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November 5
Daylight Savings
Ends
(fall back one hour)



November 11
Veterans Day

November 15
Frosty Full Moon



November 28



MONTHLY UNIT MEETING

Date: November 14, 2024

Time: 9:30 a.m. Gather
10:00 a.m. Presentation and Meeting

Location: St. John's United Church of Christ
516 North Colorado Street, Burton

Directions: [from the east] Exit Highway 290 onto Texas Spur 125 north into Burton. At North Brazos Street, turn right and continue to East Texas Street. Turn right and go one block to North Colorado Street. The church will be on your left.

[from the west] Exit Highway 290 onto Texas 390 going northeast into Burton. At the intersection of 390 (Washington Street) and Main Street, continue straight into Burton on East Washington Street. At North Colorado Street, the church will be on your right.

Program: Yarrow: A Resilient and Versatile Central Texas Plant

Speaker: Cristen Andrews

Angel: Leslie Conrads

Hosts: Madeline Johnson, Noreen Barker, Pat Cox, Connie Gwyn, Patty Mills, and Irene Spurrier

Lunch: Thanksgiving Buffet



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

October has been a wildly busy month for the Pioneer Unit – from activities for children at the Sensory Garden, garden workday at the Pharmacy Garden, and the Harry Potter event at the Fayette Public Library, to a Unit Meeting, a Board Meeting, a Culinary Meeting, an Herbal Study Meeting and an herbal gathering in the Ozarks. That's a lot of fun happening for one month!! I hope many of you were able to participate in at least some of these events.

I'm sure there will be more in-depth information in this newsletter about the following activities, but I would like to mention a couple of things:

Brenham Elementary Sensory Garden – At the October Unit meeting Debi Meschwitz reported on the 2nd grader activity that took place. It was so inspiring to hear her talk about how excited the children were and how eager they were to plant the new plants that Plants N Things donated for this activity. Several Unit members volunteered to help with this event. Thank you all so much, and a huge thank you to Debi for organizing this event!! Please read Serena Speaker's article about the need for volunteers to help with the garden work at the garden. Serena can't do the work by herself. She has established the 3rd Thursday as a routine garden workday. If that isn't a good time for you, just let Serena know that you are going out on a different day and find out what would be helpful for you to work on. Even the little things that each of you do make a huge difference.

Harry Potter Event – Dawn Wilson and I were Professors of Herbology for the afternoon at this event held at the Fayette Public Library in La Grange. Approximately 200 children dressed up as Harry Potter or Hermione attended this event. Dawn helped the children make dream pillows. It was interesting watching them choose which herbs they wanted to put into their pillows. We had several herbs on the table that the children could touch to see how different they felt. Many of them were familiar with Rosemary and some with Basil also. I offered them a couple of herbal teas and basil jellies on crackers to taste. I had to laugh at their reactions. Some loved them, and some made a face and shook their heads – "Yuck," they said! I also did an experiment with them with the Pea Vine (such a beautiful plant): after infusing the flowers in hot water, the water became blue. I took the blue water to the event and showed the kids how to change the blue water to pink by adding lemon juice. They thought that was pretty cool – "that's Science," some of them said. Smart kids. Thanks so much to Linda Rowlett for providing oodles of dried herbs for the dream pillows and to Julia Johnson for providing all the Pea Vine flowers. The kids really enjoyed that activity. I was dead tired when I arrived home, but very happy to have been a part of the event.

Unit Board Meeting – The Board met on October 8th. See Board meeting highlights from Joanna Hagler, our Unit Secretary.

Unit News:

Kathe Forrest has resigned her position as the Past Chair. She is preparing to move out of the state next year and thought it would be best if she resigned now. Kathe was the Programs Chair for 2 years prior to becoming the Unit Chair for the past 4 years. Thank you, Kathe, for all your years of service to the Pioneer Unit. I nominated Tess Hartman to serve as the Unit Past Chair, and she agreed to accept that position. The Board approved her nomination. Thank you, Tess. I

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am very appreciative of Tess's willingness to step up. As the Past Programs Chair, she is well-qualified to hold this position.

