

The Herb Society of America

Pioneer Unit

2023 - 2024

-Membership Directory-

Celebrating the Herb of the Year:

2023 – Parsley (*Petroselinum crispum*)

2024 – Yarrow Achillea (*Achillea millefolium*)

The Mission Statement of The Herb Society of America is
“to promote the knowledge, use, and delight of herbs
through educational programs, research, and sharing the
experience of its members with the community.”

The Society is committed to protecting our global
environment for the health and well-being of humankind
and all growing things. We encourage gardeners to
practice environmentally sound horticulture.

The Motto of the Society is taken from the herbalist
John Parkinson:

“For Use and For Delight”

2022 - 2024 Board of Directors

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Plant Sale	
Thyme Well Spent Shoppe	Cathy Nitsch

General Information

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, except for July and August and unless otherwise noted. For additional information on meeting locations, directions, demonstrations, field trips, workshops, and special events, please check the monthly *Pioneer Paths* newsletter.

Meeting schedule is:

9:30 am - Gathering and visiting

10:00 am - Program/Meeting followed by lunch

Meeting Location Addresses

Brenham Presbyterian Church

- 900 S. Jackson St. - Brenham 77833

- Meetings in the Fellowship Hall

Directions: From the east or south: turn off Highway 290 onto Business 36N (Day Street) into Brenham. Continue north on Day Street until you get to College Street. Turn left and proceed to Jackson Street (2 blocks) and the church will be on your left.

From the west: Go into Brenham on Business 290. At Blinn Boulevard turn right and proceed to College Street. At College turn left and proceed to Green Street. Turn right onto Green Street and the church will be immediately on your left.

Round Top Festival Institute - 248 Jaster Rd. - Round Top 78954

Located at the corner of Hwy 237 and Jaster Rd.

- Referred to as "Festival Hill"

- Meetings are usually at the Chapel (past the concert hall) or the Service Building (next to the concert hall).

St. John's United Church of Christ, Burton

- 516 N Colorado St - Burton 77835

- Meetings in the Fellowship Hall

Directions: From the east: Exit 290 onto 125 going north into Burton. At North Brazos Street turn right (north) and continue to East Texas Street. Turn right and go one block to North Colorado Street and the church will be on your left.

From the west: Exit 290 onto 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 (2 blocks) the church will be on your right.

Pioneer Unit Listserv

The word 'listserv' is a proprietary name for software provided by LSoft Corporation, but like a number of words (Kleenex, Xerox), it has come to have a generic meaning freely used by the public. A listserv is an automated emailing system restricted to a certain group of people who share a common interest. It has a single email address; ours is **pioneerherbs@groups.io** and any email sent to this address by a member automatically goes to all subscribers.

Our listserv may be used to exchange information about herbs or activities of the Pioneer Unit or The Herb Society of America Inc. **You can choose whether your response is sent to the entire list or just to the person who sent the original message. It is a good idea to verify who will be the recipient of your message before sending.**

You must be invited to join the Pioneer Unit listserv; you may join by responding to the invitation email that you will receive.

2023 – 2024 Programs and Calendar

Please Note: *everything is subject to change! Check your Pioneer Paths for the latest information, including location.*

September 14, 2023 – Brenham Presbyterian Church - Brenham “Heirloom Bulbs of Texas”

by **Robert Martinez**

Speaker Angel: Carla Lessard

Lunch: Harvest Celebration

Host Team: Leona Marshall (lead), Debi Thomas, Courtney Kieke, Julia Johnson, Connie Gwen

October 9, 2023 – Board of Directors Meeting

Via Zoom - 9:00 – 10:00 AM

October 12, 2023 – Brenham Presbyterian Church - Brenham “Getting Children Outside and in the Garden”

by **Lisa Whittlesey, Author of 9 Award-Winning Youth Curriculums;
International Junior Master Gardener Coordinator**

Speaker Angel:

Lunch: Harvest Hits

Host Team: Phoebe Lake (lead), Caroll Edwards, Shawn Helm, Mike Perkins, Beverly Green, Leah Pearce

November 9, 2023 - St John’s United Church of Christ – Burton “Winterizing Your Garden and Cool Season Plants”

by **Becky McKay, Owner Giddings Nursery and Plant Center**

Speaker Angel: Leah Pearce

Lunch: Thanksgiving Buffet

Host Team: Connie Gwyn (lead), Cammie Beierle, Susan Yancey, Martha Neva, Jan Hughes, Rob Lake, Phoebe Lake Patty Mills

