



## Wonder Woad – The somewhat different scientific publication

Dear friends of nature and of plants

As farmer's daughter and an agricultural scientist of conventional farming, I was little prepared when the call of "my plant" hit me. At that time I saw myself with my own experience out on a limb and did not know that there are many like-minded people around the globe.

Woad - an old-established crop that was grown in the medieval Europe for the production of the blue indigo dye - was well known to me from my previous research work.

Nevertheless, the experiences related to my woad plant hit me like a bolt from the blue. And so it turned out that I transformed these experiences into the stories that appear on the recently launched homepage "Institute for Dye Plants".

Homepage „Institute for Dye Plants“ see <http://www.dyeplants.de>

As scientist, I strive to label things. And so after looking back on a series of somewhat very amazing experiences I ascertained that this is probably a private research project. With an element of humour I gave my report the evocative title of "Wonder Woad".

It took a lot of courage to go in the public with the knowledge I had gained. But I can already say that it was completely worth it, because I was richly rewarded at every level. After I was able not only to accept the experience, but even to appreciate it, I realized that the serendipitous approach - not following the mind, but the intuition - is equivalent to a holistic research approach.

In the absence of - at least in the conventional scientific sense - tangible evidence, the results of my research were illustrated on the basis of experiences about dye plants - especially woad. Here are the links to the relevant publications:

For a printer-friendly German version with an introduction and summary see <http://www.dyeplants.de/pdf/Geschichten.pdf> [PDF 855 KB]  
[Website with German stories <http://www.dyeplants.de/geschichten.html> ]

For a printer-friendly English version with an introduction and summary see <http://www.dyeplants.de/pdf/Woadstories.pdf> [PDF 801 KB]  
[Website with English stories <http://www.dyeplants.de/stories.html> ]

As can be seen from the stories, the topic of "Human and Plant" has been a heartfelt concern of mine for a long time, and I have now dedicated a new web site to it. In view of the metaphysical dimension of plants, I also enlighten my relationship with plants in small everyday experiences on this web site. Expressing the wisdom of the plants in this manner fills me with gratitude and pleasure.

For the web site "Human and Plant" see <http://www.menschundpflanze.de>

More recently - at least from my perspective – there has been a quantum leap in my work with woad. Now I am very pleased to be able to offer a printed folding card in A6 format with instructions for the use of woad - on the material, personal and spiritual level - along with a sachet containing woad seeds. This is available to all friends of nature and of plants who are interested.

That the good news reaches as many like-minded people, I would be very happy if this circular letter – see also links to PDFs - is forwarded to other friends of nature and of plants.

Thank you for your attention,  
kind regards and all the best

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For the German circular-letter see <http://www.dyeplants.de/pdf/Rundschreiben.pdf> [PDF 40 KB]

For the English circular-letter see <http://www.dyeplants.de/pdf/circular-letter.pdf> [PDF 38 KB]

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**Payment** The charge for one folding card is €3.00. The charge is - together with the postage costs - to be paid before dispatch. The payment details will be send via e-mail after receipt of your order.

