

New NCCAOM-accredited continuing education programs from HFG

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Chinese Medicinal Plants: A Four-Part Series

Taught by Joe Hollis and Jean Giblette. American practitioners of Oriental medicine are well-trained in usage of Chinese herbs but lack hands-on experience with live plants. Given environmental and other threats to the herbs, future access may depend on the profession's overall ability to evaluate herb quality and sources. This course series is designed to train a group of plant-literate practitioners. Aspects of plant work addressed are: (a) botany of Chinese herbs and close relatives; (b) comparative usage of herbs in other medical traditions; (c) herbal preparations and medicine-making; and (d) practical horticulture of Chinese medicinal plants.

PDA Points: 14 per part, 56 total

NOTE: All four parts will be run in a special intensive program **August 11-19, 2012** at Mountain Gardens in Burnsville, NC. Camping is permitted on site. The 2013 programs will be scheduled and announced later in 2012. Email hfg@capital.net for details.

Partners for Domestic Production of Asian Medicinal Plants

Taught by Jean Giblette, Joe Hollis and Peg Schafer. Domestic production of Asian medicinal herbs is a long-term, complex, cooperative process that requires the direct involvement of Oriental Medicine (OM) practitioners in order to maintain the profession's access and quality standards. Recent experience has shown that OM practitioners can organize and sustain task forces for domestic production. This two-day course focuses on the crop selection and production process from the grower's point of view, and thereby equips OM practitioners with the framework and vocabulary needed to sustain relationships with growers. Topics include crop selection, propagation, risk management, individual production plans, calculation of production costs, quality control, marketing, legal/regulatory issues.

Open to both OM practitioners and growers, the course requires local co-sponsorship of an OM professional association, college or agricultural agency. Dates and locations to be announced as soon as scheduled. Email hfg@capital.net for more details.

PDA Points: 16

Asian Medicinal Plant Ecology, Cultivation and Conservation

Taught by Jean Giblette. The program is a concise overview of issues related to Asian medicinal plant sourcing, quality and conservation. The implications of growing the plants in North America are examined in detail. The last hour is devoted to “action” planning: to help each participant understand how individual and collective choices can help assure future access to a full range of the herbs they have been trained to use.

PDA Points: 3

Educational Goals

- To deepen herbal studies through consideration of the botanical and ecological context;
- To improve understanding of ecological, agricultural and conservation issues that affect sources of high-quality herbs;
- To enhance the ability of herbal practitioners to ask appropriate questions regarding herb quality and sources of supply.

Family Patterns in Seeds: A Seed Germination Workshop

Taught by Jean Giblette. Designed for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine professionals (and students), this is an alternative means to learn the herbs of the Chinese materia medica. Using the pattern recognition method of plant identification, examples of five major family groups are examined with slides of the flowering plants and live seeds of the same species. In the last hour, students plant the seeds in plug flats, and either take them home or keep them at a central location. Basic plant morphology and horticultural techniques are discussed. Participants are encouraged to grow out the plants at home, or to participate in a student garden or herb club.

PDA Points: 3

Educational Goals

- To provide an alternate means to learn the Chinese materia medica by study of the patterns common to plant families;
- To deepen herbal studies through hands-on contact with live plant material;
- To supplement botany courses or electives offered by the Colleges of A&OM;
- To encourage those students and practitioners who wish to support plant-related work such as student gardens maintenance, garden tours, or working with growers.