

PIONEER PATHS

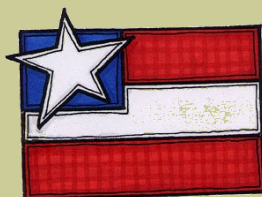
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Pioneer Unit

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June 14

Flag Day



June 14

Rose Full Moon



June 19

Fathers' Day

June 21

Summer Solstice



Date: June 9, 2022

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

Location: St. John's United Church of Christ
Burton, Texas

Directions: [from the east] Exit Highway 290 onto Texas Spur 125 north into Burton. At North Brazos Street, turn right and continue to East Texas Street. Turn right and go one block to North Colorado Street. The church will be on your left.

[from the west] Exit Highway 290 onto Texas 390 going northeast into Burton. At the intersection of 390 (Washington Street) and Main Street, continue straight into Burton on East Washington Street. At North Colorado Street, the church will be on your right.

Program: Heirloom Gardening in the South

Speaker: Greg Grant

Angel: Esther Hartman
Georgia Sowers

Host Team: Ann Lugg, Cammie Beierle, Carroll Edwards, Carla Lessard, Janie Plummer, and Sally Reynolds

There will be no lunch at this meeting.

Remember: You need to register to attend this free presentation. You can register on-line at herbsocietypioneer.org or by calling 281-660-6071.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Short and sweet...veggies coming in, pickling time and hot hot hot!

I am over Covid and ready to enjoy our presenter this month! I want to ask all the members who will be attending the Greg Grant talk to mingle with those guests who have come not only to hear Greg speak about Heirloom Gardening but also to learn more about us – who we are, why we exist, and what we do in the community.

Please wear your badges of honor or identification lanyards on behalf of our Pioneer Unit in order for visitors to easily find you. We will have a full house.

There will be a sign-up table as well as a designated "Information" table.

This meeting will be a different format than our usual with the emphasis on the speaker and no business meeting. I may Zoom a regular meeting later in June to update everyone on garden "happenings" and summertime watering.

That's it from the Chair...short and sweet.

Enjoy June,
Kathe Forrest
Chair



Photo from Kathe of oleander, rose bay,
or rose laurel [three names for the plant]

FROM YOUR PROGRAMS CHAIR

We all thoroughly enjoyed Mary and Sara's presentation on bitters. It was well researched and a topic few of us were familiar with!

Then to have lunch together afterwards and celebrate the Pioneer Unit's 30th anniversary was a delight! We were thrilled to have several founding members join us.

Looking ahead to our June meeting: Greg Grant, well known horticulturist and author, will present on "Heirloom Gardening in the South-Yesterday's Plants for Today's Gardens."

We are opening this presentation up to the public, so please bring a guest. We do ask that you register in advance via our website, herbsocietypioneer.org, or by calling or texting me at 281 660 6071 so that we will have enough chairs set up.

We will not have lunch or a business meeting in June, but our great hospitality team will provide drinks and breakfast snacks.

See you June 9 at St John's Church in Burton. The program will begin promptly at 10:00.

And speaking of heirloom plants, these crinums have been beautiful this year!

Phoebe Lake
Programs Chair



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

May Pioneer Unit 30-Year Anniversary

Wasn't that a fabulous May meeting? We celebrated our 30-year anniversary with several of the original founding members attending. It was inspiring to see them. Mary Reeves spoke about those early days. I loved flipping through the albums and seeing the photos at the memory table. Attendance was great. Forty-eight members were in attendance. Founding members attending included Mary Reeves, Gwen Barclay, Irene Spurrier, Euphanel Goad, and Kay Von Minden. We also had guests present: Jean McHenry (friend of Mary Reeves), Kathryn Barclay (daughter of Gwen), and Tory Farley (friend of Tess Hartman).

Tory Farley is a prospective new member. While the May meeting was the first Pioneer Unit meeting Tory has attended, she has already completed her required gardening hours at both Festival Hill and the Sensory Garden. Way to go, Tory!! She plans to attend the upcoming June and July meetings. We look forward to Tory becoming our first new member for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Irene Spurrier also indicated that she would like to renew her Pioneer Unit membership. She was one of the original founders but had to drop out for a number of years. The May meeting was Irene's second to attend. We are looking forward to Irene rejoining the Pioneer Unit.

Recognitions Pins

Congratulations to Janie Plummer for achieving another 5 years as a member of the Herb Society of America and the Pioneer Unit. Janie received her 15-year pin. Tony and Kay Scanapico were each presented a Rosemary Circle pin. Members receive Rosemary Circle pins when they have been members in the Herb Society for 25 years. Tony and Kay have been active volunteers during this time and have served in various capacities. We appreciate all they have contributed to the Pioneer Unit.

Membership Renewal Time is Here and Almost Gone

The annual membership renewal process is close to ending. As of the writing of this article, 44 active members and 7 affiliate members have submitted their renewal applications and fees. Thanks to all who have submitted their renewal applications. While it is preferred that members renew by the end of May, we will accept renewals until June 30th. After that time, members who have not renewed will be removed from the membership roll. We don't want that to happen to anyone, so please don't delay. Submit those renewal forms and fees right away. You have three options for renewing, and all 3 are acceptable:

Submit the renewal form and money online (several members have renewed using the online option and found it to be very easy and quick)

Print the renewal form; complete and send it and a check to the Pioneer Unit P.O. Box

Print the renewal form; complete and give it to me during the June meeting.

Make checks payable to HSA Pioneer Unit. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Diana Sellers at 512-461-7175 (text or call) or you can email me at sellers2000@yahoo.com.

