

*A History of  
The Pennsylvania Heartland Unit*



A Unit of the Herb Society of America



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**OFFICERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HEARTLAND UNIT**

**1985 – 1988**

*Chairperson:* Marion Bates  
*Vice Chairperson:* Maggie Keeler; 9–86 Dale Keenan  
*Secretary:* Jeanne Esser (day),  
Judy Sargent; 9–86, Mary Ney (evening)  
*Corresponding Secretary:* Marsha Green, 9–85  
Kathy Yoder, 1–88 Harriet Moore  
*Treasurer:* Sylvia Lloyd; 9–86 Judy Sargent

**1988 – 1990**

*Chairperson:* Harriet Moore  
*Vice Chairperson:* Dale Keenan; 4–89 Yvonne Snyder  
*Secretary:* Mary Ney  
*Corresponding Secretary:* Ruth Noonan  
*Treasurer:* Elizabeth Hartinger

**1990 – 1992**

*Chairperson:* Yvonne Snyder  
*Vice Chairperson:* Joyce Brobst  
*Secretary:* Billie Beadle  
*Corresponding Secretary:* Addie Bauman  
*Treasurer:* Linda Rider

**1992 – 1994**

*Chairperson:* Joyce Brobst  
*Vice Chairperson:* Billie Beadle  
*Secretary:* Sherry Heim  
*Corresponding Secretary:* Addie Bauman  
*Treasurer:* Linda Rider

**1994 – 1996**

*Chairperson:* Billie Beadle  
*Vice Chairperson:* Barbara Angstadt  
*Secretary:* Jeanette Lanshe  
*Corresponding Secretary:* Gail Seeley  
*Treasurer:* JoAnn Lawrence

**1996 – 1998**

*Chairperson:* Barbara Angstadt  
*Vice Chairperson:* Kelly Wisner  
*Secretary:* Jeannette Lanshe  
*Corresponding Secretary:* Gail Seeley  
*Treasurer:* JoAnn Lawrence

**1998-2000**

*Chairperson:* Kelly Lynn Wisner  
*Vice Chairperson:* Lori Schaeffer  
*Secretary:* Winnie Hayik  
*Corresponding Secretary:* Peggy Conway  
*Treasurer:* JoAnn Lawrence

**2000-2002**

*Chairperson:* Lori Schaeffer  
*Vice Chairperson:* Priscilla Plucinsky  
*Secretary:* Winnie Hayik  
*Corresponding Secretary:* Pat Kerber  
*Treasurer:* JoAnn Lawrence

**2002-2004**

*Chairperson:* Priscilla Plucinsky  
*Vice-Chairperson:* Gail Seeley  
*Secretary:* Winnie Hayik  
*Corresponding Secretary:* Pat Kerber  
*Treasurer:* Amy Willard

**2002-2004**

*Chairperson:* Priscilla Plucinsky  
*Vice-Chairperson:* Gail Seeley  
*Secretary:* Winnie Hayik  
*Corresponding Secretary:* Pat Kerber  
*Treasurer:* Amy Willard

**2004 -2006**

*Chairperson:* Gail Seeley  
*Vice Chairperson:* Diane Schuster  
*Secretary:* Winnie Hayik  
*Corresponding Secretary:* Terry Sweitzer  
*Treasurer:* Amy Willard

**2006-2008**

*Chairperson:* Diane Schuster  
*Vice-Chairperson:* Jane Brubaker  
*Secretary:* Pat Magala  
*Corresponding Secretary:* Pat Kerber  
*Treasurer:* Amy Schiavone

**2008 -2010**

*Chairperson:* Jane Brubaker  
*Vice Chairperson:* Dawn Fry  
*Secretary:* Theresa DeTemple  
*Corresponding Secretary:* Terry Sweitzer  
*Treasurer:* Amy Schiavone

**2010 -2012**

*Chairperson:* Dawn Fry  
*Vice Chairperson:* Sherry Davis  
*Secretary:* Theresa DeTemple  
*Corresponding Secretary:* Terry Sweitzer  
*Treasurer:* Amy Schiavone

**2012 -2014**

*Chairperson:* Sherry Davis  
*Co Vice Chairpersons:* Courtney Stevens & Marcia Fehl  
*Secretary:* Kim Brown  
*Corresponding Secretary:* Terry Sweitzer  
*Treasurers:* Amy Schiavone & Anna Grace (2012-13),  
Amy Schiavone (2013-14)

**2014 -2016**

*Co Chairpersons:* Marcia Fehl & Mary Ellen Johnston  
*Co Vice Chairpersons:* Barbara Mills & Gail Seeley  
*Secretary:* Kim Brown  
*Corresponding Secretary:* Terry Sweitzer  
*Treasurer:* Linda Taylor (2014-15), Diane Schuster (2015-16)

## *The Early Years*

The Pennsylvania Heartland Unit of the Herb Society of America had its beginnings through the leadership of then Member-at-Large Marion Bates. After moving to Berks County, PA, Marion began teaching classes about herbs as part of the continuing education program at Albright College and at the “Herb Haus,” her 18th century stone home.

After speaking at the Second Herb Symposium at Hiram College in Ohio, sponsored by the Members-at-Large in the Ohio Region of the Herb Society of America, Marion was so inspired that she invited her former students, and the Members-at-Large from Region II to meet and consider giving a one-day herbal symposium in Reading. The group was equally excited about the prospect and the first “Herbal Delights Symposium” was presented Wednesday, June 2, 1982, at Albright College. A follow-up meeting was held in September to evaluate and review the Symposium.

Locally, Marion was continually being asked by Jeanne Esser if we were going to become a study group. It was at this time that the “Herb House Study Group” was formed to actively pursue the study of herbs. Joint meetings (day and night meeting groups) were held during the months of September, December, and April, and day and night study meetings were held in October, November, January, February, and March. In addition to the study meetings, a plant exchange and pot-luck dinner was held in April, a Christmas party and cookie exchange in December and an herb related tour in May.

Membership grew, and under Marion’s capable guidance, plans were made to become the Pennsylvania Heartland Herb Society in September of 1984. In November of that same year Betty Stevens, an Herb Society of America member from Connecticut serving on the National Board of HSA, visited the group and explained the benefits of Unit membership in the Herb Society of America. On January 2, 1985, our formal application to become a Unit was submitted to The HSA. In addition to Marion Bates, the other charter members who were already members of The Herb Society of America included Marsha Green, Yvonne Snyder, Bertha Reppert, Leona Woodring Smith, and Vera Cox. These Herb Society members working with our group to establish firm foundations have successfully guided this unit into one presently consisting of approximately 75 very active members.

An interesting part of our history was the initial group structuring. There were clusters of active participants from the Lancaster Area (called the Ringelblumen), as well as from the Reading Area (called the Lavendels). These groups met separately two meetings per month (one morning meeting and one evening meeting per group), and members could attend any meeting at any time. When we were chartered as a unit of The Herb Society of America the two groups combined into one, but retained many of the original meeting features and activities which evolved during our growth from an Herb Study Group to the Pennsylvania Heartland Unit of The Herb Society of America.

Our meetings are now held on the third Tuesday (7 p.m.), and third Thursday (9:30 a.m.) of each month in October, November, January, February, and March. In September we have a combined pot-luck dinner meeting. In December we have a Christmas luncheon meeting (with cookie and gift exchanges), and in April we have our annual meeting and plant exchange. May has become our tour month, and June the special time for the “Herbal Delights” Symposium where we share herbal learning with approximately 235 participants each year.

The following quotation describing our membership, taken from the original charter application, helps to illustrate what has been explained above, and clearly shows the membership’s diversity of interest which continues to exist:

“Our membership extends northeast of Reading and northwest of Lancaster. The active members are within a 50-mile radius and consist of:

- 30 active day Lavendels and 8 Provisional,
- 31 active night Lavendels and 9 Provisional,
- 8 active day Ringelblumen and no Provisional,
- 8 active night Ringelblumen and 2 Provisional,
- 3 active from the Allentown area
- A Total of 80 active members and 19 Provisional”

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We have six associate members who live too far away to attend meetings but actively support the Symposium and participate in trips, tours, and workshops. These six do not affect our 100 limit which is imposed because of lack of space.

Every member has an herb garden

- 4 are garden writers in newspapers and magazines
- 9 have nurseries featuring herbs
- 6 have herb shops
- 10 have their own businesses, some related to herbs
- 2 teach herb classes
- 16 are speakers
- 2 have published books
- 4 have published articles
- 13 are involved in public gardens
- 3 have their Ph.D.'s
- 6 are social workers
- 25 are teachers (4 Home Ec. and 4 Biology)
- 9 are nurses
- 1 is a Federated Garden Club Judge
- 2 have taken the Master Gardener's course at Berks Co. Agricultural Center
- 3 are taking the Horticulture Course at The Barnes Arboretum
- 5 have been on TV regularly talking about herbs
- 7 have been on radio regularly talking about herbs

Our primary interest is in growing and studying the herbs. There is a great interest in the culinary arts and many enjoy herbal crafts. Because of our desire to share, we have the "Herbal Delights" Symposium where we have established scholarship activities. We do not have an herb sale although we have a Ways and Means Herbal Craft Shoppe at the Symposium whose proceeds make up our scholarship fund. Any other moneys earned are for the Society's running expenses. Some of us are involved with historic gardens but not as a unit."

There are four unique features threaded throughout the history of our unit; our Symposia, our scholarship program, our yearly tours, and our Unit-supported gardens.

The "Herbal Delights" Symposium has been not only the highlight of our herbal learning each year but, also, structured as our unit's primary fund raiser and supports all of our local projects, scholarships, and donations made periodically to the Herb Society of America or to the National Herb Garden, Washington, D.C.

