

Illinois Herb Association 2015 HerbFest

The Illinois Herb Association (IHA) is pleased to announce its 2015 HerbFest which will be held at Allerton Park, Monticello, Illinois, on September 26, 2015. Following is a schedule of events followed by presenter topics and bios.

Schedule of Events:

9:00-9:30	Registration-Vendor Time
9:30-9:35	Welcome
9:35-10:30	"Making Cold Process Soap" by <i>Deborah Niemann-Boehle</i>
10:30-10:45	Break and Vendor Time
10:45-11:40	"Landscaping with Herbs" by <i>Bonnie Compton</i>
11:40-12:50	Lunch-Vendor Time
12:50-1:45	"Tour of Allerton Park's Herb Garden" by <i>Kay Carnes</i>
1:45-2:00	Break
2:00-3:00	"Tea Gardens" by <i>Diane Boeck</i>

Menu

- Vegetarian Sandwich
- Turkey Sandwich

All served with side salad, chips, dessert, and a drink

Topics and Biographies

Making Cold Process Soap with Deborah Niemann-Boehle

Deborah will demonstrate the cold process method of making soap using goat milk and scented with essential oils. She will also explain the basics of soapmaking and how you can create your own recipes using whatever oils you prefer.

Deborah Niemann-Boehle and her family moved to 32 acres on a creek in the middle of nowhere in 2002 to start growing their own food organically. A year later, she began making soap with her goats' milk. She is the author of three books: *Home-grown and Handmade*, *Ecotrifty*, and *Raising Goats Naturally*, all of which include information and recipes about making your own body care products.

Landscaping with Herbs with Bonnie Compton

Herbs have been used for cooking and medicine for many years, but there is no need to have a separate garden for your herbs. Bonnie will talk about how to incorporate herbs into your landscaping. She says, "I find their growing forms, colors, and growth habits so interesting that I can't help but include them in my plant borders."

Bonnie Compton has two greenhouses and three acres of flowers, vegetables, and herbs near Homer in east central Illinois. She also helps out her husband, Paul, during busy times on their 2,100-acre corn and soybean farm. In her spare time, she plays with their nine grandchildren!

Tour of Allerton Park's Herb Garden with Kay Carnes

Join Kay on a walking tour of the Allerton Park herb garden. She will discuss the history of the garden and the process of becoming an Official IHA Herb

Garden. She will also talk about growing and using various herbs and will answer questions that you may have about the garden and herbs in general.

Kay Carnes is a Champaign County master gardener, a panelist on Mid-American Gardener show, and past-president of the Illinois Herb Association. She has been growing and using herbs for over 30 years. The last three years she has been working with Allerton Park to redesign and replant the existing herb garden. Kay and her husband live on 2.5 acres outside Monticello, IL which gives her ample room to grow herbs, vegetables, fruits, and flowers.

Tea Gardens with Diane Boeck

Herbal teas are immensely popular and many can be easily grown. A brief history of tea, how to grow tea herbs, and ways to preserve them for use will be discussed. How to brew teas and suggestions for simple combinations of herbs will follow. Resources for creating gardens and herbal remedies will be shared.

Diane Boeck received her first herbs from a friend as a housewarming gift. She joined the McLean County Herb Guild from its start in 1986. Since then she continues to grow various culinary, medicinal, and tea herbs in her garden and in other volunteer projects. She lives in Normal, Illinois with her husband and three cats. Her cats appreciate the fresh catnip she grows.

Want to be a vendor at HerbFest?

IHA members - no fee, \$16/lunch
Non-members - \$25 fee plus \$16/lunch
Contact Megan Greenhalgh @ (309)
258-9636 or mgreenhalgh@eureka.edu

Registration Form September 26, 2015

Name(s) _____

Business Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Registration Fee (Includes Lunch):

(due by September 16)

\$40x _____ IHA members = \$ _____

\$45x _____ non-members = \$ _____

Optional to Attend:

IHA membership dues \$50/year = \$ _____

Total Paid = \$ _____

Lunch selection (Please check preference):

Turkey Sandwich _____

Vegetarian Sandwich _____

Please make check payable to:

IL Herb Association

Mail registration form and check to:

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Questions on registration? Contact Charlene
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**2015 HerbFest will be
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**Allerton Park
515 Old Timber Road
Monticello, Illinois**

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