

goldenseal (if you are harvesting for the roots); I am hoping that if I grow in scattered beds and do not plant too intensively this will not become a problem.

One of our next steps may be to use our newly constructed Web site (so far not a profitable project) to talk about and perhaps to sell native plants. We are considering the possibility of selling some of these plants by mail order.

**9. Will you continue to use the practice you investigated? Why or why not?**

Yes, although it does seem to be a slow going project; I will continue selling some plants and to build more of these beds for the future. The demands of cut flowers and herbs, which I sell at the local farmers market and which provide much of my income, continually take first priority; hopefully we will not have so many capital-intensive projects every year and I will be able to put more time, again, into the native species. I continue to be more interested in the conservation aspect of the project and so selling plants as a method of saving and spreading native populations is more interesting than the apparently difficult proposition of selling quantities of the roots for medicinal purposes.

**10. What do you tell other producers about your project and the results?**

I'd like to answer this in terms of gardeners; other producers don't seem much interested in native plants; most of the people I know grow vegetables and/or flowers. But I meet a lot of gardeners at markets I have encouraged a few people to grow blue cohosh and goldenseal as medicinals because they have good sites. A still small, but larger number of gardeners are interested in these native varieties as ornamentals and I tell them about growing conditions including shade and soil pH which will help their plants. I do not take these plants to every market, but fill special orders.

**11. Explain what you did in your outreach program? Please send a copy of any articles written about your project.**

There is a small group of people here interested in native plants who have been in contact with United Plant Savers. They are talking about becoming involved with my project. I have had several young people from the Berkshires who I have met at market come to learn the plants and to help work in the growing beds. Last year I offered a workshop through Naomi's Herbs, a store in Lenox. She is not doing any workshops this summer. I have led several wild plant walks through the area planted, showing visitors how to recognize these plants. Coles Brook Farm will try to do a project in the spring with Naomi's, planting some of these plants in a wildlife sanctuary along the Housatonic River in Lenox. Most of my outreach is informal, talking to people I meet at the two weekly markets and in the herb store. I include these plants on my plant list and in my Web page and hope to begin to more actively use that page. *I taught a workshop in the summer of 1995 at Naomi's Herbs*

**12. Please include 2-3 slides or photographs of your project.**

I have taken photographs and will have the film processed and get photos to you.