

SCHEDULE
Herb Society of America
EdCon 2023 in Baton Rouge
April 26–29, 2023

Wednesday, April 26

Board Meeting, Crowne Plaza Hotel

Thursday, April 27

8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Preconference Tour to Houmas House

Bus tour of “The Crown Jewel of Louisiana’s River Road”

Tours of house, gardens, and new Great River Road Museum, and a delectable catered lunch

1:00–5:00 p.m.

Registration opens

3:45–5:00 p.m.

Preconference workshop: Native Plants

Corinne Martin, Ph.D., author of new LSU press book, *Louisiana Herb Journal: Healing on Home Ground*, will speak.

5:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception in Marketplace; cash bar, jazz band.

Be sure to try our signature cocktails featuring Ginger, the Herb of the Year.

7:00 p.m.

Dinner on your own

Info on nearby excellent restaurants is in your Goody Bag; several are within easy walking distance, and some right in the hotel.

Friday, April 28

7:00–8:30 a.m.

Breakfast (included in registration)

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Registration opens

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Marketplace opens

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Raffle opens

What a selection! Buy tickets and put them into the container of your favorite raffle items. Keep buying tickets and putting them in the containers. **BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR RAFFLE TICKET COPIES!!** Raffle winners will be announced Saturday AT DINNER.

8:00 a.m.–8:45 a.m.

Members at Large Meeting and Unit Leaders Meeting

9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Annual Meeting of Members

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

William Bartram (Kirk Brown)

The famous plantsman and author of *Travels* will recount his memorable journey across the Gulf Coast and in what became Baton Rouge. He will be with us the rest of the day in character and in costume to answer your questions and engage in conversation about exploring the wilderness in the 1700s.

12:15 p.m.–1:45 p.m.

Rosemary Circle and Golden Sage Recognition Luncheon

(included in registration)

2:00–3:00 p.m.

Welcome to the City of Flowers: The Plantscape of Baton Rouge

Presented by John Sykes, Executive Director of Magnolia Mound Plantation and past president of the Southern Garden History Society

3:00–3:30 p.m.

Meet the authors

Book signing, Marketplace

3:30–4:30 p.m.

District Meetings

Map and locations of breakout rooms will be posted.

6:00–7:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception

Cash bar

7:00 p.m.

Gourmet Louisiana Dinner and Awards Ceremony (separate registration required)

A Musical Journey Through Louisiana History

With James Linden Hogg and Jim Hogg

Saturday, April 29

7:00–8:30 a.m.

Breakfast Buffet (included in registration)

8:00 a.m.

Registration, Marketplace, and Raffle open

8:30–9:30 a.m.

Committee meetings, Unit Chairs, Members at Large, etc.

Breakout rooms will be posted.

9:30–10:00 a.m.

Meet the authors Book signing

10:00–11:00 a.m.

Cajun Cooking, Creole Cuisine...and Curries!

Anne Milneck, master chef, teacher, tea sommelier, and owner of Red Stick Spice, will be cooking for you! You'll all get a taste! And learn how to make them!

11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Rum Distilling: An Original Louisiana Industry, Revived

Olivia Stewart, CEO and Founder of Oxbow Rum Distillery in Baton Rouge will speak on the growing and processing of sugar cane, and making it into sugar, cane syrup, molasses, and...rum. They have their own cane fields and do the whole process. Their products will be available in the Marketplace.

12:30–1:30 p.m.

Lunch (included in registration)

A working lunch, with HSA committees and special groups encouraged to sit together and exchange ideas

1:45–2:45 p.m.

Healing Tradition of Traiteurs

Dr. Mary Perrin of the Vermilionville historic site in Lafayette, center of Acadian culture, will speak on this fascinating topic. One of Mary's books, *Acadie Then and Now*, has been honored by the Government of France with the Prix France Acadie 2015. Mary is a prolific author and is herself a Traiteuse.

3:00–4:00 p.m.

Healing Herbs of the Traiteur Garden

Beverly Fusilier of Lafayette, a Master Gardener, Traiteuse, expert on traditional healing herbs, and an accomplished photographer, will introduce us to the healing herbs and their uses.

Mary and Beverly will have copies of their new LSU Press book, *Healing Traditions of South Louisiana: Prayers, Plants, and Poultices*, available and can sign copies.

4:15 p.m.

Raffle closes, winners announced

5:30 p.m.

Farewell Dinner (included in registration)

Mardi Gras Fairy Garden Centerpieces will be auctioned off!

Nouveaux Cajun Xpress band and cash bar

We'll have a real Cajun *fais do-do* with dance teachers!