December 14, 2023 – Festival Hill, Round Top (9:30 Meet & Greet Service Bldg #1 and 2)

“Holiday Tour of Gallery and Library

by Lamar Lentz

Speaker Angel: Cathy Keitlinski

Lunch: Christmas at Festival Hill

Host Team: Cathy Nitsch (lead), Betty Pior, Jill Wilson, Noreen Barker, Joanna Hagler

January 8, 2024 – Board of Directors Meeting

Via Zoom 8:00 – 10:00 AM

January 11, 2024 - Brenham Presbyterian Church - Brenham
"Mints"

by the **HSA Pioneer Unit Horticulture Study Group**

Lunch: Winter Warm-Ups

Host Team: Deb Meschwitz (lead), Joann Reichle, Royceanna Kendall,
Patty Royal

February 8, 2024 – St John's United Church of Christ – Burton
"Ayurvedic Medicine and Herbs"

By the Greenhouse Manager for the Retreat and Mediation Center
Brenham

Speaker Angel: Phoebe Lake

Lunch: Dishes from the Heart

Host Team: Cindy Nash (lead), Diana Reed, Susan Bame, Pat Cox, Ginger
Heath

**March 7, 2024 – Festival Hill, Round Top (9:30 Meet in Service Bldg #1, 2,
&9)**

Plant Sale, Thyme Well Spent Shoppe, and Forum Preparation

Host Team: Courtney Kieke (lead), Julia Johnson, Shawn Helm, Mike
Perkins, Sally Reynolds

**March 15-16, 2024 – Herbal Forum, Thyme Well Spent Shoppe and
Plant Sale at Festival Hill, Round Top, TX**

Educational & fund-raising event co-sponsored by Festival Hill Institute &
HSA Pioneer Unit

April 8, 2024 – Board of Directors Meeting

Via Zoom 8:00 – 10:00 AM

April 11, 2024 - St John's United Church of Christ – Burton
"Homeopathic Medicines"

by Kathe Forrest, Pioneer Unit Chair

Speaker Angel:

Lunch: Colors of the Rainbow

Host Team: Cammie Beierle (lead), Carol Edwards, Bonnie Lout, Connie
Gwyn, Noreen Barker

May 4, 2024 – Bee Festival
New Ulm

May 9, 2024 – Festival Hill Chapel (9:30 - Meet & Greet Service Bldg #1&2)

“Spagyric for the 21st Century”

by Caroline Riley, Owner, Mutable Earth Botannicals

Speaker Angel: Madeline Johnson

Lunch: Picnic Lunch at Festival Hill

Host Team: Pat Garrett (lead), Erica Menconi, Jill Wilson, Carla Lessard, Mary Reeves, Wendy Matthews

June 13, 2024 - Brenham Presbyterian Church, Brenham

“Designing a Rain Collection System for Everyone”

by **Louis Sellers**,

Speaker Angel: Roycenna Kendall

Lunch: Summer Salads

Host Team: Linda Rowlett (lead), Ann Lugg, Cammie Beierle, Susan Yancey, Deb Pruitt, Cindy Nash, Madeline Johnson

June 13, 2024 – Unit Annual Business Meeting

June 20-21, 2024 HSA Educational Conference, Malvern, Pennsylvania

“Once Upon a Thyme...stories from the garden” (see HSA website (www.herbsociety.org) for registration & more information)

July 8, 2024 – Board of Directors Meeting

Via Zoom 8:00 – 10:00 AM

July and August – No Pioneer Unit Meetings – Enjoy the Break

September 12, 2024 - Brenham Presbyterian Church, Brenham

“Plants and Practices for our Changing Texas Environment”

by Ashley Grubb, Enchanted Gardens, Richmond Texas; Texas Master Certified Nursery Professional & Texas Certified Water Smart Professional

Speaker Angel:

