



# PIONEER PATHS

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March 8  
Daylight Savings  
Time Begins



March 9  
Sap Full Moon

March 19  
Vernal Equinox

## MONTHLY UNIT MEETING

Date: March 12, 2020

Time: 9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet  
10:00 a.m. Meeting and Workshop

Location: Festival Hill, Round Top  
Edythe Bates Old Chapel (meeting)  
Service Building and grounds (workshop)

Directions: Exit Highway 290 at Texas 237 (Round Top exit).  
Travel south on 237. Turn right on Jaster Road and  
left into the parking lot for the Chapel and Service  
Building.

Program: Thyme Well Spent Workshop  
Festival Hill Garden Work  
[You will have a choice of labeling, pricing, and finishing  
items for sale in the Thyme Well Spent Shop; or you  
can bring your gloves and garden tools to work in the  
gardens getting them ready for visitors. We will break  
for lunch at 12:00 noon.]

Hosts: Ginger Heath, Henry Flowers, Tony Scanapico, and  
Karen Springer

Lunch: Lunch is being provided by Festival Hill if you signed up

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**Please bring cook books, books, and magazines that are garden and garden design related or herb-related to the March meeting for the scholarship table. All the money supports our national intern. Special herbal items are needed for the silent auction as well!**

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings!

The major annual event of the Pioneer Unit is the Herbal Forum Plant and Gift Sale at Round Top, Texas. It is held on the third weekend in March in collaboration with Round Top Festival Institute. All Unit members and other volunteers participate in planning, product development, set-up, and/or help during the two-day event.

Our March meeting will be a workday, so get ready to help either in the Service Building or getting the grounds ready for Forum. If you are unable to attend the March work session, we still need your help.

**Please contact one of the Herbal Forum Committee Chairpersons if you have questions.**

Plant Sale Chair and Co-Chairs: Karen Cornwell, Jana Rhinehart, and Susan Yancey

Plant Sale Set-up: Tony Scanapico

Thyme Well Spent Shop Co-chairs: Jane Press and Pat Cox

Lotions, creams, scented items: Pat Cox

Jellies, jams, chutneys: Carla Lessard

Mustards: Sara Holland

Vinegars and herb blends: Henry Flowers

Herbal teas: Cathy Comiskey

Stitched items: Jane Press

Dried material and wreaths: Jane Press

Seeds: Belinda Weatherly

Scholarship: Diana Sellers

Hospitality: Cathy Nitsch

Holding Area: Pat Garrett

Forum Oversight: Henry Flowers

Attendee Check-in Chair: Linda Hartson

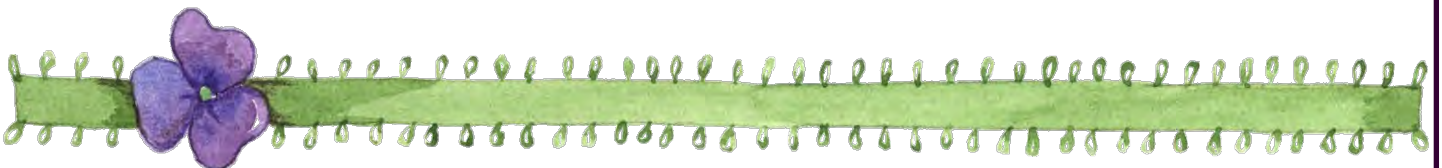
Forum Set-up Chair: Lynn Ehler and Alton Ehler

Silent Auction: Ann Lugg

I look forward to working with you at our March meeting and at Forum.

Kathe Forrest

Unit Chair



## FROM THE PROGRAMS CHAIR

Hello Everyone!

Wow! If the Plant Sale and Forum days have weather anything close to today (sunny with temps in the mid to high 60's), we will not only be really busy and sell quite a bit, but we will enjoy ourselves to boot!

We will meet at 9:30 in the Edythe Bates Old Chapel for a short but informative meeting so be sure to bring your questions about Forum, such as:

When do I go to lunch?

How do I take a break?

Whom do I tell I'm leaving?

Many of these questions are sure to be answered at the meeting.

We decided to meet in the chapel for a quiet atmosphere to listen to the answers and understand how this comes together. So I will see you there!

