

Aphrodite's Tree1 - Species Communication Station

A legend from the coast of Asia Minor tells that the goddess Aphrodite had her favorite place under a Monk's Pepper Tree. To this day, this tree is considered a sacred site.

By decision of the sixth Organisms Parliament, a communication station for the species Monk's Pepper (Aphrodite's Tree) and humans is established on the premises of Organisms Democracy Berlin Osloer Straße.

Visitors book 20-minute slots for a protected sleeping station. They then have a one-on-one introductory conversation in Turkish, German or English about Monk's Pepper and ways of communicating with plants as described by Robin Wall Kimmerer in „Braiding Sweetgrass“. Then they climb up a ladder to the top of our container where we have installed a bed in which you can lie with your head directly under a plant of Monk's Pepper. Here you are completely on your own and can try to enter into communication with the Monk's Pepper for 20 minutes.

While people are using the one-on-one communication station, the parliamentary area of Organisms Democracy will become a hosting space with welcoming station and tea buffet. At a craft station you can contribute to Organisms Democracy's Herbal Zine on Inter Species Communication. While tea is sipped, stories are told and read in three languages, there is room for encounter and exchange.

Tuesday, September 5th, 2023

21.00 - 21.20 - Introduction with Güliz Avcı

21.20 - 02.00 - Party, stories, tea, launch of a Herbal Zine for Organisms Democracy.

21.20 - 02.00 - Exclusive communication slots (20min) with Monk's Pepper



Representation from the herbal book of P.A. Mattioli

Kimmerer, R. W. (2013): Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants. Minneapolis, MN: Milkweed editions.