Lunch: Back to School Favorites

Host Team: Linda Rowlett (lead), Cindy Nash, Ann Lugg, Leona Marshall

Pioneer Unit Membership

Active Members

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Member Jul 2008 16 Mar

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Member Oct 2009 15 Sep

Edwards, Carol 2205 Creekwood Lane Brenham, TX 77833 Member Dec 2021	(361) 648-0331 Cell caroll.edwards@outlook.com 08 Sep
Farley, Tory (Jeff) 110 E. Fayette St Fayetteville, TX 78940 Member July 2022	(979) 451-9199 tdolly10@hotmail.com 11 Nov
Forrest, Kathe 2600 Donna Dr. Taylor, TX 76574 Member Jan 2017	(512) 934-1725 Cell kforrest58@gmail.com 19 Jan
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Gwyn, Connie (Ken) 3500 Hercules Rd Carmine, TX 78932-5122 Member Dec 2017	(979) 203-0524 Cell conniegwyn@gmail.com 27 Sep
Hagler, Joanna 11755 Schuster Rd Round Top, TX 78954 Member Jul 2020	(281) 851-5483 jdagler@outlook.com 14 Sep

Hartman, Tess (Esther) 315 Walnut St New Ulm, TX 78950-2340 Member Sep 2019	darsie50@gmail.com	05 June
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Helm, Shawn 23295 Oak Rd New Ulm, TX 78950 Member Jun 2023	(936) 230-2593 Cell im4tiger@mac.com	02 May
Hubbard, Wanda (Norman) 7630 Hardcastle Ln La Grange, TX 78945-4506 Member Jan 2005	(979) 249-5114 (281) 352-9355 Cell normanandwanda@cvctx.com	26 Jul
Hughes, Jan (Scott) 3205 Round Top Rd Round Top, TX 78954 Member Jan 2022	(979) 249-2038 (713) 594-3543 Cell janhughes06@yahoo.com	23 Oct
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Member Jul 2017		31 Mar

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Member Feb 2016		29 Jul

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Carmine, TX 77832		
Member Feb 2023		15 Apr

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Brenham, TX 77833-9211		
Member Oct 2019		17 Jan

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Member Aug 2015 - Joint		31 Dec

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Member Feb 2016 - Joint		30 Mar

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Member Jan 2003		13 Oct

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Lugg, Ann (Simon) PO Box 144 Industry, TX 78944-0144 Member Feb 2019	(713) 503-9981 Cell alugg@rice.edu	16 Oct
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Menconi, Erica (Al) 7617 Hardcastle La Grange, TX 78945 Member Jun 2023	(281)-948-2620 Cell menconie@gmail.com	9 Jan
Mills, Patty (H. Earl) 5525 Waldeck Cemetery Rd Round Top, TX 78954 Member Jul 2017	(832) 567-8189 Cell pattymills67@gmail.com	31 Mar
Nash, Cindy (Robert) 10576 Old Chappell Hill Rd Chappell Hill, TX 77426 Member Sep 2013	(281) 389-0550 Cell cnash27@aol.com	27 Jan
Neva, Martha (Doug) 2532 Cat Spring Rd Cat Spring, TX 78933 Member Feb 2023	(713) 299-0096 Cell marthaneva@yahoo.com	09 Jun

Nitsch, Cathy (Charles) 7703 Horak Rd Brenham, TX 77833-3168 Member Dec 2017	(979) 421-9980 (281) 235-5078 Cell cathy.nitsch@gmail.com 28 Oct
Pearce, Leah (Mark) PO Box 243 (21793 Oak Rd) New Ulm, TX 78950-0243 Member Jul 2018	(281) 844-2253 Cell leah.pearce@gmail.com 13 Jun
Perkins, Michael 23295 Oak Rd New Ulm, TX 78950 Member Jun 2023 Joint	(318) 393-7132 Cell im4tiger@mac.com 22 Sep
Pior, Betty (Gary) 1170 Jaster Rd (PO Box 209) Round Top, TX 78954 Member Nov 2013	(281) 610-3221 Cell bettypior@gmail.com 27 Oct
Pruitt, Deb 555 Happy Hollow Rd Brenham, TX 77833 Member Feb 2023	(214) 796-2464 debp911@gmail.com 08 Sep
Reed, Diana (Mike) 24421 Plantation Lake Ct Hempstead, TX 77445 Member Oct 2009	(713) 502-1893 Cell Boz1713@flash.net 26 Nov

Reeves, Mary	(979) 249-5695	
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Round Top, TX 78954		
Member Jan 1974 - Life		03 Jul
<i>HSA Pioneer Unit Founder;</i>		
<i>Rosemary Circle; HSA Joanna</i>		
<i>McQuail Reed Award for Artistic</i>		
<i>Use of Herbs 2021</i>		

