

The Herb Society of America

Southeast District

Presents



2021

Autumn... the Year's Last, Loveliest Smile

Southeast District Gathering  
Agenda  
Thursday, October 21, 2021

Pre-Gathering Event (Optional)

**12:00 pm – 2:00pm** ~ Registration

**2:00 pm** ~ Tour of Alabama Cooperative Extension System Chilton County Experiment Station

**4:30 pm** ~ Hidden Valley Winery ~ Tasting, *Spooktacular Soups* Cooking Demo with Linda Franzo & Dinner

Friday, October 22, 2021  
District Gathering

**9:00 am** ~ Member Registration and Market Open

**9:30 am** ~ Welcome, HSA Connections, and Southeast District Meeting

**10:45am** ~ Break / Visit Market

**11:00am** ~ *"Fall is for Gardening – Why? What? When?"* – Jason Powell

**12:00pm** ~ Lunch

**1:30 pm** ~ *"Incredible Citrus for the Home Garden"* – Arlie Powell

**2:45 pm** ~ Break

**3:00 pm** ~ *"Herbal Liqueurs & Cordials"* – Debbie Boutelier

**4:15 pm** ~ Silent Auction / Door Prizes

**4:30 pm** ~ Closing and Announcements

**6:00 pm** ~ Italian Feast catered by  
Bertolone's



*The Herb Society of America is dedicated to promoting the knowledge, use and delight of herbs through educational programs, research and sharing the experience of its members with the community.*

## Our Speakers

**Linda Franzo** has been the owner and cooking / garden instructor of *Passionate Platter*, located in Slidell, La. for 20 years. Linda is married to her husband, Rick Franzo and has 3 married sons, 3 Daughters in "Love" and 8 grandchildren. She is a retired Speech Communication Specialist. Along the way, she attended several cooking schools around the country, CIA, St. Helena, NECI, Vermont, Boulder Cooking School of the Rockies, focusing on bread making & brick oven cooking. Her hobby turned into a new passion & career. At *Passionate Platter*, Linda provides Herban Garden tours and cooking classes for kids and adults. Linda's classes are presented Garden to Table style, seasonally influenced. Classes are by appointment only because she travels around the country presenting Herb cooking classes to groups as small as 8 to 200 plus. Linda is the cooking instructor at *The Kitchen Table* in Hattiesburg, Miss. Linda has retired as Chair of The New Orleans Herb Society. She is an advanced master gardener of St. Tammany parish who designed & currently maintains the Herb Garden at the Slidell Library. When she is not in the garden or cooking, she is a New Orleans Tour guide and a yoga instructor, loves to bike ride & kayak. Linda wants everyone to get hooked on *Herbal Inspirations*.

**Jason Powell** is a co-owner of *Petals from the Past* Nursery in Jemison, Alabama. Jason earned degrees in Horticulture and Landscape Design from Auburn University and Texas A&M University. He and his wife Shelley have spent their careers developing *Petals from the Past* into the full-service nursery and gift shop that it is today. The nursery specializes in antique roses, heirloom shrubs, cottage perennials and herbs as well as classical varieties of vegetables and fruits. Much of what is grown at the nursery is integrated into a garden setting. *Petals from the Past* approaches gardening from an educational standpoint and hosts lectures, workshops and guest speakers in its educational facility. Major events such as "Antiques in the Garden" and the 'Black and Blueberry Festival' are just a few of activities that make *Petals from the Past* a destination in central Alabama.

**Dr. Arlie Powell** is a co-owner of *Petals from the Past* Nursery where he shares his extensive knowledge and expertise in fruit culture. Arlie has served as an Extension Horticulturist at the land-grant universities of Texas A&M, the University of Georgia and Auburn University. He was the fruit specialist at Auburn University from 1978 – 2002 after which he became the Associate Dean for Extension and the College of Agriculture. Arlie has authored or co-authored over 200 publications, including scientific papers, bulletins, books and numerous articles. He is a much sought after speaker and has shared his expertise at meetings and conferences around the United States. He has served as a horticultural consultant in Central America and Mexico. Dr. Powell continues his commitment to Auburn University as Professor Emeritus and by serving on graduate student committees.

**Debbie Boutelier** is a life-long lover of all aspects of gardening and nature. Her interest in herbs and other edibles began in the early 80's when she planted her first edible garden with vegetables and culinary herbs. Her interest rapidly grew into a vocation spanning the many different aspects of using herbs in everyday life and incorporating organic techniques in everything she grows. As an Air Force wife, she has lived in different areas of the country and broadened her gardening knowledge with each new assignment. Upon moving to Alabama in 1994, Debbie pursued her interest in herbs and gardening on a full-time basis, taking the Alabama Master Gardener course in 1995. She has given over 13,000 hours of volunteer service to the Master Gardener program and received the Advanced Master Gardener designation in 2018. Her involvement with the Master Gardener program led her into a new career as a County Extension Agent in Autauga County for 8 years. Debbie now teaches nationally and presents seminars and workshops on the many aspects of herbs, organic gardening, nutrition, and other garden related topics. She has studied the medicinal uses of herbs for over 15 years and completed a three year intensive study of the medicinal aspect of herbs at the Appalachian Center of Natural Health. Debbie's herb passion has led to the creation of her small cottage herb business, *Rooted in Thyme Apothecary*. Debbie is a long-time member and past president of the Herb Society of America. She has appeared on "The Time of Your Life" (local NBC affiliate) and on Troy Public Radio.

