

Agenda – The Herb Society of America Mid-Atlantic District Gathering 2026

Friday, October 23

4:30pm – 7:00 pm **Hors d'oeuvres and Wine** reception at The Grand Hotel – King George Suite

Evening **Dinner** on your own (a list of restaurants will be included in your Welcome Bag)

Saturday, October 24

8:30 am **Doors open at The Southern Mansion**

9:15 am – 10:15 am **Welcome to District Meeting**

Joe Kiefer

Co-Chair, South Jersey Unit

Rosemary Loreface-Dippert

Mid Atlantic District Membership Delegate

10:15 am – 10:30 am **Break, visit with vendors and raffle tickets**

10:30 am – 11:15 am **Susan Hess** - Medicinal and Folkloric Plant Uses of the Early Pennsylvania Germans: Join Susan for a colorful exploration of the plant traditions and fascinating folklore of early Pennsylvania German culture. Drawing from historical sources and interviews, this presentation will uncover how plants were woven into everyday farm life, spirituality and personal healing.

11:15 am – 11:30 am **Break, visit with vendors and raffle tickets**

11:30 am - 1:00 pm **Hot Buffet Lunch**

1:15 pm - 2:00 pm **Michelle and Rich DeMarco** – How to grow, harvest and process tea as well as how Greenwich Teaburner's Tea honors the legacy in the cultivation practices. A talk about the Greenwich Tea burning during the Revolution will also be included.

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm **Break, vendors and raffle tickets**

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm **Gary Schempp**, owner of Busy Bees NJ in Cape May Court House will be providing a presentation on Honey Bees, their biology and habitats, pollination and honey production, including a tasting of local honey. A show and tell of beehive equipment and live bees will be presented.

3:00 pm: – 3:30 pm **Break and final visit with vendors**

3:30 pm – 4:15 pm **Raffle drawling**

4:15 **Symposium Adjourns** – Jennifer Haller

Sunday, October 25 On your own

On your way home visit Triple Oaks Nursery 2359 Delsea Drive Franklinville, NJ 08322 10 – 4. Joe will be there to give you a garden tour.