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Board Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Menke House

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April 27

Arbor Day

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April 30

Sprouting Grass

Full Moon

MONTHLY UNIT MEETING

Date: April 12, 2018

Time: 9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet
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 at Texas 125 north into
Burton. From the west, exit 390 northeast into Burton.
Detailed directions on page 35 of the Yearbook.

Program: Second Annual Horticultural Trivia Competition!

Speaker: Pioneer Unit Members

Angel: Cindy Nash

Hosts: Candi Glancy, Marcella Ausmus, Madeline Johnson,
Cathy Nitsch, and Linda Rowlett

Lunch: Roots, Shoots, and Fruits



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings to all after a very successful Forum and Plant Sale!

Once again you were all amazing in March. First we had our workshop meeting that was very well organized. All of the projects seemed to come together flawlessly. Thank you, Pat and Jane! Then we had the Forum itself. If I start naming names, I will be sure to leave someone out. All I know is that all stations were covered — and covered effectively so that the participants in the Forum were cared for. Thank you to all of you! The Thyme Well Spent Shop was again full of impressive food items and craft items created by our members. The Gazebo had a lovely variety of goods for sale. The Plant Sale was well organized, as always, with an array of plants to choose from. The Forum participants were treated to informative programs and a unique shopping experience. The Pioneer Unit did ourselves proud! Thank you to everyone for all of your efforts and your hard work. I heard many comments about how wonderful this event is and how great we all work together, like "a finely oiled machine."

In case you are wondering, we are on the Festival Hill schedule next year. We will miss Henry Flowers as our Forum and Plant Sale lynchpin, but we will make it work! I didn't buy many plants, but I've nearly got them all in the ground or in pots. We have been having great weather!

April is our trivia meeting, so you may want to review past newsletters. I believe all questions will be directly from the prior year publications. Let's get ready to relax and have fun in April: we all deserve it! I hope to see you there. Have a wonderful spring.

Karen Cornwell
Pioneer Unit Chair



FROM THE PROGRAMS CHAIR

After all the hard work of the Forum and Plant Sale it's time to relax and have some fun!

This month we will be meeting at St John's Church of Christ in Burton on April 12 . We don't have a speaker for April, but instead will stage our second annual Horticultural Trivia competition. This was lots of fun last year and several ladies are helping me with some truly trivial questions! (Hint: you may want to look through your Pioneer Paths newsletters.)

Please note: this is a low key, group competition so don't worry if you feel you're lacking in knowledge. Just come and enjoy the fun!

Phoebe Lake
Programs Chair

BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH (BELATED) AND APRIL

March 1 — Alton Ehler and Susan Wood
March 3 — Billi Parus
March 9 == Susan Abouhalkah
March 11 — Joan Jordan
March 14 — Bob Sowers
March 16 — Sandra Brown and Beth Murphy
March 20 — Frances Pittman
March 30 — Mike Cox and Robert Lake
March 31 — Patty Mills

April 11 — Susan Bame
April 22 — Ann Allen
April 24 — Catherine Gardiner
April 30 — Pat Schmidt



The Plant Sale was a rousing success! I believe we broke a record but final details should be available soon. We had great support from our members again this year. It truly does take a village, and I am so grateful for the volunteers that gave their all before, during, and after the sale. Your enthusiasm and sense of teamwork is the best! If you haven't seen the pictures on Facebook yet, please take a gander. Check out the picture of the crowd waiting for the sale to begin at 9 am on Friday! It was hectic keeping up with the Friday crowds, but it seemed to run very smoothly. Thanks to all of you.

Karen Cornwell and Diana Reed
Plant Sale Co-Chairs

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* A big thank you to all who contributed to another successful Forum for the *
* Thyme Well Spent Shop. This includes those who worked in the shop and *
* those who made items to sell. We appreciate you all very much. *
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* Pat Cox and Jane Press *
* Thyme Well Spent Co-Chairs *
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**MINUTES OF UNIT MEETING
HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA PIONEER UNIT (PU)
MARCH 8, 2017**

Karen Cornwell, Chair, welcomed members to the annual pre-Forum working meeting.

Henry Flowers reminded members to sign up for meals at the Forum. He announced that the culinary workshop will be in Room 2 of the service building, the floral design workshop will be in the chapel, and the hypertufa workshop will be either by the swimming pool or the greenhouse in case of rain. Angels have been confirmed for each workshop.