## Need more information?

**Deborah Boutelier**, Southeast District Gathering Chair, telephone (334) 365-7806 or e-mail [boutelierd@gmail.com](mailto:boutelierd@gmail.com)

**We take your health & safety very seriously. Several of our activities will take place outdoors. Others will be indoors with social distancing and face coverings utilized. We will also be limiting the number of participants in order to facilitate the social distancing requirement.**



## Jemison, Alabama

Jemison is small town located in Chilton County, Alabama. As with numerous small towns in the south, Jemison was a railroad stop and the downtown area is nestled near the railroad. Jemison, which was incorporated in 1907, is located at the geological end of the Appalachian Mountain Range near the very center of the state. Jemison was incorporated to honor Colonel Robert Jemison, Jr., one of the foremost developers of the early state of Alabama.

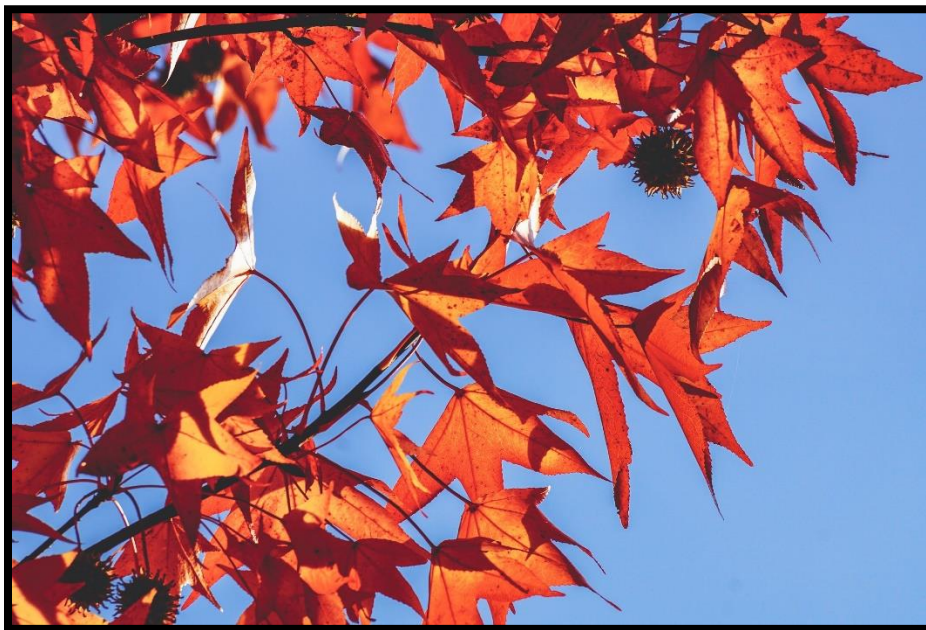
### Gathering Site

The gathering will be held at **Petals from the Past, 16034 CR 29, Jemison, Alabama**. Petals from the Past is a unique garden nursery specializing in antique roses, heirloom shrubs, fruits and hard to find perennial flowers and herbs. Tucked in amongst lovely gardens is their fully equipped education center. They have an exceptional focus on gardening education and love being able to share all of the plants they sell in a garden setting. Petals from the Past is a wonderful destination in central Alabama. For your shopping pleasure, the gift shop at Petals from the Past offers many garden-related items and features products from local artisans.

### Accommodations

We have reserved a block of rooms for out-of-town guests at the **Holiday Inn Express in Clanton, Alabama** for the special rate of \$129 plus tax. ***Reservations must be made by October 1st*** to insure availability of the limited number of rooms at the special rate. To make your reservations, call the hotel directly at (205) 280-1880. The block is reserved under the name Deborah Boutelier.

If you are flying in for the gathering, you can use the airport in Birmingham or Montgomery and rent a car to drive to Jemison.



**Each member is highly encouraged to contribute items to be sold at the 'Ways & Means Table' to benefit the Southeast District Operating Account.**

# Southeast District Gathering 2021

October 21 ~ 22, 2021

Petals from the Past, Jemison, Alabama

## Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_



Please indicate activities/preferences/needs:

	Participation	Number	Cost	Total
Thursday 2:00 pm Tour of Alabama Cooperative Extension System Chilton County Experiment Station	Yes No		-0-	
Thursday 4:30 pm Hidden Valley Winery – Tasting & Light Supper Cooking Demo – <i>Spooktacular Soups</i> - by Linda Franzo			\$15.00	
Gathering Registration (Member)			\$80.00	
Gathering Registration (Non-Member)			\$85.00	
I prefer a Vegetarian Lunch	Yes No			
I have other special needs (Specify)				
Late registration - received after September 21 <sup>st</sup>			\$85.00	

**Total Amount Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

(No refund after October 5<sup>th</sup>)

*Please make checks payable to:*

**The Herb Society of America, Southeast District**

*Mail check with this form to: Deborah Boutelier*

**1075 Arrowhead Drive, Prattville, AL 36067**