

Chuck Wanzer operates the North Carolina, Kentucky, and Florida locations of the now closed Wilcox Natural Products, purchasing wild crafted and cultivated medicinal bark, berries, leaves and roots. Chuck also sells extracts for US Nutraceuticals of Eustis, FL, a Super Critical CO2 extractor of medicinal plants. He has worked in this field for the past 16 years.

Ed Fletcher is former head of cultivation for Wilcox Natural Products. Ed now oversees all aspects of the production, marketing and sales of the botanicals produced by Strategic Sourcing, specializing in medicinal botanicals. Ed is a well-known speaker on medicinal plants, having worked with them his entire life.

**PROPAGATING
NATIVE FOREST
PLANTS
FOR SUSTAINABLE
HARVEST
and other topics**

**COMING SOON!
GUIDE TO WILD HARVEST**

Guide to Wild Harvest is being compiled from the research and contributions of Wild Harvest Sector partners, including Virginia Tech, Virginia Cooperative Extension, and West Virginia Cooperative Extension.

Guide to Wild Harvest will provide practical information on the production of a variety of non-timber forest products for landowners, sustainable foresters, conservationists, and herbalists.

To reserve a copy, contact Ann Rogers, TAP, (540) 345-6781 ext. 4359.

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A workshop by
Chuck Wanzer & Ed Fletcher
in partnership with
Wild Harvest Sector

June 9, 2001
9 a.m. to noon
Camp Mitchell, New Castle,
VA

Propagating native forest plants
for sustainable harvest

Date:

Saturday, June 9, 2001

Time:

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Place:

Camp Mitchell, New Castle, VA.

What to bring:

Bring your own lunch.

Cost: Free.

Contact for more information:

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Driving instructions to Camp Mitchell

From I-81 take exit 141 Salem/New Castle. Turn onto Rt. 419 towards Hanging Rock/Catawba. Turn right at light in Hanging Rock onto Route 311 North towards Catawba. Go about 20 miles to town of New Castle. Turn right onto Rt. 615 in New Castle. Go about 2 miles. Sign for Camp Mitchell is on right. Turn left into Route 689 to Camp Mitchell entrance. Park in gravel area near large building.

Chuck Wanzer and Ed Fletcher will provide information on how to propagate native forest plants from roots and seeds collected from the forest. The workshop will help you avoid common mistakes in handling of seeds and roots of wild forest plants. The purpose of the workshop is to help you learn to produce forest crops in a manner that conserves existing plant communities while diversifying your non-timber forest products operation.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE SECTOR!

At this meeting we will recruit persons interested in becoming first-time growers and receiving our training and guidance on finding forested growing sites, and growing, harvesting, processing, and marketing of ginseng, goldenseal, other forest-grown plants, and other special forest products.

**REGISTRATION
for June 9, 2001**

(Please pre-register by June 4)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Send this form to:

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Wild Harvest Sector is a program designed to foster the sustainable propagation, harvesting, value-added processing, and marketing of forest-grown medicinal plants and other non-timber forest products in southwestern Virginia.

The program is being offered through the support of Appalachian Regional Commission by a partnership among Total Action Against Poverty, Roanoke; Virginia Tech's Dept. of Wood Science and Forest Products, Blacksburg; and Craig County Rural Partnership, New Castle.

Wild Harvest Sector is dedicated to the preservation of all plant species grown for market. Therefore we encourage participants to learn to "grow their own" rather than to deplete natural plant communities.

We believe that the production and marketing of forest-grown medicinal plants and other non-timber forest products can help local residents boost their income -- while conserving our beautiful forests for future generations.

Wild Harvest Sector offers the following:

- ⇒ Assistance with finding and starting your own growing site
- ⇒ Training and assistance in planting, cultivating, harvesting, and marketing forest plants
- ⇒ Online services through Virginia Tech's Non-timber Forest Products website -- <http://www.sfp.forprod.vt.edu>
- ⇒ Assistance with production of a variety of non-timber forest products -- floral products, mushrooms and other food products, horticultural products, specialized wood products, and a variety of forest-grown medicinal plants.