



Northeast Wisconsin Unit of the Herb Society of America



The Herbal Thymes

Issue: November 2014

Unit News

Remember – OUR WINTER HOURS have begun. November, February, March, April and May we will be meeting at Jackie's Planhigion Herbal Learning Center between Oneida and Seymour ON THE 2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 10 – Noon for an herbal discussion and a potluck BRUNCH!

The November meeting will be a de-stressor idea exchange and a tea tasting as well. Please bring your favorite tea bag or two to share and we'll make small pots or cups for people to try.

We would like to try to Assam we are using for the Christmas tea as well. Bring a tea ball.

We will again be decorating for Heritage Hill's Christmas Past celebration. We have most of the decorations from last year and a lovely Artemisia wreath borrowed from Lynn for this year. Sandy will let us know what days will be for setting up and taking down. It will be an afternoon.

Those of you who made sauerkraut last month, led by our very own Kraut Goddess, Kristin – you still have weeks to go, but you should be checking it every couple days and removing anything that doesn't look like it belongs there!

The Wisconsin Herbalist was published 15 October with 75 pages this time. The Madison Herb Society contributed 20 pages of herbs and spices used during the Medieval Ages and lots of recipes to go with it. They had a medieval tea a number of years ago and these are some of their entrees. Maybe we should keep this in mind if we do more Christmas Teas at the Garden?

The next Herbalist will be out 15 January and we are already looking for articles, etc. for that issue. We had our first submission last week.

We're looking for a brave soul to host our December 13th Christmas party brunch. Kristin --- did you volunteer? (Can we have sauerkraut?) Should be on the east side since most of the winter meetings are on the west side.

The next Book Thymes is scheduled for January. Kristin will let us know the new book.

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Meeting Agenda

The next meeting will be on Saturday 8 November from 10-12 at Jackie's Planhigion Herbal Learning Center in Seymour. We will be tasting teas that might help with distressing. If you have any other ideas (legal, of course) for stress relief – please bring them along and share. We can face the Christmas season with a smile on our faces and a spring in our step!

We will also be making Yule Logs. We will need four decorated for the tables at the Christmas Tea we do at the garden on TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER at 6:00 p.m. If you want to make one for yourself – we have enough white birch to do so. RSVP for your birch log. Then bring things to glue on them. See below for some ideas. They can include a spot for a candle – but if you want that drilled – you'll have to RSVP that too – so when the logs are cut they can be drilled. They stay up by tiny nails put in the bottom. Looking for tiny pinecones, greenery, etc. If you have some favorite tiny ornaments you want to add – the hot glue guns should do the trick.

If you have extras of anything – bring to share. If you have a glue gun – please bring – we don't know how many will be needed.



Thanks to Janet for finding some ideas for us!

Here is the tentative plan for the Christmas Tea. This will be discussed and finalized at the meeting:

1st Tea – Mulled Cider

Scones – Jackie

Earl Grey Tea Bread – need recipe and someone to make this _____

2nd tea – Assam (Is this one loose or in bags? Jackie has 15 tea ball type things)
2 delightful savories from Kelly and Kristin (all the suggestions have been wonderful)

3rd tea - Lady Grey
Pumpkin Chai Tarts – Sandy
Earl Grey Chocolate Truffles – Sue

Urns – 2 of them – Kristin
Tableclothes – 4 of them – Yvonne
Candles – votives – Jackie
Place Settings – Kristin
Silverware
1 service for 12 – Jackie
1 service for 12 _____
Greens for tables – Kelly has them
Teapots – 2 per table???? Jackie

Other decorations – Teapots that are different
What other decorations?????

We need to talk about possibly having an Absinth anything at the tea (herb of year). The cost is \$36.

We will meet at the Garden at 4:00 to decorate and get things ready. If you are available – please come and help! We'll need pourers, timers, wait staff.

Our Powerpoint this year: We've had suggestions for tea as other than a drink (for eyes, for steaming, in compost, foot soaks etc). Include the herb of the year – Artemisia. Plant Legends and Teapot Art. Jackie is working on the powerpoint – so please send ideas and pictures (in a Word document) to her for possible inclusion. We're starting with the etiquette and we will have a little bit on the Yule Logs since they will be on the table.

Anything else?

Calendar of Events

- ☼ Saturday, November 8, 2014: **Meeting**, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Brunch Potluck, at Planhigion Herbal Learning Center in Seymour ~ De-stressing Naturally [Tea Sampling, Tasting Essential Oil, Sniffing, Breathing Exercises, and Other Methods of Distressing Before the Holidays] Come with your favorite distressing idea to share!
- ☼ November 11, 2014: "Tea Leaves the Cup – 2014 Christmas Tea" **Class**, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., at Green Bay Botanical Garden [Treats Made from Teas]

- ☼ December 2014: **Meeting**, To-Be-Determined ~ Christmas Get Together (Potluck) [Christmas Lore and Legends]. If you find recipes for food that includes any teas as an ingredient, please send a copy to Sue Mings. She is collecting them for our tea.
- ☼ January 2015: **Book Club**, at Barnes and Noble (No Regular Club Meeting in January)
- ☼ Saturday, February 14, 2015: **Meeting**, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Planhigion Herbal Learning Center in Seymour ~ Tea Tree (Brunch Potluck) [Easy Soap Making]
- ☼ Saturday, March 14, 2015: **Meeting**, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Planhigion Herbal Learning Center in Seymour ~ American Ginseng (Brunch Potluck) [Making Nettle Paper]
- ☼ 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/Annual Meeting (Brunch Potluck) [Get Ready for Our Scottish Guests]
- ☼ Tuesday, May 9, 2015: **Meeting**, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Planhigion Herbal Learning Center in Seymour ~ Wisconsin Native Spring Plants (Brunch Potluck) [Spring Plant Walk to Identify Wisconsin Native in the Woods]

Attendance 2014-2015

Area	Attendees
Board Meeting:	☼
Board Members:	☼ Minnie, Sandy, Jackie, and Sue
Book Thymes:	☼ August 3: Yvonne, Sandy, Jackie, Sue, Kristin, and Sandy's Sister-in-Law
Cook Club:	☼
Crafts:	☼
Frontier Ordering:	☼ Tracy and Jackie
Garden Work:	☼ Minnie(3), Sandy(8), Jackie(2) and Sue(3), Janet (1)
Herbal Thymes:	☼ Jackie
Heritage Hill Decorations:	☼ Make Them: ☼ Set Up: ☼ Take Down:
Hostesses:	☼ PattyB,
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: ☼ December:
Rummage Sale:	☼ Minnie, Yvonne (2), Sandy (2), Jackie (2), Sue (2), Kristin (2), and Kim (2)

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Editors:	☼ Jackie Johnson	Planning for Scottish Visit:	☼ All Members

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