

PAT'S HERBAL COURSE and WORKSHOPS

The course is made up of 11 Workshops covering a wide variety of subjects. It is based on 23 years of teaching and 20 years of Practice as a Herbalist. At the end of the course you will feel empowered to use natural therapies to look after yourself and your loved ones.

All workshops can be taught as a one off. Popular ones are: Weeds and their uses, Beauty from natural products, Soaps, shampoos and washing gel and Creating a First Aid kit.

I have always endeavoured to make my workshops available to all walks of life thus have kept my fees reasonable. However to do this each workshop must have a minimum of 12 and maximum of 20 students.

All workshops have a similar structure. We start by learning about the herbs, related subjects and the items we're making and later on we make our products. After deciding what you'd like to make we break into groups and create the products which are divided up for everyone to take home. For a class of 12 students there will be 6 items made and if the class is larger we will make more items unless a certain project needs more students. For example in the Weed workshop we make the Wild Weed ointment which needs a large group due to the number of herbs involved.

Cost/workshop is \$60/student. You will make approximately \$60 worth of products to take home. Costs may vary if travel is extensive or if I have to pay for the venue.

All ingredients are included in the cost, you only have to bring your own jars or bottles or buy them from me at cost price. A cutting board and your own sharp knife are optional as I do bring some. Bring paper and pen for notes, lunch to share and if not supplied own cup, plate and cutlery. I will supply labels and sealable bags. Wear clothes you feel comfortable in and don't mind getting dirty. Bring a sense of humour, your thirst for new knowledge and your ability to share your own knowledge with others.

I have outlined each workshop and included what we make. This may vary according to the seasons and availability of the materials, e.g. herbs.

**I have also put an asterix next to additional items that are only made if I have a larger class.*

Introduction to Herbal Medicine (Workshop pre-requisite)

This workshop will introduce you to the world of Herbal Medicine. You will be shown all the products that herbalists use to help your wellbeing. Ointments, creams, tinctures, poultices, compresses, capsules, tablets, syrups and so much more. You will learn to make your own tinctures as a base for your medicinal creams, sprays, ointments and syrups. All samples to be taken home.

Workshop 1

Weeds and their uses

Ever wanted to know what uses the weeds have that grow in your own backyard? You'll learn to identify these plants, learn their medicinal, cosmetic, culinary uses and how they balance our soil then use them to make into a variety of items.

- *Wild weed ointment*
- *Wild weed cream*
- *Chickweed or Purslane infused oil*
- *Paddys Lucerne syrup*
- *Tonic tea*
- *Chlorophyll capsules*

Workshop 2

Healing herbs grown in your garden

Learn what herbs you should grow in your own garden for healing. Samples will be brought along to share and bring along your own kitchen herbs so that you can learn their uses. Practical session will enable you to learn how to grow and use these herbs including making a refreshing sparkling drink.

- *Healing ointment*
- *Chamomile cream*
- *Wormwood tincture*
- *Elder champagne*
- *Comforting tea*
- *Feverfew capsules*
- *Wormwood capsules*
- *Rosemary salt* *
- *Spirit of Balm* *

Workshop 3

Respiratory herbs

In this workshop we'll identify and use weeds and herbs that can be used to relieve all types of respiratory ailments such as coughs and colds. You will make a number of products along with learning some simple home healing techniques.

- *Phytolacca ointment*
- *Chest rub*
- *Herbal lozenges*
- *Hot and cold flu drink*
- *Breathe easy tea*
- *Ginger and Chilli capsules*
- *Onion cough syrup*
- *Inhalant tin* *
- *Throat spray* *

Workshop 4

Booster your immune System

You will learn about many useful herbs that will booster your immune system, along with other helpful information. We will cover a healthy diet, exercise, additives and lifestyle. We'll have healthy treats to sample and create lots of useful items to take home.

