Butterfly of the Month

November Leopard Lacewing
(Cethosia cyane)

Did you Know?
Leopard lacewings are a favorite among guests at the Cecil B. Day Butterfly Center. These butterflies are known for their fast flight, however, they also are one of the few butterflies that will occasionally “pose” for pictures. Be sure to have your camera ready to capture a few photos of this amazing, beautiful butterfly.

FlutterFact
The caterpillars of the lacewing feed on the leaves of flowering vines in the genus Passiflora. Like other butterflies that feed on passion vines, leopard lacewing larvae ingest and sequester defensive phytochemicals from the plant. As a result, they display a distinct warning coloration that advertises their unpalatable nature to potential predators.