In the following section of this history, the highlights of these four special activities will be briefly summarized

Note – "The Early Years" was written in 1994 for the unit history booklet by the following committee:

Joyce E. Brobst, Chairperson  
Marian Bates  
Billie Beadle  
Anne Hechler

Elizabeth LeLacheur  
Arlene Linderman  
Betty Jane Paris  
Yvonne Snyder

## **The Symposia**

### **“Culinary Herbs” First Annual Symposium Wednesday, June 2, 1982**

*Chairperson:* Marion Bates

*Place:* Albright College

*Principle Speakers:* Bertha Reppert, “Herb Teas for Pleasure”; Leona Woodring Smith, “Edible Flowers”; Chef J. M. Juge, Colebrookdale Inn, “Creative Cooking with Herbs”

*Tours:* Houses and gardens of Marion Bates and Marsha Green in the Oley Valley via individual cars

*Foods:* Registration Repast, Mill Acres; Snack Bread, Nice’N Spicy (Jane Leader); Box Lunch, The Widow Finney’s Dinner, The Colebrookdale Inn

*Herbal Craft Shoppe:* Proceeds contributed to Scholarship Funds of The Herb Society of America and Albright College

(Hood for Cell Culturing Experiments)

### **“Herbal Horticulture” Second Annual Symposium Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday June 27, 28, 29, 1983**

*Chairperson:* Marion Bates

*Place:* Albright College

*Principle Speakers:* Rosemary Foster Loudon, “How to Design and Plant an Herb Garden”; Jo Lohmolder, “How to Make the Most of Your Harvest”; Phyllis Shaudys, “Crafting with Herbs”

*Tours:* Monday, June 27, half-day to Donegal Mills Plantation (German Four-Square Garden), Mt. Joy, PA, and Nissley Winery, Lancaster Co.. Tuesday, June 28, Private Gardens of Marilyn Griffin, Laureldale; Yvonne Guinta, Honeybrook; and Marion Connelly, Whitfield. Wednesday, June 29, Well-Sweep Herb Farm, Port Murray, NJ

*Dinner:* Three Centre Square, Maytown, PA

### **“The Fragrant Herbs” Third Annual Symposium Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, June 27, 28, 29, 1984**

*Chairperson:* Marion Bates

*Place:* Albright College

*Principle Speakers:* Maggie Keeler, “Potpourri”; Marion Bates, “Natural Cosmetic Herbs”; Joy Logee Martin, “Living With Herbs”

*Tours:* Wednesday, June 27, half-day to Garden of Joanna Reed, Malvern, PA and Tyler Arboretum (Jean Shumaker, docent), Lima, PA. Friday, June 29, Two buses to Winterthur, Wilmington, DE; Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA; and Good’s Greenhouses (one bus only)

*Food:* Refreshments Wed. provided by Joanna Reed. Wednesday luncheon catered by Widow Finney’s; Dinner Wednesday, Duling-Kurtz House and Country Inn, Exton, PA

### **“The History of Herb Gardens” Fourth Annual Symposium Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, June 25, 26, 27, 1985**

*Chairperson:* Marion Bates

*Place:* Albright College

*Signature Herb:* Lavender

*Principle Speakers:* Elisabeth Woodburn, “Old Salem Herbals”; Priscilla (Fuzzy) Lord, “Historical Herbs”; Leonie Bell, “Antique and Historic Roses and Gardens”; Jo Lohmolder, “The Ancient Art of Natural Dyeing”

*Tours:* John B. Goode House (Sandy Lane), Bowmansville, PA; Village Herb Shop (Pat Dyer & Dorothy Weaver), Blue Ball, PA. Folk Craft Center and Gardens, Witmer, PA. Lititz Herb Shop and other shops, Ann Yeagley’s private garden, 115 E. Market St. Lititz, PA. Private Reading City Gardens (used vans): Greg Funk, 1015 Douglas St; Shirley Snyder, 514 Elm St., Linda McCormick, 441 Oley St.; Bob and Cheri Large and next-door neighbors Mary and Norman

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Schmidt on Alsace Rd.; Arlene Ratajczak, Anna Katrinak, Joe, at 436, 438, and 440 Bingaman Court

*Buses:* Lavender, Rosemary, Sage, Thyme

*Food:* Catered Lunch, Berks County Historical Society, Reading; Dinner, Doneckers, Ephrata; Tea at Widow Finney's and a box lunch by Sandy Witmer of "Simply Scrumptious"

*Special Feature:* PA Dutch Poetry and Stories by Elsie Gehman

*Potter:* Steve Witmer

**"Bloomin' all Around"  
Fifth Annual Symposium  
Friday, Saturday, Sunday (optional),  
May 30, 31, and June 1, 1986**

*Chairperson:* Marion Bates

*Place:* Albright College

*Signature Herb:* Calendula

*Principle Speakers:* Terri Maclay, "Legends and Folklore of Pennsylvania Wildflowers and Wild Herbs"; Joanna Reed, "Herb Blossoms in Wreath Making"; Mariah Pneuman, "The Romance of Scent"

*Tours:* The Loom Room owned by former PA Heartland Member Mary Smith, Bernville, PA; public and private gardens featuring greenhouses: Sycamore Springs (Mary Haldeman), Leesport; June Yeagley Private Garden, Wyomissing; Sam Gundy Private Garden, Lincoln Park; Shanti gardens (AnneHechler), Amityville; Greenhouse: Garr's, Breiningers and Reider's (featuring roses); and the City Park Greenhouse in Reading. Optional Tours Sunday included the following Berks County Sites: Daniel Boone Homestead, The Heritage Center, Hopewell Village, and Mouns Jones House

*Buses:* Calendula, Lavender, Rosemary, Thyme

*Food:* Dinner – Conference Center of Penn State University, catered by Steve Bonner

*Potter:* Gerald Yoder and Bill Logan (apprentice)

**"Our German Heritage"  
Sixth Annual Symposium  
Wednesday, Thursday,  
June 24, 25, 1987**

*Chairperson:* Mary Ney

*Place:* Albright College

*Signature Herbs:* Sage

*Principle Speakers:* Mildred Zink, "The German Four-Square Garden"; Rexford Talbert, "The History and Derivation of German Herbs"; Madalene Hill, "Our Modern Heritage of Herbs"

*Tours:* Skippack Village, "The Bittersweet Herb Shop and Garden" (Gerry Kilpatrick); Private Garden of Peggy Frain, Pottstown, PA; Private Gardens of PA Heartland Unit Members Barbara and Jane Brouse, Helen Haring, Marion Bardman, and Sheila Weber

*Buses:* Sage, Dill, Woodruff, Chamomile

*Food:* Lunch, Box lunch by Steve Bonner, Boscov's. Dinner, The Jefferson House, Norristown, PA

*Special Feature:* Recitations by Elsie Gehman

*Potter:* Lester Breiningers

**"Renaissance – An Herbal Remembrance"  
Seventh Annual Symposium  
Tuesday, Wednesday,  
June 21, 22, 1988**

*Chairperson:* Joyce E. Brobst

*Place:* Albright College

*Signature Herb:* Rose

*Principle Speakers:* Holly Shimizu, "Old Roses and Herbs"; Leona Woodring Smith, "St. Fiacre-Patron Saint of Gardeners"; Terri Maclay, "Herbal Renaissance Love Feast" (with Unit Players)

*Tours:* Private gardens of PA Heartland members Evie Braun, Temple, PA, and Marilyn Griffin, Laureldale; Joanne Heisey's garden and dried flowers; Jeff and Karen Fry's Herb Farm, Manheim; Gardens of Bob and Nancy Varnes and Terry and Bridget Miller, Manheim;

*Buses:* Lavender, Rosemary, Rose, Violet

*Food:* Buffet Brunch at Stokesay Castle, The Queen's Renaissance Feast, Mt. Hope Winery, Lancaster Co., PA

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*Potter:* Ned Foltz

**“Heartland Holidays For All Thymes”  
Eighth Annual Symposium  
Tuesday, Wednesday, June 20, 21, 1989**

*Chairperson:* Elizabeth LeLacheur

*Place:* Albright College

*Signature Herb:* Thyme

*Principle Speakers:* Yvonne Guinta, “Never Enough Thyme”; Bertha Reppert, “Celebrate: Thymely Tips for the Holidays”; Gregory Funk, “Nature’s Thyme”; Terri Maclay and Joyce Brobst, “Thymely Discussions”

*Tours:* Private gardens of PA Heartland member Betty Denlinger, Paradise; Millwood Country Flowers and Landscapes owned by Sandy and Don Mylin, Willow Street; Pequea Trading Company Herb Shop owned by Susan Thomas (Including a Bonsai display) and other shops in Strasburg; Private gardens of Yvonne and Carl Beck, Thomas Martin, Linda Arnold and a drive-by of the garden of Darlene and Steven van Ormer, and Nietlje Hain, Strasburg

*Buses:* Rosemary, Parsley, Sage and Thyme

*Food:* Lunch at Willow Valley Family Resort (The Palm Court), Willow Street

*Potter:* Courtney Gallagher

**“Gardens for All Ages”  
Ninth Annual Symposium  
Monday, Tuesday, June 24, 25, 1991**

*Chairperson:* Elizabeth LeLacheur

*Place:* Albright College

*Signature Herb:* Sage

*Principle Speakers:* Susanna Reppert – “Herbal Cosmetics”; Waneta Strickert – “A Tour Through Time”; Laura Viancour – “Colonial Williamsburg Gardens – Tracing Back Through the Ages”; Terri Maclay – “A Fairy Tale Garden”

*Tours:* Bethlehem Herb Garden Tour Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the City of Bethlehem; Private Gardens of John and Violet Uliana, James and Rita Sullivan-Smith, George and Fawn Brittenburg and Robert and Gail Nelson; Historic Bethlehem gardens: The Sun Inn; Garden at Luckenbach’s Mill (Bethlehem Garden Club); Miller House Garden; Dorothy Jones Knot Garden near the Apothecary Shop

*Food:* Box lunch in the Moravian Church Christian Education Building prepared by McDoles Catering, Bethlehem  
Dinner – Albright College’s excellent cuisine with herbs

*Special Feature:* Holiday Saints Tableau with Heartland Players

*Potter:* Lynn Gilbert, and Becky Mummert

**“Colonists and Their Herbs”  
Tenth Annual Symposium  
Monday, Tuesday, June 22, 23, 1992**

*Chairperson:* Barbara Angstadt

*Place:* Albright College

*Signature Herb:* Monarda

*Principle Speakers:* Ruth Smith, “Native American Medicinal Plants”; Sim Baron, “Chilies-Fiery and Sweet”, Lee Reich, “Lesser Known Fruits of Colonial Times”

*Tours:* Heritage Center and Canal Museum, Gruber Wagon Works; Private Gardens of Richard and Joyce Greener, Tulpehocken, Manor Farm of 1748; Francis and Priscilla Plucinsky; The Oaks, Old Fritztown Road; and Lucy Ruccius, Garden and Owl’s Nest Greenhouse, Wyomissing; Cedar Hill Gardens of David and Debbie Bertoldi (organic gardens); Old Dry Road Farm; Unit Herb Gardens at Berks Campus of Penn State University and Albright College

