

Dear Herb Society of America Member,

An e-mail arrived at HSA Headquarters from Sarah Scarborough, an HSA member from Nashville;

“I am in the market for live rooibos (*Aspalanthus lineris*, indigenous to South Africa) and Yerba Mate (*Ilex paraguayensis*, indigenous to South America – found mostly in Brazil and Paraguay). These are 2 herbal teas that are becoming more and more popular in the U.S. ... I am having a really hard time finding them in the U.S. and would need to have them as soon as possible.

I thought the Herb Society members would be a great resource for finding my teas!”

Yes, Herb Society members are a great resource! The word went out connecting the community of HSA members. In less than a week, Sarah had found a source for one of the plants and a contact for the other.

Like Sarah, each of you sees The Herb Society of America as your educational resource for herbal knowledge. HSA is the first place you go “for use and for delight” of all things herbal. The Society has been here helping you to learn, explore, and educate others.

This past year:

- Nearly 1,000 people per year received answers to their unique herbal questions through the library and resource center.
- An average of 2,000 individuals each week acquired educational information by visiting the HSA Web site.
- With each reading of *The Herbarist* you discovered a new fact or something you never had thought of before.

Your membership dues provide only 22% of the total cost of providing these educational services; we rely upon your generous gifts and continuing support for the remainder. You are the reason we have a person to answer the phones, to research your questions, to edit and produce *The Herbarist* and newsletter articles. Thanks to you, members and the public can discover and share in the use and delight of herbs.

We are asking you to support The Society with a donation to the annual fund. The annual fund provides The Society with operating dollars needed beyond your dues.

Every gift counts and every gift is appreciated. You will find enclosed a donation card and reply envelope. Please take a moment and return the reply card with your tax deductible donation today.

Herbally Yours,



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