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May Meeting Announcement

The Maryland Entomological Society's 329th regular meeting will be held **Friday, 17 May 2019, at 8:00 p.m.**, in **Room 004** (one floor below the street level), **Biological Sciences Building**, University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). Bring a friend and specimens, observations, and books to share. Refreshments will be provided. Presentations are scheduled to begin at 8:15 p.m.

MEMBERS' POTPOURRI NIGHT

Speaker: Eugene J. Scarpulla - Associate, Bee Inventory and Monitoring Laboratory, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Laurel MD; Editor, *The Maryland Entomologist*

Title: **Atypical and Variable Numbers of Submarginal Cells on the Forewings of Bees (Hymenoptera: Apoidea)**

Abstract. Gene will discuss submarginal cells on the forewings of bees and present a summary of known published and previously unpublished records of atypical and variable numbers of submarginal cells. Published records were found for 66 species and previously unpublished records are reported for 29 species.

Speaker: Tim Thompson and Janet Lydon

Title: **Birds of the Galapagos Islands**

Abstract.

Members Tim Thompson and Janet Lydon will present photographs from a 2008 trip they took to the Galapagos Islands.

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.**

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

MES welcomes the following new members to the Society:

James Butler – Halethorpe, Maryland
Rosanne Radavich – Aberdeen, Maryland
Justin B. Runyon – Bozeman, Montana

THANKING MEMBER DONORS

MES thanks the following members for their generous donations to the society:

Robert L. Davidson

**HOWARD COUNTY NATURE CONSERVANCY
UPCOMING EVENTS**

Thu, 27 June 2019; 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Fiddler and Fireflies

One of our most popular family programs returns! Begin your summer with an old-fashioned family picnic. Bring your supper and spread your blanket and lawn chairs. As the fireflies begin to flicker under the trees and in the tall grasses around the property at Mt. Pleasant, listen to musician and storyteller Bill Wellington from Stanton Virginia, who electrifies audiences with his storytelling, “roses are red poems,” and family music programs.

The event will be held at
Mt Pleasant, 10520 Old Frederick Road
Woodstock, MD 21163

For more information, visit
<https://www.hcconservancy.org/event/fiddlers-and-fireflies/>



Central Maryland Beekeepers Association

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

MEMBERS MEETINGS

Tue, 4 June 2019; 7:00 p.m.
Speaker TBA

Members meetings are held at the Oregon Ridge Nature Center, 13555 Beaver Dam Road, Cockeysville, Maryland. Additional information can be found at:

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

**NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF MARYLAND
UPCOMING EVENTS**

Tue, 21 May 2019; 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Forensic Entomology: Insects as Silent Witnesses

Sun, 26 May 2019; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Nature Connections: Streams

Thurs, 30 May 2019; 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Monthly Lep Club Meeting

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Sat, 13 July 2019; 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Explore Maryland’s Coastal Bays – A Restoration Tour

Wed, 17 July 2019; 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Bees of Maryland

1 August – 29 August 2019 (8 sessions)
Entomology 101

Sat, 24 August 2019; 9:00 am – 2:00 p.m.
Insect Study Merit Badge Class

To register for events and for more information, go to
<https://marylandnature.org/>

**HOWARD COUNTY BIRD CLUB
DICK SMITH MEMORIAL BUTTERFLY WALK**

Sun, 1 September 10.30 a.m.

Meet at Elkhorn Garden Plots.
Enjoy searching for late-summer butterflies with instruction on their identification. Easy walking on mowed paths around the community garden plots and Elkhorn meadow. We will continue on paved paths and mowed areas near the right-of-way alongside open, flowering, wet meadows and brushy hillsides. Bring close-focus binoculars to view nectaring behavior. Cancelled if raining or overcast. No facilities.
Leader: Linda Hunt.

Find more information at
<https://www.howardbirds.org/howard/hcevents.php#fieldtrips>

**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 23-29

Insect and Spider Biology “Through the Lens”
Instructor: Kefyn Catley

July 14-20

Trichoptera of the Northeast...Optional SFS EPT certification exam
Instructor: John Morse and Paul Frandsen

July 21-27

Dragonflies and Damselflies: Field Techniques, Identification, and Natural History

Instructor: Michael Blust

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July 28-August 3

Leaf and Stem Mining Insects

Instructor: Charley Eiseman

August 4-10

Microlepidoptera: Collection, Preparation, Dissection, Identification, and Natural History

Instructor: Jason Dombroskie and Kyhl Austin

Aug 11-17

EPT Taxa: Ephemeroptera, Plecoptera, and

Trichoptera...Optional SFS EPT certification exam

Instructor: Steven Burian

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

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

NEW ENTOMOLOGY BOOK

Field Guide to the Flower Flies of Northeastern North America

Andrew D. Young, Kevin Moran, William J. Crins, and Stephen A. Marshall

Princeton University Press

Paperback, 512 pp., 5 x 8¼, Flexibound, 3,000 color plates, 414 maps, forthcoming May 2019, \$27.95

<https://press.princeton.edu/titles/14224.html>

2018/2019 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:

Sep 30: Potluck Picnic

Oct 19: Dr. Mike Turrell

Nov 16: Frederick Paras

Feb 15: Patricia Nichols

Mar 15: Linda Hunt & Kevin Hefferman

Apr 19: Mike Blackburn, USDA

May 17: Members' & Students' Presentations & Elections

TBD Survey/Field Trip

OCT 2018-SEP 2019 MES MEMBERSHIP YEAR

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SUBMITTAL DEADLINES

June 2019 issue of the *Phaëton*:

Please send member news items by 14th June 2019.

HERB GARDEN

By Timothy Steele

The lizard, an exemplar of the small,
Spreads fine, adhesive digits to perform
Vertical push-ups on a sunny wall;
Bees grapple spikes of lavender, or swarm
The dill's gold umbels and low clumps of thyme.
Bored with its trellis, a resourceful rose
Has found a nearby cedar tree to climb
And to festoon with floral furbelows.

Though the great, heat-stunned sunflower looks
half-dead

The way it, shepherd's crook-like, hangs its head,
The herbs maintain their modest self-command:

Their fragrances and colors warmly mix
While, quarrying between the pathway's bricks,
Ants build minute volcanoes out of sand.