

ETHNOBOTANY and INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE



on **Saltspring Island** **British Columbia, Canada**

**Summer Intensive Field Course
in Anthropology**

**offered through Mount Allison University, New Brunswick, Canada
Dr. Marilyn Walker**

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Ethnobotany is the systematic study of how people of a particular region use and relate to plants. In human societies everywhere, plants are important as foods, materials and medicines. Indigenous Peoples worldwide are especially recognized for their long-term and in-depth relationship with their environments and for their traditional plant knowledge. This is a field course in ethnobotany incorporating Indigenous Knowledge as an experiential 'way of knowing' about plants and their ecologies. Students will develop hands-on experience with plants - their uses, harvesting, preparation and management - as well as becoming familiar with theoretical and methodological issues in ethnobotany and Indigenous Knowledge.

You may register for this course (depending on prerequisites and prior credits) under SOAN 3541 - Ethnobotany, SOAN 3911 - Intermediate Special Topics, SOAN 4541 - Cultural Ecology, SOAN 3031 - Indigenous Knowledge Systems, SOAN 4901 - Issues in Sociology and Anthropology

Tuition \$439.00 + \$75.00 *Course fee*

Travel: participants are responsible for own travel arrangements to and from Saltspring Island. Ferries run frequently from Victoria and Vancouver.

Meals: participants are responsible for food purchase and meal preparation.(except for the first evening). One communal dinner is a traditional Northwest Coast pit-firing. Cooking lessons on using wild and garden plants as foods and beverages. Try nettle stew, salal smoothies, berry bannock & clover tea.

Room and board (on-site accommodation)

Tenting	\$210.
Trailer (shared)*	\$280.
Private room*	\$420.
Day fee (for those with off-site accommodation)	\$105.

* limited and booked on a first-come basis

Saltspring Island is one of the Gulf Islands off the West Coast of B.C. (between Victoria on Vancouver Island and Vancouver on the mainland). It has been in the news (Globe & Mail, Harper's...) as an ideal place to live in Canada, and for its community activism on behalf of endangered ecosystems and especially the fragile rainforests of the Northwest Coast. It's known for heritage seed conservation, forest management, sustainable agriculture, alternative building technologies, organic gardening, and its medicinal gardens. Saltspring has an internationally recognized yoga centre. Kayaking, bicycling, hiking, and arts and crafts (including basketmaking using local materials) are popular activities.

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