



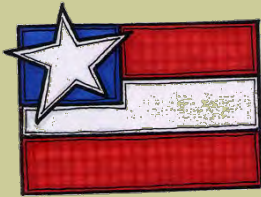
PIONEER PATHS

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Pioneer Unit

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June 14
Flag Day



June 16
Fathers' Day

June 20
Summer Solstice



June 21
Strawberry Full Moon



Date: June 13, 2024

Time: 9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet
10:00 a.m. Presentation
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Location: Brenham Presbyterian Church
900 South Jackson Street

Directions: Exit Highway 290 to Business 36 North (Day Street) into Brenham. Continue north to College Street. Turn left to Jackson Street, and the church will be on your left.

Program: Designing a Rain Collection System for Everyone

Speaker: Louis Sellers

Angel: Royceanna Kendall

Host Team: Linda Rowlett, Cammie Beierle, Tory Farley, Madeline Johnson, Cindy Nash, and Diana Reed

Lunch: Summer Salads

Benefits of Harvesting Rainwater

- Conserves water
- Decreases your bills
- Lowers demand on freshwater resources
- Slows erosion in dry environments
- Reduces flooding in low-lying areas

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Hi Everyone,

This summer I have been trying to save butterflies from my beautiful bird (cardinal). The girls (granddaughters) and I noticed quite a number of caterpillars chewing my fennel plant leaves. Then I saw a butterfly emerge from its chrysalis one day, and it was so wonderful. So I brought three inside the house to protect. What's your summer like?

Gosh, I have been happy to be the chair for 4 ½ years, but I am looking forward to leaving this position and attending the meetings where I will be able to sit at a table and enjoy the friendships that I have made with you all. Not rushing my food because I have flitted here and there – checking if Tess needs help, maybe connecting to Zoom, adding my signature to checks, answering questions, and general busy bee-ness. It will be wonderful to relax.

I hope that I have not offended anyone during this chair tenure and if so, please forgive me. I know that sometimes I can be pushy and stubborn to get things done. You all have endured me graciously. The last two years have been productive for the Unit, and our ranks have grown. We have expanded our venues to meet, as requested by some who live further, and have added an additional one in Round Top. The forums and plant sales were all successful with smiling faces, no matter the weather. Our red wagons, tables, and signs are a lot closer as we now have a storage place at Festival Hill. There have been many outings and workshops to attend.

And there have been losses. Most recently Mary Reeves, our founder, and Betty Pior's mom and before that Becky Nicholson's husband and Madeline Johnson's also. Our members sent cards, made food, and supported these women/members with love and support.

At the last National Herb Society of America meeting, one of the past presidents spoke to inspire. I don't know if I can do that for you, but this is what I would like to say: Continue to hold fast to our ideals; continue to work in the gardens, to volunteer for things that you have not necessarily done before or like doing but for the good of the community. Show up and deepen your friendships with all the members, and stay healthy.

Through our herbal education and the gardens that we maintain, we care for the earth.

Peace and Blessings,
Kathe Forrest
Chair



FROM YOUR PROGRAMS CHAIR

May has been good to us gardeners — many rains make great flowers and vegetables. One of my favorite May bloomers is my Rose of Sharon (Althea). I lost several pink and white varieties after the Great Freeze of 2021, but this one is hardy and especially vibrant this year. Rose of Sharon plants traveled from Asia to England to the American South over the last few hundred years, and even though it is a variety of hibiscus, it can tolerate our cold weather. If deer like your plants a bit too much, try one in your yard. Deer are not fond of the taste.

Speaking of May showers, our upcoming meeting will feature Louie Sellers, speaking to us about rain collection and water conservation. One of the best things we can do as gardeners is to conserve our resources, and nothing is better for our flowers and veggies than real rain water. I am looking forward to seeing everyone on June 13 at Brenham Presbyterian Church!

Tess Hartman
Programs Chair



HOSPITALITY NOTES

A huge thank you to all who volunteered their time and energy to be on Host/Hostess teams this past year!

Sign up sheets for next year will be available at our June meeting. If you cannot attend, please send me an email so you can all participate in this effort! It truly is a great way get to know other members, and know that the effort is appreciated by all of us!