TWSS Book Sale & Seed Sale – At the October Unit Meeting I asked if anyone would be interested in taking over the Book Sale and the Seed Sale at the TWSS. The fabulous Noreen Barker jumped right up and said she would take it on. Hurray for Noreen. Noreen will be vacationing during the month of November. You can start bringing her books and seeds in December.

Upcoming Events:

South Texas Unit, November 2, Herb Fair. <http://www.herbsociety-stu.org/annual-herb-fair.html>. I hope some of you will be able to attend. I sure wish I could, but I have grandmotherly babysitting duties this coming weekend, and I could never turn down that opportunity.

HSA EdCon in San Antonio, Texas in April of 2026 – A planning committee is meeting monthly to work on the details of this event. I know it seems a long way off, but it takes that much time to organize an event this big. I'm thinking as a Unit we might want to oversee swag bags or auction items. Let me know what you think.

My Garden News - The Monarchs finally arrived in my garden last week. Seems late, but I was so happy to see them. They are incredibly beautiful butterflies. Did you know that they are considered an indicator species for how well our planet is doing? Apparently, we aren't doing too great. However, I did hear someone say the other day that the Monarch population does seem to be improving slightly. I was never able to photograph the Monarch. They fold their wings when resting on the plant. However, I was able to photograph a Julia, a bright orange butterfly with long extended wings. Gorgeous! They like lantana.



I look forward to seeing you at the November Unit Meeting when we will have our Pioneer Unit Thanksgiving celebration. I think we have a lot to be thankful for. So much great work is being done in our unit.

Diana Sellers
Pioneer Unit Chair

FROM THE PROGRAMS CHAIR

Greetings! Another forum speaker will be joining us this month. We will welcome Cristen Andrews to speak to us about Yarrow as a resilient and versatile central Texas plant. We will meet at St. John's United Church of Christ in Burton. Cristen's presentation will begin at 10a.m. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, let me say that I am truly grateful for this group and our time together.

Tory Farley
Programs Chair



HOSPITALITY NOTES

We have to advise Menke House on November 22nd of the number of attendees for lunch at the December meeting. The cost for members is \$10.00. Please sign up and pay for your lunch by November 21.

If you have any questions about what you signed up to prepare for the November Thanksgiving buffet, please contact Caroll or Connie.

Caroll Edwards and Connie Gwyn
Hospitality CoChairs

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Hey, Y'all!

I SO love our morning and evening weather! I spent this morning working outside until about 1:30. I hope you have a chance to enjoy it as well. I was thrilled to get my metal garden sign as a new member of GreenBridges, an HSA national network group. To qualify, you must agree to not use pesticides and chemicals that could harm insects and animals. Because of our BnB, we've had our buildings sprayed for scorpions. This year I've sprayed with Cedarcide, a non-toxic concentrated Cedar oil, and it has worked very well. What a relief! I've always felt so bad inviting pollinators and then possibly causing injury, just so the scorpions didn't cause injury to us and our human visitors.

I've included a picture of our 12X12 herb garden. There are about 23 herbs and vegetables growing much happier with the cooler temps!

At our last meeting, we had 35 members attending, including Marian Sullivan, Member-at-Large. What a pleasure it was to meet her and our very creative speaker. We learned some interesting information about dyeing with plants! The energy was high, and the chatter was loud and satisfying!! Looking forward to next month!

Serena Speaker is our first new member of the 2024-25 year. She has graciously agreed to lead the Sensory Garden. Her contact information is:

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Birthday August 11

Cammie Beierle
Membership Chair



MINUTES OF UNIT MEETING HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA PIONEER UNIT

October 10, 2024

The October meeting was held at Brenham Presbyterian Church, Brenham, Texas. Tory Farley, First Vice Chair-Programs, introduced Phoebe Lake and Cammie Beierle who told the group there is a plant everyone should grow — roselle hibiscus. It is grown in Western Africa, as well as Jamaica, where it is referred to as sorrel. It is a major crop in China, Sudan, and Thailand. Here in Central Texas, we should treat it as an annual and grow it from seed as it is so easy to start. Phoebe pointed out the calyces which contain the seeds. Cammie shared how she collects the calyces to make tea and jam, as well as the nutritional potential of roselle hibiscus. She made roselle and lavender cookies to share with members. Phoebe and Cammie generously brought a huge stem for everyone to take home with them.

