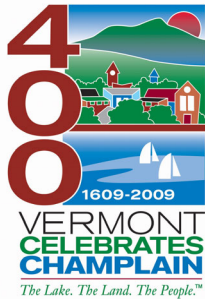


# 2010 Quadricentennial Legacy Grants

## The Vermont Indigenous Ethnobotany Project



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### Project Summary

The CVNHP/LCBP provided a Quadricentennial Legacy Grant to Abenakis Helping Abenakis for the Vermont Indigenous Ethnobotany Project, which explored a legacy of practices including culinary, medicinal and industrial plant and plant materials collection, ash splint basketry and twined bag manufacture, and two indigenous forms of traditional mound-based horticultural land use using local indigenous cultivars.

In 2010, local Vermont bands seeking Vermont state recognition prepared detailed descriptions of cultural practices that could be shown to be local, not imported, and distinctively Native American. This information was necessarily collected by tribal officials untrained in ethnography or economic botany, but revealed a huge body of heretofore unknown ethnobotanical and land use lore. The Vermont Indigenous Ethnobotany Project followed up on this exciting discovery by collecting data, plant materials, and other material for proper study, interpretation and curation.

The Vermont Indigenous Ethnobotany Project reviewed the information in the public recognition applications of the Missisquoi (Swanton, VT), Nulhegan (Northeast Kingdom), Koasek (Newbury, VT) and Elnu (Windham Co. VT) bands to extract the pertinent ethnobotanical “leads” and unite with local practitioners to observe and record the horticultural and other technological indigenous practices that use plants and plant products. The field data and materials were analyzed and interpreted for use by scholars and the public through publications, lectures and museum installations.



An Abenaki artisan displays a ceremonial sun disc.



Abenaki Sun and Moon dance performed at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, summer 2011.

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