



CONTEXT:

ECfES stands for Eugene Center for Ethnobotanical Studies. We have been inspired and impressed with the recent and outstanding work done on behalf ethnobotanicals, especially through the works of:

Local womyn of wisdom and their herbal healing, generously sharing knowledge to all with genuine interest in self-empowerment through community healing

Local harm-reduction service providers, active and dedicated, successfully ensuring the safety of new-comers to the field of ethnobotanical medicines in a modern cultural environment

National non-profits promoting new scientific research into ethnobotanical medicine, generating discussion within academia about the possibilities for research into ethnobotanicals at new and unprecedented levels

Decades of writers who have mapped the possibilities that healing ethnobotanicals provided, and shared their collective ideas through decades of literature

All People who have worked tirelessly for decades, often at great personal and professional sacrifice, to bridge the cultural divides which artificially limit access to sustainable ethnobotanicals



SERVICES WE PROVIDE:

* a comprehensive lending library focused on ethnobotanicals and human/plant relationships

* an information center and community hub that can provide outreach to students, universities, local communities and organizations, and professionals with an aim of all-inclusive dialog around ethnobotanicals

* harm reduction services provided through education, encouraging health-positive choices for all

* healthy and rationally-based education for all populations seeking well-being and abundant health as a primary natural lifestyle choice; accurate information for consumers of ethnobotanicals

* workshops, classes, and certified ethnobotanical retreat referrals

* wholistic addiction treatment referrals services for chemically dependent populations

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Mono-Pharming: What are the results of the attempt to impose a standardization and homogenization of mind and body functionality upon us? We see what happens when Big Agriculture devolves into mono-cropping (pesticides, super-bugs, failed crops). *How can we restore individuality to our health care, maximizing vitality and aliveness, relegating Mono-Pharming to the past?*

Medicinal Footprint: What is the environmental cost of your current health care options? Could ethnobotanical medicine lower your carbon-footprint and bring greater alignment between your health and a sustainable eco-system? *How can we shift our Medicinal Footprint with ethnobotanical plants?*

Mental Health Commons: Is our health bought and sold like a piece of retail property, traded on the stock market in the form of pills and dollars? Has our health been commodified like a resource to ensure long-term financial gains by pharmaceutical corporations? *How can we restore our Mental Health Commons to us, the people?*

Grass-roots: What is the source of 80% of modern medicine? Is it true that 80% of current pharmaceuticals derive from naturally occurring, non-patentable, ethnobotanical plants and plant-inspired derivatives? *How can we create a map back to Nature, through the patents, the lawsuits, and the maintenance "medicines" big Pharma has extracted from the Grass-roots?*

Ethnobotanical Advocates: Who among us has decided to take a stand, on behalf of our communities' health and well being? Is there a local, non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the civil rights of our community in their health and wellness choices? *The Eugene Center for Ethnobotanical Studies is your locally-based Ethnobotanical Advocate.*



VISION:

A healthy community of vibrant health and well being that is empowered by its members to engage with ethnobotanicals as they see fit for their health needs: body, mind, and spirit.

MISSION:

Our Board of Directors is composed entirely of Lane County citizens, some who have lived here since the 1960's up to today. As a Eugene, Oregon based, multi-generational Board of Directors from diverse socio-economic backgrounds we represent an experienced starting point for a small, responsive, warm and welcoming, locally based grass-roots and crowd-sourced non-profit organization. We aim to tip the scales in the balance of sustainable health for Eugene by filling in the following gaps in the ethnobotanically-oriented community.

- 1) An informational gap (in the form of a centralized physical library collection)
- 2) An experiential gap (in the form of a physical meeting space in perpetuity)
- 3) A social justice gap (in the form of advocacy, support, and the opportunity for participation in your community)

ABOUT US:

We are long-term advocates for rational use of ethnobotanical plants and medicines. We are professionals, entrepreneurs, and creatives in the community, spanning three generations. We are responding to the community-wide need for honest, scientific, and personally empowering information that will ensure our community health and well-being improve over the course of our own lifetimes and into those of our children and grandchildren's.

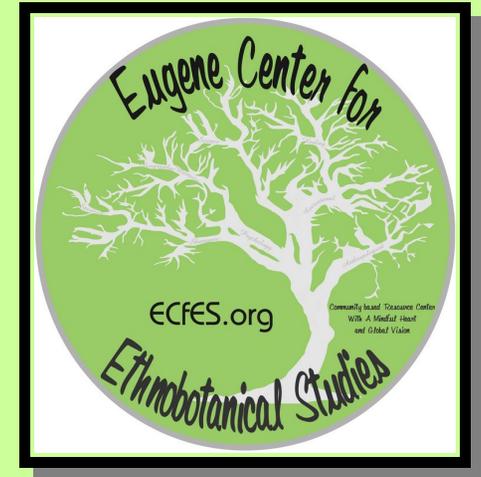
CALL TO ACTION:

Eugene Center for Ethnobotanical Studies (ECfES) is currently fiscally sponsored by a well-established local non-profit, Harmony Event Medicine. Our own 501(c)3 application process is underway.

In February of 2015, ECfES was congratulated by Executive Director Rick Doblin, PhD of the Multi-Disciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS) on the establishment of ECfES.

Our Board of Directors currently seeks:
*legal advocates and grant writers
*donations and location to provide services
*local Eugene community leaders for steering committees

Contact: James Joseph (Founder/Director)
if you are interested in learning more:
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