Penny Nelson of Sky Loom Weavers, speaker at last year's Forum, encouraged us to "Get Your Dye on and Live Wild." Penny shared how she uses natural dyes from bark to flowers to bugs. Many of the things we find in nature each day can be used to extract color. Some will attach to fiber on their own while others will need a mordant such as alum to set the color. We learned that indigo dyeing occurs throughout the world but from different plants which have the chemical used for indigo.

The business meeting began with Diana Sellers, Chair, dressed in her witch's costume. She and Dawn Wilson will represent the Pioneer Unit at Harry Potter Day held at the Fayette County Public Library. They will be making dream pillows with supplies from Linda Rowlett's herb garden. Kathe Forrest, former Past Chair, resigned the position as she prepares for her cross country move. Tess Hartman volunteered to fill the position.

Tory Farley, Programs Chair, reported on upcoming speakers, including Dr. Judy Griffin, aromatherapist, for our May meeting and a representative from Native American Seeds at our June meeting. Serena Speaker, a retired occupational therapist, volunteered to teach us how to protect our joints and maintain mobility as we garden.

Cammie Beierle, Membership Chair, shared her focus on new member education to help new members choose from all our education and volunteer opportunities. Serena Speaker, new member, was introduced and was thanked for volunteering to lead volunteers at the Sensory Garden. Thirty-nine members attended the meeting, including member-at-large Marianne Sullivan. Fifteen-year pins were awarded to Pat Cox and Diana Reed.

Royceanna Kendall, Treasurer, reported our Unit has a \$63,510.89 ending balance for September.

Carroll Edwards, Hospitality Chair, reminded members that the deadline to sign up for the Christmas lunch is November 21st. Thanksgiving lunch sign-up sheets were available as well. Festival Hill has generously donated a CD with all the music from the Summer Concert Series to be used as a door prize.

Pat Cox, Education Chair, asked for member suggestions for workshops. An email about an upcoming field trip will be sent shortly.

The Scholarship Committee led by Phoebe Lake, Scholarship Committee Chair, made recommendations for scholarships to the following:

\$400 each to four local elementary school gardens

\$1,000 each to two Habitat for Humanity projects for landscaping

\$200 to falconers Roman and Archer White

\$250 each to Cammie Beierle and Cathy Nitsch for Herbal Scholarships

Phoebe praised the Unit for its hard work at the Plant Sale so that \$4,200 could go to worthy causes in our community.

Festival Hill is bustling with new programs and positive momentum that supports our partnership and efforts with the Pharmacy Garden. Julia Johnson, Festival Hill/Pharmacy Garden Chair, gave an overview of the work being done. She leads a variety of volunteer groups in the Round Top area to revitalize and enhance the gardens. Projects include walking and bird watching trails. An architect from Texas Parks and Wildlife is helping map the trails and plan for green areas. A local artist is making etched carvings to go along the trail. There will be a link to relevant music via QR code. Festival Hill Chef Nicole Petrie is an herb enthusiast who finds unique ways to include herbs and is active in volunteering in the gardens. A variety of funding sources are working together including a fashion show that local vendors and designers support. Julia remarked that the group of volunteers, including Pioneer Unit members, is looking forward to creating a destination garden for Central Texas birders and nature lovers.

A new volunteer opportunity has arisen out of the Festival Hill gardens revitalization efforts. We need volunteers to research the uses, history, recipes, etc. for various herbs. This information will be used on plant tags so visitors can use a QR code to learn more about the herb. This volunteer opportunity is a great winter activity. It's also good for those of us who prefer less physically demanding volunteer jobs. Julia will be asking us to sign up soon.

Serena Speaker and Debi Meschwitz shared good news from the Sensory Garden. A recent workday had around eight people attending. Future workdays will be the third Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., but there will be no workday in November. A load of mulch was donated by LeRoy Schoeder. Plants N Things donated plants so that every second grader at the school could plant their own plant. Serena and Debi shared heartwarming stories about this experience. Many students had never planted before. We are grateful for these donations, and Serena and Debi are planning an article for [The Banner Press](#) to share the good news.

