

The First International Scythe Symposium and Festival
The Role of the Scythe in the Human Experience of the 21st Century
July 11-18, 2004 at Molln, Austria

Symposium Themes

1. Application of the scythe
 - in landscape maintenance and energy conservation in the "North"
 - in ecological and independence-supporting agriculture of the "South"
 - for the promotion of health and quality of life around the globe
2. Trends in worldwide scythe supply and strategies for improving services
3. Scythes and mowing in Folk Culture

There will be outdoor demonstrations and workshops on all aspects of practical scythe use, celebrations with music, dance and intercultural exchange.

Of related interest and scheduled within our agenda, Umweltschutzverband Austria is planning a special *Symposium on Wildflower Meadow Management* which will include excursions to the surrounding mountainsides.

We invite participation of :

- ethnologists and accomplished mowers from many countries (to demonstrate their regional use of the scythe)
- researchers in intermediate technology/human-powered tools
- representatives of agricultural cooperatives from the so-called "under-developed" parts of the world
- environmental departments of Kyoto Protocol-committed countries
- aware farmers and gardeners, holistic health practitioners, deep ecologists, environmental activists and others who speak on behalf of a sane and peace-oriented world.

With specific inquiries and presentation proposals, as well as other offers of support, please contact Eisenstrasse at: **sensfestival@eisenstrasse.info**

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