

ALABAMA WILDFLOWER SOCIETY

Pot Luck Supper Meeting: Mon, March 7th @ 6:30pm

2011 Calendar of the
Blanche Dean Chapter of AWS

MARK THESE DATES !

Monday, March 7

Saturday, March 26

Monday, April 4

Monday, June 6

Monday, Sept. 12

Monday, Nov. 7

**March 7th Potluck
Supper Meeting**

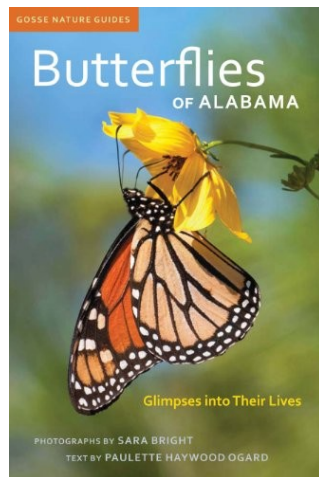
- Speakers:
Sara Bright and
Paulette Ogard
- Authors of new book
*Butterflies of Ala-
bama: Glimpses into
Their Lives.*
- Birmingham Botani-
cal Gardens 6:30pm
- Bring your favorite
dish and visit as we
enjoy a potluck sup-
per.

Butterflies of Al- abama: Glimpses into Their Lives

Alabama's butterflies are full of surprises: from possum-playing escape artists to Trojan horse aphid-eaters,

their adaptive survival strategies never cease to amaze.

We will begin by



Speakers : Sara Bright and Paulette Ogard

Sara Bright and Paulette Ogard are the authors of *Butterflies of Alabama: Glimpses into Their Lives*. Published by the University of Alabama Press, the book chronicles the life

histories of 84 species of Alabama butterflies and the plants on which they depend. The volume was the culmination of fourteen years of research that included fieldwork throughout the

state and other parts of the Southeast. Both are long-time members of the Blanche Dean Chapter. The two continue to collaborate on butterfly-related projects.



Bring your favorite dish! We start at 6 pm

looking at basic butterfly biology and end with glances at a few of Alabama's most common as well as some of its rarest species. Join us as we take a peek into the everyday lives of Alabama butterflies.

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**Easter Tiger Swallowtails female
March 7th Potluck Supper 6:30pm BBG**

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**Butterflies in AL
March 7th Meeting
Bright and Ogard**

Monday, March 7, 2011 @ 6:30pm-
Pot Luck Dinner at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens – **Paulette Haywood Ogard/Sara Bright-** Butterflies of Alabama - bring a dish and join us at 6:30pm for some wildflower fellowship.

Saturday, March 26 – Field Trip to the Pocket.

Monday, April 4, 2011- Meeting at 7:00pm at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens – **Wendy Jackson – Fresh Water Land Trust.**

Monday, June 6, 2011 - Meeting at 7:00pm at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens – **Dr. Larry Davenport – “Nature Journals”.**

Monday, Sept. 12, 2011 - Meeting at 7:00pm at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens - **Dr. Ellen McLaughlin.**

Monday, Nov. 7, 2011 – - Meeting at 7:00pm at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. **Tom Diggs**



Join us March 26th for a Field Trip to the Pocket.

ALABAMA WILDFLOWER SOCIETY-BIRMINGHAM CHAPTER
Minutes of November 1, 2010 Meeting

The Society met as scheduled at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Secondary to technical problems, the meeting commenced at 7:10 p.m., ten minutes tardy.

Pre-presentation items of interest included: Several visitors were introduced and welcomed. Dr. Ellen McLaughlin, retired Samford University professor, announced that she will be teaching, in early 2011, the Continuing Education Samford after Sundown courses of Introduction to the Microscope, and, later, Spring Wildflowers. Both Aldridge Gardens and the Birmingham Botanical Gardens have interesting public presentations forthcoming. Our group's November outing will be a visit to Ruffner Mountain. Other planned events will be our Pot Luck grubdown in March, again visiting "The Pocket" in northwest GA in March, also, Samford's Dr. L. Davenport speaking to us in June, and Dr. McLaughlin in September.

It was announced that our current treasury fund was in the amount of \$1069.94.

The main event for the night was a visual presentation by Bob Tate, entitled FROM THE PACIFIC COAST TO THE ATLANTIC COAST AND ONE STOP IN BETWEEN. He is an attorney who retired from the firm of Burr & Forman LLP in 1997. His environmental credentials could serve as a presentation per se. He has in years past directed/served with the Birmingham Audubon Society, Cahaba River Society, Alabama Wildflower Society, Watershed Identity Foundation, etc., etc. Recognition awards have been numerous.

Bob spoke of a prior trip that he, his wife, and four other "wagons" (RV's) took to California and Oregon, and later to the Atlantic coast. From and through Salt Lake, via the Oregon Trail, they traversed Hell's Canyon, and Columbia River Gorge. Purple fireweed was plentiful. A magnificent Japanese garden was witnessed in Portland, OR. Ft. Clatsop, a Lewis & Clark "hideout" for a while, was visited. Lighthouses were

entertaining as were gray whales. Road River was teeming with wildlife. Redwood National Park was summarized as "Wow!". Crater Lake in Oregon was a very deep basin with so very blue water.

