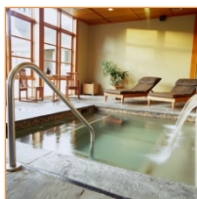


# Mission Statement For



To foster respect for traditional, medicinal, and culinary plants of our community through sustainable and responsible cultivation, wild harvesting, and use



## 2010 CALANDER

Although locations and times are still to be determined, meetings are generally held at member locations around the state:

- **Winter – Edgewood -- Cheese Making Process**  
Tour a small local dairy and learn what it takes to process your own animal by-products. Snack on locally made cheeses and join the discussion on the art and craft of using a commercial kitchen – (your own or someone else's.) Find out what succeeds, what doesn't. (Scheduled for Thursday, February 11)
- **Spring – Monticello – Distilling Herbs**  
In conjunction with the Michael Moore Herbal Conference, (TorC, April 16-18) NMHGA members will have a chance to watch a demonstration of making essential oils from homegrown herbs at Old Monticello Organic Farms.  
  
Earlier in April, National speaker Jean Giblette, Director of High Falls Foundation, will share her research on growing American counterparts to high value Oriental Herbs (largely grown in China and Asia) as alternative high value specialty crops for New Mexico growers.
- **Summer – Alcalde – Demonstration Farm Tour**  
Includes a personalized tour of the Alcalde Sustainable Agricultural Science Center, followed by luncheon at Gail Ice's charming Ice Tea Room and Farm (tentatively scheduled for early August).
- **Fall – Alternative Energy Projects and Ideas for small farms and greenhouses.**  
(Tentatively planned for Jemez Springs and Silver City – stay tuned.)

**Ongoing Projects** – Members growing interests range from herb gardens to backyard critters (goats, chickens, cows, or sheep). They include building solar ovens and water heaters to windmills. Join one or more of our ongoing project groups. Check off the boxes when you sending in your dues.



## Information and Membership Application

### New Mexico Herb Growers Association

Recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a  
501(c)3 Organization

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

New Mexico Herb Growers Association is entering its fifth year. This year we are working to develop new opportunities and services for members and affiliates around the state. In these tough economic times, by joining together, small growers, herbal processors and herbal hobbist can combine efforts to create more rewarding opportunities for all. Through education and services, NMHGA is working to help expand herbal uses and markets and to create a sustainable community.

In New Mexico, mileage and travel costs have always been a factor in any successful venture. Historically distance affected our ability to have regular face-to-face meetings. This year we decided to develop local programs that utilize state-wide networks and resources. Our quarterly club meetings will be held in different regions around the state. We are working to provide helpful programs with low cost guest rooms and to keep member costs affordable. Meetings provide innovative ideas and skills, seed and plant exchanges, and state-wide networking for members.

Other projects focus on include obtaining new benefits for our members. Group-rate insurance, on-line classes, wholesale discounts, micro-loan access, and grant/funding assistance for individuals are just some of the innovations we are working to provide this year.

Please join us. It promises to be a great year!

Caroline George, President  
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## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

### Support for our state-wide 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization depends on member support.

- Classes and lectures by local and national experts – on line and in person.
- Wild harvesting opportunities & education
- Wholesale pricing and discounts on grower supplies, seeds and starter plants
- Local, state and national networking opportunities
- Access to inexpensive and organic seeds and starter plants -- along with helpful planting advice
- Financial and other business opportunities for small and independent growers
- Value-added processing and marketing information
- Permacultue development and ideas to design and build your own solar, wind, and geothermal powered projects

Would you like to meet monthly in your own community? Our statewide organization can help with speakers for your local gatherings.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Item	Quantity	Price
Basic Annual Membership for 2010		\$35.00
Charitable Donation		
Luncheon RSVP– February 20, 2010 meeting		\$15.00
Book – <i>Galileo's Lawyer</i> , Courtroom Battles in Health, Complementary Medicine and Experimental Treatments (includes s/h)		\$23.00
Total enclosed		\$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, automatically charge annual dues to my credit card each January <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, make my donation a monthly pledge and automatically charge my credit card		
** Please make checks out to NMHGA and send to: Matt Cox, NMHGA Treasurer 21 Pine Ridge Road Sandia Park NM 87047 ** Donations are tax deductible.		
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Please check all your areas of interest:

- Traditional American herbs and their uses
- Starting or joining a farmers market
- Greenhouse ideas and innovations
- Native American herbal medicine
- Oriental herbal medicine
- Cooking with herbs –demos & cookbook recipes
- Alternative energy projects for growers Value added processing for herbs and crops
- ABC's of garden design with herbal plants
- Backyard barnyard: homegrown animals and byproducts
- Club discounts and wholesale purchasing
- The next generation: local school farming programs
- Other \_\_\_\_\_