SEED TO SEAL:
Setting Standards for Essential Oils

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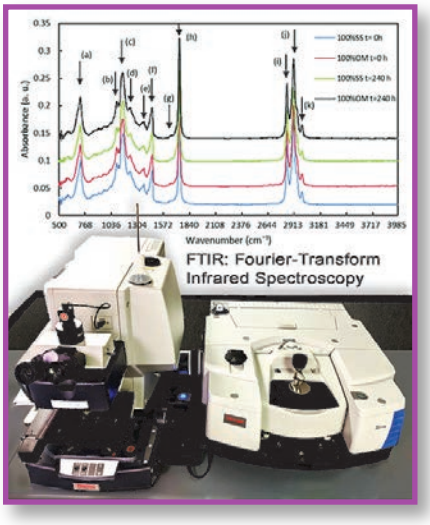
The Young Living Mission

We enhance and empower lives around the world by having the unique benefits of nature's living energy—essential oils!

Over the last twenty years or so, a significant improvement has taken place in the health product industry that supplies natural supplements, nutrition, and cosmetics. The industry offers the consumer refined and effective products to supplement children and adults, so they can enhance their health.

Many years ago, Gary Young, founder of Young Living Essential Oils, invited people in the health product industry to attend a meeting to discuss setting standards in the natural health field. When he presented his expectations to uplift the industry as a whole, he received a surprising response. The owners and representatives of companies did not understand why anyone would go beyond the FDA requirements. He was trying to set an American standard that would bring pride and respect to the alternative product industry. No companies accepted his offer. Instead, Gary set the standard on his own, and that standard has become the world-renowned "Seed to Seal" standard.



Gary Young was gifted intuitively and recognized the chemistry and essence of plants and their oils. He realized that he needed to know the science behind essential oils to publish in scientific journals. He wanted to show the Young Living Members that they were getting the very best product for themselves and their animals. The result is that Young Living now has the most extensive library in the world. Books, papers and documentation include the history of stewarding the soils, the techniques required, temperatures, and the art of distillation of various plants, trees, barks, roots, and resins.

As part of the *Seed to Seal Standard*, scientific instruments have become more refined, and highly trained scientists perform state of the art tests. These tests include, but are not limited to: a battery of microscopes, high-performance liquid chromatography, chiral chromatography, and Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy with highly sophisticated machines. These machines produce stringent, unyielding quality benchmarks to identify the purest, genuine, and most effective vital ingredients that set the Young Living Seed to Steal Standard.

While Young Living labs can conduct all of the tests required, we routinely use third-party labs located in various parts of the world for third party verification. Only a few labs in the world have the skills to ensure the testing for quality and authenticity. The independent study removes any controversy about the final test results.

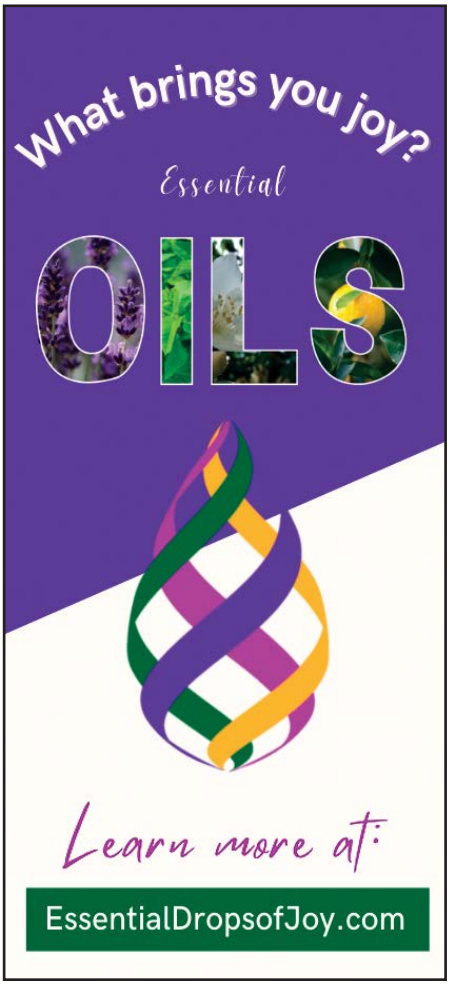
The *D. Gary Young Research Institute* teams had to develop cutting-edge science to create unique products to support product claims and uses because there was no scientific information available. The Research Institute has a highly valued relationship with one of the oldest Aroma Therapy Laboratories in France, where they often work together in research. The Young Living scientific instruments are calibrated with the French Lab, so together, they can promote the information to benefit Young Living members around the world further.

Young Living Essential Oils are sourced from our corporate-

owned farms, partner farms, and Seed to Seal-certified suppliers. Young Living works with the local communities and ecosystems wherever the global farms are located. The various farms provide essential oils that are indigenous to their area, resulting in different healing essential oils from around the world.

Health practitioners, spas, veterinarians, and dentists are confident Young Living offers the highest-grade essential oils, supplements, and other essential-oil products because of the rigorous scientific testing results. Additionally, many Young Living Members feel very confident in using many Essential oils in food preparation, beverages, desserts. The Vitality line of essential oils enhances health through food and is offered to members around the world. ■

Get to know a Young Living member who has used the Young Living oils over the years for health and education. Consider using these oils for yourself and your family, and for your pets and livestock. To receive a discount on all Young Living products, you have the option of becoming a member. To keep your membership, all that is required is that you place a single order of $50 or more just once a year! To receive ongoing, free, educational information, please contact Maria to be added to the Aroma Transformations newsletter. Simply email your request to yleo.aspirations@ gmail.com. Maria will be happy to answer any questions you may have.



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