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Editorial Review

From the Inside Flap

1. Historical Overview

2. Basics

- **WHAT ARE ESSENTIAL OILS AND HYDROSOLS?**

Essential oils, Hydrosols, Extracts, Aqueous extracts, Alcoholic or oily extracts

- **USES**

Aroma baths, Flavoring, Skin care, Fragrant oil burners, Hair care, Internal uses, Body and massage oils, Liqueurs, Perfumes

- **EXTRACTION METHODS**

Steam distillation, Fractional distillation, Co-distillation, Cold pressing, Solvent extraction, Enfleurage, Maceration/Infusion, Resinoid process, Carbon dioxide extraction

- **CHECKING THE QUALITY**

3. Making Your Own Oil, Step by Step

- **STEAM DISTILLATION**

The principle, Stills, Building your own still, Tea kettle, Pressure cooker, Wok still, Classic still with a lyne arm, Classic still with a vertical condenser, Glass still, Buying a still, Small stills, Large stills

Preparing the plants

Harvest: Roses and jasmine, Lavender, Herbs, Citrus fruits, Seeds, Branches

Cutting up the plants: Citrus fruits, Spice seeds, Dried herbs, Fresh herbs, Juniper berries, Bark, Petals, Conifers

The distillation process

Filling

Distilling

Double distillation: First distillation, Second distillation

- **SEPARATING THE HYDROSOL AND THE OIL**

Syringe: Oils lighter than water, Oils heavier than water

Pipette

Separatory funnel: Oils lighter than water, Oils heavier than water

Automatic oil separator

Florentine flask or essencier

Cleanliness

- **CALCULATING THE YIELD**

- **COLD PRESSING**

- **MACERATION**

- **ENFLEURAGE**

- **STORING OILS**

Excessively high and low temperatures

4. Distillable Materials

- **TYPES OF PLANTS, SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISTILLATION**

Allspice / pimento, Angelica, Anise, star anise, Balm, lemon balm, bee balm, Balsam poplar, Basil, Bay laurel, Bay rum tree / West Indian bay tree, Benzoin, Bergamot, Birch Bitter orange / neroli, Bitter orange / petitgrain, Broom, Cajuput, Camphor, Caraway, Cumin, Cardamom, Cedar, Celery, Chamomile, Cilantro, Cinnamon, Citronella, Clary sage, Clementine, Clove, Cotton lavender, Cypress,

Damiana, Davana, Dill, Elecampane, Eucalyptus, Fennel, Fir, Douglas, Frankincense, Garlic, Geranium, storksbill, pelargonium, Ginger, Grapefruit, Ground ivy, Hemp, Hogweed, Hops, Hyssop, Iris, Jasmine, Juniper, Larch, Lavender and lavandin, Lemon, Lemon verbena, Lemongrass, Lime, Lovage, Marigold, Marjoram, Mint: spearmint, pennyroyal, field mint, peppermint, Mountain pine, Mugwort, Myrrh, Myrtle, Narcissus, Nutmeg, Oakmoss, Orange, Oregano, Palmarosa, Palo santo, Parsley, Patchouli, Pepper, Peppermint, Queen Anne's Lace (Wild Carrot), Ramson, Rockrose, Rose, Rosemary, Rosewood, Rue, Sage, Sandalwood, amyris, Savory, Scotch pine, Spike lavender, Spikenard, Spruce, Norway spruce, St. John's wort, Strawflower, immortelle, everlasting, Swiss pine, Tangerine, Tansy, Tarragon, Tea tree, Thuja, Thyme, wild thyme / creeping thyme, Tuberose, night hyacinth, Turmeric, Valerian, Alpine valerian, spikenard, Vetiver, Violet, Wattle, mimosa, Wormwood, mugwort, Yarrow, Yellow jade orchid blossoms, champaca, Joy, Ylang-ylang / cananga

- OVERVIEW: PLANTS AND THEIR EFFECTS

5. Using Your Oils

- BASE SUBSTANCES AND MATERIALS

Neutral carrier oils: Almond oil, Avocado oil, Corn oil, Jojoba oil, Macadamia oil, Olive oil, Sesame oil, Soy oil, Sunflower oil, Walnut oil

Additives: Alcohol, Beeswax, Hydrosol, Lanolin (wool fat), Soap flakes, Soft soap

Shaking the hydrosol

Equipment

- SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- BATH ADDITIVES

Full bath additive, Bath salts, Shower gel, Footbath additive

- FACIAL AND BODY CARE

Milky cleanser, Cleansing oil, Makeup remover, Exfoliant (face scrub), Face packs, Facial cleanser, Facial cream, Night cream, Massage oil, Facial oil, Sunscreen oil, Deodorant, Mouthwash

- SHAVING

Shaving soap, Aftershave

- HAIR CARE

Shampoo, Hair tonic (conditioner)

- SOAP

- PERFUME

- LIQUEURS

Absinthe flavor (Swiss style I), Absinthe flavor (Swiss style II), Anise I, Anise II, Caraway, Caraway, Breslau style, Caraway, Danzig style, Carmelite style, Cherry, Jenever style, Krambambula, Lemon, Peppermint

Crèmes: Anise, Anisette, Bitter liqueur, Caraway liqueur (Magdeburg style), Danziger Goldwasser style, Eisenbahn (railroad) liqueur, Peppermint liqueur I, Peppermint liqueur II, Raspberry, Rose liqueur

- MISCELLANEOUS

Black tea, Sauna infusions, Fragrant oil burners, Potpourri, Air freshener sprays, Gauze pads, Inhalant, Ironing water, Laundry

6. Frequently Asked Questions

7. Harvest Calendar

About the Author

Bettina Malle and Helge Schmickl graduated from the Vienna University of Technology in 1991 with masters of science in chemical engineering and received doctorates in technical sciences in 1993. They have published books and conduct workshops on the production of vinegar, distilled spirits, and essential oils, emphasizing the use of fruits and herbs right from the garden. Bettina and Helge have been married since 2002. That same year they moved to Klagenfurt, Carinthia (Austria), where they host their seminars and

conduct research and developments in fermenting and distilling. They have two children.

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