*Buses -* Monarda, Bergamont, Bee Balm, Oswego Tea

*Food:* Box lunch at the Heritage Center; Lunch and Dinners at Albright College

*Special Feature:* Fashion Show, Colonial Ladies from Altoona, “Bosom Buddies to Bustles”

*Potter:* Brian Kunkelman

**“East Meets West”  
Eleventh Annual Symposium  
Monday, Tuesday, June 21, 22, 1993**

*Chairperson:* Barbara Angstadt

*Place:* Albright College

*Signature Herb:* Feverfew



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*Principle Speakers:* Nipa Hammond, “Thai Cooking”; Maggie Oster, “ Japanese Gardens”; Howard McNeal, “Bonsai”  
*Tours:* “Dans La Foret” (Zen Japanese Moss Garden), owned by Jack and Carmen Miller, Collegeville, PA; Herb Farm of PA Heartland member Yvonne England, Honeybrook, PA; Grist Mill Studio and Japanese Garden of Howard and Karalee McNeal with a large Bonsai collection, Douglassville, PA (near Yvonne England); Waterloo Gardens, Exton  
*Buses:* Cilantro, Ginger, Perilla, Patchouli  
*Food:* Box lunch in Hibernia County Park, Chester, PA, prepared by PA Heartland member Sally Kramer  
*Special Feature:* Japanese Dancers and Vocal Duet at banquet  
*Potter:* Dana Hossler (hearts only)

**“Lavender and Lace”  
Twelfth Annual Symposium  
Monday, Tuesday, June 27, 28, 1994**

*Chairperson:* Priscilla Plucinsky

*Place:* Albright College

*Signature Herb:* Lavender

*Principle Speakers:* Bertha Reppert, “From Jurassic Park to Victorian Lavender”; Jane Cole, “Luscious Lavender and Other Flavorful Flowers”; Dr. Arthur O. Tucker, “The Perfumed Victorian”; Terri Maclay, “The Language of Flowers”  
*Tours:* Historic Centre Park Gardens of Chris Miller, Jeff Shannon, Peter Mullenberg, Fritz Rothermel, and PA Heartland member Barbara Jefferis, Reading; PA Heartland member gardens of Linda Rider and Billie Beadle; Restored Rose Garden, City Park, Reading; Private Garden of Dorothy and Frank Gajewski, Reading; Ontelaunee Estates Gardens of Marcia Fehl and Floyd Hutter, her brother neighbor next door Sycamore Springs Greenhouse and Gift Shop  
*Buses:* Queen Anne, Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary, Queen Victoria  
*Food:* Herbal dinners at Albright; Box lunch at Vista Pavilion, Blue Marsh Lake, prepared by PA Heartland member Sally Kramer.  
*Potter:* Courtney Gallagher

**“Gardening Through the Eyes of Children”  
Thirteenth Annual Symposium  
Monday, Tuesday, June 26, 27, 1995**

*Chairperson:* Priscilla Plucinsky

*Place:* Albright College

*Signature Herb:* Sunflower

*Principle Speakers:* Jane Taylor- “In a Child’s Garden...Imagination Grows”; Dr. David Sanford- “Establishing and Maintaining a Wildflower Meadow”; Sharon Lovejoy- “Beyond Tradition: Creative Approaches to Gardening”  
*Tours:* York, Penna. Area including: Eugene Ball featuring the Springettsbury Mountain Short Line Miniature Railroad; PA Heartland member gardens featuring Peggy Conway’s reconstructed 1765 log home; Yvonne Snyder’s ten acre garden and pond area; the noteworthy 50 acre estate garden of Louis Arpelles. Shopping was provided in historic Ephrata at the marketplace of the artists’ studios and Donecker’s fashions.  
*Buses:* Bee Balm, Catnip, Foxglove, and Lamb’s Ears  
*Food:* Herbal dinners at Albright College and Donecker’s Ballroom; Box Lunch at the Carousel House in Brookside Park, Dover, Pa.  
*Potter:* Jeff Dietrich, Kutztown

**“Wild Wonderful Herbs”  
Fourteenth Annual Symposium  
Monday, Tuesday, June 17, 18, 1996**

*Chairperson:* Gail Seeley

*Place:* Albright College

*Signature Herb:* Columbine

*Principle Speakers:* Judith Benn Hurley, “ Every Day uses for Native Herbs”; Jim Wilson, Landscaping with Wildflowers”; Ellen Spector Platt, “Native American Plants and Flowers... Growing, Decorating and Drying”  
*Tours:* *Orwigsburg Area.* Ellen Spector Platt, Meadowlark Farm..garden and barn; Sculps Hill, a 13 acre homestead with a regional specialty garden and PA Four-square garden, a country estate with water garden, stream and pond and a restored barn. Private backyard garden with lots of unusual trims and gingerbread items. Market Street where antiques, annuals and perennials adorn the garden of a grand old 1873 Victorian Home. The County Seat Gift Shop provided a browsing and buying opportunity. *Schuylkill Haven Area-* 1800 farmhouse with an array of island beds.  
*Food:* Herbal meals were prepared Albright College Box lunches at the Red Church picnic grove  
*Buses:* Oswego tea, Columbine, Coneflower and Angelica

*Potter:* Rise' Long

**“Herbal Odyssey”  
Fifteenth Annual Symposium  
Monday, Tuesday  
June 23, 24, 1997**

*Chairperson:* Gail Seeley

*Place:* Albright College

*Signature Herb:* Rosemary

*Principle Speakers:* Bertha Reppert, “The Power of Rosemary”; Todd Oldham, “Mediterranean Cooking”; Waneta Strickert, “Herbs of the Bible”

*Tour:* Rodale Institute featuring a large demonstration garden, “Persephone’s Garden” where Brenda and Merick Boyer raise and design dried floral creations; Meadowview Farm in Bowers with their huge collection of hot peppers. Corriedale Farm with fields of everlastings and flocks of sheep. Mertztown Farm of Judith Murphy PHHS member with stone dwellings from 1760, 1804, and 1830. There is a wild path along the stream. In Landis Store, Eileen Weinstein has developed a natural ecosystem on her one acre country property. A small pond houses aquatic plant, frogs, toads and birds.

*Food:* Mediterranean lunch was served at the Blue Orchid in Mertztown or Bowers Hotel. Both buildings are county landmarks and date from early to mid-1800’s. The other meals were enjoyed at Albright College.

*Buses:* Basil, Rosemary, Fennel and Oregano

*Potter:* Rise' Long of Wernersville

**“Celestial Herbs”  
Sixteenth Annual Symposium  
Monday, Tuesday  
June 22, 23, 1998**

*Chairperson:* Gail Seeley

*Place:* Albright College

*Signature Herb:* Saint John’s Wort

*Principle Speakers:* Susan Wittig Albert, “Herbs of the Zodiac”; Candace Miller, “Tales from the Plant Kingdom: Potions and Transformations”; Grace Skiadas, “Cooking with Gracie”

*Tours:* Lori and David Schaeffer’s pre-Civil War stone house with garden of herbs and ornamental grasses; Sherri Downie, an 1813 farmhouse with a friendship garden; Doris Reher, beautifully landscaped property with ideas for shaded areas; Wolf Run Nursery, home of Karen and Mark Priebe; Shopping at Homestead Antiques and Mariah’s herb and pottery shop.

*Food:* Daniel Boone Homestead, the site of the legendary pioneer’s birth in 1734, we enjoyed lunch from the Butler’s Pantry. All other meals were prepared by Albright College

*Buses:* Chamomile, St. John’s Wort, Mentha and Valerian

*Potter:* Rise' Long made moons, stars and suns. Christine Wert crafted the bowls.

**“Christmas Thyme Around the World”  
Seventeenth Annual Symposium  
Monday & Tuesday  
June 28 & 29, 1999**

*Chairperson:* Priscilla Plucinsky

*Place:* Albright College

*Signature Herb:* Thyme

*Principle Speakers:* Eugene Burkhart Jr., “Pressed Flowers with a Flair”; Marge Clark, “Christmas Thyme with Marge Clark”; Betsy Williams, “Herbs and the Season of Christmas”

*Tours:* an eight mile stretch of route 422 between Sinking Spring and Womelsdorf featuring the homes of: Charles and Vicki Lavigna, owner of Green Valley Nursery and their Williamsburg Garden; Gardens of PHHS members, Kelly Wisner, Sybil Bankes and Cynthia Kern (owner of the Victorian Garden Herb Shop); George & Maryann Ruth and their one acre English Garden; Lester Breininger and his PA Dutch Herb garden & Pottery Shop; Shopping was available at the Green Valley Nursery, Murdough’s Christmas Barn, Breininger’s Pottery Shop and Cynthia’s Victorian Garden Herb Shop.

*Food:* Lunch, Dinners and Sunday Social at Albright College; Bus tour lunch was catered buffet by Konopelski Caterers at Willow Glen Park

*Buses:* Dasher-Dancer, Prancer-Vixon, Comet-Cupid, Donnor-Blitzen

*Special Feature:* Dawn Fry told many Christmas stories notably three versions of “The 12 Days of Christmas”

*Potter:* Lester Breining-Hearts and Christmas Thyme Dishes.

**“Herbs for the New Millennium”  
Eighteenth Annual Symposium  
Monday & Tuesday  
June 26, & 27, 2000**

*Chairperson:* Anita Bradley

*Place:* Albright College

*Signature Herb:* Echinacea

*Principle Speakers:* E. Barrie Kavasch, “Herbs for the New Millennium”; Diane Grandstrom, “Aromatherapy-Herbs in their Underwear”; Doris Byers, “Herbal Remedy Gardens”

*Tours:* Historic Marietta on the Susquehanna River has many “*Secret Gardens*”. We toured the private homes of: Lynn & Tony Wonsick, Marian Miller, Mary & Larry Nell, Joan & John Mohr, Rick Stoutzeberger, Margaret Thompson, Ed & Mary Aquino, Joyce & Bob Heiserman, Carol & Keith Shadle, Jeff & Stacy Hess, George Haddad and David Thompson. There were garden craft boutiques at each home for shopping pleasure.

*Food:* Outstanding herbal meals were prepared by Albright College (Dave Tanger) and staff. Tour lunch was at Josephine’s French restaurant in Marietta.

*Workshops:* Echinacea; Floral Herb Sign on Slate; The Power of a Drop; Herbal Medicine Bags; Spice Up your Life; Soapmaking; Try Terrific Tofu; The Lemon Herbs.