Membership categories:

The categories are Active, Affiliate, and Life. Both Active and Affiliate members must be members in good standing with the Herb Society of America, which means you must pay the annual membership fee of \$55. Life members pay a one-time, life-time amount of money to be a member of HSA forever.

"What is the difference between Active and Affiliate?"

An Active member – must complete 20 hours of unit volunteer time and attend at least 3 meetings per year. An Active member can vote on business issues and can hold an officer position.

An Affiliate member – does not have to complete volunteer time or attend the required number of meetings. An Affiliate member cannot vote on issues or hold an officer position. Often a person will choose to be an Affiliate because they are an Active member of another unit but want to maintain a tie to a different unit. The Pioneer Unit has many Affiliates in this position: they are Active members of other units but want to keep in touch with us. Others choose to be Affiliates because they want to participate as much as possible but are not able to complete the required volunteer hours or attend all the meetings.

Whether you choose the category of Active member or Affiliate member, the total amount you pay is still \$67 (single) or \$98 (joint), unless you are an Active member of another unit. Then you only pay the \$12 to be an Affiliate member of our unit.

Herbally Yours,
Diana Sellers
Membership Chair



Diana Sellers sent these photos of members volunteering at the Bee Jubilee in New Ulm

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1 — Henry Flowers

June 5 — Esther Hartman

June 13 — Leah Pearce

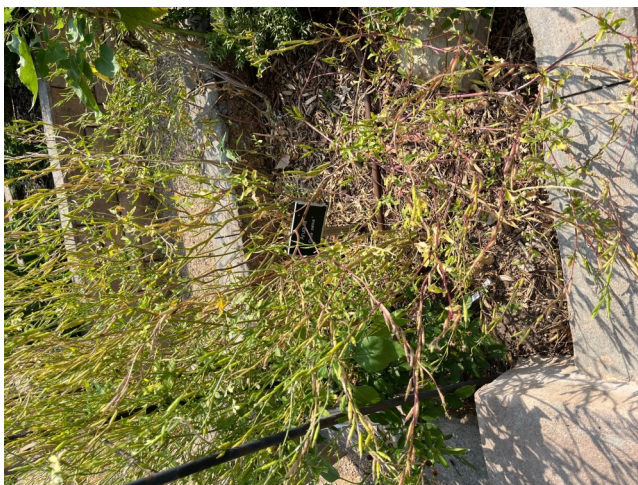
June 14 — Ronda Herzog

June 19 — Diana Sellers

June 24 — Marijane Lipscomb



Esther Hartman (June 5) sent the adjacent picture and wrote: I had such a grand time watching these black swallowtail caterpillars devouring my fennel last year that I purchased several more at the plant sale for this year. And even though they mowed it down, it comes back nicely. Working hard on my pollinator garden!



Leah Pearce (June 13) sent the picture to the left and wrote: This is the Arugula Plant at Festival Hill. When the seed pods drop (I pray they take root), we'll have another bountiful year.

Leah added: Happy Birthday to all our June birthdays. Enjoy!



Diana Sellers (June 19) shared the following: I am now into my 2nd year as a grandmother. Wow, time flies and they grow so fast. Everett Miles Sellers is now 18 months old and exploring everything. It's fun to see the world through his eyes. I'm looking forward to our future days of gardening together. In the meantime, I continue to learn so much from my Pioneer Herb friends. I thought I was such a knowledgeable gardener, until, that is, I met so many super experienced gardeners. What a wealth of knowledge this group has. The Horticulture Study Group has been especially enlightening. Herbs to me were something that made food taste good and had some healing properties. But I have come to realize what a lively ancient history these herbs have – dragons, romance, murder, and such. Fun stuff!!

Marijane Lipscomb (June 24) wrote that she was born in Denver, Colorado, in 1930. She moved to Texas when she was eight. Marijane reported that she is doing fine, and she asked how everyone else is doing.

HORTICULTURE STUDY GROUP

The Horticulture Study Group met at Festival Hill in May. Several of the members toured the Pharmacy Garden first, which is looking fantastic!

Barbara Solis and Bonnie Lout presented information about harvesting and storing thyme. Their presentation brought up a lot of questions, and we had a lively conversation. Next month we will meet at Phoebe Lake's house for our meeting because Festival Hill is not available. The presentation will be on the culinary uses of thyme, and Diana Sellers has assured us lunch will be included!





***Heirloom Gardening in the South
Yesterday's Plants for Today's Gardens***

By Greg Grant

**Award-winning horticulturist, writer, photographer,
conservationist, and seventh generation Texan**

Thursday, June 9, 2022

10 am

St John's UCC, 516 North Colorado St, Burton, TX


**This free event is sponsored by the Pioneer Unit of
The Herb Society of America.**

Seating is limited.

**Registration is requested at herbsocietypioneer.org
or 281 660 6071**

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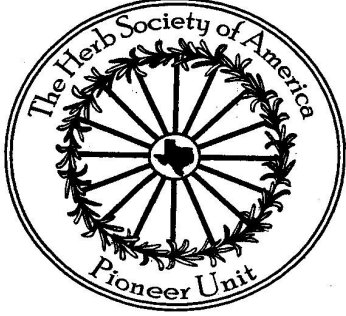


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FUZZY BUTTS OBSERVATION DAY

Saturday, June 18, 2022

2:00 – 3:00 (in your time zone)



Bee a Citizen Scientist! Spend one hour in your garden observing and recording your bee visitors. HSA's Native Herb Conservation Committee invites all members to help assess the conservation status of some of our primary pollinators.

Log into the [member's only page](#) of herbsociety.org. After you log in, follow the link on the Welcome Members page for more information.

All ready to register? Visit the HSA [Event Calendar](#) and sign up to participate!