



Happy Holidays Everyone!!

This will be a much shorter Potpourri than usual this month. Everyone, including our editor, is busy getting ready for the holidays and for the AHS Holiday Tea and Bazaar on Tuesday, December 4. Be sure and come and bring a friend. The bazaar is longtime tradition for AHS and is a wonderful place to pick up a few gifts. And this year we have the added fun of a holiday tea put together by our own culinary group. The menu sounds yummy and they have worked very hard to put the tea together so come on out and start the holidays off right.

With so much going on this time of year, it is easy to forget about our little green friends in the garden. Remember that they still need our loving care even when we are busy entertaining family and friends during the holiday. If you have tender herbs in pots, don't forget to bring them in or snug them up against the house and cover them with an old sheet if you think it might freeze. We frequently have quite dry winters so be sure to mulch your herb garden to preserve the moisture in the soil and protect against cold damage. We also usually have a pretty mild winter giving us a whole other growing season. So we hope you are keeping your green thumb busy over the winter by growing some lettuce, radish and spinach for the freshest salads ever, some cooking greens for the nutritious vitamins and minerals they provide, some carrots, beets and crucifers for their antioxidants, and sugar snap peas for their crisp, sweet taste.

We hope to see you at the bazaar and tea but if you can't make it, we'll see you next year.

Green and Growing Blessings,
Andra Millian and Cindy Phillips
Co-Presidents AHS

Holiday Bazaar and Tea

Zilker Garden Center, Tuesday, December 4,

Bazaar: 9:30AM – 12 noon

Tea: 10AM – 12 noon

A reminder that, along with all the wonderful things our members will be selling at the bazaar, AHS will have books for sale. We have lots of "stocking stuffer" books for under \$10 on tea, garlic, tapas and others. For friends and neighbors new to the area we have a good selection of the best herb and garden books for our area, the books we should all have on our reference shelves. There are gardening with kids books, and as always a great selection of flavorful cookbooks, including our own Lucinda Hutson's and the new Pastry Queen Christmas Cookbook. In honor of the Holiday Tea we have lots of books about tea and teatime recipes. Remember, too, that these are 35% off retail price for members. So bring your cash or checks and check in with us.

For more information on the menu for the Tea, see page 2 of this newsletter.

There will be no Culinary Group meeting this month so come to the Tea at the regular meeting.

Watch this space for next year's field trips also.

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.

Mayfield Park Gardening Day. Call Julie Crouch at 339-0193 to find out if she'll be working at Mayfield this month.



HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND TEA

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007
10:00AM UNTIL NOON
ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN
2200 BARTON SPRINGS ROAD**

Join us for a casual, informal tea while you shop from amongst the wares of our many talented members. From live plants to herbal products, pottery to jewelry, books to baked goods, there is something for everyone and every pocketbook.

There will be comfortable seating for sipping and visiting, perusing your purchases, or just listening to some gentle music and enjoying the spirit of the season.

MENU

Savory Items

Walnut tea sandwiches
Chicken salad sandwiches
Smoked salmon sandwiches
Cucumber sandwiches
Deviled eggs
Crab stuffed cherry tomatoes
Mozzarella balls
Mushroom canapés
Cheese crackers
Pickled carrots, nuts, butters
...and more

Sweet Items

Creme de Menthe Brownies
Truffles
Holiday Biscotti with Pistachios & Cranberries
Buttermilk Scones with Mexican Mint Marigold
Lemon Bars
Pecan Tassies
Mini Cheesecakes with Cherries
Herbal Tea Loaf
Vee's Rosemary Candy
Gingerbread with Lemon Curd
Sandtarts

Teas

C. S. Lewis Irish Breakfast Blend
Holiday Chai with Jamisi Black Tea
Levitea (a caffeine-free herbal blend)
Lemon Herb-Ginger Tea (another caffeine-free herbal option)

Admission is free but non-members are welcome to show their appreciation with a small donation.

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