*Buses:* Joe Pye, Queen of the Meadow, Valerian, Sweet Grass

*Potter:* Ned Foltz; hearts and the plates were decorated with a choice of Beeskeps, Sunflowers, or Blackbirds

**“Art In The Garden”  
Nineteenth Annual Symposium  
Monday & Tuesday  
June 25 & 26, 2001**

*Chairperson:* Anita Bradley

*Place:* Albright College

*Signature Herb:* Rosa species

*Principle Speakers:* Beverly Fitts, “Accents and Grace Notes”; Laura Bethmann, “Nature Printing”; Don Haynie, “Floratherapy”

*Tours:* A day in Lititz with optional visits to public gardens, and the private gardens of Kathy & Michael Yoder, Barb & Dave Singer, Rachel and Wilbur Siegrist. Shopping at Esbenschade’s Garden Center with a mini-water garden lecture.

*Buses:* Sweet Briar, China Rose, Rosa Rugosa, Damask Rose

*Food:* Delightful herbal and floral meals at Albright and a Victorian Picnic lunch in the park in Lititz.

*Workshops:* Shady Lady Paramours, Art of Nature Printing, Culinary Art, Welcome Basket, Roses for the Herb Garden, Artful Flowers, Stenciled Tea Mugs, Herbal Twig Chair, Create Your Own Sundial, Topiaries and Rosebeads.

*Potter:* Nolde Forest decorated hearts with red and blue roses. Plates had a rose topiary.

**“Everything Old Is New Again”  
Twentieth Annual Symposium  
Saturday, June 22, & 23, 2002**

*Chairperson:* Dawn Fry

*Place:* Conrad Weiser High School

*Signature Herb:* Rosemary

*Principle Speakers:* Roger Swain, “Planting Villages: How Gardens Make Good Neighbors”, Susan Belsinger, “The Art of Flavor: From the Garden to Kitchen”; Ellen Spector Platt, “Using Your Harvest”

*Tour:* A self-guided tour on Sunday included the four-square garden at Old Dry Road Farm, The Penna. Heartland Unit garden at the Berks-Lehigh Valley campus of Penn State. The private gardens of unit members Sybil Bankes, Dawn Fry, Priscilla Plucinsky and Kelly Wisner.

*Food:* Unit members baked morning and afternoon snacks, boxed lunch was served in the Cafeteria

*Workshops:* New Plants for 2002; The Pleasures of Pelargoniums; Native Plants in the Landscape; Plant Tissue Culture Lab.; Basil: An Herb Lover’s Guide; Pennsylvania Wildflowers; Rosemary; Aromatherapy-The Power of a Drop Herbal Wines and Liqueurs

*Potter:* Diane Fox

**“Herbs of the Blue and Gray”  
Twenty-first Annual Symposium  
Sunday and Monday - June 22 & 23, 2003**

*Chairperson:* Dawn Fry

*Place:* Conrad Weiser High School

*Signature Herb:* Sage

*Principle Speakers:* Sunday: Jim Long, “Herbal Medicines of the Civil War”; Monday: Jim Long, “A Doctor’s Medical Bag, 1856” (Morning), “Making Bentwood Trellises”; (Afternoon); Zack Kershner, “DC Fare Comes to Berks County”

*Tour:* A Self-guided tour on Sunday in the Lebanon area included: The Stone House, private home of Gary and Lucinda Matthew Brasenhill, private home of Kaj K. Skov, The Chestnut Street Log House; the private gardens of James Diemler, Steve & Tammy Smith, Chuck Wertz, Mary and Jim Pennypacker, Connie and Steve Thompson

*Food:* Sunday night “The General’s Banquet” was held at the high school followed by Jim Long’s lecture. This dinner was catered by unit member Harriet Boyer.

*Workshops:* Witness Trees; Plant Tissue Culture Lab; Handkerchief Dolls; Herbal Honey; Plant Dyeing; Don’t You Just Love Herbal Gnocchis? Civil War Needle Crafts; Native Plants in the Landscape; Promising Plants for 2003.

*Potter:* Becky Mummert

**“Herbal Tales”  
Twenty-second Annual Symposium  
Sunday and Monday - June 27 & 28, 2004**

*Chairperson:* Marcia Fehl

*Place:* Conrad Weiser High School

*Signature Herb:* Mint

*Principle Speakers:* Sunday evening: Susan Belsinger, “Garden Magic”; Monday: Caroline Holmes, “Zesty Tales of Herbs”; Kathleen Gips, “The Language of Flowers”; Susan Belsinger, “Culinary Herbs”

*Tour:* A self-guided tour of the Hershey Gardens on Sunday

*Food:* Sunday banquet (Mint inspired meal) and Monday lunch were catered by unit member, Harriet Boyer; Monday breakfast and snacks were prepared by unit members.

*Workshops:* Sunday “Kids grow in Gardens too” (for 8-12 year olds and accompanying adult) Team workshops include: Dream Pillows, Herbal Tea Party, Fairy Houses, Plant Herbal Garden in a container and a tour of the Conrad Weiser Garden. Monday: Beyond Green Leaves, Doctrine of Signature, Dream Pillows, Mint, Story Stones, Promising Plants for 2004.

*Potter:* Bujno Pottery from Adamstown

**“Celebrate Herbs”  
Twenty-third Annual Symposium  
Sunday, Monday and Tuesday  
June 26, 27, & 28, 2005**

*Chairperson:* Marcia Fehl

*Place:* Conrad Weiser High School

*Signature Herb:* Calendula

*Principle Speakers:* Monday morning: Dr. Arthur Tucker, "The Benefits and Cautions of Herbs", Ralph Mazzocci, Chef, "Tasty Herbal Delights"

*Workshops:* Sunday afternoon, "Children Grow In Gardens, Too!" Nature Prints, Prepare Snacks for Tea Party, Tea Party and Story Telling, Plant an Herb Garden, and Make a Worm Farm, Monday afternoon, Promising Plants for 2005, Herbal Cleaning, Please Don't Eat the Daisies, Tussie-Mussies; Herbal Makeover; Pop-up Garden Cards; Calligraphy, Authorship and Books, Healing Gardens; and Beyond Tea.

*Tour:* Tuesday' Schuylkill County: Toni Groff's eclectic garden; Skip and Anita Bradley's property located on the Blue Mountain Ridge; Joseph and Arlene Quesada's Briar Hill property; Barbara Gill's "Edenbower"; Kay Ost's garden & working studio of silver and gold crafts; Garden Shops visited: Martin's Farm Market and Farm House Shops.

*Food:* Monday lunch catered by PHHS member Harriet Boyer. Tuesday lunch catered by member Harriet Boyer; Tuesday banquet held at VIVA with choice of Chicken Picatta or Amaretto Flounder.

*Potter:* Denise Wilz, Wilz Pottery



**"Going Global With Herbs"  
Twenty-fourth Annual Symposium  
Sunday, Monday and Tuesday  
June 18, 19 & 20, 2006**

*Chairperson* - Pat Kline

*Place*: Conrad Weiser High School

*Signature Herb* - Pelargonium

*Principal Speakers*: Monday morning: Pat Crocker, "Leaves of Life - Global Greening"; Jim Lesniak, "Herbs Applied in Three Courses"

*Workshops*: Sunday afternoon - "Children Grow in Gardens Too!" Butterfly Gardening, Attracting Birds to Your Garden, Construct Bird Houses and Feeders, Make a Butterfly Container Garden. Monday afternoon - The Different Tastes of Herbal Teas, Pressed Flower Designs, Spices: A World of Flavor, Preparing an English Tea, International Recipe Makeovers, European Floral Design through Time, Promising Plants for 2006, Silent Invaders, and Pelargonium and Their Uses-Past and Present

*Tour (Tuesday)*: Northern Berks County private gardens and garden shops; Bob and Marcia Fehl's "Grammy's Garden"; Bill and Louise Eaken's property with water feature, garden accessories, herbs and perennials; Peter and Elaine Taraphak's colonial garden; The Gores historic 1860 farmhouse was the site of lunch under the sycamore trees. There are many theme gardens, including Asian garden; David and Pamela Smith's property, is a mix of trees, shrubs, perennials, herbs, and annuals; Sam Borrell's garden landscaped to stress the avoidance of parallel lines; Michael and Synthia Angelone's intimate garden is small and full of herbs, perennials and annuals. Garden shops visited were Countryside Gardens and Sycamore Springs.

*Food*: Monday lunch catered by PHHS member Harriet Boyer. Tuesday box lunch catered by "Lunch to You"; Tuesday banquet held at ViVA with a choice of Baked Salmon En Papillote or Mediterranean Chicken Roulade

*Potter*: Tammy Zettlemoyer

**"An Herbal Jubilee"  
Twenty-fifth Annual Symposium  
Sunday, Monday and Tuesday  
June 17, 18 and 19, 2007**

*Chairperson*: Pat Kline

*Place*: Conrad Weiser High School

*Signature Herb*: Lemon Balm

*Principal Speakers*: Monday morning - Susan Belsinger & Tina Marie Wilcox, "The Creative Herbal Home"

*Workshops*: Sunday afternoon - "Grazing in the Garden" Introduced children to plants in the garden/yard considered to be weeds but are indeed edible. Children decorated a tote, had a scavenger hunt, edible weed snacks and made a garden container of edible weeds to take home. Monday afternoon - Edible Fruit Bouquets, Pressed Flower Designs (Eugene Burkhart), Dabbling In Design, Lovely Lemon Herbs, Come See My Roses, Xeriscape Gardening, Promising Plants for 2007, Landcape Laboratory, Fairy Flora

*Tour (Tuesday)*: Seven northern Berks County gardens and two garden shops. Kathy and David Glasers garden and Kathy's Primitive Shop, Owen and Sharon Jones' garden, David Shalter's garden, Gail Seeley's garden, Evergreen Place, Sue and Roger Eichlin's garden, the Reading Museum grounds, Centerton Nursery and Spayd's Garden Center.

*Food*: Monday-box lunch at Conrad Weiser High School; Tuesday evening banquet at Viva in Wyomissin, PA

**"Gardening for the Soul"  
Twenty-sixth Annual Symposium  
Monday and Tuesday  
June 16 & 17, 2008**

*Chairperson*: Marcia Fehl and Dawn Fry

*Place*: Conrad Weiser High School

*Signature Herb*: Borage

*Principal Speaker*: Monday- Pat Stone of Green Prints Magazine, "The Greatest Garden Stories Ever Told".

