SEASIDE HERB SOCIETY 2014 MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS

No of Respondents 15

Monthly Meetings		**% In Favor**
Add field trips to the program schedule.	10	67%
Add hands-on workshops to the program schedule.	13	87%
Spend more time on growing and caring for herbs.	10	67%
The time allocated to the business meeting is acceptable	13	87%
Continue to have monthly speakers	14	93%
Continue to host tastings of featured herbs.	14	93%
Fall Plant Sale		
Plant Sale Member participation requirements are acceptable.	14	93%
Plant Sale - continue the Fall Plant Sale.	11	73%
Spring Faire		
Faire continue to have an education focus.	14	93%
Faire continue to have music	12	80%
Faire continue vendor offerings	14	93%
Faire member participation requirements are acceptable.	12	80%
Faire continue to include a bake sale	13	87%
Faire continue the Faire.	13	87%
Faire continue Plant Sale	14	93%
Newsletter		
Newsletter continue the semi monthly newsletter	10	67%
Herb Garden		
Herb Garden continue to maintain the Herb Garden	10	67%
Website		
Website continue the Member Website	9	60%
Website continue the Public Website.	9	60%
Facebook		
Facebook continue the Facebook page	10	67%
Yearbook		
Yearbook should post changing info to website	7	47%
Yearbook should continue distribution of printed info	4	27%
Christmas Party		
Christmas Party choose a different venue.	2	13%
Christmas Party continue the potluck Christmas party.	8	53%
Donations		
SHS Donations continue Board proposed contributions with member vote.	6	40%
SHS Donations Members should submit contribution suggestions for member vote.	10	67%
Sunshine		
Sunshine Activities- continue Sunshine Committee activities	8	53%

Meeting Suggestions

Tastings don't have to be complete meals!

the meetings r too long. 9:30-11:30 max. tighten up actual meeting time. have guest speaker & eliminate the herb info until tasting & explain it there. can still hv handouts. Just seems to me like doible-duty as we r doing now. Hv the speakers talk on the herb of the month or incorporate it into their talk
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tours of members gardens

I believe we have some people within the group who have the experience and knowledge to teach others. Although I like monthly speakers, I really would like to learn some practical applications that would benefit my small herb garden.

Plant Sale

Members could donate things from their yards or gardens . Wouldn't think it would have to be herbs , just wha
Have a bake table at the Fall Plant Sale.
Handouts w info on use of herbs in cooking plus growing tips
At Maggie's herb sale they had paper bags cut down. I think we should invest in a nice decorative stamp and d

Faire Suggestions

I liked the tasting concept...
If we r going to continue speakers education then people need to know about it. better signage. also publicity needs to incorporate speakers & other things into publicity ahead of time.
Handouts w info on use of herbs plus growing info. I
Continue to display herbs in a circle and in alphabetical order for
Ask members to begin collecting business cards from other vendors that they see at other faires.
Whatever makes money for the club.

Garden Suggestions

membership participation should be voluntary

If the club has a garden they should be in charge of the maintenance. Not opposed to subbing out the work to, lets say, the Boy Scouts or 4H club or whatever so that the funds can benefit the community. (I don't know what it costs for the casements to work on it as I haven't seen the bill.
I think it is nice to do this. With that said, I personally have been remiss in assisting due to varying reasons. I'm not sure it is fair to have just a few members doing most if not all of the work.
WORC may be able to assist at times. There might be a fee involved but it would be minimal to the feeling the workers would get for self worth.

Website/Facebook

I don't do Facebook so I can't vote on that . Does it cost to maintain a website? Is it used?

Yearbook

Membership info often changes monthly. We have not been updating this info in the yearbook. Perhaps we should eliminate membership data as this may be confusing to members when changes have not been updated.

I think everything should be on the computer but obviously, not everyone has access. Make it optional when they enroll.

Christmas Party

Going to a restaurant would be preferred, possibly more festive

Donations

How much do we have to donate??

WORC & ARC, http://www.foodbringshope.com/

Criteria should be published for donations.

Absolutely!!

Sunshine

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I don't know what Sunshine Committee is.

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ɔ the same. When people purchase herbs, we can put them in the bag.