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Member Jul 2018		21 Jan

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Member Apr 2023		13 Feb

Reynolds, Sally (Norman)	(713) 503-9410 Cell	
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Member Jul 2019		03 Apr

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Member Oct 2005		09 May

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Round Top, TX 78954		
Member Jun 2018		14 Nov

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Royal, Patty (Stan) 1470 S. Nassau Rd Round Top, TX 78954 Member June 2019	(817) 946-8887 Cell pmr3204@gmail.com	30 Oct
Sellers, Diana (Louie) 102 South White St Round Top, TX 78954 Member Jun 2018	(512) 461-7175 Cell sellers2000@yahoo.com	19 Jun
Solis, Barbara (Tom) 2701 Goehring Rd Ledbetter, TX 78946-2764 Member Feb 2010 - Joint	(979) 249-3315 (832) 335-0195 Cell tomsolis@aol.com	17 Feb
Solis, Tom (Barbara) 2701 Goehring Rd Ledbetter, TX 78946-2764 Member Feb 2010 - Joint	(979) 249-331 (713) 542-4303 Cell tomsolis@aol.com	31 May
Sowers, Bob (Georgia) 607 Ross St Brenham, TX 77833-2764 Member Feb 2010 - Joint	(281) 486-6006 Cell	14 Mar
Sowers, Georgia (Bob) 607 Ross St Brenham, TX 77833-2764 Member Feb 2010 - Joint	(281) 486-6006 Cell gzsowers@att.net	26 Jan

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New Ulm, TX 78950		
Member June 2022		07 Sep

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Member Mar 2019		12 Sep

Weatherly, Belinda (Jim)	(979) 357-4599	
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Member Sep 2016		07 Nov

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Member Jul 2023		24 Jul

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New Ulm, TX 78905-5098		
Member Nov 2015		14 Aug

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Edmundson, Sue (Dean) 1828 Cypress Rapids Dr New Braunfels, TX 78130 Member Sep 2003 Life	(979) 203-3322 Cell sueedmundson@yahoo.com	15 Sep
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Elam, Bev 1200 Rek Hill Rd Fayetteville, TX 78940 Member Dec 2017	(979) 966-3810 Cell bjfwe86@gmail.com	24 Nov
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Flowers, Henry (Melissa) 709 Scott Dr Brenham, TX 77833 Member Jan 2003 - Life <i>HSA Joanna McQuail Reed Award for the Artistic Use of Herbs 2019</i>	(979) 203-0163 Cell Henryflowers68@gmail.com	01 Jun
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Member Oct 2006 Joint		24 Nov

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Member Jul 2023 Joint	

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Round Top, TX 78954		
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Wimberly, TX 78676		22 Feb
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<i>Helen De Conway Little Medal</i>		
<i>of Honor 2021, Rosemary</i>		
<i>Circle 2021</i>		

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Member Jan 1979 South		11 Mar
Texas Unit Life		

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Member Oct 2023		

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Member Nov 2022		09 Oct

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Member South Texas Unit		16 Mar

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Member Oct 2018		25 Dec

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Member - Life		03 Mar
<i>Rosemary Circle; HSA</i>		
<i>Certificate of Achievement</i>		
<i>2009</i>		

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Hempstead, TX 77445		
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Scanapico, Kay (Tony)	(979) 966-7208 Cell	
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Schulenburg, TX 78956		
Member Jan 1997 - Joint		02 Sep
HSA Certificate of Appreciation		
2017; Rosemary Circle 2022		

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Member Jan 1997 - Joint		03 Feb
HSA Certificate of Appreciation		
2017, Rosemary Circle 2022		

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<i>Rosemary Circle, HSA Past</i>		
<i>President 2008-2010</i>		

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Bellaire, TX 77401-2815		
Member Jan 1970 South		01 Mar
Texas Unit Life		
<i>Rosemary Circle; HSA</i>		
<i>Certificate of Appreciation</i>		
<i>2007</i>		

In Memoriam

Julie Weigelt 1995
 Juanita Milliman 1996
 Hattie Etzel 1998
 Etta Mae Smith 2001
 Evelyn Northrup 2003
 Charles Reeves 2003
 Mary Doby 2004
 Sally Anderson 2004
 Floyd Von Minden 2008
 Virginia Eichhorn 2009
 Madalene Hill 2009

