

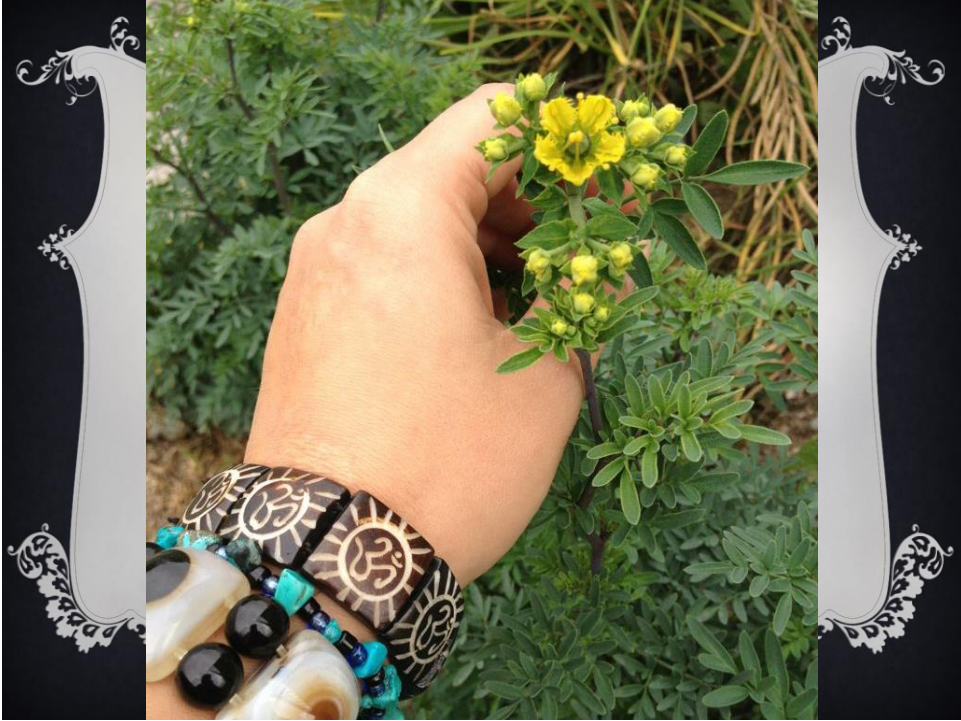
**RUE, RESIN AND ROSE:
SACRED AND MEDICINAL TRILOGY OF
LATIN AMERICAN *MATERIA MEDICA***

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CURANDERA'S ALTAR







RUE

❖ An herb of grace allowing us to screen out negative influences and clearly visualize and manifest our visionary potential.

RUE

❖ At one time the holy water was sprinkled from brushes made of Rue at the ceremony usually preceding the Sunday celebration of High Mass, for which reason it is supposed it was named the Herb of Repentance and the Herb of Grace.

RUE

- ❖ The fibrous roots of this herb reminded some people of the blood vessels in the eye, which may account for its use as an eyestrain treatment.
- ❖ Rue was once believed to improve the eyesight and creativity, and no less personages than Michelangelo and Leonardo Da Vinci regularly ate the small, trefoil leaves to increase their own.

RUE

- ❖ Rue is also used to give a person “second sight” and was believed to help see into the future.
- ❖ A potent remedy to ward off the “evil eye” or “mal ojo”

RUE

- ❖ Also commonly known as the Herb of Fair Maidens in France, Rue has long been a symbol of virtue and purity.
- ❖ As part of traditional Lithuanian wedding rites, the bride wears a crown of Rue which is burned during the ceremony to symbolize her transition from the whimsy and virtue of childhood to the responsibilities of motherhood and adulthood.
- ❖ A sprig of Rue is also presented to the marrying couple to lend clarity to their marriage.

RUE

- ❖ Rue is emmenagogue.
- ❖ It is asserted to cause abortion, and such effect is accompanied with inflammation of the stomach and bowels, with cerebral disturbance.
- ❖ It is primarily used to stimulate the beginning of the menstruation flow. In fact, rue invigorates the uterus muscles and encourages the flow of the menstruation.

RUE

- ❖ Wards off pests and insects
- ❖ Repels deer
- ❖ Kills lice and nits
- ❖ Scattered around the house to keep out fleas
- ❖ Leaves tucked in fruit bowls to keep away fruit flies

RUE

- ❖ Holding a sprig up to one's nose was thought to ward off plague, and a sprig hung around the neck was thought to protect against disease as late as the mid-19th century.
- ❖ It was the custom for judges to have sprigs of Rue strewn around the courtroom to protect from jail fever.

