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May Meeting Announcement

The Maryland Entomological Society's 323rd regular meeting will be held **Friday, 18 May, 2018, at 8:00 pm, in Room 004** (one floor below the street level), **Biological Sciences Building**, University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). Bring a friend, specimens, observations, or books to share. Refreshments will be provided. Presentations are scheduled to begin at **8:15 pm**.

MEMBERS POTPOURRI NIGHT

Speaker: Tim Thompson and Janet Lydon

Title: "West Africa - Mali, Senegal, and The Gambia"

Abstract. Members Tim Thompson and Janet Lydon travelled to this portion of West Africa in January, 2006. It was a combination cultural and wildlife viewing tour. This trip was especially memorable as the region erupted in violence and civil warfare not long afterwards. —

Speaker Bio: Tim Thompson and Janet Lydon are amateur naturalists interested in ornithology, entomology, other vertebrate and invertebrate wildlife, and horticulture. Tim's hobbies also extend to photography and astronomy; Janet's to history.

Speaker: Edgar and Joy Cohen

Title: "The Regal Fritillaries of Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA, and the Green Commas of Northern New Hampshire."

Edgar Cohen, the treasurer of the MES, and his wife Joy will give a talk on the regal fritillaries of Fort Indiantown Gap, the last sanctuary of the regal fritillary butterflies in the eastern US, and the green comma butterflies of the Connecticut Lakes region of Northern New Hampshire close to the Canadian border. Also included in their presentation will be snapshots of food and nectar plants of the green commas and their close relative, the zephyr anglewing. Finally we present a few photos of various insects found at our motel in Colebrook, New Hampshire, a short distance from the Connecticut Lakes Region

Meet for Dinner before the Lectures

If you are interested in meeting for dinner before the lectures, you are invited to join the guest speaker and your fellow MES members at the **Chef Paolino Café** located at **726 Frederick Rd, Catonsville, MD 21228**. If you plan to go to dinner, please email Fred Paras at bugandrockman@msn.com by noon on the day of the lecture. Fred will make a reservation for the group. Please meet at the restaurant promptly at **6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES OF THE 322ST MEETING OF THE
MARYLAND ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

The meeting commenced at 8:30 PM, Friday, April 20, 2018, with a welcome by President Fred Paras. In attendance were 15 members and 6 guests. Treasurer Ed Cohen reported a balance of \$4,819.87, not including donations for the books and journals being given away at the meeting. The treasurer also stated that the Society's tax documents were filed.

Old Business: President Paras stated that 'It's a Bug's World' at the ESA meeting was a success. The Society was represented by members Fred Paras, Phil Kean, Gene Scarpulla, Harold Harlan, Gaye Williams, and Andrew Sharp. The newly purchased banner was displayed. Member Marcia Watson took photos. Harold Harlan stated that the recently published text about bedbugs is selling at a reduced price for a limited time.

New Business: Officer elections will be held at the May meeting. Nominations may be submitted at any time.

20 APRIL 2018 MES LECTURE

Speaker: Maria Lourdes Chamorro, Ph.D. Research Entomologist, Systematic Entomology Laboratory, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Museum of Natural History (NMNH)

Title: Documenting the native and non-native weevil (Coleoptera: Curculionidae) fauna of the Hawaiian Islands: past, present, and future

The Secretary is unable to complete minutes of the lecture at this time. They will appear in a future issue of the *Phaëton*.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet A. Lydon,
MES Secretary

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

MES welcomes the following new members to the Society:

Mark F. Feldlaufer – Annapolis, Maryland
Ethan Rembold – Frederick, Maryland



Central Maryland Beekeepers Association

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

MEMBERS MEETINGS

Tues, 5 June 2018; 7:00 p.m.

Field trip to the bee yard of Bonny Wright, CMBA Secretary, on Belfast Road in Sparks. She maintains fifteen or more colonies and has planted a pollinator meadow. We'll have members stationed at locations in her apiary so small groups of our members can rotate through to learn about her set-up.

Tues, 10 July 2018; 7:00 p.m.
TBA

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

Additional information can be found at:

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

**ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON
PUBLIC MEETING**

Thu, 7 June 2018; 7:00 p.m.

Topic: TBA

Speaker: TBA

National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC

<http://entsocwash.org/>

**NHSM LEP CLUB! RAISE BUTTERFLIES AND
MOTHS**

Are you interested in raising butterflies and moths?

Natural History Society of Maryland

LEP CLUB

Husbandry – Food Sources – Mounting

Novice and expert lepidopterists will meet to exchange knowledge and support concerning habitat, threats, food sources, identification, and life cycle of butterflies and moths. With this knowledge, raising and breeding of moths and butterflies will be taught and practiced.

All ages welcomed.

Meetings are the last Thursday of the month

May through October

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Membership to NHSM is required. Additional \$5 Lep Club fee for individuals, and \$19 for family Club memberships.

<https://marylandnature.org/support-maryland-nature/>

Find more information at:

<https://www.meetup.com/marylandnature/events/zcpsnpyxhbp/c/>

**HOWARD COUNTY BIRD CLUB BUTTERFLY
WALKS**

June 10, Sun, 11 am 2-3 hours.

[Schooley Mill Park](#) Butterfly Walk.

Register with [Sue Muller](#) for notification of last minute changes. Paved paths. Facilities available. Take precautions against ticks, chiggers, mosquitoes and sunburn and bring water. Cancelled if raining or below 55 degrees.

June 20, Wed, 11 am 2-3 hours.

Meadowbrook Park Butterfly Walk.

Meet at Park & Ride parking lot (first lot). Leader: Kathy Litzinger. (Email [Linda Hunt](mailto:Linda.Hunt@howardbirds.org) for notification of last minute changes.) Paved paths. Facilities available. Take precautions against ticks, chiggers, mosquitoes and sunburn and bring water. Cancelled if raining.

Find more information at:

<http://www.howardbirds.org/butterflies/index.htm>

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. This summer, several of these courses will be related to arthropods.

June 10-16

Topic: Chironomids: Classification, Morphology, Identification, and Lifecycles
Instructor: Armin Namayandeh

July 1-7

Dragonflies and Damselflies: Field Techniques and Identification
Instructor: Bryan Pfeiffer and Michael Blust

July 8-14

Spiders: Identification, Biology and Ecology
Instructor: Kefyn Catley

July 8-14

Native Bees: Biology, Ecology, Identification, and Conservation
Instructor: Sara Bushmann and Kalyn Bickerman-Martens

July 22-28

Microlepidoptera: Collection, Preparation, Dissection, Identification, and Natural History
Instructor: Jason Dombroskie

July 29 – Aug 4

Tracks & Sign of Insects and Other Invertebrates
Instructor: Charley Eiseman

Aug 5-11

Aquatic Entomology
Instructor: Steven Burian

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

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

OCT 2017-SEP 2018 MES MEMBERSHIP YEAR OFFICERS

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SUBMITTAL DEADLINES

MAY 2018 issue of the *Phaëton*:

Please send member news items by 8 June 2018.

Send e-newsletter drafts to Addie at aditid26@gmail.com.

SEP 2018 issue of *The Maryland Entomologist*:

Please send first drafts of articles and notes ASAP. Send journal drafts to Gene at ejscarp@comcast.net.

BLUE-BUTTERFLY DAY
By Robert Frost

It is blue-butterfly day here in spring,
And with these sky-flakes down in flurry on flurry
There is more unmixed color on the wing
Than flowers will show for days unless they hurry.

But these are flowers that fly and all but sing:
And now from having ridden out desire
They lie closed over in the wind and cling
Where wheels have freshly sliced the April mire.