*Monday Workshops*: "Bejeweled Fresh Flower Arrangements", Sue Weiser; "History of the Labyrinth", Adrienne Newsham; "The Garden Labyrinth", Marlene Drukenmiller; Choosing Favorites/Letting Go", Courtney Stevens; "Bede's World to Duke's World", Joyce Brobst; "Beginner Pressed Flower Designs", Eugene Burkhart; "Yoga In the Garden", Molly Kauffman; "Reiki", Ginny Chudgar; "Promising Plants of 2008", Rexine Krause; "Hum With Your Heart: Music Therapy"; Chair Massages.

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*Tuesday Tour:* Motor Coach to Lancaster, PA. The Five Points Neighborhood in Old Town Lancaster, Holy Trinity Church, The Demuth Garden, Herbs from the Labyrinth at Radiance, Space to Grow, Central Market, Wheatland, Louise Arnold Tanger Arboretum, Sarah and Will Campbell's Garden, Conestoga House, Kegel's Produce, Church of the Apostles United Church of Christ. Lunch included.

*Tuesday Banquet:* Annie Bailey's Irish Pub, Lancaster, PA. Mixed Green Salad, Choice of Chicken Madeira, Grilled Vegetable Cannelloni or Crab Cake, New York Cheese Cake, Beverages.

*Potter:* Denise Wilz, Wilz Pottery

**“Bee My Honey”  
Twenty-seventh Annual Symposium  
Sunday, Monday and Tuesday  
June 14, 15 and 16, 2009**

*Chairperson:* Priscilla Plucinsky

*Place:* Conrad Weiser High School

*Signature Herb:* Nepeta

*Principal Speaker:* Monday morning: Jim Bobb “Sex in the Garden” Monday afternoon, Tina Sams and Maryanne Schwartz

*Workshops:* Sunday afternoon: “Bee My Honey” for children-Education about bees, see a working bee hive, prepare honey snacks, bee craft and plant an herbal pollinating container garden. Monday afternoon: Promising Plants, Queen Bee, Gourd Birdhouses, Beneficial Insects, FFA Bee Demonstration, How Weather Affects Your Gardening, Attracting Bees to Your Garden, Honey Bee Collapse Disorder, Invasive Plants, Monarch Butterflies, Recycling for a Greener World, Pollinating Plants and Nepeta, Catnip or Lavender Sachet Mouse, and Potpourri Make and Take.

*Tuesday Bus Tour:* Private gardens in Chester County-Michael Howell; Caroline Amidon, Dru and Maurice Kring; Susan and Michael Hess; Dr. Doris Rowe Schoel; Janet Maki.

*Garden shops:* French Creek Vineyards, Michael Howell's “Create a Scene”

*Food:* Monday lunch catered by Luke's of Robesonia, Tuesday's lunch catered by and enjoyed at Welkenweir; Tuesday's banquet held at Toscani's.

**“Spice Up Your Life”  
Twenty-eighth Annual Symposium  
Monday and Tuesday  
June 21 and 22, 2010**

*Chairperson:* Mary Ellen Johnston

*Place:* Conrad Weiser High School

*Signature Herb:* Pepper

*Principal Speakers:* Monday morning: Pat Crocker “Herbs of the Kasbah”; Monday afternoon: Jerry “the Spice Man” Kahan “Spice: A World of Flavor”

*Monday's Workshops:* “Edible Gifts with Herbs”, Susanne Reppert; “Promising Plants”, Rexine Krause; “Chocolate! Chocolate! Chocolate!”, Selina Man; “Garlic-the Stinking Rose”, Pat Magala; “Peppers-from the Garden to the Kitchen”, Pat Magala; “Make and Take Herbal Kitchen Wreath”, Natalie Grebe and Leslie Shimp; “Care of Your Garden Tools”, Gerry Gobright; “Tomato Blight-What is It and What to Do About It”, Adam Serfass & FFA students; “Horticulture Lesson on the Pepper”, Billie Beadle and Justina Campbell; “Herbal Make & Take, Herbal Basting Brush”, Priscilla Plucinsky and Kay Pfautz

*Tuesday's Bus Tour:* Private gardens in Western Berks County: Patty and Charles Minehart, George Balthaser; Danielle and Dennis Mulally, Mary Smith, Becky and Dave Johnson, Sandy and Matt Grajewski; Linda and Matt Barnhart, Almosta Ranch Alpacas. Garden shops: Almosta Ranch Alpacas, Green Valley Nursery.

*Food:* Monday lunch catered by Luke's. Tuesday lunch catered by The Tom Cat Café and served at Blue Marsh Dam. Tuesday banquet at Toscani's Wood Fire Grill.

**“Landscaping – From the Ground Up”  
Twenty-ninth Annual Symposium  
Monday and Tuesday  
June 20 and 21, 2011**

*Co-chairpersons:* Mary Ellen Johnston and Nola Gildin

*Place:* Conrad Weiser High School

*Signature Herb:* Basil

*Principal Speaker:* Don Haynie

*Monday's Workshops:* "How to Create Your Own Moon Garden", Synthia Angelone; "Promising Plants", Rexine Krause; "What is a Rain Garden?", Jessica Simkulet, "Xeriscape and Roof Top Gardens", Adam Searfass & Ag-Science students, "Tweak It with Herbs", Anita Bradley, "F aerie Gardens, Marcia Fehl and Natalie Grebe; "Sculpture and the Garden", Peter Jon Snyder; "Horticulture Lesson on Basil", Billie Beadle and Justina Campbell; "Herbal Make & Take", "Herbal Culinary Wreath", PHHS members

*Tuesday's Bus Tour:* Private gardens in Northampton County; Judy and Dan Bauer; Linda and Rich Spangler; Sharon and Ron Donchez; Governor Wolf Historical Society; Garden shop-Point Phillip Perennials

*Food:* Monday lunch catered by Luke's. Tuesday lunch catered by The Daily Grind and served at the Wolf Academy; Tuesday banquet The Inn at Reading.

**"A Rose by Any Other Name"  
Thirtieth Annual Symposium  
Monday and Tuesday June 18 & 19, 2012**

*Co-chairpersons:* Nola Gildin and Jane Brubaker

*Place:* Conrad Weiser High School

*Signature Herb:* Rose Geranium

*Principal Speaker:* Sue Weiser, the Floral Studio "A Rose in Any Other Way"

*Monday's Workshops:* "TLC for Roses", Pat Pitkin, "Vertical Gardens", Adam Searfass & Ag-Science students of CWHS; "Faerie Gardens", Marcia Fehl and Natalie Grebe, "Rose Oil: Roses in Their Underwear", Diane M. Grandstrom RN, BSN; "Duchess Rose", Monika Capozzi & Linda Wharton, "Anatomy of a Gardener", Michael J. Lehr DPT, "Herbal Sorbets & Ice Creams", Billi Parus, "Horticulture Lesson - A Rose by Any Other Name", Caroline Amidon, Joyce Brobst, Pat Magala, "Herbal Tea Bag Make & Take", Kay Pfautz

*Tuesday's Bus Tour:* Private gardens in Southern Berks, Northern Lancaster and Chester Counties; John Paul II Center for Special Learning, Roger and Cindy Harris, Gene and Mary Lowry; Larry and Marion Mowrey, Carole and Arthur Burt. Garden shops-Esbenshade's Garden Center-Mohnton; Vendors at lunch provided by the JP II Booster's Club

*Food:* Monday's lunch was a High Tea catered by Cloud 9. Tuesday's lunch catered by Russo's and served at the JP II Center. Tuesday's banquet held at The Inn at Reading.

*Potter:* Martin Hozella

**Thirty-first Annual Garden Bus Tour  
Tuesday June 11, 2013**

*Coordinator:* Jane Brubaker

*Garden Tour:* Priscilla Plucinsky and Darlene Hemming

*Bus Tour:* Mohnton and Morgantown Area

*Private gardens:* Tony and Melissa Azzarello's garden featured herbs, PA natives, annuals, perennials, vegetables and tropical plants in a small patch of land. Deborah and David Bertoldi's; Bill and Kathy Steckiel's garden featured boulder terraced slopes. Flowering plants in bright colors attract birds, bees and butterflies; John and Dorothy Daily's Tangled Wood Cottage featured a free form wall made of Cob (an earthen concrete) that was artistic and unbelievable.

*Shops visited:* Sugarbush Nursery, Graybuck Country Home and Garden

*Lunch:* Catered by Weaver's and served at Weaver's Orchard.

**"Autumn Holiday Luncheon"  
Thirty-first Annual Symposium & Luncheon  
Tuesday October 8, 2013**

*Coordinators:* Jane Brubaker, Doris robb

*Location:* Stokesay Castle

*Signature Herb:* Monarda fistulosa

*Principal Speakers:* Willie Brockington, Executive Chef, Stokesay Castle; Andrea Heinly, Executive Chef, The Peanut Bar, Reading

*Vendors:* Handcrafted items available including woodworking, jewelry, children's books, garden accessories and crafts, lavender products and pottery

*Presentations:* Seasonal dishes for the holidays

*Lunch:* Prepared and served by the Stokesay staff

*Scholarship Raffle & Door prizes*



**Thirty-second Annual Garden Bus Tour  
Monday June 16, 2014**

*Coordinators:* Shirley Dautrich, Pat Hansbury, Nola Gildin

*Bus Tour:* Oley Valley Area

*Private gardens:* Nancy Boyer's garden featured copper and iron gate created by sculptor Greg Leavitt of Boyertown. This gate was on exhibit at the 2005 Philadelphia Flower Show; Katherine and Norman DeLan's French inspired garden featured a sunken garden and garden rooms with French statues; Dr. David and Doreen Duncan's property; Gretchen and John Lea's 22 acre farmette; Joanne and Joseph Ruth's 18<sup>th</sup> century farm "Friendly Acres"; Mike and Barb Dietrich of Oley Valley Organics gave a tour of their farm.

*Shops visited:* Glick's Greenhouse, Manatawny Creek Farm and Pikeville Antiques.

*Lunch:* Catered by The Market Café of Topton and served at the Oley Fair Center in downtown Oley.