Patty Mills



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

Chair address

General Business

Annual Reports

Election of Officers for the Next Pioneer Unit Term (July 2024 through June 2026): The Officers of the Board shall be elected by a majority vote of Active members present at the Unit Annual Meeting.

The slate of potential officers as approved by the nominating committee is:

Unit Chair	Diana Sellers
1st Vice Chair – Programs	Tory Farley
2nd Vice Chair – Membership	Cammie Beierle
Secretary	Joanna Hagler
Treasurer	Royceanna Kendall

Nominations can also be made from the floor during the meeting; anyone who is nominated must be an active member of the Unit and must indicate willingness to serve. Once the nominations have been reviewed, the Active Members will vote on the Officers.

Linda Rowlett



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

May Meeting: Our May program — Spagyric for the 21st Century — presented by Caroline Riley was a fascinating topic. Caroline mesmerized us as she related the story of how she founded the "Whole Life Learning Center" in Austin, developed her gardens, and how she works with herbs. Spagyric – pronounced spa jeer ric – is a practice that originated in Western Europe. Our meeting was held in the Edith Bates Chapel which lent a beautiful mystical touch to the program. Forty-one members and four guests attended the meeting. Our guests included Dawn Wilson (her 3rd meeting), Emily Freeman, Charlotte Duncan, and Betsy Ranes.

New Member: Our 2023-2024 Fiscal year will end with a new member – Dawn Wilson. Dawn dove in and finished all the joining requirements quickly, including being a great help during the Plant Sale as she followed Tess Hartman. Thanks, Tess, for bringing us another great member. Dawn eagerly looks forward to becoming a member. I do not have Dawn's contact information yet but will include it in the July newsletter.

Membership Renewal Time is Here and Almost Gone: The annual membership renewal process is close to ending. As of the writing of this article, 52 members have submitted their renewal applications and fees. Thanks to all who have renewed. While it is preferred that members renew by the end of May, we will accept renewals until June 30th. After that time, members who have not renewed will be removed from the membership roll. We don't want that to happen to anyone, so please, don't delay. Submit those renewal forms and fees right away. You have three options for renewing, and all 3 are acceptable:

Submit the renewal form and money online (several members have renewed using the online option and found it to be very easy and quick)

Print the renewal form, complete and send it and a check to the Pioneer Unit PO Box

Print the renewal form, complete and give it to me during the June meeting

Make checks payable to HSA Pioneer Unit. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Diana Sellers at 512-461-7175 (text or call) or you can email me at sellers2000@yahoo.com.

Board Elections and a New Beginning – and soon to be a new Fiscal Year: I have served two terms (four years) as the Pioneer Unit Membership Chair, so it is now time for me to step down. It has been a great four years, primarily because it gave me the opportunity to get to know all of you really well. I have gone from knowing hardly anyone's name in my first couple of meetings to knowing each one of your names. You are a fun group to be with and learn with, and I have truly enjoyed every moment. I thank each of you for the support as I learned the position and all the kind words and encouragement. You are a blessing and superb HERBIES!!

Herbally Yours,
Diana Sellers
Membership Chair

MINUTES OF UNIT MEETING
HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA PIONEER UNIT
May 9, 2024

The Unit meeting was held at Festival Hill, Round Top, Texas. Kathe Forrest, Chair, welcomed everyone, and Tess Hartman, Vice Chair Programs, introduced Caroline Riley, who presented the program "Spagyric for the 21st Century."

Kathe thanked the volunteers who worked at the Unit's booth at the Honey Bee Festival on May 4, 2024. Bonnie Lout helps organize the Honey Bee Festival and said it would have been nice if the booth had stayed open until 4 p.m. when the festival was over. Unfortunately, no one volunteer to work at the booth after 2 p.m.

Kathe stated the Board did not decide at the Board Meeting on whether the Plant Sale and Forum should remain the same or become a one-day sale, or be changed in some other way. First, she asked to take a vote on who would like the Plant Sale to remain the same (two days, Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.). There was some discussion on why the Board is considering changing things and then some discussion about people who attend the Forum who would not be able to shop after classes if we closed earlier on Saturday. Kathe asked Diana Sellers to present some research she did concerning who volunteers, to answer a question Belinda Weatherly had posed last month. The Unit has 85 members, 59 active and 26 affiliates. Over 500 hours were volunteered for Forum prep and over 500 hours for the Forum. Most of the volunteer work was done by 26 members. Kathe then asked for a show of hands of who wants to continue to do the Plant Sale with the Forum as the Unit has done in the past. It was voted by the membership to keep the Plant Sale as it is.

