

Entomophobia

by Gary Hardaway

I confess- I don't like insects.
Except ladybugs and preying
mantises. And some moths

and butterflies. And I pity
the June bugs their terrible
clumsiness. And I admire

the orchestrations of ants and honeybees
and the persistence and adaptations
of the cockroach. Fuck the wasps,

though, who sting and bring no honey
and the termites who undermine
my wealth of real estate.