**"Herbal Holiday Luncheon"  
Thirty-second Annual Symposium & Luncheon  
Tuesday October 14, 2014**

*Co-chairpersons:* Jane Brubaker and Doris Robb

*Place:* Stokesay Castle

*Signature Herb:* Redwing milkweed

*Principal Speaker:* Debbie Mosimann

*Vendors:* Handcrafted items available including woodworking, jewelry, children's books, garden accessories and crafts, lavender products and pottery

*Presentations:* Tablescapes and place settings, Mary and Don Haldeman; Culinary Ideas for Holiday Entertaining, Debbie Mosimann; Herbal gifts demonstration, Priscilla Plucinsky and Pat Magala

*Food:* Choice of: Asian Sesame Chicken Salad, Shrimp with Garlic Herb Salad, Mediterranean Grilled Vegetable Salad served by Stokesay Staff

*Scholarship Raffle & Door prizes*

**Thirty-third Annual Garden Bus Tour  
Monday June 15, 2015**

*Garden Tour Coordinators:* Anita Bradley and Wendy Steensland

*Bus Tour Coordinator:* Nola Gildin

*Registration:* Diane Schuster

*Bus Tour Designation:* Kutztown Area gardens

*Private gardens:* Carol and Ron Bogansky, Joanne Lopic and David Miller, Russ and Carol Schullely, and Kristen Tuerk's small in-town garden.

*Shops:* Countryside Farm and Greenhouse

*Public Gardens:* The Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center at Kutztown University and The Rodale Institute

*A Buffet Lunch* was served at the Kutztown Fire Company's Banquet Hall.

*Scholarship Raffle* prizes were distributed to winners as busses returned at end of tour.

**"Herbs for All Occasions"  
Thirty-third Annual Symposium & Luncheon  
Tuesday October 6, 2015**

*Coordinators:* Doris Robb and Phyllis Stabilepszy

*Place:* Stokesay Castle

*Signature Herb:* fine herbes (parsley, chives, tarragon and chervil)

*Speakers:* John Moeller, former White House Chef, Experiences as a White House Chef, questions and answers, cooking demonstration and book signing of his Dining at the White House: From the President's Table to Yours.

Barbara Mills, Charter member of PHHS, "Versatile Fines Herbes"

*Vendors:* Handcrafted items available including woodworking, jewelry, children's books, garden accessories and crafts, lavender products and pottery

*Luncheon:* prepared and served by the Stokesay staff.

*Scholarship Raffle & Door prizes*

## **Our Scholarship Program**

From the inception of our herbal study, the idea of a scholarship was of great importance, and money from our very first symposium, and from most of those following, was donated to Albright College to improve its educational program or learning environment in some way.

In 1992 we awarded our first scholarship to a college student pursuing studies in the field of horticulture. The amount of this annual award is determined by the profits made from the raffle of gifts donated to the symposium, plus the interest earned on our CD investment. The award has been made available each year since 1992 to students from Delaware Valley College, Penn State University, or Temple University who apply for the award.

### **Recipients of the award:**

1992: Anne Brennen – Penn State University  
1993: Jeff Botta – Delaware Valley College  
1992: No applicants  
1994: Kathleen McBride-Temple University  
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1996: Gregory Funk-Temple University  
1997: Jill West- Penn State University  
1997: Wendy Benson – Penn State University  
1997: Craig Houpp- Penn State University  
1998: Greg Schaab- Penn State University  
1999: Andrea H. Smith-Temple University, Ambler  
2000: Tara Claghorn- Temple University  
2001: Anne Bond-Penn State University  
2001: Nancy Lynn Hoffman-Delaware Valley College  
2002: Katrina Joelle Getz- Penn State University  
2003: Amanda L. Schott-Penn State University  
2004: Thomas J. Brooks- Delaware Valley College

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2006: Jeffery Erb-Penn State University  
2007: Brian Aynardi-Penn State University  
2008: Kelby Taylor-Penn State University  
2009: Hillary Snavelly-Delaware Valley College  
2010: Melissa Miller-Penn State University  
2011: Julie D'Agostino-Temple University-Ambler  
2012: Ryan P. Moraski-Penn State University  
2013: Denise Snook-Temple University-Ambler  
2014: Julie Schubert-Penn State University  
2015: Katherine Beekman-Delaware Valley University

### **Recipients of the Linda Rider Scholarship:**

2007: Kelby Taylor-Penn State University  
2008: Josh Nimmerichter-Temple University  
2009: Hillary Snavelly-Delaware Valley College

## **Herbal Unit Tours**

Our unit has typically arranged a garden tour the third Thursday in May, and they have all been very special. A listing of the primary sites for these tours follows:

**1982** – A two day trip to the New England area including a garden in New York, a Nature Center in Connecticut (Bunny Foster joined the group), and visits to Joy Logee Martin and Adelma Simmons.

**1983** – A bus trip to Ann and Bill Stubbs Herb Farm in Elkton, MD. In May, unit members traveled by car to the Ashwood Greenhouses (Philip and Sara Avila) in the Oley Valley, PA.

**1984** – A tour with Joanna Reed in her garden in Malvern, PA. Groups were served dinner on May 22, and a luncheon was arranged for May 24.

**1985** – On May 15, a caravan of cars and van traveled to Lancaster County to see the gardens of Vera Cox and Barbara Selka in Mt. Joy, “Lavender Patch” herb shop and garden of Marion Brenneman at Donegal, lunch at Terri Maclay’s “Nature’s Harmony” in Lewisberry, and finished at the “Rosemary House” with Bertha Reppert in Mechanicsburg. On October 24, we took a van trip to Herb Day at the National Arboretum in Washington, DC.

**1986** – Three trips were planned during this year: Thursday, April 24, a bus took unit members to the McCormick Spice and Tea Company, Baltimore, MD, and shopping followed at the Light and Pratt Pavilions at Baltimore’s Harbor Place.

Saturday, June 7, a bus trip was planned for touring Elisabeth Woodburn’s garden and farm (Book Noll) in Hopewell, NJ, and Delaware Valley Unit’s Herb Garden at the “Old Prallsville Mill and Industrial Herb Garden” in Stockton, NJ.

Saturday, October 4, a bus traveled to Millersburg, PA to Katy Olinger’s Tea Room for an herbal luncheon and lecture by Bertha Reppert, “Herbs That Were Here”.

**1987** – On Wednesday, May 20 the group traveled to the York area in a mini-bus, van, and car to tour the gardens of our unit member Lois Schetky, Hallam, and nearby HSA Susquehanna unit member, Yvonne McConkey. Rain gave us the opportunity to enjoy Yvonne’s historic home, antiques, and personal artwork. We ate lunch at Mackley’s Mill and then traveled to the Gate House at Plough Tavern in York for the museum and garden tour. Nancy McFall’s historic home and garden were next and finally to unit member Yvonne Snyder’s extensive gardens in Dover.

**1988** – Thursday, May 19, our unit traveled to the Oley Valley area via the Boyertown trolley bus in a downpour at the beginning, with visits to the gardens of PA Heartland members Mary Ney, Darlene Henning, and Marsha Green. Other stops included the nearby restored Grist Mill and garden of “Flitzie” Kindig, the Urban’s farm, and the dried flower and historic farm of Susan Hollowbush. Shopping followed at Duckenfield’s General Store with a champagne lunch at Blair Creek Inn. Additional shopping occurred at the New Jerusalem Sewing and Craft Shop, which had just planted an elaborate herb garden with an arbor.

**1989** – On Thursday, May 18, the group visited the wildflower hillside at the home of Joanne Krall, Chestnut Ridge Drive, near Lancaster along Rt. 30, and then traveled to Littlestown to the “Alloway Herb Gardens,” which are owned and operated by unit members Barbara Steele and Marlene Lufriu. A box lunch was served at “Alloway Gardens” and a bus snack prepared by Mary Spaeth, chef at Green Valley Country Club.

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- 1990** – On Thursday, May 17 five cars traveled to the Conestoga House in Lancaster, with additional visits to the gardens of Susquehanna Unit members Dawn High of New Holland Pike, Sherron Thiry of Old Saybrook Road, and Joanne Poole of Hunsecker Road, all in Lancaster County. Lunch was at the “East of Eden” restaurant decorated with abundant hanging greenery.
- 1991** – The Brooklyn Botanic Garden in New York was the focus of this bus tour on Thursday, May 16.
- 1992** – On Thursday, May 24, the group traveled to the Washington, D. C. area with tours at the National Botanic Garden by Holly Shimizu, the Enid Haupt Memorial Garden at Smithsonian, and the National Herb Garden with Janet Walker. Lunch was in Arlington, VA, at the Sequoia Restaurant at the Harbor on the Potomac River. Nancy Harding, a professional tour guide, met our bus when we arrived in Washington and traveled with us throughout the day. An afternoon visit with Tom DeBaggio, Arlington, VA, concluded the tour.
- 1993** – Thursday, May 20, was the day of our tour to the Malvern, PA area including stops at the Devon Waterloo Gardens, the Robert Montgomery Nursery and the gardens of Joanna Reed where we enjoyed a catered box lunch.
- 1994** – A trip to LaDew Gardens, Monkton, MD, with stops at the nearby Robert Schultz nursery and private garden, and a stop on the return home at the garden of PA Heartland member, Peggy Conway, in Hallam, York Co., PA.
- 1995** - Thursday May 18, our group toured the 70 acre estate of Adolf Rosengarten named “Chanticleer,” in Wayne, Pa. and then went on to historic Bartram’s Garden in Philadelphia where a delicious box lunch was served prior to our guided garden tour. Shopping was enjoyed at the Exton, Waterloo Gardens Nursery.
- 1996** – On Thursday, May 16, our group traveled by bus to the Brandywine Conservancy River Museum with a lecture and tour of the Wild Flower Gardens followed by lunch while overlooking the river. Then onto the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania where we were treated to a tour and lecture.
- 1997** – May 15, we traveled to the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C. to visit our HSA garden. The next stop was the Hillwood Museum, the former home of Marjorie Merriweather Post. We toured the gardens, museum and dacha. The Potomac Unit was our host at the arboretum. Breakfast and dinner was catered by Ted & Carl Caterers.
- 1998** – Our May jaunt took us to the Rosemary House in Mechanicsburg where Bertha Reppert spoke on herbs followed by a full herbal luncheon prepared by Nancy Reppert. We visited three private gardens including that of Terri Maclay and Gail Kephart, unit members. Shopping at Ashcombe Farm and Greenhouse completed our trip.
- 1999** – May 20 found us on a bus trip to Barbara Steele’s Alloway Creek Gardens and Herb Farm (Barb is an associate member of PHHS) where we had the thyme of our lives shopping and basking in the warm weather while eating our delicious boxed lunch. Shopping onsite at Alloway included; Rosemary House and Willow Pond. We also visited two of Barb’s friend’s private gardens- Doris Lease and Ellie Bennet.
- 2000** – May 11, Peggy Conway arranged a delightful tour of the Dover, PA area. Becky Roberts was our first stop where we had the opportunity to purchase some of his exciting Irises. Before lunch we had a short visit at the Lauer’s Garden. Later we walked to Peggy Conway’s wonderful Mediterranean Southwestern Garden and enjoyed lunch catered by Kicker’s. Shopping at Farrell’s Nursery & Stauffer’s at Kissel Hill completed our trip.
- 2001** – May 19, Justina Campbell arranged this trip to NYC where we toured the Cloisters including the Bonnefont Cloister Herb Garden. We then traveled to the NY Botanical Gardens where we enjoyed a box lunch under a tent in the garden followed by a guided tour, free time to roam and shop.

