Phaëton

The Official Newsletter of the
Maryland Entomological Society

Volume 37, Number 10

July 2017

EDITOR: Aditi Dubey – aditid26@gmail.com
Hanna Kahl – hkahl@umd.edu

FACULTY SPONSORS: **Frank E. Hanson** and **Austin P. (Bob) Platt**
Department of Biological Sciences
University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC)
1000 Hilltop Circle
Baltimore, MD 21250

WEBSITE: <http://www.mdentsoc.org/>

FAMILY BIO-BLITZ IN MT. PLEASANT



This Bio-Blitz is joint hosted by the [Howard County Conservancy](#), a nature reserve and educational facility, and the [Maryland Biodiversity Project](#), a non-profit focused on cataloging all the living things in Maryland. The Maryland Biodiversity Project has created a [sub-site](#) for the Conservancy that already features more than 700 species.

While experts in many domains are canvassing the Conservancy to document the flora and fauna, they will hold family outings to introduce you to the Conservancy's biodiversity and Maryland Biodiversity Project. Bring your camera and you might document a new species for the BioBlitz! Bill Hubick, co-founder of Maryland Biodiversity Project, and other expert naturalists will take small groups out to see a BioBlitz in action!

Cost: Free

Time: August 12, 2017; 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Mt Pleasant, [10520 Old Frederick Road, Woodstock, MD 21163](#)

Phone number for more information: 410-465-8877

BUG OF THE WEEK AND DAIQUIRIS

Hosted by the [Howard County Conservancy](#): Special evening for the over-21 crowd! Enjoy a summer night-out with friends! We are serving daiquiris at twilight to open up good conversations. And there is a fabulous program too: Mike Raupp and Paula Shrewsbury are back by popular demand to delight you with amazing stories about their favorite fabulous bugs (and butterflies) which abound in our rolling meadows. This program is free; just remember to bring some money for daiquiris.

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Rain or shine! This event fills up quickly; please register early to assure your spot.

Cost: Free

Time: August 17, 2017; 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Mt Pleasant, [10520 Old Frederick Road, Woodstock, MD 21163](#)

Phone number for more information: 410-465-8877

NATIONAL MOTH WEEK 2017
Invites Citizen Scientists to Celebrate Moths

22-30 July 2017

Registration is in full swing for the fourth annual "National Moth Week 2017" on 22-30 July 2015, a global citizen-science project that celebrates the beauty, diversity and ecological importance of moths.

Anyone can participate in National Moth Week. "Moth-ers" of all ages and abilities are encouraged. More information can be found at: <http://nationalmothweek.org/>.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF MARYLAND

22 July 7:00 p.m. to 23 July 11:00 a.m.

Lep Club Campout at Green Ridge State Forest

As the sun sets the mercury vapor light will be set up and begin drawing in moths and creatures of the night. Learn which moths emerge early in the evening and which ones prefer later. \$5.00 fee for NHSM Lep Club members/\$10.00 fee for non-members. Additional information can be found at: <https://marylandnature.wildapricot.org/widget/event-2584056>

WORKSHOP ON INSECT GENETIC TECHNOLOGIES: THEORY AND PRACTICE

23-28 July, 2017

The Insect Transformation Facility, Institute for Bioscience and Biotechnology Research, University of Maryland, College Park

IGTRCN (Insect Genetic Technologies Research Coordination Network) is putting on a course for those who want to increase their knowledge about insect genetic technologies. This workshop may be filled since the registration deadline was May 1st, 2017. However, the IGTRCN often host events on using insect genetic technologies as well as offers a community of practitioners and learners of insect genetic technologies.

For more information about IGTRCN see their website at: <http://igtrcn.org/2017-technical-course/>



Central Maryland Beekeepers Association

Supporting and promoting beekeepers and the viability of honeybees in central Maryland

MEMBERS MEETINGS

Tue, 2 August 2017; 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Members Picnic; Speaker: James Boicourt, Charm City Meadworks

There will be mead tasting. Bring a pot luck dish! More details here: <http://www.centralmarylandbees.org/content/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/2017%20CMBA%20PICNIC.pdf>

Tue, 5 September 2017; 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: TBD

Mon, 18 September 2017; 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: TBD

Members meetings are held at the [Oregon Ridge Nature Center, 13555 Beaver Dam Road, Cockeysville, MD.](#)

Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.centralmarylandbees.org/meetings-3/membership-meeting-schedule/>

EAGLE HILLS INSTITUTE NATURAL HISTORY SEMINARS

Steuben, Maine

During the summer, the Eagle Hills Institute offers intensive week-long field based seminars and workshops on the coast of Maine taught by experts in their respective fields.

July 23-29

Topic: Spiders: Identification, Biology, and Ecology; Speaker: Kefyn Catley

July 30- Aug 5

The Art and Science of Photographing insects and their Kin; Speaker: Kefyn Catley

More information about the courses, rates and registration may be found at:

<http://www.eaglehill.us/programs/nhs/nhs-calendar.shtml>

ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES OF DREXEL UNIVERSITY BUGFEST

12-13 August, 2017

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

This is an annual celebration of insects with activities, shows and an opportunity to see specimens from the Academy's collection.

Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.ansp.org/get-involved/programs/festivals/bug-fest/>

AMERICAN ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY PUBLIC MEETING

Wed, 25 October; 4:00 p.m.

Topic: TBA

Speaker: TBA

The University of Delaware, Allen Lab Conference Room 101, Newark, Delaware (The Allen Lab Building is east of Townsend Hall. See:

<http://maps.rdms.udel.edu/map/index.php>)

Wed, 22 November; 7:00 p.m.

Topic: TBA

Speaker: TBA

The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Ewell Sale Stewart Library, Second Floor, 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

For additional information, go to:

<http://darwin.ansp.org/hosted/aes/mtgSched.htm>.

PROTECTING POLLINATORS IN URBAN LANDSCAPES CONFERENCE

9-11 October, 2017

Park Place Hotel

300 E State St.

Traverse City, MI 49684

Additional information can be found at:
<http://ecoipm.org/protecting-pollinators-conference/>

**2017 ALL BUGS GOOD AND BAD
WEBINAR SERIES**

This webinar series discusses troublesome insects such as invasive ants, landscape, vegetable and household pests, as well as beneficial insects such as native pollinators. Webinars are held on the first Friday of every month at 2PM EST.

Fri, 4 August 2017; 2:00 p.m.

Topic: Drain Flies, House Flies, and Fungus Gnats.
Speaker: Elizabeth "Wizzie" Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Fri, 1 September 2017; 2:00 p.m.

Topic: Meet Our Native Pollinators
Speaker: Molly Keck, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Fri, 6 October 2017; 2:00 p.m.

Topic: New Invasive Ants to Know About.
Speaker: Dr. Timothy Davis, University of Georgia Extension

Information about upcoming webinars and archives of previous recordings can be found at
<http://articles.extension.org/pages/74016/2017-all-bugs-good-and-bad-webinar-series>.

2016/2017 PROPOSED MES EVENT SCHEDULE

Regular MES lecture/meetings are held at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) on the 3rd Friday of each of 6 months coinciding with UMBC's academic year. Proposed events for the upcoming MES membership year are:

Date	Speaker	Topic
Sep 18	Crab Feast/Meet-&-Greet	at J. KING'S Restaurant
Oct 21	Seán Brady	Entomological Collections: New Uses
Nov 18	David O'Brochta	Genetic Technologies
Feb 17	Hanna Kahl	Effects of Living Mulch on Arthropods
Mar 17	Daniel Perez-Gelabert	Entomological Adventures in the Caribbean
Apr 21	Sarah Stellwagen	Insect Glue
May 19	Members' & Students' Presentations & Elections	
TBD	Survey/Field Trip	

**OCT 2016-SEP 2017 MES MEMBERSHIP YEAR
OFFICERS**

President	Frederick Paras
Vice President	Philip J. Kean
Secretary	Janet Lydon
Treasurer	Edgar A. Cohen, Jr.
Historian	(vacant)
Faculty Sponsors	Frank E. Hanson & Austin P. Platt
Journal Editor	Eugene J. Scarpulla
E-newsletter Editors	Aditi Dubey & Hanna Kahl

SUBMITTAL DEADLINES

AUGUST 2017 issue of the *Phaëton*:
Please send member news items by 4 August 2017.

Send e-newsletter drafts to Aditi at aditid26@gmail.com and/or Hanna at hkahl@umd.edu

SEPT 2017 issue of *The Maryland Entomologist*:
Please send first drafts of articles and notes to Gene Scarpulla to ejscarp@comcast.net ASAP.

**FIREFLIES
Frank Ormsby**

The lights come on and stay on under the trees.
Visibly a whole neighbourhood inhabits the dusk,
so punctual and in place it seems to deny
dark its dominion. Nothing will go astray,
the porchlamps promise. Sudden, as though a match
failed to ignite at the foot of the garden, the first
squibs
trouble the eye. Impossible not to share
that sportive, abortive, clumsy, where-are-we-now
dalliance with night, such soothing restlessness.
What should we make of fireflies, their quick flare
of promise and disappointment, their throwaway
style?
Our heads turn this way and that. We are loath to
miss
such jauntiness in nature. Those fugitive selves,
winged and at random! Our flickery might-have-beens
come up from the woods to haunt us! Our yet-to-be
as tentative frolic! What do the fireflies say?
That loneliness made light of becomes at last
convivial singleness? That any antic spark
cruising the void might titillate creation?
And whether they spend themselves, or go to
ground,
or drift with their lights out, they have left the
gloom,
for as long as our eyes take to absorb such absence,
less than it seemed, as childless and deprived
as Chaos and Old Night. But ruffled too,
as though it unearthed some memory of light
from its long blackout, a hospitable core
fit home for fireflies, brushed by fireflies' wings.