Erica Menconi, Thyme Well Spent Chair, asked those in charge of subcategories in TWS to contact her. Joanna Hagler, TWS craft organizer, asked crafters to make a few extras for TWS when they are making holiday gifts. There was also a call for wreath makers as they have been requested. Noreen Baker volunteered to collect magazines and books for TWS as Diana passed the torch.

Diana Sellers and Cammie Beierle are on the planning committee for EdCon 2026 in San Antonio. Members can choose individual or group volunteer opportunities. Please contact Diana if you have ideas for speakers, vendors, sponsors, or places to visit near San Antonio.

A lovely lunch was served by Ann Allen, Tess Hartmann, Dawn Wilson, Debi Thomas, and Leslie Conrads.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Hagler
Secretary

HORTICULTURE STUDY GROUP

The mystery of enhanced memory and concentration among our Horticulture Study Group was answered at the October meeting. It is the rosemary! We have been smelling rosemary steadily over the last several months, and we are so much wiser for it. Well, maybe not all of us, but nevertheless, rosemary aroma is known to improve our ability to concentrate and remember. Wendy Matthews presented a fascinating program on how aromatherapy works in the brain. The short version is that the chemicals in rosemary that we inhale through our nasal cavity are transmitted to the brain through the olfactory bulb. Once they enter the brain, the nerves know exactly where to take the particular chemicals present in rosemary to activate the release of dopamine. At least, that's my simplistic interpretation of Wendy's scientific program. The chemicals present in other herbs are transmitted to other areas of the brain with different results. Our bodies are amazing, aren't they?



We also learned more about how to place rosemary in our gardens from Karen Springer. Several of the good herbal companions include those that like similar growing conditions, such as lavender and sage. Others, like marjoram, release chemicals into the soil that encourage rosemary to grow and enhance the flavor. Some non-herb companion plants include zinnias, strawberries, carrots, and cabbage. So, rosemary is not just for the herb garden. Try placing rosemary in your vegetable garden. However, don't plant your rosemary by basil or mint or any other water-loving plant, such as cucumbers and tomatoes.

Ginger Heath completed our program by offering advice on making Rosemary Simple Syrup. The syrup can be poured over dessert dishes, pancakes and French toast. It is great as a rub on pork. The syrup can be stored in the refrigerator for 1-2 weeks. Ginger's shared recipe is as follows: 1/2 cup of water, 1/2 cup of sugar and 2 tablespoons of coarsely chopped rosemary. Heat in a saucepan, stirring occasionally until the mixture is hot and the sugar has dissolved. Let cool and enjoy.

Our study of rosemary is wrapping up, and we will present our findings to the Unit in February. It's been a good growing year for us, and we look forward to sharing what we learned.

Madeline Johnson

CULINARY GROUP



The Culinary Group had a fun meeting in October showing our favorite cook book and sharing a dish and recipe from it. I think Phoebe's tattered Fannie Farmer cookbook with scalloped potatoes was the highlight. In November we will be sampling holiday herbal appetizers getting us all ready and in the mood for the holiday season. Remember we meet the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 in Menke House/Festival Hill. All are welcome!!

Belinda Weatherly

SENSORY GARDEN

Just a reminder that the Sensory Garden is the responsibility of our Pioneer Unit. The garden event was a huge success with 125 2nd graders attending on October 9, 2024, under the main leadership of Debi Meschwitz. The children were able to use their 5 senses and then plant a flower in a bed. Many had never done anything like this before, so it was a great educational opportunity. Debi is in contact with the teachers at Brenham Elementary school and also works at the Butterfly Garden for the 4th graders.

Many of us were not part of the Unit when the Sensory Garden was established, but it is the responsibility of all members to participate and maintain this garden. We had two people at the October work day, which is certainly not adequate. If you cannot attend work days on the 3rd Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., you could still go and work another day with weeding, trimming, and raking. You are all gardeners and know what needs to be done.

