Meeting Updates!

Friday, September 28

1:00-5:00p.m. : Registration, Lobby Powell, Hall, Florida Museum of Natural History, UF Cultural Plaza

Field trips: Participants must sign a release prior to going on trips. These are attached.

8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Day field trip**. With the increase in rain here this year, there are a lot of butterflies in flight and a number of nectar sources available in the Cedar Key and Gulf Hammock area. Participants must park in parking lot across the street at shopping center and meet at Doyle Conner Building parking lot (1911 SW 34st., Gainesville). Contact trip leader Marc Minno (mminno@bellsouth.net) and Lary Reeves (lereeves@ufl.edu) for additional details. A variety of habitats including flatwoods, maritime hammocks, swamps, and salt marshes are available to explore. Please be prepared to carpool or provide your own transportation, food, beverages, special equipment, and insect repellant as needed.

4:30: **Night Collecting**. Charlie Covell along with Jeff Slotten and Lary Reeves will be leading the evening moth trip. Charlie has made arrangements with the rangers at Paynes Prairie. Members attending should be prepared to pick up something fairly quick to eat (neither dinner nor drinks will be provided) and drive out to Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park located 10 miles south of Gainesville, in Micanopy, on the east side of US 441. Please contact Charlie for further updates and instructions (352-273-2023; CP 352-336-0127; ccovell@flmnh.ufl.edu or Lary Reeves 352-514-2794) and meet at the park about 6 p.m. Please bring along your own special equipment and insect repellent as needed.

NEW at the Banquet on Saturday night

Tricks of the Trade: Jacqueline Y. Miller, moderator. When it comes to studying moths and butterflies, there is always something new to learn. The same thing is true when we go into the field or observe Lepidoptera. We all have those special things that we do or take into the field whether it is a special bait mixture, method for dispatching specimens, field forms (habitats, flowers in bloom), light set ups, methods for recording behavioral observations other than digital film clips, etc.). If you have something to contribute, please contact and/or send images in advance to Jacqueline Miller (jmiller@flmnh.ufl.edu) so that these can be organized and added to a PowerPoint presentation. Each contributor will have an opportunity to discuss or demonstrate techniques as part of collaborative discussion/powerpoint presentation following dinner.

Door Prizes: Please contact Charlie Covell (<u>ccovell@flmnh.ufl.edu</u>) and let him know as soon as possible if you will be bringing a door prize.

Saturday, September 29

Please follow the signs and enter the McGuire Center through the north staircase . There is a special event at the Florida Museum of Natural History, Powell Hall that day.