- *Rosemary Circle and Golden Sage Honoree*
- *HSA Helen de Conway Little Medal of Honor 1978*
- *HSA Nancy P. Howard Award for Excellence in Horticulture 1997*
- *HSA Gertrude B. Foster Award for Excellence in Literature 2005*

Peg Walker 2010

Corine Levien 2011

- *HSA Certificate of Appreciation 2006*

Louise Anzalone 2012

Virginia Wehrung 2013

Mary Louise Versfelt 2013

- *Rosemary Circle*
- *HSA Certificate of Achievement 2003*

Nell Richards 2015

Joan Kane 2017

Lucia Bettler 2017

Susan Abouhalka 2018

Betty Powell 2018

Dolores Rowlett 2020

Lynn Ehler 2021

Gwen Barclay 2022

- *Rosemary Circle*
- *HSA Certificate of Achievement 1996*
- *HSA Gertrude B. Foster Award for Excellence in Literature 2005*

Organizations

The Herb Society of America, Pioneer Unit

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National Herb Garden

U.S. National Arboretum

3501 New York Ave. NE Washington, DC 20002-1958

Chrissy Moore, Curator

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Round Top Festival Institute

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Institute Website: www.festivalhill.org

**HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA
PIONEER UNIT
BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of the organization shall be The Herb Society of America, Pioneer Unit, hereinafter referred to as the "Unit."

**ARTICLE II
PURPOSE**

The Unit was founded in 1992 for the charitable and educational purposes of furthering the knowledge and use of herbs and contributing the results to the records of horticulture and science. The Motto of the Unit is taken from the herbalist Mr. John Parkinson: "For Use and For Delight."

No part of the net earnings of the Unit shall inure to the benefit of any member or other individual. No substantial part of the Unit's activities shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Unit shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office

**ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP**

A. Any person showing special interest in growing, using, or studying herbs may apply for membership in the Unit, regardless of race, creed, or gender.

B. There shall be three classifications of membership.

1. ACTIVE.

An active member shall support the endeavors of the Unit during the fiscal year. He or she must:

- a. Be willing to hold office or serve on committees.
- b. Attend a minimum of three meetings per year.
- c. Participate in preparation of one major Unit event.
- d. Participate on-site in one major Unit event.
- e. Perform 20 volunteer hours per year (see page 30).
- f. The board may alter or suspend membership requirements as needed, due to extraordinary circumstances.

2. AFFILIATE.

A member of the Herb Society of America (HSA) who is unable to meet full requirements of Active membership with the Pioneer Unit may apply to the Pioneer Unit Board for Affiliate Membership. A Pioneer Unit Affiliate member must pay the HSA annual membership dues in addition to paying the Pioneer Unit annual dues. An Affiliate member is encouraged to participate in Unit endeavors as able but may not hold office or vote.

Note: An Affiliate member who is a full member of another Herbal unit and pays the HSA dues through that unit is only required to pay the annual Pioneer Unit dues. In addition, an Affiliate Life member only pays the Pioneer Unit dues.

3. HONORARY.

Any member who, in the opinion of the Members of the Board, has rendered special service to the Unit or contributed substantially to the advancement of knowledge and use of herbs shall be eligible for Honorary Membership. Such special honor shall be conferred at discretion of the Members of the Board and shall not exceed five members at any one time. An honorary member is exempt from membership fees and may not vote. The Unit shall pay The Herb Society of America dues for honorary members.

C. Applications, Election, and Maintenance of Membership.

1. Application for membership in the Unit.

Prospective members may submit an application after attending three monthly meetings and volunteering at Unit-sponsored garden workdays with a minimum of two hours participation at each of the Unit's gardens. These meetings must fall within a period of twelve consecutive months. Former members may submit an application for Renewal without performing the new member requirements.

2. An application for membership shall be on the regular form furnished by the Unit. When completed, the application and current dues shall be sent to the 2nd Vice Chair Membership.

3. Application approval by the Membership Committee shall be submitted to the Members of the Board for action. Approval of a majority of the Members of the Board shall be required for election of members. Membership is conferred to applicant upon Board approval.

4. If membership requirements cannot be met by a current member, a written explanation must be submitted to the Membership Committee

by April 1 of each year. The Membership Committee will recommend an extension of current membership or an alternate membership status to the Members of the Board. The Members of the Board will act on all recommendations.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual Unit fees, recommended by the Officers of the Board, shall be set by majority vote of the active members at the Unit Annual Meeting. The fees shall include the assessment of The Herb Society of America.

