



### ***The Three B's – A Workshop on Butterflies, Bees and Bats***

They are small – sometimes tiny – but never insignificant. Come learn the value of these little guys (and gals) to our gardening endeavors.

Gardening Friends of the Big Bend is sponsoring a morning workshop on Saturday, February 19 discussing butterflies, bees and bats. Speaking on butterflies will be Mr. Bill Boothe, a professional wildlife photographer and experienced naturalist and educator. Mr. Boothe has worked for numerous federal, state and private institutions including the Smithsonian Institution. He provides natural history classes and wildlife photography workshops plus selling his own nature photography.

Mr. Elmore Herman has forty years experience in beekeeping in Florida, Georgia, Alabama and the Virgin Islands. He is past president of the Florida Beekeepers Association and a member of both the Wiregrass Beekeepers Association of Dothan, Alabama and the Tupelo Beekeepers Association of Panama City, Florida. Currently he sells beekeeping supplies and teaches through his business, Millie Bee, located in Marianna, Florida and Cottonwood, Alabama. Mr. Elmore will bring beekeeping alive for event participants by displaying a glass enclosed, live bee hive.

Dr. Holly Ober, an assistant professor in the Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, University of Florida, is housed at the North Florida Research and Education Center. Dr. Ober's Ph.D. research was with bats, and currently she is researching the effects of prescribed burning on bat and nocturnal insect communities, and the influence of temperature on artificial roost site selection by bats. At this Saturday workshop Dr. Ober will focus on the beneficial nature of bats and how to attract them to your yard.

**Where:** The workshop will be held at the Fountain H. May Sr. Building, University of Florida/IFAS North Florida Research and Education Center, 155 Research Road, Quincy, FL. Take I-10 Exit 181 (Quincy, SR267), go north  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile and turn left, following the drive to the main building.

**When:** Saturday, February 19, 2011. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. The program begins at 9 AM and ends by 12 Noon. Refreshments will be provided and there will be a GFBB sponsored plant sale after the workshop.

**How:** A pre-registered ticket for participants is \$5 for GFBB members and \$10 for non-members. Pre-registration should occur prior to Thursday, February 17. Use GFBB's automated web page ([www.thegfbb.com](http://www.thegfbb.com)) or email Phyllis West at [wildwestwm@comcast.net](mailto:wildwestwm@comcast.net) to preregister. All registration fees should be mailed to GFBB, c/o NFREC, 155 Research Rd., Quincy, FL 32351. If not pre-registered, tickets purchased at the door are \$15 each. Handouts will be provided.

Area Master Gardeners may earn educational hours for this event. Please check with your county coordinator.