

Historic garden of the 2nd courtyard of the Carolino building of the Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (BUAP) (Meritorious Autonomous University of Puebla), México

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The historical building “Carolino” is an architectural complex that made a compromise to education from its foundation, making it possible to take up the garden of medicinal plants in the second yard, establishing the presence of 63 species with medicinal properties that are used on a regular basis by the state’s population and which usefulness has a record as old as the State College itself, making themselves perceptible in its pharmacy and medicine practices book. For this project, it was necessary to perform labour such as soil studies, sowing, nutrient distribution, and phytosanitary control. This shows the natural goods within the historical and cultural significance that the institution looks to preserve, just as to promote practices that remind us of the immaterial inheritance of traditional medicine in our territory, and the tight but overlooked everlasting relationship between man and nature. From an educational, economic, and social perspective, it would be beneficial for more of these kinds of spaces to emerge, and to carry on with the biocultural traditions that enrich and construct part of our history as a population. As long as there is a horticultural management plan, the garden will also contribute to the landscape of the complex and the city itself, always taking precautions to respect the different museum values coexisting in the historical building Carolino.