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8th Annual Southwest Florida Butterfly Conference & Crooked Garden Tour

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8:15  Registration
9:00  Conference Opening
Gayle Edwards, Lee County Master Gardener
9:10  Host Plants for Fort Myers Area Butterflies
Tom Allen
10:00 Break
10:20 Intro to Butterfly Rearing, Photography, and Gardening
Nick Bodven
11:05 Break
11:25  The Crooked Garden At Pelican Preserve
James Price
12:45 Break — Raffle
1:00 Lunch - With The Speakers  Lunch will be pre-ordered. Cost of lunch is $5 per person and includes your choice of ham, turkey, or tuna wraps with pickles chips, cookies and beverage.
You are invited to enjoy your lunch and talk to the speakers. Or you may bring your lunch. What a great way to spend your lunch time talking butterflies.
2:00-4:00 Tour the "Crooked Garden at Pelican Preserve - a gated community. Please carpool.
SUPER RAFFLE PRIZES to be won!
Exhibitors & Vendors:
All Native Nursery; Calusa Nature Center; D&D Growers, Exotic Hibiscus; Trudi Edelman; Lee County Manatee Park; Native Plant Society; Nick Bodven; North American Butterfly Association; Rachael Singletary Seeds; Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation; University of Florida Publications, and Peace River Butterfly Society.

About the Speakers:
Tom Allen moved to Cape Coral after a 32-year career as a wildlife research biologist for the West Virginia DNR. His active retirement has included teaching part-time at Edison College, monitoring burrowing owls for Florida Fish and Wildlife, producing wildlife paintings, writing a regular butterfly column for Birds and Blooms magazine, and helping many local groups and schools establish butterfly habitats. Among his published works is Caterpillars in the Field and Garden: a Field Guide to the Butterfly Caterpillars of North America. He is now collecting photographs for a book on the butterflies of South Texas. Tom will share his knowledge of a select group of host plants for our local butterfly species and their caterpillars. Check out his website at www.thomas-j-allen.com

Nick Bodven has researched, raised and photographed south Florida butterflies for the past eight years. Nick and his wife Aline have produced a DVD titled “That’s Life” using Nick’s film of every stage of the life cycle of Florida butterflies. The major portion of their yard is devoted to butterfly gardens including an 800 cu. ft. screened butterfly rearing area that allows them to release hundreds of home grown butterflies each year. He and Tom Allen were responsible for the butterfly fly house erected at the Cape Coral Burrowing Owl Fest which delighted hundreds of visitors. Nick promises that there will be something in his talk for new and veteran Butterfly Conference attendees. Nick will have his DVD’s available. Check out his webpage at http://www.nickiebodv.blogspot.com

James Norman Price is a retired nature enthusiast, a photographer and curator of the renowned 17,234 sq. ft. “CROOKED GARDEN” at Pelican Preserve. He also is the creator of the Crooked Garden Website . . . www.CrookedGarden.com where you can tour the garden and enjoy the beautiful photographs as well as his PowerPoint production “The Amazing Metamorphous.” In 2006, the Crooked Garden became a destination for butterflies in East Fort Myers. Jim has invited attendees of the butterfly conference to tour this beautiful creation following lunch.