

## **Growing Opportunities in Non-Timber Forest Production**

February 28 – March 2, 2002  
Asheville, NC

Due to increasing regional awareness of income opportunities associated with the production of non-timber forest products, a regional conference will be held February 28, March 1 and 2, 2002 at the North Carolina Arboretum in Asheville, NC. This conference, organized by the Yellow Creek Botanical Institute, is made possible through the support of Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. As the fourth event in a year long educational series presented by the Yellow Creek Botanical Institute, this conference entitled “Growing Opportunities in Non-Timber Forest Production”, will illustrate some of the varied income producing opportunities related to the growth in the non-timber forest products industry. The term “non-timber forest products” refers to the production of any forest produced crop other than timber such as ginseng, ramps, moss, galax and many others. Private landholders, land managers, rural community developers, natural resource agencies, and others interested in forest based entrepreneurial development should attend this conference. Information presented will include topics such as: forest farming, wildcrafting, cultivation of mushrooms, marketing, and industry sustainability. Presenters will include Dr. Tom Hammett, Virginia Tech; Dr. Jeanine Davis, NC State University; Robert McCaleb and Maureen Decoursey, Herb Research Foundation; as well as many others. Those interested in attending this regional conference should contact Rob Jordan by telephone at 828-479-3099 or e-mail at [ycbi1@graham.main.nc.us](mailto:ycbi1@graham.main.nc.us) for more information.