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- 2002** – May 16, This year's May trip took us to Dover Delaware thanks to Dr. Art Tucker. First stop was his own private garden where we also had our box lunch. We then traveled to Eden hill Garden Center for shopping. Then on to Dr. McClement shade garden and finally The Claude E. Phillips Herbarium at the Delaware State University.
- 2003** - May 15, Our members, with guests, visited the Brandywine River Museum and Conservancy for a lecture and tour of the gardens and art gallery. Lunch was enjoyed on the bus trip to Winterthur in Delaware, where we enjoyed the Elegant Tour, visits to the galleries, the Campbell Soup Tureen display and the Enchanted Woods.
- 2004** - On May 13, A docent tour of Well-Sweep Herb Farm in Port Murray, N.J. was held. After a box lunch was enjoyed at the farm, the bus traveled to Alithea Bank Nursery, then on to the Rodale Institute for both a Garden and Orchard tour.
- 2005** - On May 19, members traveled to Washington, DC for a docent tour of the US Botanic Garden and a walk through of the Bertoli Gardens. Box lunches were served on the bus en-route to the Washington National Cathedral, where we toured both the Cathedral and the Bishop's Garden. Members were then free to visit the Herb Cottage Gift Shoppe and the Greenhouse.
- 2006** – A planned tour of Longwood Gardens and shopping at Waterloo Gardens was cancelled due to lack of interest.
- 2007** – May 17<sup>th</sup>. Mt. Cuba Research Center and Carolyn's Shade Garden
- 2008** – May 15<sup>th</sup>. Hortulus Farm and Nursery in Wrightstown, Meadowbrook Farms and Russell's Greenhouse.
- 2009** – May 21<sup>st</sup>. Meadowbrook Farms and Russell's
- 2010** – May 20<sup>th</sup>. Twin Silo Farm, Linden Hill Gardens and Jerry Fritz's private garden.
- 2011** – May 19<sup>th</sup>. Felicita Resort, the Angino gardens, Hershey Rose Garden, shopping at Layser's Florist and Nursery.
- 2012** – The gardens of Charles Cresson and Gene Spurgeon in Swarthmore. After lunch, we visited Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College. A stop at Terrain at Styers allowed time for nursery and gift store shopping.
- 2013** – Bartram's Garden; Wyck House and Garden; lunch at Bartram's catered by Boyer's Market and Catering
- 2014** – May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chanticleer Plus
- 2015** – May 21<sup>st</sup>. Two private gardens in the Jenkintown area, Jenkins Arboretum and Still Pond Nursery

## **The Unit Gardens**

The PA Heartland Unit has dedicated itself to sponsoring public gardens that will inspire others to learn about and use herbs in their daily lives.

From the time of our initial study group, members have cared for a small garden at the White Horse Tavern, a property listed with the Berks County Historic Preservation Trust. This garden in Douglasville, PA, is designed on either side of a brick path. The restoration of the brick walkway at this garden was also sponsored and funded by our Herb Unit. This garden is maintained by Unit members.

Early on it was decided that our unit should sponsor a garden in an educational setting and the caretakers of the Berks Campus of Penn State University were enthusiastic about our sponsoring a learning garden at the site of the Jannsen Conference Center. In 1987, unit member Yvonne England along with Penn State groundskeeper Pete Snyder made this a reality. In this setting, where meetings and conferences are held frequently, the garden has a lot of public exposure, and the goal of extending knowledge can be reached by both the university and the herb unit. The herb Garden dedication at Penn State was held in the garden Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 1988 at 2 PM.

The Penn State Garden is divided into four main theme beds (Culinary, Fragrance, Closed Knot and Open Knot) surrounded by two side beds (Silver Garden and Native Plants Garden). The culinary garden holds a sundial placed there in memory of Paul Winter, whose wife taught at the Penn State Berks Campus. April 15, 2000 a tree, *Cercis canadensis* 'Forest Pansy' was planted and dedicated in memory of Bertha Reppert. In 2003 we applied for and were awarded the Suburban Greening Award from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society in Philadelphia. In 2004 we replaced the rear knot garden due to the deterioration of the plant material and the high cost of upkeep and maintained. This was replaced by an apothecary garden.

In 1991 the unit accepted the garden on the Albright College Campus as a public garden under its sponsorship. We were part of the planning and planting of this garden located near the campus center. One of its greatest features was that it could be easily viewed through the larger glass windows near the theater. Caring for this garden had many advantages. Because we held our Herbal Delights Symposium at the Albright Campus, it provided a perfect focal point for many symposium participants to learn about herbs and gardening. In addition, the many visitors to the campus were exposed to herbs, and the dining hall chef enjoyed the easy access to the culinary herbs. It is in this garden where our unit placed a memorial sundial commemorating the work done by HSA member Priscilla "Fuzzy" Lord, formerly of the New England Unit. In 2002 our Herbal Delights symposium held annually in June changed its format and location from Albright College to the Conrad Weiser High School in Robeson, PA. At that time we decided it was no longer feasible to continue maintaining the Albright Garden. The sundial at Albright in memory of Priscilla Lord remained at Albright due to the fact it has a base weighing 300 lb in which the bronze plaque is anchored making it impossible to move without destroying the integrity of the unit. Albright has hired a gardener who will also be looking after the Albright Herb Garden.

The unit has garden coordinators for the White Horse Tavern Garden and the Penn State Garden. These individuals schedule work days for these gardens and arrange for the purchase of plants and mulch as needed. Care at the Penn State garden is facilitated by bed heads which have a responsibility for each specific garden. We also schedule fall and spring cleanups to encourage the help of all unit members in the garden.

As per our bylaws a minimum of 3 hours of garden work in a public garden is requested of each member. At least one of these hours should be worked in one of our unit gardens.

## **Honorary Members**

We are also an organization which is very pleased to recognize the special talents, dedication and service of members who go beyond the call of duty to promote the use of herbs. During our history we have conferred the distinction of Honorary Member on:

Bertha Reppert – April, 1988 (deceased June 8, 1999)

Esther Good – April, 1990 (deceased July 21, 1990)

Marion Bates – December, 1993

Joyce Brobst - September, 2000

Caroline Amidon – September 2015

As we recognize these honorary members, we are always reminded of the goals of our Herb Unit and of The Herb Society of America. Since our beginnings we have been dedicated to expanding the knowledge of herbs, and it is evident that the seeds for this dedication were planted in the past, harvested in our present, and are being continually sown for the future!

## **Significant Events in the Pennsylvania Heartland Unit**

### ***January 2, 1985***

Formal Application to become a Unit was made to The Herb Society of America, and we were welcomed as the twenty-sixth unit with eighty active members.

### ***April 10, 1985***

First Unit Executive Board Meeting was held at the home of Marion Bates.

### ***May 1985***

First issue of **The Heartland Thymes** was published with Helen Haring as the first editor.

### ***May 1986***

Unit members attended a taxonomy workshop at Albright College with Dr. Roger Jensen.

### ***October 10, 1986***

Joint Unit Meeting with Del. Valley, Northern NJ, Philadelphia and Susquehanna Units at Longwood Gardens featuring Robert Ackert, “Shakespeare’s Kitchen – Use of Herbs in Dining in Tudor Days.”

### ***December 6, 1986***

Name tags with the Heart Logo designed by Pam Reynolds were presented to members.

### ***September 24 - 26, 1987***

Pennsylvania Heartland Unit hosted the Fall Board Meeting of The Herb Society of America.

*Co-Chairpersons:* Barbara Mills and Harriet Moore

*Place:* The Reading Motor Inn

*Speaker:* Bertha Reppert – “Native American Herbs and Spices”

*Tour:* Saturday, Sept. 26: Private Gardens of: Sandy Lane, Bowmansville; Marion Bates, Glen Oley Farms; Yvonne Guinta, Honeybrook; Pat Dyer, “The Village Herb Shop,” Blue Ball; Festival at Mouns Jones House; Good’s Greenhouses, Adamstown; Unit Herb Garden at Berks Campus of Penn State University

*Food:* Lunch – The White Horse Tavern; Dinner – Widow Finney’s

*Attendance:* 55 Members of The Herb Society of America Board

**September 29, 1987**

Joint Unit Meeting with Del. Valley, Northern NJ, Philadelphia and Susquehanna Units at Washington crossing Historic Park, and the Gardens at Prallsville Mill, Stockton, NJ

**1988:** Our cookbook, “Savour the Seasons with Herbs” was published.

**April 1988**

Honorary Membership was bestowed upon Bertha Reppert.

**September 15, 1988**

Joint Meeting with Del. Valley, Northern NJ, Philadelphia and Susquehanna Units at Landis Valley Museum.

**September 18, 1988**

The Herb Garden Dedication was held at the Berks Campus of Penn State University.

**October 17, 1989**

Joint Meeting with Del. Valley, Northern NJ, Philadelphia, and Susquehanna Units at The Lancaster Country Club. Susquehanna Unit members set up specialty displays and demonstrations for all to enjoy. The scheduled speaker, Esther Schmidt, HSA Botany and Horticulture Chairman., broke her ankle and was unable to attend.

**April 1990**

Honorary Membership was bestowed upon Esther Good.

**June 27–30, 1990**

Pennsylvania Heartland hosted the Annual Meeting of the Herb Society of America. This was the annual symposium event as well.