Heidi Sheesley's program on Saturday has been moved to 8:45 a.m. The plants that Heidi will be talking about in her presentation will be separated from the main plant sale and only made available for purchase after her talk.

Georgia Sowers, Vice Chair Membership, welcomed new member Penny Whiting and reminded members that they can earn three volunteer hours for Forum prep today.

The bathrooms in the service building have been renovated by Henry and Tony with much-needed new floors and paint which greatly improves the lives of the shop volunteers during Forum and much appreciation to Henry and Tony. New sinks have been provided by a donor to Festival Hill.

Henry will be sending out the plant list by e-mail in the next few days. He will be putting packets together for Forum attendees and PU members on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the back of the concert hall and needs volunteers to help. There are close to 200 attendees this year.

Karen will let members know when they can shop at the plant sale after everything is set up. More flats/cardboard boxes are needed.

Plant sale set-up will begin Monday at 8:30 a.m. Help will be needed Tuesday with the expected deliveries. Volunteers will be needed Wednesday and Thursday with arranging and organizing.

The meeting was adjourned and members continued to work on TWSS and garden projects until lunch in the Menke House at noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Cox, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Our March 2018 Unit meeting was a Forum Prep Day for all of us. Many members attended and helped out at the Gardens with Henry. Others of us were busy in the Thyme Well Spent Shoppe labeling jars, stitching items, and performing general organization of where and how the items will be displayed. All members who volunteered automatically earned three hours for their efforts, with many of the Committee Leaders earning many more hours that day. We also welcomed and introduced our new active member Penny Whiting, who was referred to the Unit by Joyce Caddell. Penny is another of our Master Gardeners, and she also is a beekeeper! She lives in Smithville, Texas, and her contact info will be in next print of our 2018-2019 Yearbook, come this September 2018. We also enjoyed seeing our affiliate members Marijane Lipscomb and Mary Sockwell, regular meeting attendees and willing volunteers. The week of Forum was equally busy with members helping prepare the Plant Sale and Gazebo area and the Thyme Well Spent Shoppe and preparing Forum packets for the many attendees pre-Forum. All efforts were truly appreciated, and we thank you!!

Then came the Plant Sale, Gazebo, Thyme Well Spent Shoppe, and Workshops during Forum 2018. What a success! All the cashiers were busy nonstop Friday morning; it only started to ebb late afternoon. Many of us visited with several visitors who might be interested in membership with our Unit! We would so welcome them, and the ones who left their contact info on our Information sheets at the Plant Sale and Thyme Well Spent Shoppe are listed here. We will be emailing our monthly Pioneer Paths to Bobbie Nash, Paula Spencer, Vicki Wiste, Carole Streiff, Sonjia Biddle, Helen Quinn, Carolyn Caflisch, Jen Coleman, Brenda Mueller, and Norma Burlingame so they may see when and where our monthly meetings will be held. We hope to see these guests soon!

Renewal is approaching for our next year 2018-2019 and our \$67 individual and \$98 joint dues will be due May 1 and should be paid for certain on or before June 15 for our Treasurer's accounting records. Renewal forms will be at our meeting this month and will also be on our website at herbsocietypioneer.org. This is a good time to remind all that we will be electing new Officers for our Board positions for a 2-year term of 2018-2020. If you are interested in serving on the Board, or if you know of someone that you would like to nominate (with their permission), please let one of our Board members know or visit with Past Chair Henry Flowers, at henryf@cvctx.com, who heads up the Nominating Committee. Finally, it's a good idea to plan on putting together Annual Reports for the different Officers and Committee Chairs positions. These will be due to send to the Chair, Archives, and to have available at our June meeting for members to peruse.

Thank you to all of you who helped make our Herbal Forum and Plant Sale the best it could be in March! The Unit is very grateful for your efforts and Membership is more than happy to record all your volunteer efforts and donations!

Herbally Spring,
Georgia Sowers
Membership Chair

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to all of you, our active and affiliate members, who gave so much of your valuable time and efforts in creating one of the best Forums yet!! I know, we say this every year, but it becomes exponentially better with each passing year, thanks you to all of you. This year 2018 we had more new members than in the past, and all of you volunteered like you knew exactly what you were doing. It gives me great pleasure in having a hand in your membership and helping guide you with questions, comments, suggestions, etc. The Unit is extremely grateful for all that you do!

NEW ACTIVE MEMBER

Beginning this month, I would like to post our new member bios in their own words. It seems a bit easier to make associations with others in a more genuine way. So here is new active member Penny Whiting's bio.

