



Northeast Wisconsin Unit of the Herb Society of America



The Herbal Thymes

Issue: March 2015

Unit News

We had a fun meeting in February. Patty lead us on a Tea tree discussion and we followed this with a basic and easy goats milk soap making. The soap will be ready at the February meeting. If you paid for a batch, please let Jackie know if you'll be there, and if not, when you can pick it up. The soap will be cut and in bags and will be ready to use. The edges of the batches will be cut in sample sizes for the rest of those attending.

Sandy came up with a date of Saturday, 22 August for the Wausau Ginseng farm tour. The man at the farm thought this date would allow us to see more of the Ginseng growth, berries, etc. This will be a car-pooling event and we will have a sign up so we make sure we have everyone. We'll be meeting with the Wausau herb club for the tour and possibly lunch afterwards.

Other places of interest this summer:

Payne Art Center – Oshkosh – has a Downton Abby exhibit going on.
We'll have something at the March meeting if you'd like to attend at the same time.

The Fragrant Isle Lavender Farm – Washington Island, Door County – has a Lavender Fest scheduled for July 25th and July 26th. This involves driving thru Door County to Washington Island, taking your car and yourself on the ferry to Washington Island And driving about 5-6 miles to the Fragrant Isle. (TOO far to walk, mopeds are \$100 A day, and even bikes were more expensive than taking the car across.
If you interested – we'll talk about it at the March meeting too. This would definitely be one to car-pool to – to save on the \$25 ferry fee for the car.

We voted to have an Herb Fest on Saturday 1 August from 10 – 3:00 p.m. at Planhigion.
We'll be looking for vendors – the charge for non-club member vendors will be \$10.00 and

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they need to bring their own tents, tables etc. (but can have as much space as they want). The programs will be Culinary Herbs, Medicinal Herbs, Lip Balm Make and Take, Hypertufa Pot Make and Take and new will be Introducing Herbs to Kids. All of them need more helpers. Think of ways to promote this event and bring them to the March meeting.

The Green Bay Botanical Garden has not let us in on the new designs for the herb beds yet. Both our medicinal and Bible beds will be dug out and re-invented. Our butterfly bed will be altered but left mostly in tack. The butterfly form belongs to the club; it was made by a former member. We requested that if they were going to rip out the plants, that since we paid for many of them, we be given first option to dig them up and find new homes for them. We were told that the Garden will be digging them out and taking them to the green houses where, apparently, they will be up for grabs by any volunteers. We'll let everyone know as early as possible of that date so you can plan to go and retrieve anything you're interested in or have nurtured for years.

We changed the nettle paper making to April – since it may be a messy process.

Patty Bellin volunteered to host us at her home in Allouez and demonstrate lip balm making AND her Rosemary shortbread. You can get directions by calling Patty at: 920-217-7349 or 339-0665. She lives past the prison at 211 Arbor Drive.

Meeting Agendan for March

Ginseng is the herb of the month.

We'll be starting to make our calendar for 2015-2016 – so starting thinking about plants you'd like to study (even if we may have studied it before), what you'd like to learn about, a craft you'd like to try, etc.

If you've seen a craft, please bring pictures.

We'll have the program plans for the HerbFest (1 August).

Vendor info, ideas and promotions for the HerbFest.

Potluck Brunch – This month’s theme suggestion – since St. Patrick’s Day is around the corner - is Irish and Green food. (But if you have a red or blue or white food – that’s ok too!)

Anyone want to take on the cookbook in time for the HerbFest?

Calendar of Events

- ☼ Saturday, March 14, 2015: **Meeting**, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at PATTY BELLIN’S HOME IN ALLOUEZ ~ **American Ginseng** (Brunch Potluck – Suggestion: Irish and Green Food) Patty will be demonstrating making her famous lip balms AND her Killer Rosemary Shortbread!
- ☼ Saturday, April 11, 2015: **Meeting**, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Planhigion Herbal Learning Center in Seymour ~ **Herb of the Year - Savory**/Annual Meeting (Brunch Potluck – Suggestion – Green Eggs and Ham) Plan for Next Year’s meetings. Nettle Paper
- ☼ Tuesday, May 9, 2015: **Meeting**, from 6:00 p.m., at Planhigion Herbal Learning Center in Seymour ~ **Wisconsin Native Spring Plants** (Brunch Potluck – Suggestion – Salads!) [Spring Plant Walk to Identify Wisconsin Native in the Woods – wear long pants

Attendance 2014-2015

Area	Attendees
Board Members:	☼ Minnie, Sandy, Jackie, and Sue
Book Thymes:	☼ August 3: Yvonne, Sandy, Jackie, Sue, Kristin, and Sandy’s Sister-in-Law ☼ January 25:
Frontier Ordering:	☼ Tracy and Jackie
Garden Work:	☼ Minnie(3), Sandy(8), Jackie(2) and Sue(3), Janet (1)
Herbal Thymes:	☼ Jackie
Christmas Tea	☼ Yvonne(2), Jackie(2), Sandy (2), Sue (2), Kristin (2), Kelly(2), Minnie(2), Zena (1), Janet (2), Jean (1), Patty (2)
Heritage Hill Decorations:	☼ Make Them: Yvonne, Sue, Jackie, Zena, Raquel, Kelly, Minnie, Sandy ☼ Set Up: Sandy, Jackie, Minnie, Zena ☼ Take Down: Minnie

Hostesses:	🌸 PattyB, Yvonne, Jackie, Kristin
May Craft:	🌸 Minnie (2), Yvonne, Sandy, and Kelly
Meeting Attendance:	🌸 May: Minnie, Yvonne, Sandy, Jackie, Sue, Kristin, and Kim 🌸 June: Patty, Minnie, Yvonne, Sandy, Jackie, and Sue 🌸 July: Patty, Minnie, Yvonne, Sandy, Jackie, Kristin, Janet, Zena, and Patty's Guest 🌸 August: Janet, Patty, Sandy, Jackie, Jean, Minnie, Sue, and Kristin 🌸 September: Jackie, Janet, Minnie, Crystal, Patty, Yvonne, Sandy, Sue, 🌸 October: Zena, Jackie, Patty, MaryV, Kristin, Yvonne, Kelly, 🌸 November: Jackie, Yvonne, Minnie, Zena, Sue, Kelly, Raquel, Zena's guest, Yvonne's guests 🌸 December: Kristin, Jackie, Kelly, Yvonne, Sandy, Sue 🌸 February: Jackie, Yvonne, Kelly, Sandy, Crystal (+guest), Jennifer, Racquel (+guest), Patty, Mary, June,
Rummage Sale:	🌸 Minnie, Yvonne (2), Sandy (2), Jackie (2), Sue (2), Kristin (2), and Kim (2)

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On March 14th – if the weather is questionable for our regular meeting, please email Jackie at scentedgardens@msn.com for an update or cancelation.

Watch your emails as well, if it's possible, any news will be sent out way before you'd need to leave home or at 9:00 a.m. at the latest.