Kathe further announced there are sign-up sheets for a Forum Committee. She said that six of nine programs are in place for meetings in the next fiscal year. The Lutheran Church in Round Top has been added to the list of meeting places.

Kathe noted that Emily Freeman and Charlotte Duncan, daughters of Mary Reeves, were here earlier and set-up a table, along with members of the Unit, with pictures of Mary. Mary was a member of HSA for 50 years, one of the founders of the Pioneer Unit, and received Golden Sage recognition. The Board would like to honor Mary Reeves with a \$2,000 scholarship, one scholarship per year, for five years at Blinn College. Kathe is also working with Festival Hill Institute for a memorial for Mary Reeves. Below is a copy of the "Celebration of an Herbal Super Star" that Kathe read to the Unit members.

Diana Sellers, Membership Chair, announced 41 members attended and four guests: Dawn Wilson and Emily Freeman, Mary Reeves' daughters; Charlotte Duncan; and Betsy Ranes. Twenty-seven people signed-up at the Honey Bee Festival to receive information on the Pioneer Unit. Diana attended a Zoom Leadership meeting to hear what other leaders do in their units. Diana learned that our Unit members are more active than other units. Susan Bame received her 10-year pin.

It was reported that Brenham Elementary School is not utilizing the Sensory Garden for education. Kathe spoke to the principal, Stephen Siemsglusz, about the Unit's concerns and is waiting to hear back from him. Kathe also mentioned hearing from member Susan Yancey who moved to south Austin.

Today's hostess team was Pat Garrett, Carla Lessard, Wendy Matthews, Erica Menconi, and Jill Wilson. The Speaker Angel was Madeline Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Rice
Secretary

Celebration of an Herbal Super Star

We are celebrating today Mary Reeves who was instrumental in establishing the HSA Pioneer Unit as the fabulous herbal unit it is today.

Mary Reeves was a member of HSA for 50 years and was given a Golden Sage Award for having served. Her first 20 years were spent as a member of the South Texas Unit where she was a beloved member.

According to HSA: "In our gardens we grow many kinds of sages. We have culinary sages and ornamentals. We have Old World Sages and New World Sages. We have fall bloomers and those that add to the spring flower parade. But The Herb Society of America has another unique type of sage – members who have shared their wisdom and experience! Those extra special people who have been guiding lights to fellow members for fifty years or more are our most treasured group of sages – OUR GOLDEN SAGES." Mary was surely a Pioneer Unit treasure and a Golden Sage.

Thank you, Mary, for all you did to put things in motion, and we would like to honor in Mary's memory a motion that the Pioneer Unit Board has put forth which states:

Motion for a scholarship of \$2,000 a year for five years to a student in Plant Sciences at Blinn College in memory of Mary Reeves, with a stipulation that the Pioneer Unit be given the names and contact information of the recipients. (Connected to faculty member Bryn Behnke.)

The Board will also discuss with Lamar Lentz and James Dick here at the Festival Institute regarding a physical memorial in honor of Mary, be that a bench or plaque of some kind.



SUMMARY of PIONEER UNIT BOARD MEETING

April 17, 2024

Zoom Meeting

The following Officers of the Board were present: Chair, Kathe Forrest; Vice Chair Programs, Tess Hartman; Vice Chair Membership, Diana Sellers; Treasurer, Debi Thomas; Past Chair, Linda Rowlett; Archives/Rosemary, Susan Bame; Education, Pat Cox; Scholarship, Barbara Solis; Communications, Ann Lugg; Thyme Well Spent Shoppe, Cathy Nitsch; and Unit Members Phoebe Lake, Cammie Beierle, and Julia Johnson.

Minutes of the Meeting of January 8, 2024: An amendment was made to add Jill Wilson as a volunteer at the Pioneer Unit booth at the Antique Rose Emporium in December and to clarify the information about the storage unit. Cathy Nitsch made a motion to accept the minutes with amendments. Pat Cox seconded the motion, and the Board approved unanimously.

Treasurer, Debi Thomas: The Plant Sale was successful. There was discussion on specific costs which were explained. Linda Rowlett made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Diana Sellers, and the Board approved unanimously.

