

The following room presents a picture gallery of well-known and lesser-known masters, in whose works hemp plays a role. Impressionists, realists and many Orientalists sometimes portray hemp symbolically and often very clearly as a stimulant in their works.



Wherever hemp grows intoxicating under natural conditions, the enjoyment aspect can be found in the crops. Noble historic water pipes show how widespread smoking was in ancient Arabia and Persia. Hemp is mentioned in oldest records as far as India and East Asia. Even younger cultures such as the Rastafari movement are presented.

Finally, the legal situation is dealt with. How could a plant, which until the 19th century was an irreplaceable raw material, disappear from the fields in just a few decades and be reduced to an intoxicant? Here the emergence, the globalization and the current situation of the hemp prohibition are reflected. To meet serious problems with a smile, we let the cabaret artist Wolfgang Neuss, who died in 1989, speak.

On special occasions the museum presents special themed exhibitions and invites to events.

In addition to the large exhibition a small shop offers various things made of hemp and paraphernalia.

A reading café offers you literature, Internet and video but also serves as a platform for projects and initiatives that promote hemp as a raw material, medicine and recreational drug.

The hemp museum is independent and operated without government support. The initiative is committed to a legal approach to the crop hemp.

## Hemp Museum Mühlendamm 5 - 10178 Berlin

### Opening times

Tue. - Fr. 10<sup>00</sup> - 20<sup>00</sup> Uhr

Sa. - Sun. 12<sup>00</sup> - 20<sup>00</sup> Uhr

### Eintritt

4,50 €, reduced: 3,- €

Group tariffs from 6 Personen

Guidance can be done by reservation on phone

### BVG - public transport

Bus 248, M48, Station Nikolaiviertel

S+U Alexanderplatz ca. 10 Min.,

U Klosterstraße ca. 5 Min.

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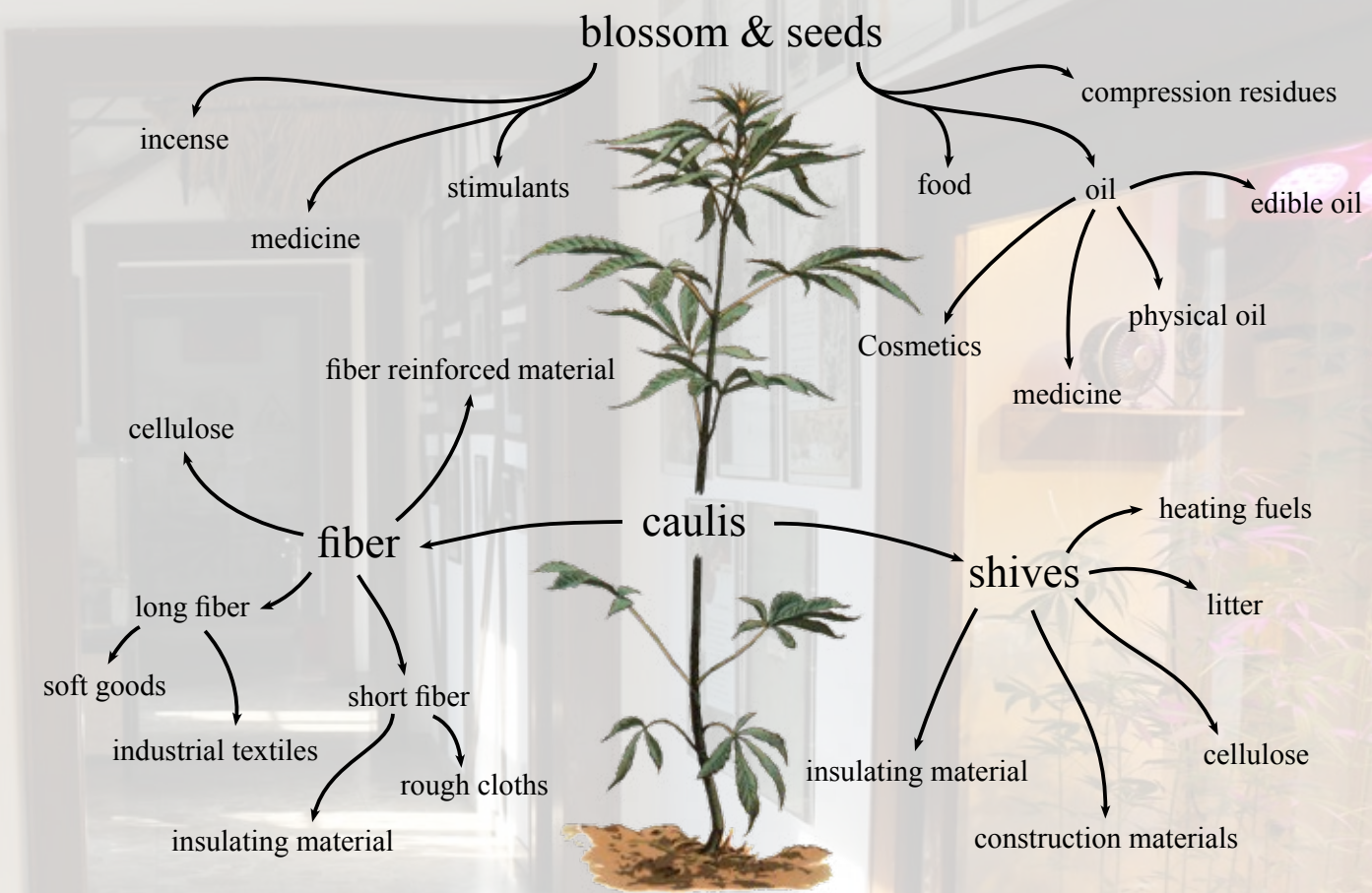


# The Hanf Museum (Hemp museum)

is the first and so far only permanent exhibition about the history of the charged and cultivated plant hemp. It is located in the oldest district of Berlin, in the Nikolaiviertel.

In the introduction, a scheme illustrates the manifold uses of the entire plant and provides an overview of the following exhibition. Excavations show that even Stone Age cultures knew hemp and made it usable for themselves. With development of the writing one can read how usual hemp cultivation in the past was.

The historical cultivation of hemp shows the presence and importance of hemp in central Europe. The soil-growing plant needs about three months to grow up to four meters high. After harvest, the hemp stems are broken, swung and heckled. These three steps of fiber extraction are illustrated by original equipment. In modern ecological house construction both fibers and shives are used. Hemp is a renewable raw material that can be used in a variety of ways as insulating material, pressboard or fiber composite materials.



The artisanal fiber processing is represented by devices of a historical spinning room. The firm twisting of the hemp fibers creates a yarn that can be woven into cloth or twisted into ropes. A large knot board indicates that hemp was an irreplaceable material for sailing vessels. In this room there is a plant showcase in which hemp plants of the variety „Fedora 17“ grow.

Subsequently, the extraction of hemp cellulose and the further processing into high quality paper is shown. Also, the cannabis seeds and their use as nutritious cereals and high-quality oil can be seen here. The medical benefit of cannabis is the third theme in this room. The effect of cannabinoids, which occur exclusively in the resin of the hemp plant, are illustrated in text and graphic. Illnesses and their treatment options with hemp preparations are listed, as well as the success of a less restricted prescription practice.

