

Village.

"Now all visitors can see these gardens," she said. This garden also supplies much of the material needed for swags, wreaths and other crafts for the gift shops.

They have found that many questions from interested visitors interrupted their time working in the gardens when the Village is open, so, "We work in the gardens Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30 until dark, and then sometimes bundle herbs when it gets dark." Each garden has a chairman who oversees her crew.

The Village Herb Associates also volunteer during weekend special events such as the Taste of History, Fall Harvest and Spring Farm Days, act as docents and set up herbal displays at the gardens. For instance, they have prepared herbal jellies (with recipes), vinegars and pot-pourris, sold dried herb bundles and instructed buyers how to use those plants, and demonstrated the art of making tussie mussies. Workshops take place to accomplish all of these activities.

Mother's Day weekend is also a big event as is the Antique Show, where volunteers are kept busy. Krist recalled that at one time they watered poinsettias that were in the museum during the Christmas season. She is one of the charter members, a past president, and now the liaison between the Village and the Herb Associates.

Many of the plants for the gardens are started from seed in greenhouse space rented from the Wayne County Extension Service. At the appropriate time they are then transplanted into their garden spot. This is cost effective and the variety of plants is increased.

"Members come from 'all over,' Dearborn, Livonia, Westland, Allen Park, Mount Clemens, Southfield, Lathrup Village, Royal Oak, etc. I love the atmosphere, it's so

peaceful, like stepping back in time. We have plenty of space to garden and experiment with new plants. It's nice to garden with people with like interests, from all walks of life."

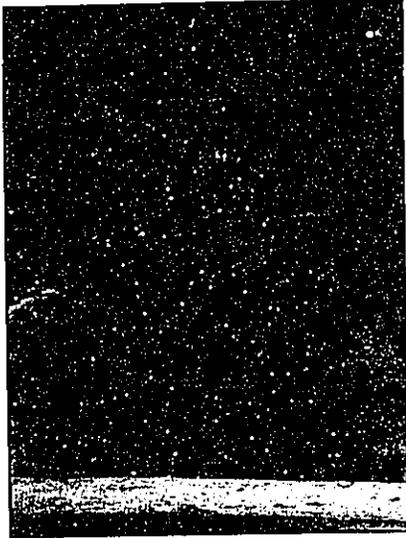
The group meets 7-9 p.m. the second Tuesday each month in Lovett Hall. In addition to business discussions, they sometimes hear an outside speaker; have demonstrations, herb study, a group report of a monograph of one herb and craft time; and take interesting day trips.

A newsletter is published 10 times a year and is available to anyone by subscription for \$12 per year. At the present time, membership is closed until March 1997. It is necessary to be a volunteer for Henry Ford Museum-Greenfield Village in order to join the Village Herb Associates. For more information, call Julie at (810) 559-4004.

This treasure "on our own doorstep" is a place to visit many, many times. In the winter sleigh rides are available, in the summer the paddle wheel offers rides. The old merry-go-round will entice all visitors to be a child again. The train will encourage you to hop aboard and enjoy your visit.

Restaurants offer a variety of foods and are conveniently located. Eating at the Eagle Tavern gives an insight about foods of the period. The museum is filled with sights and sounds each day and at this time of year it is magical. My grandchildren especially like the Innovation Station.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (810) 644-1314.



MARTY FIGLEY

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