On the Atlantic side, Quebec was initially visited. Windmills, whales (the blue being the largest), and various flora were abundant. From points north south to Virginia, St. Anne's Mtn. was enjoyed, as were leopard seals, and large northern gannets. Sandy beaches were minimal.

Mt. Rogers National Recreational Area in Virginia was truly breathtaking. Diversity was abundant. Flora was so abundant.

The uplifting meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m. We will next meet as will be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Gleaton, Recorder

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March 7th Meeting

Alabama Medicinal Plant Growers Association

Alabama Medicinal Plant Growers Association is a young organization dedicated to among other things developing a sustainable market for Alabama native medicinal plants and educating people about the wealth of health grow-

ing all around them. Our Spring workshop will be held Saturday, March 26 in Selma, Alabama Call Janet Smith 256-276-8599 or go to ampga.org for additional information.

COLUMBIANA, Ala. — The age-old practice of growing and harvesting medicinal plants to use as pharmaceuticals and nutritional supplements is alive and well today, and the Alabama Medicinal Plant Growers Association says medicinal plant production could be a new income source for Alabama landowners

<http://freshairfamily.org/>

**Fresh Air Family
2011 Calendar**

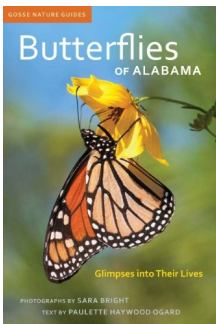
**Saturday, March 12 ---
Edible & Medicinal Plant
Hike, Bucks Pocket State
Park**

**Saturday, March 19 ---
Wildflower Hike, Cane Creek
Canyon Nature Preserve**

**Saturday, March 26 --- In
Search of Salamanders at
Shoal Creek Preserve**

**Saturday, April 2 ---
Wildflower Hike, Flint Creek
Botanical Area, Bankhead
National Forest**

**Saturday, April 9 ---
Wildflower Hike, Blevins
Gap Preserve**



Saturday night's speaker will be Sara Bright, author of *Butterflies of Alabama*. The program will also feature the photographer for the book, Paulette Haywood Ogard.

Field Trip to The Pocket - Saturday, March 26

The Pocket at Crockford Pigeon Mountain Wildlife Management area in the northwestern corner of Georgia is a premiere spot for early spring wildflowers. Virginia bluebells, Blue Cohosh, Dutchman's Breeches, Celadine Poppy, Bent Trillium, Spicebush and Ohio Buckeye are only a fraction of what we will see from the boardwalk on the Shirley Miller Wildflower Trail (about 1/8 mile). The Pocket is north of us but flowers come out early in this small protected gorge. Below are links to The Pocket and its wildflowers.

* 8 AM - Meet in the parking lot at Lowes in Trussville (I-59 and I-459)

* Stop at the Fort Payne Visitor Center for a bathroom break.

* 10-10:15 - Meet others at the Mentone Visitor Center/ Coffee Shop across the street from the Mentone Market.

The Pocket is about 30 minutes from Mentone.

On the way back, we will stop at Mountain Cove Farm Store for snacks, drinks and a picnic lunch. This stop is a great photo opportunity. The man that runs the place makes a good hamburger on a small griddle. I don't know how many lunches he can take care of but if you forget to bring a lunch, I'm sure he will take care of it for you. There is a nice clean bathroom at the store as well. We will be back in Mentone around 2 for the trip's end, but if anyone wants to continue on with the trip, we can go on to the Little River Canyon scenic drive and stop at the overlooks along the way. At Lynn Overlook, we will see a fine example of a sandstone glade and then walk across the street to see Mountain Pitcher Plants. We will then find our way to 411 and be in Gadsden by 5 to eat dinner. I know it sounds like a long day, but this trip is too good not to take full advantage and try see it all when you go to that neck of the woods. People can end the trip and leave the caravan at anytime.

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Michelle Reynolds



Alabama Wildflower Society—Spring Meeting

"Come join the Alabama Wildflower Society's spring meeting in Blount County, Alabama. The Blount County chapter is hosting this event on April 29, 30 and May 1, 2011. We will be staying at the Covered Bridge Inn in Oneonta.

The price is \$49.95 (plus tax) per person. Please make your reservations by calling 205-625-3961 and mention that you are a member of the Alabama Wildflower Society.

A cookout with hot dogs and all the trimmings at a shelter in Palisades Park recreation area is

planned for Friday night.

On Saturday, we will leave the hotel at approximately 8:30 a.m. for our morning hike. Saturday afternoon we will be hiking near a historic covered bridge. Brian Keener and Cindy Martin will be two of our leaders. Dan Porch with the extension service in Blount County, who is a wildflower enthusiast, will also be on hand to lead us. Bring your lunch for Saturday and Sunday. Saturday night dinner will be catered by Charlie B's which will consist of two meats, several kinds of vegetables, rolls, drinks and dessert. Cost for

Saturday night will be \$15.00. Please send your \$15.00 to Margie Anderton, 271 CR 68, Killen, AL 35645. Saturday night's speaker will be Sara Bright, author of *Butterflies of Alabama*. The program will also feature the photographer for the book, Paulette Haywood Ogard.

