

# JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

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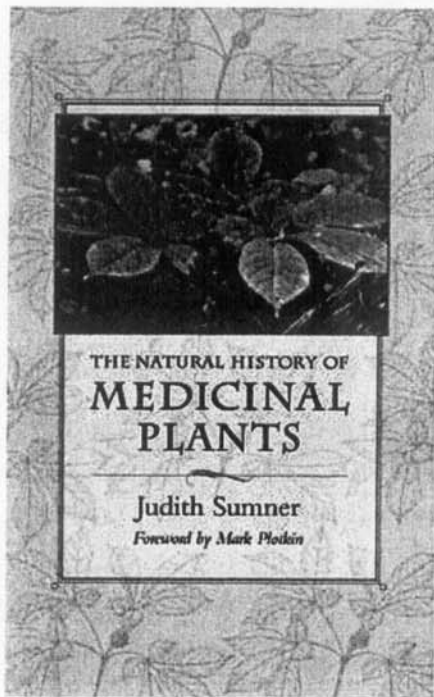
**Saturday, January 13, 2007**

Fellowship 12:30– 1:30, Speaker: 1:30– 3:00

Free & Open to the Public

**Author Judith Sumner, “*Why Do Plants Make Medicines?*”**

*At the All that Matters Reading Room, Wakefield, RI*



Since ancient times, plants have been the primary source of essential medicines used to treat human ailments and illnesses. The natural chemicals in plants also play important roles in botanical survival, and these functions can help us to understand why and how plant medicines provide effective cures. Along with herbal natural history and caveats, botanist and author Judith Sumner will explore the naturalized and native American medicinal plants and the new field of zoopharmacognosy (the use of medicinal plants by animals).

Judith Sumner, Ph.D., teaches medicinal botany at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University and at the Garden in the Woods, the botanic garden of the New England Wild Flower Society in Framingham, Massachusetts. Her lectures are highly sought after by inquisitive students of all ages, and she has been honored with awards for excellence in teaching. She is the author of *The Natural History of Medicinal Plants* as well as numerous scientific publications.

**Directions to All That Matters: From Pts North,** Route 95 South to Exit 9 / Rt 4 South (exit forks to left) (approx. 30 mins from this exit). Continue on Route 4S until 4S merges into Route 1. Follow Rt 1S, to Exit Downtown WAKEFIELD. Turn right at end of exit ramp Tower Hill Road, (which becomes Main St). Continue straight through three stop lights... the road curves left at South County Motors and ATM is on the right about six buildings down (just after Main St. Branch Lumber) **From Pts South,** Rt 95 North to Exit 3A/138E Kingston/Newport Follow Route 138 E to Route 108S. Turn right on to Route 108 and follow into Wakefield (past Benny's). Turn right at the light on to Main Street (CVS on right). Follow Main Street south through stop light, the road turns to left. ATM is on the right about six buildings down (just after Main St. Branch Lumber)