

OCTOBER PROGRAM: MEDICINAL PLANTS with Robert Eidus



Do you know the name of the plant whose roots are selling for \$80 a pound? That plant is American ginseng *Panax quinquefolium* L., and its fleshy root is highly sought for medicinal uses. At our October meeting of the Men's Garden Club of Asheville you will be able to hear Robert Eidus, owner of the North Carolina Ginseng & Goldenseal Co., describe the propagation and use of medicinal plants.

Since 1993, he has been growing organic medicinal herbs such as ginseng, goldenseal and other woodland botanicals in a natural hardwoods cove at Eagle Feather Organic Farm, which is a designated Native Botanical Sanctuary. His major crop, American ginseng, has the reputation for being some of the highest quality and potency in the world and the ginseng root has been exported to the Orient since the early 18th century. Robert is owner and teacher at The Southern Appalachian School for Growing Medicinal Plants. This is an herbal growing school that holds workshops each month throughout the season on all aspects of organic farming in the woods with forest crops. Each workshop is conducted by experts in their field, with a Certificate of Merit awarded at completion. He has been a regular on several radio programs in WNC. Check out his website for more information www.ncgoldenseal.com.



Our meeting will begin at 7PM on Tuesday, October 3 at the Botanical Gardens, Asheville. Bring a friend (potential member) and enjoy Robert's very exciting presentation. This is also an excellent opportunity to learn about current Club activities and to visit with fellow members. **Presentation is free and open to the public.**

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The next board meeting will be held at the Botanical Gardens **Tuesday, October 10th, 2006 at 12:15 p.m.** All members are welcome.

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