RUE

- ❖ In many parts of the world, Rue is also used to repel evil spirits because of its strong, pungent odor and effect on the body.
- ❖ Sprigs of Rue were ingested to guard against spells, and was considered a very reliable “anti magic” defense.
- ❖ This belief started with Ancient Greeks who, when dining in the company of strangers, ate Rue to calm their indigestion, which they attributed to their new guests using witchcraft to cast spells upon them.

RUE

EASY TO OVERDOSE

- ❖ retching and vomiting
- ❖ violent pain in the stomach
- ❖ headache, heat flushes, coldness and twitching of the extremities
- ❖ frequent desire to pass urine, which is strongly impregnated with the peculiar odor of rue.
- ❖ MAY CAUSE BLISTERS



RUE

A decorative frame containing two images. On the left is a black silhouette of a three-leaf clover symbol. On the right is a photograph of a rue plant branch with several small, green, pinnate leaves. The word "RUE" is centered above the images. The frame has a white, ornate border with floral motifs.







SANGRE DE DRAGO



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❖ Repeatedly wounded, it
cries blood tears of healing



SANGRE DE DRAGO

- ❖ to stop bleeding and to seal, and heal wounds, burns, cuts, tooth extractions.
- ❖ for herpes virus ulcers (taken internally and applied topically)
- ❖ for skin fungi, rashes, and dermatitis; for insect bites, poison ivy and other itchy or allergic skin reactions;
- ❖ for stomach ulcers, ulcerative colitis, dysentery and diarrhea

SANGRE DEL DRAGO

- ❖ The proanthocyanidins repair collagen.
- ❖ Additionally, Dragon's blood contains taspine, a known tissue-healing agent.
- ❖ The sap also demonstrates antibacterial, antiviral and antifungal activity.
- ❖ Different studies have shown that the unprocessed or the natural herb is approximately four time more effectual in curing the skin disorders than the chemically extracted elements from sangre de drago.

SANGRE DE DRAGO

- ❖ Several studies have shown that SP-303, extracted from sangre de drago, is effective in curbing diarrhea. The compound or SP-303 functions by restricting the flow surplus of water into the intestines.
- ❖ The SP-303 is proanthocyanidin inhibits various DNA and RNA viruses,

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Courage
Magical Power
Energy
Strength
Purification
Changes
Determination
Cleansing



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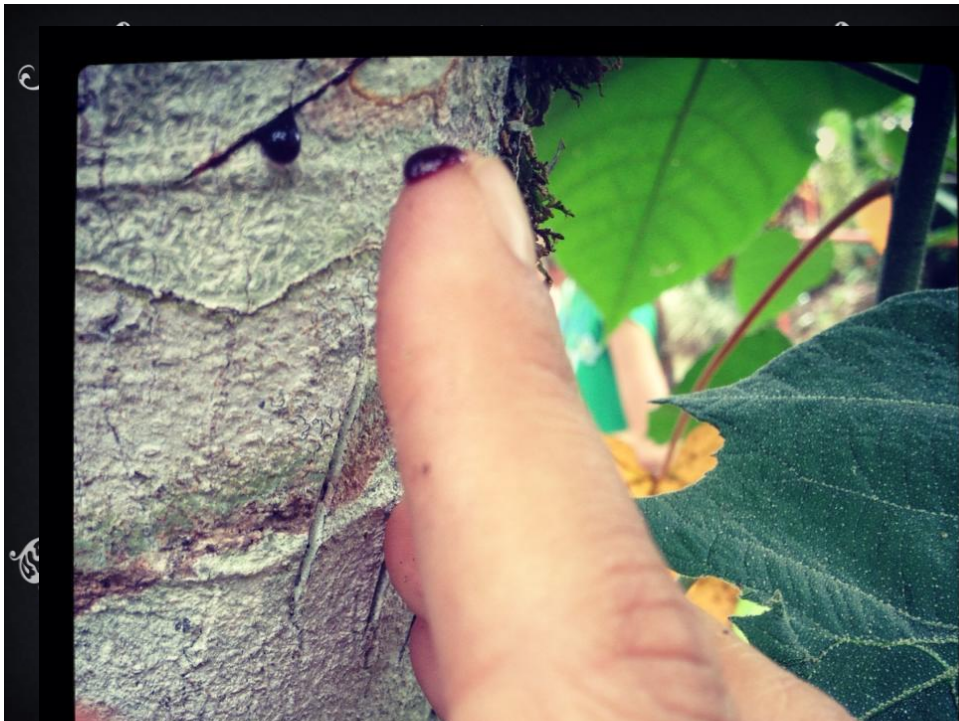
- ❖ Dragon's blood generally is associated with the Fire element and the planet Mars.
- ❖ A powerful protectant when sprinkled around the house or burned as incense. A pinch added to other incenses will increase their potency.
- ❖ The incense is potent and has a pungent/fetid smell. Only a dusting should be used at a time in combination with more pleasant resins.

