

Arizona Emu Oil



Emu Oil is oil made from the fat of the emu, a bird native to Australia. It has been used historically by the Australian aborigines for the treatment of burns, wounds, bruises and as a pain reliever for bone, muscle and joint disorders. The birds themselves have two long feathers in each quill and emu eggs are dark green in color. The curious thing about emu eggs is revealed when they are etched. Etching uncovers layers of different colors, ranging between dark shades, light shades and some in-between hues. Tucson is the right environment to grow the emu birds and we are lucky to have two vendors at our farmers market whom have had a lot of experience with these desert creatures.

Bill and Barbara Johnson: Arizona Emu Oil

Barbara and Bill Johnson of Arizona Emu Oil were encouraged by their son to raise emus when they retired in 1994. They began by selling emu meat in 1997 where they sold emu meat and summer sausage. They just finished processing the last of the emu meat this year, and will be dedicating their energy to marketing the remaining emu oil for the production of handmade soaps and lotions. Along with the lotions and soaps they sell emu eggs and peacock feathers. All of their emu oil is rendered by Texas A & M and housed here in Tucson. Barbara explains emu oil is good for joint and muscle pain, burns and as a moisturizer for cracked fingers and heels. Before retiring the Johnson's raised 5 children in Tucson. Bill is retired engineer from Hughes and Barbara from City Bus driver. The Johnson's celebrated 54 years of marriage on April 18th, they still enjoy working together, the markets, the people and their long-time customers and plan to come as long as they can.