*Chairpersons:* Elizabeth Hartinger and Yvonne England

*Place:* The Berkshire Sheraton

*Principle Speakers:* Bertha Reppert, “Pennsylvania Herbal Folklore”; George Meiser, IX - “Photographic History of Berks County, PA” (Sunday)

*Tours:* Friday, June 29: Private gardens of members of the PA Heartland Unit - Marion Bates, Yvonne England, Patrice Dyer; Gardens of John B. Good House and of Sandy Lane, Bowmansville; Ron Simple’s Whimsical Garden, Honeybrook; Sunday, July 1: Rodale Organic Farm and Herb Garden, Maxatawny; Kutztown Folk Festival, Kutztown booths featuring Well–Sweep Herb Farm (Cyrus and Louise Hyde); Herb Farm (Nora and Bill Johnson), Seagertown; Ned Foltz’s redware and herbal pottery, Oley; and Vivian Aaron’s baskets of Basket Road, Oley; Susan Hollowbush Herb Farm; Private Garden of PA Heartland member Evie Braun; Unit Garden at the Berk’s Campus of Penn State University

*Buses:* Ginger, Germander, Catnip, Dianthus, Ajuga. Friday: 5 buses and 4 cars; Sunday: 2 buses and 3 cars

*Potter:* Ned Foltz (hearts only)

**June 1990**

Marion Bates was presented a Certificate of Achievement Award for her contributions to herbal learning at the Annual Meeting of The Herb Society of America (Reading, PA).

**June 23, 1991**

A tree was dedicated in Esther Good’s (Honorary Member) memory at a memorial service on the campus of Albright College at our Herbal Delights Symposium.

**April 1992**

Our first scholarship to a college student was awarded to Anne Brennan, Penn State University.

**June 21, 1992**

A sundial was placed in the Herb Garden at Albright College as a memorial to Priscilla (Fuzzy) Lord. Fuzzy Lord was a member of The New England Unit and served as Historian and Archivist for The Herb Society of America.

**December 11, 1993**

Honorary Membership was bestowed upon Marion Bates.

**June 22 - 25, 1994**

The Pennsylvania Heartland Unit coordinated the decorations for the 60th Annual Meeting of the Herb Society of America held at Penn State University, State College, PA.



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### ***June 24, 1994***

Yvonne Snyder received the Nancy Putnam Howard Award for excellence in horticulture at the 60th Annual Meeting of The Herb Society of America, State College, PA.

### ***June 24, 1994***

Joyce E. Brobst, PA Heartland Unit Member, was inducted as Second Vice-President of The Herb Society of America at the Annual Meeting in State College, PA.

### ***June 25, 1995***

In celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Unit “An Afternoon with Tasha Tudor, An Illustrated Lecture” was held at Northeast Jr. High School. An audience of 1,000 attended. Proceeds from this event supported children’s gardening projects directed by Old Dry Road Farm, The Reading School District, York and Reading “Meet the Plant” Programs, Camp Lily, Reading Beautification, The Berks Country Heritage Center, The Berks County Agriculture Center, and The National Herb Garden.

### ***June 1996***

The Herb Society of America, Inc. was reorganized and we became part of the Mid-Atlantic District with Sandy Salkeld from the Philadelphia Unit as our area representative. Unit members Marion Bates and Lois Schetky were inducted into the HSA’s “Rosemary Circle.”

### ***June 1997***

Adrienne Lind became a member of the “Rosemary Circle.” Our unit took part in a garden tour event to support a local school for specially challenged children. We taught a class to 200 fourth grade students on the joys of herbs.

### ***June 1998***

Joyce Brobst became president of the Herb Society of America, Inc. We funded three gardens locally for children. We made our first voyage to the National Arboretum in Washington D.C. to help maintain the herb beds.

### ***November 1998***

Speaker’s Bureau was adopted for our unit.

### ***January 1999***

PHHS unveils a brick plaque commemorating Reading’s 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. PHHS choose the brick to be used. Eventually this plaque will reside above a herb garden at the city’s new Convention Center which our members will use as an educational tool for the city.

### ***September 1999***

Gail Seeley became district delegate for the Mid-Atlantic Region.

### ***April 2000***

PHHS Website designed and maintained for herbal education use worldwide.

### ***September 23, 2000***

Our Unit hosted the Mid-Atlantic District Symposium in York, PA

### ***September 2000***

Honorary Membership was bestowed upon Joyce Brobst

### ***April 15, 2000***

A memorial plaque and tree planting dedication ceremony was performed for Bertha Reppert at Penn State Garden.

### ***April 18, 2001***

Our unit had a farewell party for Marion Bates (Founder and Honorary Member of our Unit) Marion has returned to live in Maine but will always be in our hearts.

### ***June 2002***

Celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium with a change in the format and location from Albright College to Conrad Weiser High School.

### ***July 2002***

Gail Seeley was named Development Chairman for the Herb Society of America

### ***April 2003***

Standing Rules were revised and adopted at the Annual Meeting  
Our Unit Garden at Penn State was revised and a new Apothecary Garden was added.

**June 2003**

Published our first booklet: "Lotions, Potions, & Tokens: A Compendium of Honey Wisdom, Herbal Recipes, & Gardening for Bees", edited by Anita Bradley and Judy Sargent

**July 2003** - On Saturday, July 12, PA Heartland Unit members traveled by car to three gardens and nursery sites in Lehigh County, PA: Point Phillip Perennials, owned by Kay & Herb Johns; Forever Flowers, owned by Alethea Bahnck; and Emily Mae's Garden, owned by Scott Kresge. The owners gave us a tour of their perennial and herb gardens, in addition to their nurseries or plant sale area. A delicious gourmet lunch was provided by Scott Kresge.

**September 2003**

Our Annual Meeting was held at The White Horse Tavern with a catered lunch and tour of the garden and Mons Jones site. The White Horse Tavern Garden was our unit's first herb garden supported and maintain for public use and education. The Unit By-Laws were revised and adopted.

**October 5, 2003**

Unit Chairman Priscilla Plucinsky, Barbara Angstadt and Dawn Fry accepted the Suburban Green Award from the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society in Philadelphia. This award was for our unit Garden at the Penn State campus and the plaque was placed at the Janssen Conference Center.

**April 2004**

Anita Bradley and Priscilla Plucinsky revised and updated the History of the Unit and compiled it on the computer program for easier updating.

**June 2004**

During the past year, felt name tags embroidered with the Heartland Heart Logo were made for each member by Priscilla Plucinsky. Identification Rocks were placed in the Penn State Garden naming each of the gardens: Apothecary, Culinary, Knot, Fragrance, Native and Silver.

**April 2005**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the unit was celebrated at a meeting with guest speaker Marian Bates, PA Heartland Unit's founder. Ginny Miller, President of the Herb Society of America was in attendance at the anniversary event. A display board was developed to be shown at events and local libraries.

**May 2005**

Peggy Conway, unit representative on National Herb Garden Committee, served on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee of the founding of the National Herb Garden at the National Arboretum in Washington, DC. The celebration event included the announcement of the successful "25 for 25" fundraising campaign benefiting the garden. Several PHHS Unit members attended.

**April 2006**

New identification tags for Penn State garden plant markers were made by Barbara Angstadt and friend George Neubert and placed in the garden during the spring season.

**June 2006**

Joyce Brobst received the Helen de Conway Medal of Honor at The Herb Society of America's Annual Meeting and Educational Conference in Indianapolis, IN.

**June 2006**

Revised PHHS job descriptions were completed and distributed with the new yearbooks.

**2007** Joyce Brobst participated in an Oxford University Roundtable discussion on the topic "Science and Religion: Is There a Common Ground".

A 4-week course a RACC on "Delightful, Practical Herbs" was taught by Priscilla Plucinsky, Billie Beadle, Sherry Heim, Pat Magala and Dawn Fry.

The Culinary and Herbal Products Study Groups held their first workshops in July and August.

**2008** The Herbal Study Groups are organized and meeting regularly. Priscilla Plucinsky receives the HSA Certificate of Achievement Award at the Educational Conference. Members contributed to the Asian Herb Garden Research Project by submitting researched information which was presented to the National Herb Garden by Peggy Conway.

A student membership category was established and an ad hoc committee developed guidelines and application.

**2009** In January the Botany/Horticulture Study Group met for the first time at Gail Seeley's home on Tuesday, January 6. Justina Campbell got us off to a great start with the study of plant and flower structure

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- 2010** At the HSA Educational Conference in Nashville, Gail Seeley received the Certificate of Achievement. Also, the following PHHS Charter Members were awarded their 25-year membership Rosemary Circle Pins at the HSA Educational Conference in Nashville TN: Barbara Angstadt, Marion Bardman, Jeanne Esser, Sherry Fillman, Dawn Fry, Pat Hansbury, Winnie Hayik, Mibs Hotchkiss, Marion Hull, Susan Keller, Patricia Kerber, Grace Kline, Arlene Linderman, Sylvia Lloyd, Barbara Mills, Betty Jane Paris, Judy Sargent, Gail Seeley, Yvonne Snyder, Peg Walker.
- 2011** At the HSA Educational Conference in Pittsburgh, the following members received national awards: Yvonne Snyder, The Helen de Conway Little Medal of Honor, Joyce Brobst, the Nancy Putnam Howard Award for excellence in Horticulture and Barbara Brouse (former PHHS Charter member) the HSA Achievement Award. The Unit participated in the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Herb Garden in Washington. In celebration of the chili pepper, our Unit served about 300 samples of our chili. On October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> the Unit hosted the Mid-Atlantic District Gathering at the Inn at Reading.
- 2012** At the HSA Educational Conference in St. Louis, MO, the following members received national awards: Lori Schaeffer, Certificate of Achievement; Justina Campbell, Certificate of Achievement. On September 15, 2012, we celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Herb Garden at Penn State University Berks Campus. A member appreciation luncheon was followed by a Garden Party open to the public.
- 2013** HSA requested assistance from our Unit members to provide research for the booklet “Asclepias, 2014 Notable Native Herb”. The project was organized by Gail Seeley and several members participated in the research.
- 2014** At the HSA Educational Conference in Concord, CA, Billie Beadle was awarded the 25-year membership Rosemary Circle Pin.
- 2015** At the HSA Educational Conference in Williamsburg, VA, the following members received national awards: Dawn Fry, Certificate of Achievement; Marion Bates (Honorary Member), Golden Sage; Lori Schaeffer, Jeanette Lanshe, and Priscilla Plucinsky, 25-year membership Rosemary Circle Pin. Unit By-Laws and Standing Rules updated and distributed. Honorary membership bestowed upon Caroline Amidon.

*Current revisions to “History of the Pennsylvania Heartland Unit” completed in 2016.*

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