

11, 12 AND 13<sup>TH</sup>. OCTOBER 2013

International  
Forum  
for

# Natural Dyes

Jardin Conservatoire  
des Plantes Tinctoriales  
LAURIS - Provence

5<sup>th</sup> edition

Natural dyes  
and sustainable  
development

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Jardin Conservatoire des Plantes Tinctoriales  
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## Presentation

Since 1998, Couleur Garance, a society active in research and promotion of vegetable dyes, has received many visitors in the Jardin Conservatoire des plantes Tinctoriales and its boutique for vegetable dyes.

Throughout the year, the Couleur Garance team offers teaching workshops, courses, publications partnerships, exhibitions and specific projects such as the re-introduction dye plant culture into Provence.

In October, the International Forum for Vegetable Dyes is a significant event in the calendar of the society. The forum enables enthusiasts to come and learn, share, exchange, buy or sell vegetable dye products.

**For this fifth edition of the International Forum, Couleur Garance proposes the following theme:**

### Vegetable Dyes and Sustainable Development

A few years ago, for most of our contemporaries, using vegetable dyes appeared to be utopian, rather unrealistic and marginal concept. However, stimulated by a real interest in society for natural, ecological products, numerous specialists throughout the world are today developing innovative, high quality practices using natural dyes thanks to a careful review of traditions. The general principals of classic vegetable dyeing have often been described and published and it would appear that there is nothing more to discover in this domain.

**During the Couleur Garance Forum, however, new lines of reflexion will be considered to rethink vegetable dyes in accordance with modern expectations: the search for healthy clothing with well-being properties, the use of non-polluting practices, which take account of individuals and their environment.**



## Programme for 11,12 and 13<sup>th</sup>. October

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup>. October. Day for professionals

**9h-18h :** Conferences/demonstrations - **Chairmen :** *Yoshiko Wada, Michel Garcia*

#### Speakers:

Guest of honour: **Yoshiko Iwamoto Wada**, (Berkeley California), artist, curator, textile researcher, author, founder of Slow Fiber Studios and president of World Shibori Network. Innovative approaches to art of Shibori and Design. [www.slowfiberstudios.com](http://www.slowfiberstudios.com).

**Cecilia Aguirre** (Bourg La Reine, France) research worker, textile restorer. Natural dyes and the restoration of art.

**William Ingam**, (Ubud, Bali, Indonésie), founder of Threads of Life. Indonesian traditions, sustainable development and organic mordants. [www.threadsoflife.com](http://www.threadsoflife.com)

**Michel Garcia**, (Lauris France), founder of the Jardin Conservatoire des Plantes Tinctoriales, author, manager of Plantes et Couleurs. [www.michel-garcia.com](http://www.michel-garcia.com). The future of natural colourants, a modern and realistic approach.

**Eber Lopez Ferreira**, (Sao Paulo - Brasil), manager of Etno Botanica. The wealth of Brazilian biodiversity, preservation of its resources and knowledge. [www.etno-botanica.com](http://www.etno-botanica.com)

**Catharine Ellis**, (USA), studio artist, teacher and author. Lichens and Lakes : Dyeing Woven Shibori Fabrics with Multiple Fibers.

**IFTH** (Institut Français du Textile et de l'Habillement). Results of new techniques with organic mordants: resistance to light, washing, friction and perspiration.

**Philippe Chiffolleau**, Project Manager of the Regional Natural Park of the Luberon. Presentation of the results of the cultivation of Polygonum tinctorum in Provence.

**Farid Chemat**, GREEN laboratory. Eco-extraction techniques.

### SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup>. and SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup>. Days for the general public

*For two days, the 3500 m2 of garden and the terraces of the Lauris Castle will be open to the public to discover vegetable dyes..*

**Tour of the garden** and its 250 dye plants. Independent or guided tours. Sale of seeds and plants.

**Craft market** for the sale of dyed articles, textiles, handicrafts from various countries, works of art... More than 60 exhibitors.

**Exhibitions and performances** by numerous vegetable dye artists both outside and in the Arcade Exhibition Room, on the theme of contemporary art revival.

**Workshops** and demonstrations for children and adults.

**Conferences** on a variety of themes based on the revival of vegetable dyes and sustainable development in France, USA, Brazil, Indonesia ...





## Useful Information

### **Friday, the day for professionals**

All the conferences on Friday are bilingual, translation English/French and Portuguese/French.

Cost (all inclusive): 200 € (includes midday meal and evening entertainment).

### **Days open to the general public**

Samedi/Saturday/Sunday: Craft market, conference, activities, signing of books on vegetable dyes, exhibition, tour of the garden open to all.

Workshops: payment on enrolment

Access/accommodation: <http://laurisenluberon.com>

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