Membership Chair, Diana Sellers: Two people, Kim Taylor and Dawn Wilson, are working to become members. The Unit has 85 members; 26 are Affiliates. Kathe stated the owner of the Rose Emporium, Kim Keeter, is interested in membership. Diana said Kim has attended two meetings and has asked about Business membership. **Action Item:** Kathe will call Kim to see if she wants to do anything with the Unit. Diana stated Kim wants to collaborate on education ideas.

Hospitality Chair, Patty Mills: Kathe reported for Patty: A member suggested the Unit buy lunch for the members in May, and Patty is checking into costs. Patty will bring Hostess sign-up sheets for next year to the May and June meetings.

Programs Chair, Tess Hartman: The Horticulture Study Group will present a program in September, and Caroline Riley will present May's program. Kathe stated that Connie Gwyn has talked to St John's United Church of Christ in Burton in regards to holding meetings there. The Church has agreed to let the Unit continue to hold meetings at their facility.

TWSS, Cathy Nitsch: The bookcases for the TWSS need to be replaced. Cathy suggested a committee to look at tweaking our fundraising and not do what we have always done.

Scholarships, Barbara Solis: Kathe informed the board that Patty Mills has a friend seeking a scholarship for a related degree and will send this information to Barbara. Barbara reported on her efforts to reach out to universities to offer our scholarship and thinks a committee is needed to make the necessary phone calls to locate the responsible person in each university system. A grant was suggested, but Ann Lugg pointed out that universities charge overhead when a program gets a grant and sometimes 40% of the grant goes to overhead.

Sensory Gardens, Cathy Kietlinski: Kathe reported for Cathy Kietlinski: Washington Landscape will repair the sprinkler problem at the Sensory Garden. Debi Thomas said that should be done by the end of the week. As of April 8, Henry has taken the arbor down and will purchase the supplies to build a new one.

Communications – Publicity, Ann Lugg: Ann has put the membership renewal form on the Pioneer Unit website. Ann suggested putting the hostess/angel sign-up on-line to see if that will help eliminate duplicate sign-ups. **Action Item:** After some discussion of how well that would work, Ann will give it

more thought and try to put the sign-up sheets on the website. Ann discussed the cost of advertising in the Texas Gardener magazine versus the "Gardener's Market" section in the magazine. Ann suggested a one-sixth page ad at \$175 per issue in five issues and a half-page ad about the Plant Sale in the issue before the plant sale at \$875, totaling \$1,870 for the year. Kathe suggested putting meeting dates, times, places, and speakers in the other five ads to attract new members. Discussion followed on whether the budget is sufficient for this amount in ads, and it is. It was questioned if the speakers need to approve having their names in our advertisements. **Action Item:** Ann suggested informing the speakers that the Unit does publicity and will have ads in magazines.

Archives, Susan Bame: Susan has been sending out a lot of cards.

Education, Pat Cox: Pat has a trip planned for Chappel Hill Lavender Farm in May, but has not chosen the date. A hypertufa workshop is planned for May.

Old Business: The Unit will be able to continue to meet at the church in Burton as previously discussed.

No progress has been made with Round Top Family Library to work with the Round Top Junior Master Gardeners. Diana explained that with all the rain this year, there are drainage problems that need to be resolved before a garden is put in, plus the library is working on other improvement projects and is concentrating on those concerns at this time.

The new temperature control storage unit is currently sufficient for our needs.

Note Pads for Ed Con: A discussion ensued on whether our Unit should fund the purchase of note pads to put in the bags for attendees at Ed Con. Ann Lugg made the motion to approve the purchase of note pads with a limit of \$700, seconded by Linda Rowlett, and the Board approved unanimously.

Orientation Meeting: Kathe led a discussion on improving the new members' orientation experience. Ideas presented: continue as we have done in the past, have a "Herb Buddy" from the day a person joins, hand out a Welcome Bag/New Member packet, conduct a "one-on-one" talk with a member, or have a tea or meeting at a member's home. The best month to hold the orientation, if it is held after the Unit's monthly meeting, was discussed. Kathe took a yes/no vote on some of the ideas. **Action Item:** All members liked the Welcome Bag idea. It was decided a committee is needed to determine what to put in the bag. Tess volunteered to be on the Welcome Bag committee. It was finally decided by the Board to table this discussion.

