

Notice of 2010 RMSBA Exhibit

We have just been invited to exhibit in 2010 at The Dairy in Boulder. Entries will be due in early April (at the latest for this exhibit.) We are sending out this EARLY NOTICE so that you might find specimens growing this year to illustrate. Many of the listed herbs are common and easily found growing wild or in herb gardens. We don't have all of the details set yet, but following are the pertinent ones.

Mary Barnes came up with this exhibit concept and will be available to help you with questions about your plant selection. She will also be keeping a Master List of plants chosen to avoid duplication and inappropriate choices. To be sure, contact Mary at msilverspirit@gmail.com or 719-486-2336

Exhibit Title: Culpeper's Medicinal Herbs

Exhibit Dates: May 14- June 18, 2010 @ The Dairy Center for the Arts, Boulder, Colorado

For background, here is our proposal:

"We propose to exhibit a collection of botanical illustrations based on medicinal herbs that Nicolas Culpeper described in his publications from the seventeenth century. Culpeper championed the use of cheap and universally available herbal medicines rather than the expensive commercial treatments of his day. He is a man for our current times as health care access and big pharmaceutical are impacting all, rich and poor. His championing of herbal medical cures has had lasting impact on making medicine accessible to common folk. His remedies are still popular among holistic practitioners.

-Our exhibit will focus on illustrating herbs from the Americas described by Culpeper, that are still in medicinal use. We will provide educational labels that describe each herb's medical use and application.

-A call for entries will go to our members for this exhibit. Entries will be vetted for quality, conformity to theme and space available.* We hope for space for 30-40 medium (16 x 20) size pieces to adequately address the theme. All artwork will be 2D. The majority of the works will be in watercolor, colored pencil and graphite on paper. Work will be realistic, botanically accurate depictions of herbs."

The Rules so far...

Eligibility: RMSBA members, dues paid 2010.

Eligible Submissions: Illustrations of herbs that are listed in Culpeper publications that can be found in the Americas. Do not include plants used in Native American or South American native cures. Books easy obtainable at libraries or used book stores, or find info by a Google search.** If it is not a common herb or you aren't sure, ask Mary Barnes.

A suggestion: It would be good to show the plant part used as the essential part of the medicinal cure. For example, if the root is used, than it would be good to include that part of the plant in the illustration. Likewise with leaves, flowers or seeds.

Artwork that fits in a 16 x 20 frame.

Media: Two-dimensional original artwork of botanical subjects. No props, man-made objects or non-botanical elements allowed.

Labeling: Do NOT label your artwork with the common or botanical name.

Artwork submittal Deadline: Approximately April 1, 2010

Questions: Carol Till, 303-423-2687, e-mail at caroltill@mindspring.com or Mary Barnes.

*The Dairy is requiring that their curator review all submitted work for quality, as our proposal only included a representative sample of member's work and not an example of each artist's work.

Links: **Books: http://books.google.com/books?id=9LVgbwk9vwkC&printsec=frontcover&dq=culpeper+herbal&source=gbs_similarbooks_s&cad=1#v=onepage&q=&f=false

http://books.google.com/books?id=aGih_JZtPvoC&printsec=frontcover&dq=culpeper+herbal&source=gbs_similarbooks_s&cad=1#v=onepage&q=&f=false

On-line lists: <http://www.bibliomania.com/2/1/66/113/frameset.html>

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/8067154/Culpepers-The-Complete-Herbal-Herbal-Medicine>