

Our Charter

Be it proclaimed throughout the Kingdom of the East that We, Darius and Roxane, King and Queen of the East, hereby grant unto the Herbalists and Apothecaries' Guild of The East Kingdom a Charter. It shall be the duty of this Guild to serve the East Kingdom as an open forum for the exchange of information on the Herbal Arts and lore of the current and then Middle Ages. It is Our pleasure that membership in this guild be open to any of Our subjects who express interest in the Herbal Arts.

It is Our wish that The Herbal and Apothecaries' Guild shall serve the Kingdom as a resource in all matters appropriate to this Art and Science of Herbalism. Therefore We charge the members of this Guild with the responsibility of sharing their knowledge and skills with all of Our subjects who may wish to approach them for the purpose of instruction or information, whether it take the form of classes, mentoring, or other arenas yet unexplored.

We direct the Guild to institute a voluntary system of certification and ranking on the basis of knowledge and expertise, assigning ranking levels through a system of panelling by the Masters of the Guild. It is further Our wish that the Guild shall annually present to the Rulers, as a fee, goods of the Guild's manufacture.

The public face of the Guild shall be represented by an Agitator, whose qualifications shall be decided upon by the members of the Guild. Through the person of the Agitator, the Guild is directed to foster the goals herein outlined, making themselves available for the education and enlightenment of any who so desire.

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Contact information:

The East Kingdom Herbalists and Apothecaries Guild



Mission Statement:

The goal of the Eastern Kingdom Herbalist's and Apothecaries' Guild is to encourage study, teaching and practice of medieval herb uses, as well as study of medieval apothecary and pharmacy practice, in the East Kingdom. The Guild should serve as a conduit for herbalists and apothecaries in the kingdom to communicate with and learn from each other, and to disseminate knowledge about medieval herbalism and pharmacy to others.

The Guild has a quarterly newsletter, *Tisane*. To get on our mailing list, e-mail to joanne@jafath.com or drop an old-fashioned note to the Chronicler.

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(A donation of stamps or a few dollars is welcomed but not required.)

If you are on line, join us on the sca-herbalist mailing list (go to www.yahoo.com/groups/sca-herbalist to sign up) or the East-specific EK-Herb (sign up from our website at www.eastkingdom.org/guilds/herb).



Areas of study

Cooking/Food: Herbs used in cooking
Brewing/Vinting: herbs used in wine, beer, or cooking
Dyeing with herbs
Gardening/Growing herbs
Period Medical Herbalism or Apothecary Practice
Comparative Herbology (European, Arabic, Indian, Japanese, Native American, etc.)
Scents/Perfumes
Ointments, Poultices, Remedies, etc.
Herbal Cosmetics
Wildcrafting
Allied Arts: Illustrating, toolmaking, etc.

Working with local groups, EKHAG tries to hold an herb-themed event once a year. To date, events have been held in the Shire of Silver Rulle, the Shire of Coill Tuar, the Shire of Rusted Woodlands, and the Barony of Concordia of the Snows. In time, we hope to have events in every corner of the East Kingdom.

The Guild encourages members to teach herb-related classes at Pennsic, at EKUs and at other suitable events; there have been herb "tracks" at some "classroom" events. This not only provides information to the populace but makes us accessible to new members.

There has been discussion from time to time about establishing a "ranking system" where those so inclined may earn such epithets as Novice, Apprentice, or Journeyman. If you are interested in such a program, contact the Agitator (aka Guildmistress) Jadwiga Zajackowa at jenne@gmail.com

