

Economic Botany Leaflets

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WELCOME to the first volume of *Economic Botany Leaflets*. In this edition we launch our section on policy impacting economic botany with an interview with Senator Paul Simon of The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. We want this interview to be the first in a series of editorials and interviews on issues of interest to the economic botany community. To read the interview please see the the **Simon Interview** in the Policy Corner below. Also check the link marked **Editorial Policy** for more information on contributions in the form of policy editorials. We are also open to carrying interviews conducted by our readers. In addition we would like to carry letters to the editors on both reactions to the material in this section and other areas on which you wish to comment. You can link directly to the editors at the end of this page.

Paul Simon (Click on image for EBL interview)



For preliminary information on the **Society for Economic Botany (SEB) 1998 meeting** to be held in Denmark, see the link below in the Meetings section. This information will be updated as it becomes available. There is also information and a link for the **International Conference on Medicinal Plants** and the **XVI International Botanical Congress** which will coincide with the 1999 SEB meeting in St. Louis.

Restoration ecology is a discipline which overlaps with economic botany. To learn more about the [Society for Ecological Restoration](#) check out their web page. [SER's next meeting](#) will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida November 12-15. Please also check Claudia Gonzalez-Romo's introduction to the II International Congress, **Etnobotanica 97**, to be held in Merida, Yucatan this fall. Both are also in the Meetings section.

For a good time, check [Photos of the 1997 SEB Meeting in St. Louis](#). 😊 You may see someone you know.

Dan Austin, book review editor for The Journal of Economic Botany has requested that we link you directly to the [Journal Editor's Web Page](#). This page includes links to both Dan and Lawrence Kaplan, the editor of the journal. Dan has requested that particular attention be drawn to a list of books that need reviewers. It is hoped that everyone will pitch in to keep the Society for Economic Botany, its journal and the state of our discipline healthy.

Congratulations to SEB president-elect, Professor Gail E. Wagner and new treasurer, Professor John Rashford, both of the Department of Anthropology of the University of South Carolina at Columbia. Congratulations also to new SEB Council members, Steve King and Deena Decker-Walters.

Carlos Ochoa of the International Potato Center in Lima, Peru is the 1997 Distinguished Economic Botanist.

New to the Plant Tidbit section is information on **Kudzu- Daidzin and Puerarin**, featuring two papers on extracts from this plant utilized to reduce biochemical addiction to alcohol.

Galleria Botanica's newest feature is a direct link to the **Smithsonian Catalogue of Botanical Illustration**. Included are works by 11 artists in 3 families, Bromeliaceae, Cactaceae and Melastomataceae. Species from over 100 genera are available for personal use and study.

Your feedback is welcome and encouraged.

- [News of the 1998 Society for Economic Botany Annual Meeting](#)
- [How to join the Society for Economic Botany](#)
- [WWW Ethnobotany Resource Directory](#) **NEW**

Policy Corner

- New for fall: [Simon Interview](#)
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Plant Tidbits--News and feature shorts

- New for fall: [Kudzu- Daidzin and Puerarin](#)
- Melanoma and HIV: [Betulinic Acid](#)
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- [Graduate Programs in Ethnobotany](#)
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Galleria Botanica

For your viewing pleasure *Economic Botany Leaflets* is featuring links to the botanical illustrations of selected artists.

- New for fall: [Smithsonian Catalogue of Botanical Illustration](#)
- Held over: [Wendy Brockman, samples from "Urban Wildflowers"](#)
- Held over: [Carol Wickenhiser-Schaudt "Artistic passion with the trained eye of a scientist"](#)

Meetings

- [Society for Economic Botany 1998 Annual Meeting](#)
- [XVI International Botanical Congress](#)
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- [Etnobotanica 97](#)
- [International Conference on Medicinal Plants](#)


Positions Open NEW

- [EBL Bulletin Board](#)
- [Listings from the Chronicle of Higher Education](#)

Online Economic Botany Resources

- [NYBG Society for Economic Botany Home Page](#)
- [SEB Journal Editor's Web Page](#)
- [Kew's list of over 200 Web sites of interest to economic botanists](#)
- [Economic Botany Web Pages, from the Internet Directory for Botany](#)
- [Ethnobotany Database, U.S. National Agricultural Library](#)
- [Native American Food Plants, U.S. National Agricultural Library](#)
- [Medicinal Plants of Native Americans, U.S. National Agricultural Library](#)
- [Phytochemicals, U.S. National Agricultural Library](#)

Related Web Pages at SIU

- [Southern Illinois University Herbarium](#)
 - [Plants and Society \(Plb 117\)](#)
 - [SIU College of Science Home Page](#)
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**Photos From the 1997 Annual Meeting of the
Society For Economic Botany at Washington University, St. Louis
(Click on Thumbnail to Enlarge Picture)**



Hosts Memory and Walter Lewis



Lucille & Lawrence Kaplan, Jan Salick and Don & Vivian Ugent



Charles Heiser, Carlos Ochoa and Greg Anderson



Christinane Ehringhaus (1997 Fulling Award winner)



D. Milanowski (1997 Morton Award winner)



Lawrence Kaplan and Felix Coe



Dan Austin and Nadia Navarette Tindall



Peter Lapinskas



John Rashford



Charlotte Gyllenhaal



Cahokia Banquet

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Announcement

of the

1998 SEB Annual Meeting

The 1998 SEB summer meeting will be held in Aarhus, Denmark with President Jan Salick presiding.

In 1999 we return to St. Louis as SEB will coincide with the International Botanic Code meetings at the Missouri Botanical Gardens (see Meetings for a separate entry).

We will keep you posted as more information becomes available on all of these events.

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Each membership includes an annual subscription to ECONOMIC BOTANY (issued four times a year) and the bi-annual Newsletter of the Society. The annual membership meeting is held in June or July of each year.

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Letters to the editors, articles and interviews by the readership are welcomed for publication in Economic Botany Leaflets. Pieces should be in good taste and will be included at the discretion of the editors.

Unique to this publication is the Policy Corner featuring articles and editorials on technical methods, government decision making, funding and other areas within and surrounding economic botany.

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