Spending Unit Funds: Kathe suggested having a videographer to record the monthly talks for members unable to attend the meetings in person. This cost \$75 to \$100 an hour. Ann suggested putting QR codes in the Pharmacy Garden for each plant. There is no cost to set-up the link, but the QR code stake would be an expense. Pat suggested raising the amount of the scholarship to generate more interest. Barbara agreed with Pat and added the possibility of opening the scholarship to students in our area who are just entering a university versus limiting applicants to first year students. Giving to Urban Harvest was discussed or funding a garden for Brookwood or a similar organization. Cathy Nitsch suggested endowing a scholarship at a local university. Discussion followed that if the Unit funds to set-up a garden, who will volunteer to take care of it; it is hard to get volunteers to care for the Sensory Garden, much less funding another garden to maintain. Kathe said there would need to be an agreement that the Unit would fund the garden and get it started, but maintenance would be the recipient's responsibility. No final decision was made on spending funds.

Sensory Gardens: Kathe believes the Unit needs an agreement with Brenham Elementary that they will use the garden if we continue to provide the work and maintenance expenses. Patty Mills works with special needs children and is going to see if BISD has a special needs group that could come to the Sensory Garden. More discussion ensued on whether to continue to work with the school or walk

away. Cathy Kietlinski will not oversee the gardens after June, and there is concern whether anyone will volunteer to be Committee Chair over the Sensory Garden. Kathe asked for a show of hands to walk away (three) or continue to try to get the school to utilize the garden (four to five). **Action Item:** Kathe will call the principal and discuss an agreement and the problems the Pioneer Unit has encountered with use of the garden.

Yearbook: Diana will be doing the yearbook for the coming year of 2024/2025. Kathe presented a list of speakers, locations, and dates for most of the upcoming year and mentioned the need to reserve the dates for the facilities with various churches and Festival Hill. Ann Lugg made the motion to set-up the speakers, locations, and dates that Kathe presented for 2024/2025. Pat Cox seconded the motion, and the Board approved unanimously.

Plant Sale Status: Kathe opened the discussion on whether to continue the Plant Sale as it is, make it smaller, have it with or without the Forum, one day or continue with two days, or shorten the hours. Some voiced in favor of leaving the Plant Sale as it is and commented there are no strong indications from members not to continue as we have been. Linda asked why should the Unit change the Plant Sale. Diana went over her research which shows the Unit has 59 active members and 26 affiliate members. Most of the work is done by about 30 active members. Cathy Nitsch is concerned that the Unit has around \$100,000 in the checking account and certificates of deposit. The Unit is not spending the money it raises as a non-profit should. **Action Item:** Kathe will send out minutes from HSA meetings so the board members can read ideas from other units. No decision was made.

Cathy Nitsch asked when we will find out who the new leadership team will be. Linda stated she is still in the nominating process. The new board and committee members will not actually be known until the members vote at the June meeting. No one has come forward for the open board positions except the Chair and the Membership positions. Linda will send an email to the Unit members for volunteers for the open board positions.

Meeting adjourned after three hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Rice
Secretary

CULINARY GROUP



Culinary met at Cammie Beierle's home for their last meeting until September. We enjoyed herbal freezable dishes and a refreshing herbal beverage. This ends our year of exploring herbal dishes of all kinds that are Simple and Quick, Pantry Meals, Saturday Soup, Chocolate or Vanilla, Crockpot, Cooking for 2, or Eat One/Freeze One. While we still have our special, company worthy dishes that serve 6-8 (or more!), many of us are cooking simpler meals that serve 2-4. This year we proved that just because you're not having a dinner party doesn't mean your meals can't be creative and tasty. We will start meeting again in September.

Belinda Weatherly

HORTICULTURE STUDY GROUP Rosemary Varieties

Sara Holland was our featured speaker at the May meeting. Sara started her passion for rosemary in 1995. She managed the 80+ cultivars of rosemary at Festival Hill for years. Sara continued her passion for rosemary in Wimberley where she has continued to identify the conditions for successfully growing rosemaries under difficult conditions. Protection from cold, full sun, well-drained soil, and good air circulation around the plants are the key requirements. Rosemaries are drought tolerant and should be watered only at the bottom of the plant. They don't like wet leaves, particularly in extreme heat. Tuscan Blue and Spice Island are two of Sara's favorite varieties for cooking, while her favorites for shape and form are Herb Cottage and Joyce Debaggio (also known as Golden Rain).

