

**Presentations by Annick
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New for 2008-2009

**HEALING THE BODY AND
SPIRIT WITH HILDEGARD
VON BINGEN**

*A REMARKABLE WOMAN (1098-
1179)*

Way ahead of her time, Von Bingen, a nun, visionary, herbalist and healer, wrote treatises on the curative powers of plants, trees and stones, and used natural elements to heal the soul. Some doctors are now using some of her remedies. Computer slides and artifacts.

**EMMA AND CHARLES
DARWIN'S GARDENS**

Spend a day with a brilliant family at Downe House, Kent. Walk with Charles Darwin on his famous pebble lane, inspect his greenhouse. Get to know Emma, nee Wedgewood, a talented pianist who took lessons from Chopin.

**HOW ELIZABETH I CLEANED HER
TEETH AND SHAKESPEARE
HEALED HIS WOUNDS**

Spirited solutions for all sorts of nasty diseases, some of them still in use today. Have you ever had a "frog in your throat"? In Tudor times, you might have had a live one pushed down your gullet to cure a sore throat. Be prepared!

**EARLY FRENCH MEDIEVAL
GARDENS**

At a time when gardening was a matter of survival there was no distinction between useful and decorative plants. In creating their gardens, medieval people attempted to duplicate paradise to feed, cure and clothe them. Every plant had a symbol and a function and had to be planted or harvested according to some lore or religious belief. Discover the secret of French Medieval Gardens with Annick Hivert-Carthew who went back to her native France to research this subject. Presentation with slides and artifacts.

EMILY DICKINSON'S FLOWERS

Emily Dickinson, famous poet, was also an avid gardener; flowers and plants inspired some of her best verses. To read Dickinson's poems is to penetrate a garden of the imagination. Presentation relates Dickinson's life, gardening methods, favorite flowers and poems. Computer slides and artifacts.

**SECRETS OF OLD BRITAIN'S
WILDFLOWERS AND PLANTS**

In earlier centuries, it was for their usefulness that people picked wildflowers and plants. Most medicines, dyes, cosmetics and food were made from them. Some were thought to possess magical power and protect against all manner of evil in a superstitious age. Computer slides and artifacts.

EL CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

El Camino, as it is familiarly called by its hikers, has been the third most popular Christian pilgrimage in the world since the ninth century. October 07, Annick Hivert-Carthew and her sister Michèle completed this 1,000 miles backpacking trek from Arles in the South of France to Santiago, Northwestern Spain. Presentation is as much a travelogue as a physical and spiritual experience. Computer slides and artifacts.

**A PICTURAL HISTORY OF THE
MICHIGAN CIVILIAN
CONSERVATION CORPS (CCC)**

The men were poor, young and more or less hopeless until FDR implemented the CCC. He gave them a shovel and one dollar a day and they reshaped the landscape of America. This is their stories and their pictures as they shared them with Annick Hivert-Carthew. Computer slides and artifacts.