I am new with this responsibility, but I want the Sensory Garden to be successful. It will take all our members for this garden to remain viable and provide an educational opportunity for Benham Elementary. Please consider helping with this project for a couple of hours.

Please note that there will not be a workday in November. Thanksgiving blessings to all.

Serena Speaker
Pioneer Herb Society Sensory Garden Chair



The morns are meeker than they were -
The nuts are getting brown -
The berry's cheek is plumper -
The rose is out of town.

The maple wears a gayer scarf -
The field a scarlet gown -
Lest I sh'd be old-fashioned
I'll put a trinket on.

Emily Dickinson
c. 1858

Pioneer Unit Board Meeting Summary October 8, 2024

Present: Diana Sellers, Tory Farley, Cammie Beierle, Royceanna Kendall, Joanna Hagler, Susan Bame, Pat Cox, Connie Gwyn, Caroll Edwards, Phoebe Lake, Julia Johnson, Serena Speaker, Erica Menconi, Linda Rowlett, and Tess Hartman.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 2024 Board meeting were accepted.

Programs Report: Tory Farley updated the programming calendar with Judy Griffin, aromatherapist, in May. Cammie offered accommodations for speakers at her bed and breakfast. Tory has a tentative commitment from Native American Seed for the June meeting.

Membership Report: Cammie Beierle reported 40 members and 3 guests attended the July meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Royceanna Kendall is working with Diana Sellers to draft a spending history by category to assist in drafting the budget. Discussion revolved around several categories and revising based upon current needs. Board members and chairs were asked to get back to Diana with requested funding for the budget category for which they are responsible.

Standing Committee Reports

A. *Archives/Rosemary* Susan Bame has had little interest from members to assist with organizing the Unit archives. Diana volunteered to assist Susan with archives.

B. *Education* Pat Cox has scheduled several events including a hypertufa workshop for October 21st and another in November. A field trip is tentatively planned for December 11th to Blackwood Educational Land Institute in Hempstead.

C. *Hospitality* Connie Gwyn shared menu options for the December meeting. Lunches will be available at the May meeting. Connie asked for items for door prizes including plants and eggs.

D. *Scholarship* Phoebe Lake updated the Board on awarded scholarships. Cammie and Cathy Nitsche were each awarded \$250 for Unit scholarships. In January, 27 colleges and 8 high schools will get information and applications on our scholarships.

The scholarship committee made recommendations for the following giving from the Unit:

School gardens \$500 each: Brenham Elementary, Alton Elementary, Krause Elementary, and Round Top Elementary
Habitat for Humanity in Fayette County and Colorado County to provide landscaping
Falconers Roman and Archer White to receive \$200 to attend North American Falconers Association

E. *Gardens* Julia Johnson received a donation box with seeds from Botanical Interests. She and Serena Speaker will sow seeds for fall. Once the greenhouse is functional, seeds can be sown for the plant sale. Future plans for the greenhouse and gardens were discussed. Julia is working with a wide variety of organizations and individuals to gain funding and volunteers for projects.

Serena Speaker spoke with the previous chair and Henry Flowers about ongoing projects in the Sensory Garden. Henry fixed spigots, provided irrigation parts, ordered additional parts, and sprayed for weeds. Plants-N-Things donated a plant for each 2nd grade student to plant in the garden. A workday is scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month from 9:00-11:00. A fruit tree trimming workshop will be scheduled for spring.

F. *Thyme Well Spent* Erica Menconi is seeking bids for labels for TWS. She is asking members to let her know about responsibility for each area of TWS so she can determine the overall plan.

Old Business

The plant sale needs a committee chair. A chair is also needed for Forum.

New Business

Diana and Cammie were on a phone call with organizers of the HSA Ed Con San Antonio. They are seeking ideas for vendors, speakers, centerpieces, and door prizes. The meeting was adjourned.

Joanna Hagler



ASIAN PIGEON WINGS, BLUEBELL VINE, DARWIN PEA, BUTTERFLY PEA

Because the October program was on 'dyeing with plants,' I will use this opportunity to tell you about the fun plant that I discovered this spring at Plants N' Things in Brenham. I will make this a personal tale, so you who want the full story will want to Google *Clitoria ternatea* for more information. It will be worth your effort. What about that botanical name? How about the uses, culinary and medicinal, in addition to dye? The plant was found on the Indonesian island of Ternate. (Google its location. If you play the map-game 'Worldly,' you'll be ahead of the game!)