Annual dues shall be payable MAY 1 of each year and shall be delinquent JUNE 1. Membership rolls shall be purged each JULY 1.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

A. Election.

1. The Officers of the Unit shall consist of a Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past Chair, and shall be known as the Officers of the Board.

2. The Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of Active members present at the Unit Annual Meeting.

3. The Officers shall hold office for two years.

4. Officers shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position.

5. Newly elected Officers shall assume office July 1 following their election.

B. Duties.

1. The Officers shall perform the duties traditional to the office to which they have been elected. The Chair also shall be called the Chair of the Board.

2. The elected Officers of the Board shall have the authority to manage Unit affairs requiring immediate attention arising between regular Board meetings.

C. Standing Committees.

1. The Unit Chair shall appoint the following Standing Committee Chairs:

Archives Rosemary, Education, Festival Hill Garden Coordinator, BISD Sensory Garden Coordinator, Hospitality, Newsletter-Listserve, Publicity, Web Site, Plant Sale, Special Events, Thyme Well Spent, or any other Committee Chairs, as needed. Additional Standing Chairs or Special Committees may be added to the Board.

2. The Standing Committee Chairs are subject to the approval of the Officers of the Board.

ARTICLE VI MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

A. The Members of the Board shall consist of the Officers of the Board and the Committee Chairs. The retiring Unit Chair shall automatically be entitled to serve as a Member of the Board for the first two fiscal years after his or her retirement.

B. The Members of the Board shall have full power and authority to manage the affairs of the Unit in the usual course of business.

C. A majority of the Members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

A. Regular Unit Meetings shall be held at least three times a year at discretion of the Officers of the Board, with monthly meetings held as prescribed by the Members of the Board.

B. Under extraordinary circumstances, as deemed necessary by the Board, meetings may be conducted by electronic or other virtual means, where dialogue can take place.

C. Twenty percent of the Active members shall constitute a quorum at any Unit Meeting.

D. The Annual Meeting, which may be one of the regular meetings, shall be held between April 1 and July 1 of each year.

E. Special Unit meetings may be held at the call of the Chair or at the written request of five Active members sent to the Secretary.

F. Meetings of the Members of the Board shall be held at least once per quarter at the call of the Chair. Other meetings of the Members of the Board shall be held upon written notice by any five Members of the Board. Ten days written notice shall be required for such called meetings of the Members of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII RULES OF ORDER

The Unit Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Unit and the Board. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IX INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

The Unit shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless, every authorized agent, Director, Officer, his or her heirs, executors or administrators against liability and against reasonable expenses incurred in connection with any action, suit or proceeding to which such individual(s) shall be made a party by reason of being or having been a Director, Officer or agent of the Unit, but excluding any finally adjudicated willful misconduct. The foregoing right shall be exclusive of any other rights to which such individual(s) may be entitled.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Bylaws may be made at any Unit Meeting, provided that the general character of the proposed amendments have been duly set forth in the call to said meeting, two weeks in advance of said meeting, and twenty percent of the Active members are in attendance and two-thirds vote to adopt the same.

ARTICLE XI DISSOLUTION

If the Unit shall be dissolved, the Board of Directors shall distribute the assets in excess of the outstanding debts.

**HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA
PIONEER UNIT
RULES AND PROCEDURES**

1. REPORTING.

A. Annual Report to The Herb Society of America.

The Pioneer Unit submits a yearly report to the HSA headquarters, which summarizes volunteer hours, unreimbursed expenses, and donations made by the Pioneer Unit to HSA and local organizations. This information is used by HSA when pursuing financial support.

B. The Pioneer Unit submits a yearly tax filing to the IRS.

2. DUES.

- **Active member** – must meet the requirements outlined in Bylaws, Article III, B.1. Active.
Dues – **Single** \$67.00 (\$12 local; \$55 National HSA); **Joint** \$98 (\$18 local; \$80 National HSA)
- **Affiliate member** – must meet the requirements outlined in Bylaws, Article III, B.2. Affiliate
Dues - **Single** \$67.00 (\$12 local; \$55 National HSA); **Joint** \$98 (\$18 local; \$80 National HSA)
- **Member in another HSA unit** who desires to be an Affiliate member of the Pioneer Unit only pays the local Dues of \$12.00.
- Life Members of The Herb Society of America only pay local dues.
- National dues for Honorary Members are paid by the Pioneer Unit.
- Dues paid by a new member shall be prorated locally and nationally for the number of months remaining in the year.
- All new members purchase a membership badge for \$10.

