

## St. Mary's Men give to St. Vincent de Paul



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Susan Santos (right), St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul coordinator, accepts a \$200 check from John Pearson, St. Mary's Men's Club secretary/treasurer.

## Herbalists to learn history of medicinal herbs

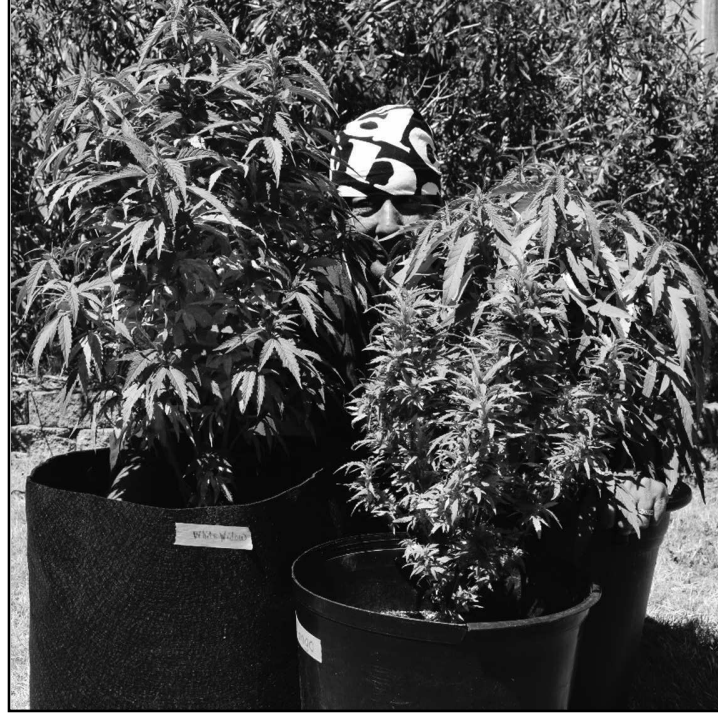
Rocky Neil, local massage therapist, will be the third speaker to address cannabis — specifically for medicinal use — for the next Florence Herb Enthusiasts meeting.

He will provide history dating back to the 1996 passage of Senate Bill 420, also known as the Compassionate Act, and how the movement has progressed over the years.

Currently there are 21 states that have approved legislative ruling providing medical use and distribution of marijuana with another five states pending: Florida, Ohio, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and New York.

Mathematically, that means that half of the United States is on board with the advancement of marijuana use, both recreationally and medically, respective to each states conditions.

Patients and caregivers



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Rocky Neil will speak on the history of medicinal herbs at tomorrow's meeting of Florence Herb Enthusiasts.

depend upon Neil to assist in the use of organic cannabis

support in growing their own plants. Discussion will

include plant diseases, rust, fertilization and nurturing for successful production of healthy organic plants. Applications, topical use of salves versus lotions, and ingestion of capsules show the direction of advancement since 1996.

Neil will be available to answer questions or concerns following his presentation.

This month's meeting starts at 11 a.m., tomorrow at New Life Lutheran Church, 2100 Spruce St. (next to Florence Food Share.)

Guests are welcome to attend their first meeting free. Annual dues are \$10. The Florence Herb Enthusiasts members explore, experience and learn about the cultivation, culinary, craft, and medicinal uses of herbs at monthly meetings and special events. For more information, call Jacquie Beveridge at 541-997-8311.

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The Yard Sale will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Coffindaffer residence, 5495 North Fork Road. Vendors can begin setting

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