Best,  
Kathe Forrest  
Programs Chair

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1 — Alton Ehler  
Susan Wood

March 3 — Billi Parus

March 11 — Joan Jordan

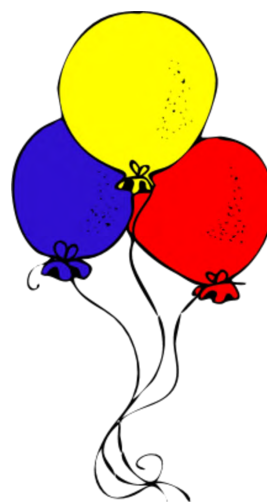
March 13 — Jean Bachofner

March 14 — Bob Sowers

March 16 — Sandra Brown  
Beth Murphy

March 30 — Mike Cox  
Robert Lake

March 31 — Madeline Johnson  
Patty Mills



## PLANT SALE

If you are working at the Plant Sale, please check the Plant Sale sign-up sheet at the March meeting to see if your information is correct. Also, a reminder that there are no early plants sold to volunteers on Thursday until the plant sale is ready for business (usually early or late afternoon). New members benefit from working on Thursday; you can see the setup before the enthusiastic customers arrive on Friday. All early Thursday member purchases must be taken home that same day.

Remember this is OUR plant sale and our customers rely on us to be there for them. As volunteers, you will be best able to let us know what's working and what isn't. Please share your thoughts and pass along customer comments. Have a fun time! We couldn't do this without you!

### THYME WELL SPENT SHOP

Please email Pat ([bmerlynn@cvctx.com](mailto:bmerlynn@cvctx.com)) or Jane ([jane@pecangroveinn.com](mailto:jane@pecangroveinn.com)) with details of items you have made for the shop that we don't already have so that we can update our inventory and get labels made for the March meeting.

Pat Cox  
Jane Press

### SILENT AUCTION

For the past few years we have raised over \$800 for the National Intern through our annual Forum Silent Auction. We hope to have an equally successful auction this year. Items will be situated on a table or two in the main building at Festival Hill, where there is room for a few select items. These items need to be pretty special to realize as much funding as possible for the National Intern.

If you have a special herbal item that you think would be of interest to others, please bring it to me at the March meeting, or let me know that you have something to contribute and bring it early on the first day of the Forum.

And please note: Pioneer Unit members are invited to bid on the Silent Auction items! Don't miss out!

Ann Lugg  
[alugg@rice.edu](mailto:alugg@rice.edu)  
713-503-9981

### Herbal Forum Meals

Below is the Pioneer Unit meal reservation form for the Herbal Forum. You have the option of having either the Friday or Saturday lunch for free, but you must sign up with the form below in order to attend—and by the deadline as well. To be eligible for the free lunch you must plan to work at least 8 hours during the event. If you will be attending either the Friday or Saturday lunch then please fill out this form and return it to Pam Traylor at the March Unit meeting or via mail (to the Pioneer Unit mail box) if you will not be able to attend the meeting. If you would like to purchase the second lunch (at a reduced cost to Pioneer Unit members), then you must also sign up and pay for it using the form below.

If you are interested in attending the Friday night dinner in honor of our presenters, then you need to call the office at Festival Hill and register and pay through them. Please let them know that you are a member of the Pioneer Unit.

Copies of this form will be available at the March Pioneer Unit meeting, and we ask that you **have your form turned in no later than that day (March 12)**. We have to get meal numbers to Festival Hill and will not be able to accept a meal request after that date.

Many Thanks,  
Henry Flowers

**The HSA Pioneer Unit Member  
Meal Reservation Form**

**25th Annual Herbal Forum at  
Round Top**

**Friday March 20, 2020  
Saturday March 21, 2020**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code / Phone Number

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday Meal Reservation**

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Lunch

**Saturday Meal Reservation**

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Lunch

\_\_\_\_\_ Second meal at \$12.00/  
person

Return this form at the March Unit meeting to Pam Traylor (with check , if applicable, payable to The James Dick Foundation) or email your intentions to: Henry Flowers at [henryflowers68@gmail.com](mailto:henryflowers68@gmail.com)

**Deadline March 12!**

## MINUTES OF UNIT MEETING HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA PIONEER UNIT February 13, 2020

Kathe Forrest, Chair, welcomed members to the February meeting and introduced Dr. William Welch with a presentation entitled "Roses and Perennial Garden Color."

Kathe thanked all the volunteers who have been working in the Festival Hill and Sensory Gardens. She asked members to check out the tee shirt samples available and to choose between white and beige.

Karen Cornwell, Plant Sale Chair, gave an overview of Forum week. Flats can be brought to the next meeting in garbage bags or to Forum. Plant sale and shop items will be transferred from storage to Festival Hill on Sunday of Forum week. On Monday Tony Scanapico will begin set-up. Plant shipments will start on Tuesday and continue until Thursday. There will be a member sale Thursday afternoon when set-up is complete; members can run a tab but must take the items home on Thursday. Volunteers are needed throughout Forum week and a sign-up list was available. Plant sale volunteers will wear green vests and 'expert' volunteers will wear red vests. There will be a break area with coffee, seating and snacks. Pat Garratt is in charge of the plant holding area. Susan Yancey and Jana Rinehart are Karen's assistants.