3. CALENDARS.

A. The Program Year shall be September through June.

B. The Fiscal Year shall be July through June.

4. PIONEER UNIT GARDEN RESPONSIBILITIES.

A. The Unit will assist in the maintenance of the Pharmacy and Cloister/Walled (McAshan) Gardens at Festival Hill.

B. The Unit will maintain the Brenham Elementary School Sensory Garden. The Unit will work with the teachers to educate the children about the plants and the use of herbs.

5. FINANCIAL POLICY.

A. All checks issued by the Pioneer Unit shall have two signatures to be viable. The authorized signatures on bank accounts shall be the treasurer, Chairman and one other Officer.

B. This policy refers to expenses not included in the Unit Annual Budget. In production of a Unit event, expenses of more than \$50, but less than \$100, must be approved by the Event Chair. The Event Chair will present and discuss the proposed expense to the Officers of the Board.

Any costs over \$100.00, incurred by any member, must have pre-approval (email acceptable) by a majority of the Officers of the Board. This approval shall be ratified by the Board at their next meeting.

Any expense of \$250.00 or more must have pre-approval of the entire Board at a Board meeting, before expense is incurred.

C. An Expense Request form must be signed by the appropriate Board member, supported by receipts, and submitted for all payments, within 60 days of the event.

D. The Annual Budget, once approved by the Board, shall be presented for member approval, at the September meeting.

E. A Financial Review of the Unit's accounts shall be conducted annually. The Unit Chairman will appoint 1 Board member and 2 other Unit members to make up the committee.

The Financial Review shall be completed following the end of the Fiscal Year. A written report shall be completed no later than July 31st and submitted to the Board of Directors at that time.

6. COMMITMENTS.

Any commitment on behalf of the Unit must be brought before the Board of Directors for approval.

7. PARLIAMENTARIAN.

The Past Chairman shall serve as Unit Parliamentarian.

Guidelines for Reporting Hours

Gardens: Time spent watering, pulling weeds and other support of Festival Hill, Sensory Garden or “other” gardens (those designated by Pioneer Unit Board).

Garden Workdays, unless noted in Newsletter:

Festival Hill – Workdays vary throughout the year.

Contact Festival Hill Garden Chair for further information.

Sensory Garden - Work days vary throughout the year.

Contact Sensory Garden Chair for further information.

Host Team Coordinator: Coordinates host team to set up for Monthly Unit meetings. 5 hours

Hostess: Supports Host Team at Monthly Unit meetings. 4 hours

Speaker Angel: Supports Monthly Unit meeting speaker. 3 hours

Educational:

Share with Community: Sharing knowledge *outside* of the Pioneer Unit (Ex: a non-formal presentation at a booth or a fair or during an herb day or at the Bee Festival, at a school or other group not affiliated with HSA Pioneer Unit). Hours vary.

Presentation: Sharing knowledge *within* the Pioneer Unit or another HSA unit. Hours vary.

Articles for Unit Newsletter: up to 4 hours

Participating in Board approved activities: hours vary

Study or other Sub-Groups:

What counts toward hours:

-Any activity that results in an article for the newsletter.

-Any activity that involves a presentation to the Unit as a whole.

What does not count toward hours:

-Attendance at group meetings or other group assignments, unless you are *Presenting* or *Sharing With*

Community your personal results or knowledge.

Herbal Forum (Round Top) Prep Activities:

Any activity preparing for Plant Sale and Thyme Well Spent Shoppe sale during the year.

Herbal Forum (Round Top) Activities:

Hospitality: Support Thyme Well Spent Shoppe, set-up and cleanup. Hours vary.

Plant Sale: Caring for plants during Forum. Please ask Membership Committee if unsure.

Plant Sale Holding Area: Watches over plants for Guests and Members before the plants are paid for. Up to 8 hours.

Plant Sale Cashier: Receive payments for plants. Hours per shift.

Plant Sale Watering: Watering plants pre/during Forum. 8+ hours possible.

Potting Shed: Support sale of items made by Members. Hours per shift.

Thyme Well Spent Shoppe: Work inside at sale. Hours per shift.

Setup/Break Down Team: Support Setup Committee. Assist with take-down at close of the Forum.

