Botanical Preservation Corps

invites you to attend a private seminar on

Ethnobotany and Chemistry of Psychoactive Plants

with Terence McKenna, Jonathan Ott and others

two 7-day intensive field courses are to be held at the Mayan temples of Palenque
in the remote tropical rainforest of Chiapas, Southern Mexico
15 to 21 Jan *and* **25 to 31 Jan, 1994**

- botany, chemistry and cultivation of major and obscure psychoactive plants
- history of modern ethnopharmacology and ethnomycology
- training in field techniques used for ethnobotanical specimen collecting
- native uses and preparations of entheogenic plants, past and present
- practical methods for extraction, isolation and assay of active plant compounds
- ayahuasca and admixture plants and novel ayahuasca analogs
- ethnobotany and chemistry of entheogenic mushrooms and fungi

Come spend a week at the ancient sacred Mayan temple city of Palenque, discovering the mysteries of the rainforest, learning all about psychoactive plants and mushrooms from the leading experts in an informal, intensive training seminar. Find out how to grow and prepare plant materials. Study the sacred plants of shamanism, past and present. Train in the methods of ethnobotany and field techniques for plant collecting right in the mystical primary climax rainforest of this ancient ceremonial center. This is an opportunity not to be missed! The seminar will be in the form of hands-on training, practical workshops, demonstrations, instruction, talks and lectures, with a range of exotic botanical material available for study. Evenings will be devoted to slideshow presentations. There will be ample time for exploring the ruins and surrounding rainforest on your own.

Instructors

Terence McKenna is a scholar, researcher and lecturer with a consuming interest in ethnopharmacology of psychoactive plants of South America. He is coauthor of *The Invisible Landscape: Mind, Hallucinogens and the I Ching, Trialogues at the Edge of the West* and *Psilocybin: Magic Mushroom Grower's Guide* and author of *The Archaic Revival, True Hallucinations* and *Food of the Gods.* Although he travels extensively giving public lectures, this will be a unique opportunity for participants to have an extended time studying with him in the field.

Jonathan Ott is a natural products chemist and botanical researcher. His numerous scientific publications include the books *Hallucinogenic Plants of North America, Teonanacatl: Hallucinogenic Mushrooms of North America, The Cacahuatl Eater: Ruminations of an Unabashed Chocolate Addict,* the English translation of Albert Hofmann's memoirs, *LSD: My Problem Child* and *Pharmacotheon: Entheogenic Drugs, their Plant Sources and History.* He has co-authored several key books and papers with the late ethnomycologist, R. Gordon Wasson and has collaborated closely with Richard Evans Schultes. He has many years experience field collecting in Mexico, where he lives and manages a small natural products laboratory and botanical garden of medicinal plants.

Stacy Schaefer is an anthropologist specializing in the Huichol culture. She completed an arduous 5-year apprenticeship as a weaver, the Huichol equivalent for women of a shamanic initiation. Her recent work has examined the Huichol loom as a sacred power object and the legality, ecology and economics of *peyote* use by the Huichol and the Native American Church. She is a professor of anthropology at the University of Texas PanAmerican.

Constantino Manuel Torres is a professor in the Visual Arts Department of Florida International University of Miami and a recognized expert on the archaeology and ethnobotany of the tryptamine-containing snuffs of the Caribbean and South America. He is presently engaged in important excavations of well-preserved mummy bundles in San Pedro de Atacama, Chile and his collaborators recently detected tryptamines in 1200-year-old *Anadenanthera* snuff *(cébil)* samples. His publications include a catalog of Taino art entitled *Taino: los Descubridores de Colón (Taino: Discoverers of Columbus).*

Rob Montgomery is the founder of Botanical Preservation Corps. He has extensive experience in botanical collecting in Amazonian Ecuador and throughout northern South America. Tropical field ethnobotany, medicinal and psychoactive plant research are his passions. In training and inspiring many others in practical field collecting he hopes the urgent efforts to preserve tropical plant species and native knowledge about them will become more effective.

Registration and Cost

The course fee of $1200 includes a full week of instruction, deluxe hotel accomodations (double occupancy) and three meals daily. Please send in the full fee (non-refundable) to reserve your place as soon as possible, stating which session you will be attending. Space is limited and our past seminars have filled rapidly, so register soon to avoid being turned away. Please include a short biography of yourself. We will confirm your place in the course and send further information about Palenque and the course details.

Make registration fee payable to Botanical Preservation Corps and send it to:
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