

# The Herb Society of America

## Wisconsin Unit

Please join us if you share a passion for herbs. No gardening experience is needed. Our unit explores herb:

- Horticulture and landscaping
- Culinary uses and preservation
- History, poetry, and artistic uses

Our meetings include business discussions followed by an educational program and ends with an herbal luncheon created by and shared with unit friends and guests.



Visit to the Herb Garden at Boerner Botanical Gardens (BBG)

Our unit's lending library has wonderful titles and a very knowledgeable librarian. We have unit and national book clubs.

We publish *Sage Leaves*, a bi-monthly newsletter that contains recipes, business items, poetry, reports, a calendar of upcoming events, and horticultural information.

In March an exchange of members' surplus seeds is held after the meeting. There are also district and national newsletters and events to enjoy.

## WI Unit Activities

### Herb & Artisan Fair

Our unit holds a free Herb & Artisan Fair at Boerner Botanical Gardens (BBG) in May. Vendors sell plants, garden art, jewelry, crafts, herbal and food products. Also offered is a Tea Room with fresh herbal baked goods. Free herb-related lectures and a children's activity are available.

### Grants & Scholarship Program

The income from the Herb Fair funds our Grants and Scholarship Program. The unit sponsors a Culinary Arts scholarship open to MATC and WCTC students and provides grants to various entities, including the BBG Herb Garden, Friends of Boerner Children's Educational Program, and several herb gardens at Old World Wisconsin.

### Symposium

Our annual Herb Symposium at the Woman's Club of Wisconsin is held in April. Attendees enjoy an herbal continental breakfast, followed by a presentation, and concludes with a marvelous herbal lunch prepared by the chef and staff. Guests may visit the herbal tasting room, shop vendor tables, and enjoy other fun things.

### Herb Study

We study the HSA Herb of the Month, and one meeting is dedicated to the study of the International Herb Association's (IHA) Herb of the Year™ – its culture, history, lore, culinary, and other uses.



*'... dedicated to promoting the knowledge, use and delight of herbs through educational programs, research, and sharing the experience of its members with the community.'*

Our unit is a member of The Herb Society of America (HSA). HSA helps maintain the National Herb Garden in the National Arboretum, has a large lending library (3,500 volumes) and sponsors herbal themed district and national tours and symposia.

*The Herbarist*, a compendium of current herbal thought, is published annually. The website has newsletters, webinars, a blog, seed exchange info, and discount codes for Richter's, Botanical Interests, Grower's Exchange, Mt. Rose Herbs, RidgeCrest Herbs, *The Essential Herbal*, *Mother Earth News*, and others.

Discounted herbal courses are also available. Members may enjoy the benefits of the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admission Program saving members money at 345+ botanical gardens and arboretums.



National Headquarters

**For additional information, please visit:**  
[www.herbsociety.org](http://www.herbsociety.org)

If you would like more information, please contact Membership Chair Pat Greathead at [patherbs@frontier.com](mailto:patherbs@frontier.com). If you are ready to join our unit, give Pat or mail the completed form below with payment to:

Pat Greathead, 1744 Tam O'Shanter Trail  
Sun Prairie, WI 53590-9517

**Regular:** \$65 - \$42.50 is tax deductible  
**Student:** \$45 - \$22.50 is tax deductible  
**Joint:** \$90 - \$67.50 is tax deductible  
**Business:** \$100 - \$77.50 is tax deductible

**Checks payable to: HSA – WI Unit**

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E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I DO \_\_\_ I DO NOT \_\_\_ HAVE AN HERB GARDEN.

I HAVE GARDENED FOR \_\_\_ YEAR(S).

What committee interests you or skill might you like to share:

<input type="checkbox"/> Crafting	<input type="checkbox"/> Grants/Scholarship
<input type="checkbox"/> Culinary	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter
<input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/> Socials
<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Website
<input type="checkbox"/> Garden Tours	<input type="checkbox"/> Workshops

Were you referred by a current HSA member?

If so, name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2023- 2024 EVENTS

- Sep 16:** Annual meeting and French tea; Tea Herbs with Lorrie Burrows
- Oct 17:** Cultural Use of Herbs (Armenian) with Pamela King
- Nov 18:** Herb study reports on Yarrow; wreath making with Eva Boldt
- Dec 6:** Holiday luncheon
- Jan 16:** Zoom Only - Grants & Scholarship recipient's reports
- Feb 20:** Zoom Only - Bonsai with Melody Orban
- Mar 16:** Succulent Propagation with Renee Bernard
- Apr 6:** Symposium at the Woman's Club
- Apr 16:** Culinary Herbs from Around the World with Susan Obry
- May 14:** Final preparation for Herb Fair
- May 18:** Herb & Artisan Fair at Boerner Botanical Gardens, 9am – 3pm
- Jun 15:** Year-end wrap up and party

### National Herb Garden (NHG)

The tax-exempt portion of your dues helps support this treasure, grants for children to learn about plants, scholarships for graduate students, and the operations at our national office, including the great lending library. NHG has specialty gardens.

Links are available on our website for:

- The Herb Society of America
- Herb of the Month
- GreenBridges™
- National Herb Garden

**Visit: [herb-society-wisconsin.org](http://herb-society-wisconsin.org)**

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Meetings are held at 10 a.m.  
the third Tuesday or Saturday,  
September through June

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church  
7845 North River Road  
River Hills, WI 53217  
(North of Milwaukee near  
I-43 and Good Hope Road)

Visit our website for calendar,  
upcoming events, and  
more information.

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