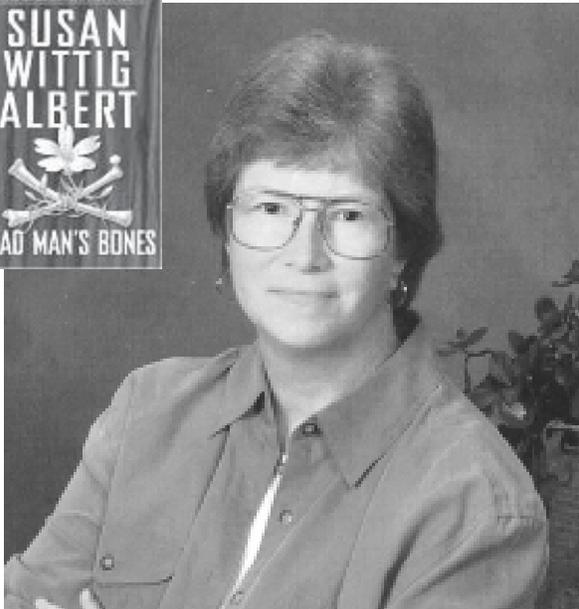




The San Antonio Herb Society

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Susan Wittig Albert

National best-selling author **Susan Wittig Albert** will present “**Magic, Medicine, and Mystery: Herbs Through Human History**” on **June 9 at 7:00 P.M.** Her latest book, *Dead Man's Bones*, the thirteenth book in her herbal mystery series will be available for signing as well as others in the series. *The Tale of Hill Top Farm*, *The Cottage Tales of Beatrix Potter* will also be available, the first in her Cottage Tales Mysteries series, it features animal lover and Good Samaritan Beatrix Potter, with a knack for solving mysteries.

Meet Susan Wittig Albert in person as she discusses writing, herbs, and her journey from earning her PhD at Berkeley to becoming a full-time mystery writer. She and her writing partner/husband Bill make their home in the Texas Hill country with their herb gardens and their animals.

The **China Bayles Herbal Mysteries** feature herbalist China Bayles, who abandoned her career as a hotshot Houston criminal attorney to buy an herb shop in a small town, located halfway between Austin and San Antonio, Texas. China wants the things that many contemporary women seek: a quieter life, rewarding work, a close relationship, friends, and community. Each of her mysteries has a signature herb that is connected to a major theme, and each book is liberally sprinkled with information on growing and using herbs. These novels have been praised for their intelligent plots, quirky and appealing characters, interesting settings, and strong writing.



What the critics say: “(Her novels are) balanced, fast-paced, sprightly, witty without being ‘cutesy’, and even minor characters are so vividly portrayed that the reader cares about them all.”

In *Dead Man's Bones*, Albert's thirteenth thrilling installment in this celebrated series, Ms. Bayles is thrust into a local intrigue when her teenaged son uncovers some skeletal remains while spelunking. Hardcover, 329 pages.

The program will begin at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2005** (with refreshments served beginning at 6:30) at the **San Antonio Garden Center**, corner of Funston and N. New Braunfels. The meeting is free and open to the Public.