During Sara's presentation, we were nodding our heads in agreement with the negative effect of cloudy days and heavy rains on our study rosemaries. Nevertheless, the rosemaries are growing slowly with only a few casualties. Our June and July meetings will focus on the culinary uses of rosemary.

Madeline Johnson



JULY GATHERING

Is this a field trip, or a meeting? It's a bit of both, a change of pace. Come walk the gardens, smell the roses, shop for gifts, hear a presentation on rose and herb companion plantings, and enjoy a catered box lunch.

WHEN: Thursday, July 11th
9:30 - lunch at noon

WHERE: Antique Rose Emporium
10000 FM 50, Brenham

LUNCH: catered by Tara Royer Steele,
Bake Shop at All Things Acres

Chicken Salad with Fresh Croissant
Field greens with carrots, cucumbers, and cherry tomatoes
Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing
Fresh grapes and strawberries
Homemade chocolate chip cookie
Unsweet Raspberry Iced Tea

Vegetarian option - all of the above, except
Pimento and feta cheese salad instead of chicken

RESERVATION REQUIRED by Wednesday, July 3

\$15 per person

Please pay with cash or check to Irene Spurrier either at the June meeting or by mail prior to July 3.



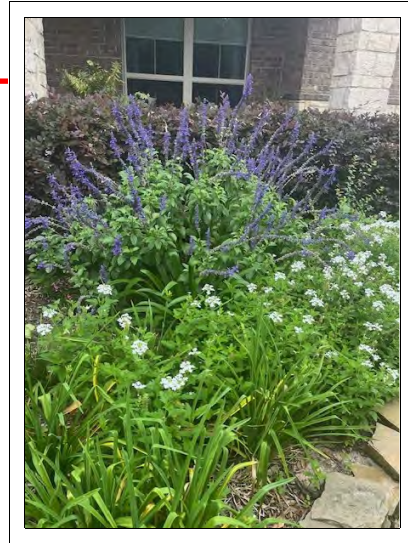
OUR VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

Julia Johnson sent the photos below of the hypertufa workshop that was recently held.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- June 1 — Henry Flowers
 June 5 — Esther Hartman
 June 9 — Martha Neva
 June 13 — Leah Pearce
 June 14 — Ronda Herzog
 June 16 — Leslie Conrads
 June 19 — Diana Sellers




Leah Pearce (June 13) sent the adjacent photo and noted: "I am so grateful and appreciative of everyone's talents and contributions to this wonderful unit. Enjoying my Salvia from Phoebe for the second year. It loves my home! "

Diana Sellers (June 19) sent the following message and the two pictures below to illustrate the gardening she has been doing: "Sometimes becoming a year older means there is a little more pain in the joints and one isn't quite as strong as one used to be, but I'm glad to be around to enjoy all that life has to offer, especially my darling grandchildren. 2022 was the year of adding-on-to-the-house project. It was definitely worth it, but a lot of my yard was damaged. We are now in the process of landscaping, very slowly, but it is happening. I have some new flowerbeds that are thriving in spite of the crazy weather we've had this Spring. We also installed a rain collection system which truly makes my heart happy to be able to water the plants with rainwater instead of city water."




June 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CG = Culinary Group FH = Festival Hill SG = Sensory Garden	HSG = Horticulture Study Group HB = Herbal Blends					1
2	3	4	5 CG 10:00 Menke House	6	7 FH Work Day 7:30 to 9:30	8
9	10	11	12	13 Pioneer Unit Annual Meeting	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 EdCon HSA	21 EdCon HSA	22
23	24	25	26	27 HSG 10:00	28	29
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July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Deadline to register For Gathering at Antique Rose	4 	5 FH Work Day	6
7	8	9	10	11 Pioneer Unit Gathering	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 HSG 10:00	26	27
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Vice Chair Programs—Tess Hartman
Secretary—Louise Rice

Vice Chair Membership—Diana Sellers
Treasurer—Debi Thomas

Dear Sweet Herbies,

Thank you so very much for all the cards, words of condolence and encouragement, and the much needed hugs. I am blessed to be part of such a caring community.

Sincerely,
Betty Pior