The March meeting will be in the Service Building at Festival Hill and members will work on Forum prep.

Kathe thanked speaker angel Bev Elam and lunch hostesses Pam Traylor, Joyce Lane, Ronda Herzog, Ann Lugg, Leah Pearce, Marcella Ausmus, and Jane Press.

Job descriptions were available for Unit Chair, Programs Chair, and Garden Chair, and members were asked to read them and consider volunteering for the positions.

It was announced that Linda Rowlett was absent due to the death of her sister that day.

Cammie Beierle announced a felting workshop at her house on February 25. Pat Cox announced two lotions workshops at her house on February 26 and March 4.

Cathy Nitsch said members are not asked to distribute flyers this year as there is so much advertising including social media. Members can request an emailed flyer to print and distribute if they wish.

Cathy announced a new sub-committee to look into spending some of the Unit's money. Suggestions can be emailed to her, and they will be presented to the Board.

Georgia Sowers, Vice Chair Membership, welcomed visitors Wendy Smith, Rebeca Rodriguez, Joanna Hagler, Sandra Dudley, and Margit Riley.

Joyce Caddell announced that members Susan Yancey and Madeline Johnson have received the two Unit scholarships this year.

Pam Traylor reminded everyone to sign up for lunch at FH at the March meeting. The cost is \$5.00 for members and \$25.00 for affiliate members. Three door prizes were presented.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Cox, Secretary

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Our Unit enjoyed a good program last month with Dr. William C Welch presenting "Roses and Perennial Garden Color" just in time for St. Valentine's Day. The meeting was well attended by active members, and visitors included prospective members Sandra Dudley, Wendy Smith, and Joanna Hagler, as well as Margit Riley and Rebeca Rodriguez, guests of Kathe Forrest, who are also interested in active membership with us. Affiliate members Mary Ann and Oscar Hillegeist, Mary Sockwell, and Carolyn Thomas were also in attendance. We welcome everyone and look forward to their return soon.

Plans are surging forward for our Forum Prep Unit Meeting to be held in Round Top at the Festival Hill Service Building on March 12, where we will enjoy lunch at Menke House that day, \$5 for active members and \$25 for guests. Attendance at this particular meeting will earn each attendee 3 volunteer hours for whatever capacity they help in, the gardens or the Thyme Well Spent Shoppe. Prospective active members, please take note of this unique opportunity. Following that, many more hours will be earned helping out in the setup of the different areas of the Forum beginning March 15, so members and prospects, please be sure to email your hours to Membership at [gzsowers@att.net](mailto:gzsowers@att.net) and [sellers2000@yahoo.com](mailto:sellers2000@yahoo.com) so they may be properly recorded. And if your non-member husbands or wives assist, Membership needs this information too for reporting to HSA National. Several sign-up sheets for volunteer opportunities are available and more are forthcoming. Membership will keep all prospective members notified of this information.

Diana Sellers is increasing her duties with Membership Committee so please begin getting familiar with emailing your hours to both of us now, as well as questions, comments, or suggestions that we may consider as a team. This will be helpful and appreciated. Membership thanks all of you for your sincere efforts in the Pioneer Unit. I look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting this month, followed by what promises to be a fantastic Herbal Forum and Plant Sale 2020. Enjoy springing forth!

Herbally Spring,  
Georgia Sowers  
Membership Chair



# 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:

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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, 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:

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(Please utilize another sheet if necessary)





# March 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Pioneer Unit Meeting	13	14
15	16	17 	18 HG Festival Hill 9:30-11:30	19	20 HERBAL FORUM	21 HERBAL FORUM
22 Newsletter Deadline lrowlett@gmail.com	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31			CG = Culinary Group FH = Festival Hill SG = Sensory Garden	HG = Horticultural Study Group

# April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CG = Culinary Group FH = Festival Hill SG = Sensory Garden	HG = Horticultural Study Group		1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Pioneer Unit Meeting	10	11
12 	13	14	15 HG Festival Hill 9:30-11:30	16 HSA Annual Meeting	17 HSA Annual Meeting	18
19 Newsletter Deadline lrowlett@gmail.com	20	21	22	23	24	25 South Texas Unit Herb Day
26	27	28	29	30		



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Chair—Kathe Forrest

Vice Chair Programs—Kathe Forrest

Vice Chair Membership—Georgia Sowers

Secretary—Pat Cox

Treasurer—Janie Plummer

"In the spring, at the end of the day, you  
should smell like dirt..."

— Margaret Atwood,  
Bluebeard's Egg

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