Penny Whiting: I have always had a garden. Even as a child I grew Coleus and Snapdragons. Coleus was the first plant I learned to propagate. I have plants that date back to my teens. I enjoy being in the garden. The slow dormant months, where you pore over seed catalogs and begin the cycle of Hope. Spring, where suddenly Hope springs eternal, and you spring into action. The dog days, where water and shade offer some hopeful relief for the heat. Did you know late Summer is called "dog days" because the constellation Sirius (dog star) first noses it way across the sky? My plan is to be cremated and buried in whatever garden I am working in.

Herbs are the most resilient of plants. They grow in all types of soil and weather conditions. Have few pests. Host many beneficial insects. Deter nasty bugs from eating my vegetables. They offer color and texture to a garden. They taste good too. They can be petted and rubbed, cut and snipped, and even sat on and mowed over and still they return.

I have worked putting in acres of beets, corn and vegetable gardens. Sculptured yards to reduce erosion, amended soil to establish native grasses. I can work a backhoe, tractor, chainsaw and just about any farm tool I need. I have done water falls and ponds. I am a past member of the Austin Pond Society and was on the Tour for 2 years. I am a member of the Austin Iris Society, where I won ribbons for my Irises. Currently, I am a Certified Master Gardener and Certified Master Naturalist and Beekeeper.

Oh, and green is my favorite color!

HSA PIONEER UNIT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

Due May 1

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-Mail: _____

Birthday (Month/Day): _____ Today's Date: _____

Membership Category

Active - single \$67/ joint \$98 Life – single \$12/ joint \$18

Affiliate (Unit or Member-at-Large) - single \$12/ joint \$18

(Make check payable to HSA-Pioneer Unit and give to Membership Chair at meeting or

Mail to HSA-Pioneer Unit, ATTN: Membership, P O Box 23, Round Top TX 78954)

Program Recommendations:

Field Trip Recommendations:

Please check accordingly: I HAVE or HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE REQUIRED 20 VOLUNTEER HOURS

Active Members: HOW DO YOU PREFER TO FULFILL YOUR REQUIRED 20 VOLUNTEER HOURS?

Working in any Unit-sponsored garden, such as Festival Hill or Brenham ISD, and any other Unit-approved garden, or seed cleaning

Herbal Forum at Round Top and Forum preparation throughout year supporting efforts pertaining to preparation of items, such as Thyme Well Spent Shoppe, as well as mail outs, packets, and plant sale preps

Hosting at a meeting, including a.m. refreshments, setup/cleanup, decorating, serving lunch, including Angel duties

Educational activities for promoting the knowledge, use, and delight of herbs, such as presentations (including a/v), research articles for newsletter (up to 4 hours prep), participation in education events

Unit administration, such as hours spent performing duties as Officer or Unit Board of Directors member, maintaining or updating Unit scrapbook or archives, sending greeting cards to Unit members

Other approved activities as the Board of Directors may approve after review. We can work with you to find volunteer opportunities.

WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND SUGGESTIONS:

A Colorful Little Bit of Latin—Size

In continuing with our look at Latin used in botanical names, here are some words that are used to describe the size of plants or plant parts.

Size:

<i>elatus</i>	tall
<i>exaltus</i>	very tall
<i>excelsior</i>	very tall
<i>giganteus</i>	gigantic
<i>grandiflorus</i>	large-flowered
<i>grandifolius</i>	large-leaved
<i>grandis</i>	large, grand
<i>humilis</i>	low-growing
<i>macilentus</i>	very thin
<i>magnificus</i>	magnificent
<i>magnus</i>	large, great
<i>majesticus</i>	majestic
<i>maximus</i>	largest
<i>medius</i>	medium
<i>minutissimus</i>	smallest
<i>minor</i>	small
<i>nanus</i>	dwarf
<i>obesus</i>	fat, succulent
<i>parvus</i>	small
<i>perpusillus</i>	very small
<i>ponderosus</i>	heavy, large
<i>procerus</i>	very tall
<i>profusus</i>	very abundant
<i>pumilus</i>	dwarf, small
<i>pusillus</i>	very small
<i>tenuis</i>	thin, slender



Adenium obesum— Desert Rose



Magnolia grandiflora —Southern Magnolia



Ficus pumila— Creeping Fig / Fig Ivy



Pinus ponderosa— Ponderosa Pine



Citrus grandis — Pomelo



Penstemon tenuis—
Gulf Coast Penstemon