SANGRE DE DRAGO

- ❖ In African-American folk magic it is used in mojo bags for money-drawing or love-drawing.
- ❖ Dragon's Blood Ink is used to seal and protect magical writing, such as agreements, oaths and vows. It is also used for love or protective talismans and sigils.

SANGRE DEL DRAGO

- ❖ Deforestation and reforestation concerns
- ❖ More sap can be harvested if the tree is completely removed rather than tapped.
- ❖ Tapping the tree often leads to the trees death.
- ❖ It grows quickly and nourishes the soil in deforested areas and is therefore a good choice for reforestation projects.



SANGRE DE DRAGO



COPAL
PROTIUM COPAL



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❖ While collectors in Mexico and Central America usually wound trees to stimulate resin flow, Amazon harvesters collect resin lumps formed on trees by attacks from a specialized group of bark-boring weevils



COPAL



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- ❖ The word *copal* is derived from the Nahuatl language word *copalli*, meaning "incense."
- ❖ Mayans call it POM
- ❖ It is available in different forms. The hard, amber-like yellow copal is a less expensive version. The white copal, a hard, milky, sticky substance, is a more expensive version.







COPAL

❖ Copal brings trapped and deeply stored energies up for release.

COPAL

- ❖ Copal resin incense is burned year round in the churches of Mexico and has been used as an offering to the gods in Central America.
- ❖ Well known for its use in Mexico in the homes during Day of the Dead. The familiar scent of copal helps the souls find their way back during their annual visit home.
- ❖ banishing, smudging, cleansing, and exorcism

COPAL

- ❖ It was considered to be the “food of the gods,” and was burned as an offering to them.
- ❖ Copal was associated to the god *Tlaloc* (“He who Makes Things Grow”) and the goddess *Chalchiuhtlicue* (“She of the Jade Skirt”) both rulers of water and associated with fertility and creation.
- ❖ Small copal figurines representing these deities have been found in the ancient city of Tenochtitlan.

COPAL

- ❖ The ancients also carved true copal into an assortment of shapes to be worn as accessories, talismans or amulets.
- ❖ Similar metaphysical properties as amber, which is said to provide protection, healing, cleansing, and enhance fertility



COPAL

- ❖ Gum copal resin incense is excellent for smudging. If the space is full of negativity, stagnation, or a loved one has been ill, copal can cleanse the space quickly and raise the vibrations at the same time.
- ❖ Copal aids in physical self-healing, emotional healing of depression, and environmental clearing.

COPAL

- ❖ If one has been feeling stuck in present circumstances, copal can be a true aid in helping to move forward in a positive direction.
- ❖ Copal resin is said to reveal invisible energies that appear like rays of sunlight filtering through an early morning mist.

COPAL

- ❖ Aids in the manifestation of ideas to reality.
- ❖ The life force trapped within copal promotes fertility, and its protective and environmental clearing properties make it a good stone to use to prepare a healing or birthing room.

COPAL

- ❖ Use copal with the solar plexus chakra to increase confidence, mental clarity, and creative self expression.
- ❖ Copal can remove energy blocks.

COPAL

- ❖ Burn copal during vaginal steam baths to assist the release.
- ❖ Vulnerary (tissue repairing), anti-inflammatory, antibiotic, and anti-fungal properties.
- ❖ It may also help stop bleeding and have some analgesic effects.
- ❖ The oil can be applied to almost any skin injury or condition: Eczema, psoriasis, minor cuts, burns, scrapes, minor infections, boils, rashes, dandruff, acne, insect bites and stings.
- ❖ Use as an aftershave or scalp oil.

ROSE



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Rose reconnects us with the
beauty that is nature, the love
within and the sweetness
around us.

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A superior remedy to promote self-love, joy and appreciation, indicated for depression associated with self-loathing/destruction, deep sorrow, even violent anger. I like to add a subtle amount to blends where a little love is needed!





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