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SOUTH TEXAS UNIT
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August 2015 Calendar

No Unit meetings are scheduled.

Newsletter deadline: 25th of the month

September 2015 Calendar

Sept. 8 - Tues. - 10 a.m. Day Meeting at the home of Lois Sutton, 702 E. 8 ½ St., Houston, TX 77007, 713-862-8857. Program: "*The Herbs of China Bayles: Morning Glory*", presented by Lois Sutton. **Bring a dish to share.** This meeting is open to visitors.

Sept. 16 - Wed. - 7 p.m. **Evening Meeting** at *Judson Robinson Center* (2020 Hermann Drive, Houston, TX 77004), hosted by TBD. Program: "Unusual Herbal Teas", presented by Kim McHugh of McHugh Tea in Bellaire, TX.

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Announcing the 2015-16 Board

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★★ *Sept. Program* ★★

Kim McHugh is the owner of the McHugh Tea Shop, in Bellaire, TX. She is an authority on organic and herbal teas. Kim will be presenting a program on unusual herbal teas from around the world and your own backyard. Samples for tasting will surely be the highlight of the program!



The Herb Fair Issue!

Herbal Celebration for the Winter Season Presales/Setup Friday Nov. 13 - - Sales Sat. Nov. 14

Welcome and Updates

The South Texas Herb Society will host the **43rd Annual Herb Fair** on Nov. 13 and Nov. 14 at the **Multi-Service Center** on West Gray. Sally Luna and I are frequently checking with the Multi Service Center Director to obtain the latest updates on the building repair and maintenance.

We are looking forward to involving all members and guests in the preparation for our Herb Fair and on the sale days. We learn more about herbal plants and their uses as we participate in the preparation for Herb Fair. **(participation in fair preparations is a great learning and enjoyable experience for everyone)**

Because of the later date this year, we hope the “**Herbal Celebration--for the Winter Season**” theme will be carried out **(in ways that will increase and)** attract sales, interest, and learning in all areas (including): plants, crafts, blends, jelly, classes, and publicity. This newsletter contains a summary of product team contacts. Please contact the (named) member to volunteer, or obtain more information for your participation.

Lead contacts: Janice Stuff, Herb Fair Chair jestuff@pdq.net 713-516-5748.
Lynda Mills lymills.tx@gmail.com

Blends

Lead contact: Nutti Doodeheefver baggetx@yahoo.com; 713-667-7939.
Members can help by attaching the printed labels on herbal packets. Nutti will bring blends to the meetings for assistance. See note about possible classes with Chef Robert.

Classes

- We hope Chef Robert, who last year was an overwhelming success in his class on blends, will agree to return to teach a class and develop another blend recipe.
- Horticulture/Growing herbal plants TBA any volunteers or suggestions?
- Herbal Crafts or other topic TBA Any volunteers or suggestions?

Crafts

Lead contacts: Pam Harris

prharris014@gmail.com

Lois Jean Howard 713-771-0172. The craft group leaders are meeting soon to plan their projects and workshops. Watch for **upcoming emails and newsletters announcements** for the dates, time, and location of workshops.

Fragrance, Soap

Lead contact: Karen Cottingham 713-524-0414. Karen may need help wrapping or labeling products (setup day) or on other projects (Aug-Nov.)

Garage Sale

Lead contact: Jane Littell 281-702-3751. On setup date (Friday) bring only items that are garden or herbal related. Old issues of herb and garden books and journals are accepted.

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Jelly

Lead contact: Lois Sutton

doctorlo@comcast.net 713-862-8857.

Always a sell-out, jellies are very popular and an interesting product to learn how to prepare.

Join the Jelly Team!

Need measurers, stirrers, fillers, lidders – no prior experience necessary. Comfortable work environment, coffee, tea and water provided – and definitely snacks, if not lunch, depending on the “work” shift! Workshop scheduling is flexible and each jelly session takes 3 – 4 hours. If you would like to help make jellies for this year’s Herb Fair, please call or email Lois.

Kitchen/Break Room

Lead contact: **TBA - Any Volunteers ?**

Member needed to shop for food and beverage to sustain working members during Herb Fair sale day (Paid by unit, amount budgeted).

Members are needed to work in the break room area during Herb Fair.

Membership Corner

Lead contact: Albert Ramos

1alr@sbcglobal.net.

Friendly and helpful members are needed to answer questions from guests about the Herb Society, our meetings, and membership.

Plants

Lead contact: Janis Teas

jteas@sbcglobal.net

Janis Teas will order plants from vendors.

Members needed on set-up day to help unload plants and place on tables according to Janis’s arrangement plan. Members needed to work in the plant area on sale day. In the event we have any leftover plants and you know a volunteer group or garden to arrange for a donation pickup, please give this information to

Janis Teas, or Sally Luna

sallyl@heritagetexas.com

Pickup /Set-up /Clean Up /Take Back

Lead contact: Janice Stuff

jestuff@pdq.net 713-516-5748

Pickup: We need at least 3 persons on Friday morning to meet at our storage Unit, and help load materials and display equipment used to cover tables, and display products. Since the load is heavy and fills a car, a group is needed.

Set-up: On Friday volunteers needed during the first hour will be devoted to unloading and setting up the plants. The remaining hours volunteers needed to set up remaining product areas, checkout areas, break room, etc.

Clean-up: On Saturday, after closing, members need to help cleanup, pack any remaining products, and supplies.

Take Back: We need at least 3 persons to take back supplies and equipment back to our storage Unit. Since the load is heavy and fills a car, a group is needed.

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Preorder Form

Lead contact: Lois Sutton

doctorlo@comcast.net 713-862-8857.

Lois will finalize the **Preorder Form** that is available as a download from our Website for guests and distributed to members. Members are encouraged to pre-order since it helps production teams estimate amount of products needed, and it saves money because the unit does not pay a percentage of presales to Multi-Service Center. Lois also manages the frequent Email Blasts that publicize the Herb Fair to guests. Lois also coordinates the cashiers, oversees income and expense reimbursements.

Publicity

Lead contact: TBA

Hopefully, Susan Wood will agree to coordinate publicity. She does a masterful job and has obtained extraordinary placements in newspapers and media.

All members needed to help with publicity.

Tell your family, friends, and share the Herb Fair flyer (electronic file will be sent to members).

Vendors

Lead contact: Janice Stuff jestuff@pdq.net
713-516-5748.

We are contacting the vendors who participated last year: Lucia Bettler (Lucia's Garden), Donna Faye Hilliard (Sweet Organic Solutions), and the guest vendor for herbal charms.

Website and Flyer

Lead contact: Benee Curtis Benee

bccurtis5@comcast.net Benee skillfully manages the unit's website, keeping up to date announcements related to the fair; and creates the promotional flyer for Herb Fair.

Requests from Ways and Means
For Herb
Fair

We always need dried herbs for our tea blends for Herb Fair. ***We need to begin harvesting red stem applemint, lemon balm, lemon verbena, Mexican mint marigold, and any other herbs that could be used for crafts or cooking.*** We also would like for everyone to be looking for new craft ideas that we could begin making for the Herb Fair.



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