This plant has several names; I just call it Blue Pea vine. I have the double-blossom pea vine. The flowers are the most beautiful, vibrant blue color! Online photos of blue rice or blue tea or blue cocktails are startling. Adding lemon or lime turns the product pink or purple.

I usually pick the flowers late each day while they are still fresh and not yet dried, as the next day the flowers are shriveled, are harder to see, or may have fallen off the vine. I have only one vine so even though I gather as many as 20 of the small flowers daily, they don't appear to be much; but each flower really packs a punch. I poured 1/4 cup of boiling water over one flower and let it leach until all color was out of the flower. Wow! That's all the experimenting that I have done; I have not dyed fabric or yarn.

The vine has a healthy reputation with little, if any, diseases or problems. As a legume, its roots form a symbiotic association with soil bacteria improving the soil with nitrogen, like our bluebonnets.

An Oklahoma woman online told of her experiences with blue pea vines. I would think her findings in the OK climate might be quite like ours. The plants bloom all year long; pods are edible when young; plants are easily propagated by seed or cutting; plants grow in full to partial sun; pinching keeps the plants bushy.

Since I wrote these notes above, I have learned that there are blue pea vines in the Pharmacy Garden. Because I am now harvesting seeds from my vine (in October), I expect that seeds are on the Pharmacy vines too. It is probable that seed pods will propagate both gardens, and we will have more vines next spring. We can hope.

Ginger Heath



Festival Hill Gardens



FIRST FRIDAYS

Come earn a couple volunteer hours in the gardens on the first Friday of the month, from 9-11, bring a snack to share afterwards!



GREENHOUSE GROUP

For our Restoration Team, let's meet up briefly after our Unit meeting this month to find a time we can meet to discuss this project.



RESEARCH

Like to learn about herbs? Want to earn hours researching? Join us on a quest to create content for our website. More information at the next meeting.



CONTACT JULIA JOHNSON FOR MORE INFORMATION

November Birthdays

November 4	Wendy Matthews
November 7	Belinda Weatherly
November 11	Tory Farley
November 14	Jana Rinehart
November 19	Lois Sutton
November 24	Bev Elam
November 26	Diana Reed




Wendy Matthews (November 9) sent the adjacent photograph and the following delightful information: "Ira Bell, who worked in the gardens at Festival Hill, gave me the idea for the birthday tradition I've been doing for about 15 years. She said that in Carmine, whoever had a birthday would make a cake and coffee and anyone who could come over would bring a plate of sandwiches. On the actual birthday. One thing that I've added is that when I send the email invite I do it as a poem. At some point people started responding with a poem. I send their poem out to the group and have quite a collection by now. The cakes are prune and pound. They all love the prune. But pound cake is my favorite, so that's for me."





Belinda Weatherly (November 7): [Editor's Note: When I asked Belinda to provide something for the birthday notes page, she sent more information about the Culinary Group. Belinda really is a great representative for Culinary!] Here is what Belinda had to say: "Culinary is steaming up the kitchen with party hearty herbal delights for the holidays. Appetizers and beverages for the next two months. Join us the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 at Menke House, Festival Hill. We will start January off with our annual mustard making for Thyme Well Spent Shop during Forum."

November 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 Herb Fair South Texas Unit
3	4	5	6 CG Menke House	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Pioneer Unit Meeting	15	16
17	18 SG Work Day 8:00-9:30	19	20	21 HSG 10:00 at FH	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 	29	30



December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12 Pioneer Unit Meeting	13	14
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Do You Enjoy Planning Events? Here's Your Opportunity - Come Join the Fun of the Herbal Forum Planning Committee

If you're interested in participating in the Herbal Forum planning for a brief November to believe short 3 ½ Saturday plenty of work on and I would love to have your help.



committee, join us meeting after the luncheon. It's hard but it's only a months until March 15th. There's different areas to

**Looking Forward to you joining the group!!
Diana Sellers**