TESTIMONIALS

"Very well done by a person who experienced first hand the subject matter he discusses."
Joseph Russo, 5th Grade Teacher, JFK School, W. Babylon SD
Programs have been done in this grade & school for over 10 straight years.

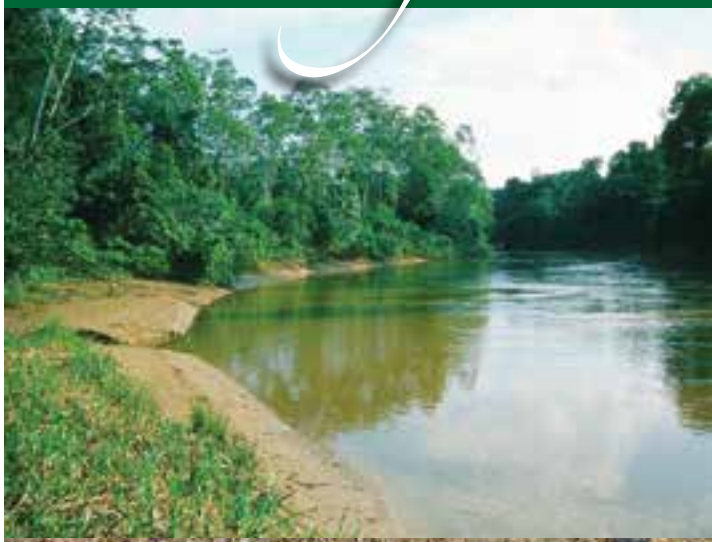
"The students have an opportunity to see butterflies and moths from the RainForest, they are able to use all the facts they have learned during our Butterfly/Moth unit. They are very excited during this program."
Jen Fanno, 3rd Grade Teacher, Albany Ave ES, Lindenhurst SD
Programs have been done in this grade and school for over 10 straight years.

"Soar through the rain forests of our world with Steve Fratello. He brings life, excitement, and personal experience into the eager minds of all the children lucky enough to venture through his presentation of beautiful butterflies and moths."
Teri Daley, 3rd Grade Teacher, Increase Miller ES, Katonah-Lewisboro SD
Programs have been done in this grade and school many years consecutively.

"His programs are not only informative but highly entertaining. The students are enthralled with his extensive butterfly and moth collection... Steve has excellent management skills and enjoys answering the students' many questions."
Carole Ellert, 2nd Grade Teacher, Village ES, Syosset SD
Programs have been done in this grade and school many years consecutively.

"Steven has personally gone into the jungles of Central and South America to obtain these rare and beautiful butterflies, thus, he brings an authenticity to his programs, that is unique. His artifacts are the real thing, as are he and his presentation."
Emanuel Campisi, Principal, JFK School, W. Babylon SD

RAINFOREST *Butterflies*



Latin American & Other Tropical Rainforests

RAINFOREST EXPLORATION, RESEARCH & EDUCATION

Steve Fratello graduated from the United States Air Force Academy with a B.S. in Basic Sciences and a minor in Atmospheric Sciences. After serving as a military officer predominantly as a B-52 navigator, his lifelong passion for butterflies and other aspects of nature and natural history led to a very different life as an explorer/naturalist in the world's tropical rainforests: Australia, Borneo, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guyana, Malay Peninsula, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Sulawesi and Venezuela – totalling approximately 1,000 days.

Though he has often camped alone in remote rainforest locales for extensive time periods, he has also led a number of major lepidoptera expeditions for the Smithsonian and Field Museums. These very successful expeditions to Guyana's rugged, montane hinterlands brought back valuable scientific material, including a number of species new to science.

This extensive tropical rainforest experience has led to a number of published articles: one in Natural History magazine and numerous others in the newsletters and journals of The Lepidopterists' Society and The Association of Tropical Lepidoptera. It has also led, thankfully, to Steve's passion for the sublimity of the natural world to be shared with thousands annually, through myriad presentations given to over 70 schools a year, also libraries, assisted living facilities and other venues.

PROGRAMS:

Rainforest Butterflies – Students will be introduced to the tremendous beauty and variety revealed by the world's lepidoptera fauna, by observing spectacular displays of tropical rainforest butterflies and moths, many collected by the presenter during his numerous expeditions. Differences between butterflies and moths, tropical rainforest climate and geography, insect body parts, predation, camouflage, warning coloration, lepidoptera life cycle and other biological topics and concepts will be discussed. Presenter to student and student to presenter questions throughout the presentation. **Classroom Program:** 45-60 minutes per class, up to four presentations in a day. **All Grade Levels.**

Latin American & other Tropical Rainforests – a Power-Point presentation (or slide show), followed by workshops, will convey to students the unfathomable beauty and variety of tropical rainforest life. Biodiversity, tropical rainforest climate and geography, the Amazon and physical adaptations are among the topics/concepts discussed. Presenter to student and student to presenter questions throughout the presentation.
Assembly with Workshops or Classroom Program: 60-75 minutes, up to three presentations in a day. **Grade 5 & Up.**

Programs are fundable through Eastern Suffolk BOCES Arts-in-Education/Exploratory Enrichment, W. Suffolk BOCES Exploratory Enrichment, Nassau BOCES Arts-in-Education/Exploratory Enrichment & Outdoor & Environmental Education, Putnam/N. Westchester BOCES Environmental Education and Rockland BOCES Exploratory Enrichment.

PURPOSE:

These programs correlate directly with those grades that study the butterfly life cycle, Latin America, tropical rainforests, biomes, physical adaptations,... Beyond their excellent educational enrichment value, they will be among the greatest aesthetic experiences your students will partake of in their school careers!

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