



Lovely Summer Greetings Everyone!!

Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. If you're a boat or lake lover spending the summer here in Texas, things may be disappointingly damp for your favorite activities but as far as gardens and wildlife are concerned, all systems are go! The weather is mild and birds, deer, bunnies and domestic pets seem to love it. So do weeds and grasses, but thank goodness, it's not overly hot to do the weeding. So far, thanks to Lake Travis, Austin is not 5 feet under water and our environment has rapidly taken on the look of a tropical rain forest. Very different from last years drought. As I sit here writing, my windows are open and my AC is off! In July! Let's see what happens by September...

We have exciting news for the coming AHS season.

Please put your reservations in as soon as possible for our September Luncheon – TUESDAY, SEPT 4. We will be serving food from Lucinda Hutson's *The Herb Garden Cookbook*. See page 2 of this newsletter for more information. THIS IS A RESERVATION ONLY EVENT so that we are sure to have enough food.

SAVE THE DATE for our annual HerbFest at the Sunset Valley Farmers Market. It is on October 13, HerbDay, a coordinated series of independently produced public educational events celebrating the importance of herbs and herbalism. We urge you to pitch in and volunteer at this fun event, we really need a hand for this one y'all, and you're guaranteed a great time! See page 3 of this newsletter for more information.

At our December 4 meeting, we will have a HOLIDAY TEA hosted by the AHS Culinary Group along with our HOLIDAY BAZAAR. Get creative and wear your most amusing TEA TIME HAT – Contact Sandra Holland to volunteer sandra_hollandjr@yahoo.com to help cook or serve. SPONSORS & MEMBERS, if you have something to sell, you may sign up for a FREE table for the Holiday Bazaar, by contacting Cindy Phillips cphillips78669@yahoo.com

See you bright and early, first Tuesday in September at Zilker!

Cindy Phillips and Andra Millian
Co-Presidents AHS

NO REGULAR MEETING IN AUGUST

**Come to the September Members Luncheon
Zilker Garden Center, Tuesday, September 4,
9:30AM – 11:30AM**

(See page 2 for more information on the luncheon.)

Bring Seeds to the September Meeting!

We want to have packages of seeds for the October HerbFest on HerbDay, Saturday, October 13. So if you have seeds to share, bring them in clearly labeled baggies and give them to Robin Carter. Herb seeds are great but we'll take flowers and vegetables too.

**Culinary Group meeting, Tuesday, August 14,
11:00AM – 12:30PM, American Botanical Council,
6200 Manor Road**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING IS ON A DIFFERENT DAY THAN USUAL. The purpose of this meeting is to form a committee and start making plans for the December Holiday Tea. The committee will need to meet a few times in addition to our regular 3rd Friday culinary meetings. Gayle will be providing us with tea and Sandra will bring a few herbal munchies.

If you have any questions or would like to participate in the planning process for the holiday tea, please respond to:

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Zilker Park Herb Gardening Day. Call Judith at 944-2787 or Michelle at 343-7677 to volunteer to help out in the Zilker Herb Garden or the Vee Fowler Native Texas Herb Garden. Judith says her schedule is flexible this summer so you can probably find a time when she will meet you there.

Mayfield Park Gardening Day. Call Julie Crouch at 339-0193 to find out when she'll be working at Mayfield. This is a nice shady place to help out and get a little exercise in the bargain.



Austin Herb Society's Annual September Members Luncheon

Featuring Lucinda Hutson, Austin's celebrated author, gardener, and cook, best known for her spirited herbal recipes and festive presentations.

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

9:30 - 11:30 am

Cost: FREE with an herb-infused dish to share — or \$5.00 without a dish

**Members and Guests welcome with reservations.
Space is limited.**

RSVP: Pam Bell at 894-0767 or hbelle5@austin.rr.com

If you have never been to the AHS September Members Luncheon, it is one of the highlights of the year. You think the food is good at the regular meetings? Imagine when we ALL bring something yummy and fill up the tables in the library as well as the ones in the meeting room.

Austin's own **Lucinda Hutson** will be the speaker at the luncheon and we are going to celebrate the start of our fall-spring season with a fiesta using recipes from her book, *The Herb Garden Cookbook: the Complete Gardening and Gourmet Guide*. If you don't have a copy, and you don't want to wait to buy one autographed by Lucinda at the September luncheon because you need a recipe before then, you can get one at the AHS book corner at the July meeting. Or you can get recipe ideas from the book from Pam Bell. Pam needs to know if you are coming and if you are bringing a guest so she can plan the seating and make sure there is enough food. If you bring food, you get into the luncheon for free. Otherwise it costs \$5 per person. If you bring a guest, bring two dishes and you both get in free. So let Pam know as soon as possible by emailing her at hbelle5@austin.rr.com or by calling her at 894-0767.

You won't want to miss this. In addition to great food and a lovely speaker, you get a chance to dress up in your colorful duds and *partay* the south of the border way!



HerbFest 2007 at the Sunset Valley Farmers Market

Saturday, October 13, 9:00am-1pm

October marks Herb Awareness Month with activities throughout the city, including our beloved HerbFest in partnership with the Sunset Valley Farmers Market located at the Burger Center, 3200 Jones Rd., off 290 between Brodie Lane and Westgate Blvd. Live music. No entrance fee for shoppers. Free parking. Kids activities.

HerbDay is also on October 13! We are encouraging everyone to do something special throughout the month – a tour, a sale, a show or an event. This gives everyone an extra opportunity to promote Herbal Awareness and stir up interest in all things natural, green and healthy. Please send me your news and event information for the month of October, as I will be sending out PRESS RELEASES to promote our sponsors. **For details about Herb Day, visit: www.herbday.org**

Vendor Cost: \$35 for a 10x10 booth, or \$70 for 10x20 booth

The Sunset Valley Farmers Market requires that all vendors make or grow what they sell. (Exceptions include books, gardening accessories and educational materials.) Suggested categories:

- Plants, fresh herbs, dried herbs, seeds
- Herbal health and beauty care products, aromatherapy products
- Herbal cooking products, teas, condiments, food (demonstrations and samples)
- Herb-related gift items, jewelry, decorative crafts
- All types of books on gardening, herbs or cooking, plus book signings
- Gardening tools, plant markers, fertilizers, trellises, garden art, pots
- Acupuncture, massage or related services

Your fee is earmarked as a fundraiser for the herb garden expansion at the Zilker Garden Center and other AHS projects. Reserve a booth through advance payment on the attached membership form. This is a rain or shine event, so no refunds.



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