Unit Admin: Time spent administering duties as Chair of a Committee or Pioneer Unit Board of Directors Member. EX: editing yearbook, organizing special events or groups, sending cards.

Hours not applicable: Travel time to/from any activity. Attending Monthly Unit meetings (Except March preparation for Plant Sale/Thyme Well Spent Shoppe meeting). Preparing a dish for breakfast/lunch at Monthly Unit meeting.

Hosting Responsibilities

Thank you for your willingness to serve as a host/hostess. For each meeting there are 3-5 members on a host team. Each host team member should contact the Host Team Coordinator (underlined in your yearbook). If you can't serve at the meeting, you are responsible for finding a substitute. Please let the Host Team Coordinator and Hospitality Chair know the choice of your confirmed substitution.

The Hospitality Chair will bring the paper, plastic, and coffee items to the meeting the month before you are to serve. The Host Team Coordinator will take home those supplies in preparation for the coming month.

The host team is responsible for providing the following: drinks, ice, fresh cream for coffee, & pre-meeting finger food. Juice is optional. Coffee will be made for pre-meeting and it is your choice of making decaf and regular or just the regular coffee. Lunch usually involves serving tea and water and you will refill ice in cups, coffee and tea containers as they get low.

Hosting duties include opening up the areas, setting up the meeting and eating areas, removing empty dishes from buffet line, cleaning up and then closing the meeting room. Head hosts are also responsible for organizing the luncheon and the table decorations. The variety of room/table decorating makes our meetings unique, but decorations need not be elaborate. Drinks, finger foods and decorations are at the discretion of the Host Team Coordinator.

While the members are serving themselves in the buffet line, the host team will monitor the serving area for presentability and keep the drinks replenished. The host team should be the last members to serve themselves.

The meeting and food areas should be left as close as possible to the manner in which they were found. Using before set-up phone camera photos may help in doing so.

Thank you again for your willingness to do your part for the HSA, Pioneer Unit. Please make sure to record all your volunteer hours spent in serving as a host (see Guidelines for Reporting Hours, p. 30).
HSA Pioneer Unit Hospitality Chair

Speaker Angel Responsibilities

Thank you for serving as a Speaker Angel! This is an easy and rewarding volunteer position. Basically, you are to assist the speaker in any way needed on the day of their presentation.

Prior to the meeting you will be contacted by the Programs Chair and reminded of your responsibilities.

On the day of the meeting plan to arrive early enough to greet the presenter, assist them with finding a place to sit, enjoy pre-meeting snacks, coffee etc. and finalize anything they may need for their presentation. After speaking, please guide the presenter to the luncheon line. At end of the program, help the presenter if needed in 'packing up' and thank them once again. The Programs Chair provides the "formal" thank you note and the presenter's honorarium. Most of all enjoy becoming acquainted with the speaker!

Because many speakers have little need for assistance, Speaker Angels are also considered to be part of the Hostess Team and assist in the responsibilities above.

Thank you again for your participation and be sure to report your volunteer hours and non-reimbursed donations in preparing for the meeting.

HSA Pioneer Unit Hospitality Chair

Quick-Connect Member Phone Numbers

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Joanna Hagler	Cell 281-851-5483
Julia Johnson	Cell 979-530-6645
Karen Springer	Cell 713-898-8331
Kathe Forrest	Cell 512-934-1725
Kay Scanapico	Cell 979-966-7208
Leah Pearce	Cell 281-844-2253
Leona Marshall	Cell 979-347-0047
Linda Hartson	979-561-8752, Cell 713-569-9327
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Susan Wood	713-665-3698
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The Herb Society of America Pioneer Unit

Request for Reimbursement

(For copies of this form please see Unit Treasurer)

Instructions: Please attach receipts to cover requested reimbursement. Fill out separate forms for each office or committee covered by receipts. Submit to officer or committee chair for approval and then submit to Treasurer within 60 days of expenditure. Please keep a copy until reimbursement is made.

Name_____

Address_____

Budget Category_____

Date of Request_____

Date of Expenditure_____

Is the Committee Chair aware of the purchase/s? YES NO

Committee Chair's Signature _____

Please itemize expenditures:

Postage \$ _____

Printing \$ _____

Supplies \$ _____

Other _____ \$ _____

Total Expenditures \$ _____

For Treasurer's Use

Date of Reimbursement_____ Check # _____

Check Signatures_____ and _____