- *Myrrh ointment*
- *Blackberry Nightshade ointment*
- *Garlic syrup*
- *Winterblend tea*
- *Garlic and Chilli capsules*
- *Echinacea capsules*
- *Garlic salve* *
- *Echinacea tincture* *

Workshop 5

Beauty from Natural products

Learn how to create a natural cosmetic range. Understand more about the ingredients that are in common cosmetics and how you can replace them. You will learn about the oils, herbs, butters and so much more that will nourish and revitalise your skin type.

- *Clays*
- *Scrub*
- *Cleanser*
- *Toner*
- *Aloe and comfrey moisturising cream*
- *Body butter*
- *Rich cream for sensitive skin* *
- *Nourishing oil* *
- *Hydrating lotion* *

Workshop 6

Culinary Herbs and their uses

Back to the kitchen garden to discover the wonderful world of kitchen herbs and their uses. You will learn that many of these herbs have medicinal uses as well so you will create culinary delights and condiments but also medicinal products. Added the Ginkgo tree, a living fossil that everyone should grow.

- *Salad dressing*
- *Italian herbs*
- *Tamari seed mix*
- *Calendula oil/ointment*
- *Memory tea*
- *Ginkgo capsules*
- *Carrot lotion*
- *Salad oil* *
- *Mayonnaise* *
- *Curry mix* *

Workshop 7

Soaps, shampoos and washing gel

Learn how to make your own soaps from a basic recipe. You'll learn to create a large variety of soaps using various herbs, clays, natural colours, base oils, honey, essential oils and milk. We'll look at the ingredients in commercial bath products and learn how they affect our health. Create your own shampoo, hair conditioner and lots more.

- *Six Soaps*
- *Nettle hair conditioner*
- *Shampoo*
- *Washing gel*
- *Soap balls* *
- *Liquid soap* *
- *Castille soap* *

Workshop 8

Powerful Healing herbs

There are some specific herbs I love and use a lot – Comfrey, Cayenne and St. Johns Wort. You will learn all about their healing virtues and create a range of products from them. My popular A.R. cream for those aches and pains will be included.

- *Comfrey ointment*
- *Comfrey paste*
- *A.R. cream*
- *Women's Relaxing tea*
- *Chilli capsules*
- *Hypericum plus oil*
- *St. Johns wort capsules* *
- *Comfrey tincture* *
- *Chilli oil* *

Workshop 9

Back to Basics using compresses and poultices

This is a hands on workshop where you will learn all about home healing so that you can feel confident about treating simple problems e.g. bruises, burns, earache, colds, diarrhoea and a fever. This is a workshop everyone should attend and is based on my book "Oh no not the onion poultice". It contains information that has been partially lost and was once the knowledge of every housewife, nurse and healer. Everyone loves creating products so there will be something for everyone.

- *Sun protector cream*
- *Sun protector lip salve*
- *Rose and Elder moisturising cream*
- *Alfa med tea*
- *St. Marys Thistle capsules*
- *Acid/Alkaline charts*
- *Grapefruit dressing**
- *Requested item**

Workshop 10

Create a First Aid Kit

In this workshop you'll create your own small first aid kit to take home or use in the car. You will make each of the 16 products including capsules, creams, ointments, tinctures, rescue remedy and sel salts put them in labelled containers and create a kit. Many people have told me this is the most useful thing we make on the course as it puts all the recipes and ideas into one easy to use kit.

- *16 items – see Pat's book "Pat's Herbal Recipes"*

Workshop 11

Stress, Anxiety and Depression

Learn how to deal with emotional problems. Cover diet, lifestyle, cortisol levels, hormones, mineral imbalances and so much more. You will be shown the herbs and essential oils that will help alleviate your problem.

- *Pat's Elixir*
- *Women's Balancing cream*
- *Relaxing tea*
- *St. Johns wort and Valerian capsules*
- *Passionflower spray*
- *Essential oil roll on*
- *Chaste tree capsules **
- *Women's Balancing tea **