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Symposium on Sustainability of Medicinal Plants Planned

Rockville, MD— ACES, the Appalachian Center for Ethnobotanical Studies will present a one-day symposium titled “**Progress and Prospects of Black Cohosh as a Sustainable Medicinal Plant.**”

This one-day symposium will focus on the progress made and challenges faced by growers, scientists and regulators as they look towards sustainable cultivation of black cohosh and other medicinal plants. The event will be held from 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Wednesday, June 10, 2009, on UMBI’s Shady Grove Campus, 9600 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville MD.

Symposium at a Glance:

The first session will include presentations by regional leaders who will discuss the plant and population biology, as well as current growth and harvesting practices and needs.

The second session will feature scientists who will discuss approaches to unraveling the scientific basis for the use of medicinal plants in general and black cohosh in particular.

The third and final session will examine local and regional issues that affect expanded use and increased value of black cohosh as a medicinal plant specialty crop.

The meeting is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required.

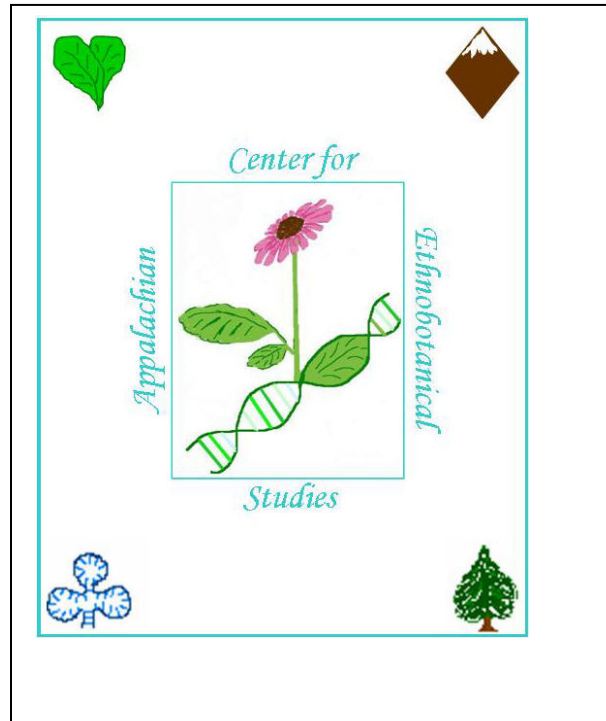
Electronic registration can be found at:

http://carb.umbi.umd.edu/aces_meeting_registration.

About ACES:

The Appalachian Center for Ethnobotanical Studies (ACES) is a new partnership of Frostburg State University, West Virginia University, and UMBI, the biotechnology institution of the University System of Maryland. ACES' mission is to study native plants with medicinal or other useful properties, to promote conservation of those plants and Appalachian ecosystems as a whole, to preserve Appalachian culture as it relates to wild plant harvesting and traditional use, and to work with local businesses to bring economic benefits to the region from managed development of botanical resources.

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