

THE 2008 NATIONAL BIODYNAMIC CONFERENCE

with keynote speakers Dennis Klocek and Hugh Williams

The Biodynamic Farming and Gardening Association invites you to this year's conference, held on the beautiful Rudolf Steiner College campus in Fair Oaks, California. At the center of the college, the small farm, Raphael Garden, with its raised beds, orchards and pasture, supports year-round food production for a 40-family CSA, a large seed saving operation, and the beauty and serenity of a diverse plant and flower life.

At the heart of biodynamic agriculture is the use of compost made with special homeopathic herbal preparations. The biodynamic practitioner enlivens the land through use of the biodynamic compost and spray preparations in cooperation with the natural rhythms of the earth and of the cosmos, and can bring about a dramatic shift towards sustainability on a local level.

Biodynamics, which is based on the spiritual insights of Rudolf Steiner, has long been known as a method for creating health and balance in the soil, the plants and animals, and the human being. During this conference we will be taking up the theme Agriculture and Spirituality: whatever we do spiritually affects the earth itself, the plants and the animals which live there, humanity, and ultimately all of cultural life.

SPECIAL EVENTS

This year there are two **Pre-conference Workshops** to choose from (details are on the websites, along with descriptions for the conference workshops). Please join us at Saturday's **Wine and Food Tasting Fundraiser**. Proceeds go towards our scholarship fund, so we can offer a discounted fee to apprentices and students.

DETAILS OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference fee includes all conference workshops, refreshments, farm tours, and after-dinner entertainment. **Pre-conference Workshops** and the **Wine and Food Tasting Fundraiser** are additional fees. A limited number of work-exchange positions are available for those wishing to reduce their conference fee. Please contact the Biodynamic Association directly for details, before submitting your registration.

Delicious, wholesome meals will be prepared from organic and biodynamic produce offered by local farms. Vegetarian and meat options available. Due to the number of attendees expected we are unable to meet special dietary requests, but do hope that the varied, healthy menu will accommodate your needs. **You must reserve and pay for your meals when you send in your registration form.**

Dorm rooms (\$32-\$48), local housing (\$16 sleeping bag, \$24-32 room), nearby camping (\$20-\$34), and nearby hotels are available. Motor homes are not permitted on campus. A housing form will be included with your confirmation letter. Dorm space is very limited, so you may make reservations now by contacting the Housing Office at Rudolf Steiner College at 916-864-4816 or by e-mailing housing@steinercollege.edu.

Fair Oaks is a 30 minute drive from the Sacramento Airport. Commercial shuttle service is available (supershuttle.com). Carpool information and directions will be included with your confirmation letter.

Questions? Contact the Biodynamic Association at info@biodynamics.com or 1-888-516-7797 or Rudolf Steiner College at rsc@steinercollege.edu or 916-961-8727.

REGISTER ONLINE at www.biodynamics.com or www.steinercollege.edu

WITH OUR GRATITUDE

Special thanks to our speakers, who are donating their time to make this conference possible. We are so grateful to all those who sponsor our scholarship fund, enabling us to offer a discounted fee to apprentices and students, and to the generous farmers who share from their bounty to enhance our meals.

A final note of appreciation to our co-sponsors: Rudolf Steiner College and BDANC (the Biodynamic Association of Northern California).

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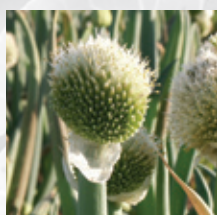
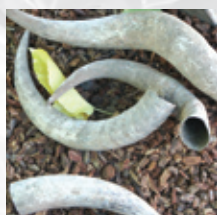
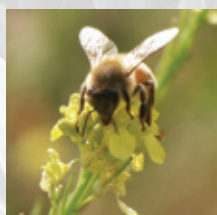
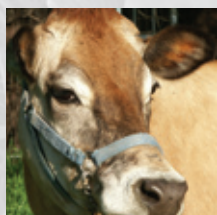
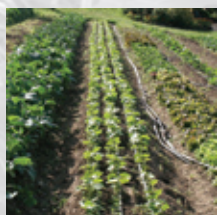
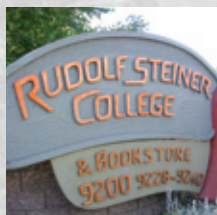
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THURSDAY EVENING (Pre-Conference)

- 5:30-9:00 **Pre-conference Workshops, Part 1**
 (A) Foundations for Applied Biodynamics—*Gena Nonini*
 (B) Demystifying Biodynamics: A Farmer's Guide to Working with Dynamic Principles—*Hugh Williams*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

- 8:30-12:30 **Pre-conference Workshops, Part 2**
 9:00 **Registration begins**
 9:30-12:30 **Farm Tours:** Raphael Garden—*Harald Hoven*, Sacramento Waldorf School—*Steve Payne*
 12:30-2:00 **Lunch**
 2:00-3:30 **Session 1**
 (1) Natural Beekeeping (discussion)—*Andy Scott, David Basile*
 (2) Nature Intelligence and Co-Creative Agriculture—*Jeff Dawson*
 (3) Labor Relations and Management; A Spiritual Endeavor—*Wali Via*
 (4) Eurythmy: The Dance of the World—*Cynthia Hoven*
 4:00-5:30 **Session 2**
 (5) Biodynamic Horticulture: Nursery Production, Cultural Management—*Chris Velez*
 (6) Calendar of the Soul: A Path of Meditation for Biodynamic Practitioners—*Patricia Kaminski*
 (7) Gardening with the Spiritually Developing Child—*Steve Payne*
 (8) Spirituality & Wine, Beer and Fermented Beverages—*Jean Yeager*
 6:00-7:00 **Dinner**
 7:00-9:00 **Welcome and Keynote:** The Soul of the World, The Spirit of the Earth—*Dennis Klocek*
 9:00-10:00 **Evening Entertainment:** Informal Jam Session; bring your instruments!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

- 7:30-8:15 **Breakfast**
 8:30-10:30 **Keynote:** The Human Soul, The Human Spirit—*Dennis Klocek*
 11:00-12:30 **Session 3**
 (9) The Art and Science of Compost—*Marney Blair*
 (10) Perceiving Plant Archetypes—*Patricia Kaminski*
 (11) A Discussion of Steiner's Garden Class Lesson: Working Together Socially and Caring for the Earth—*Carolyn Brown, Dan Kranstover, Gina Kray*
 (12) The Flowform, the Cosmos, and the Grail—*Patrick Garrettson*
 12:30-2:00 **Lunch**
 2:00-3:30 **Session 4**
 (13) Better Performing Plants for Your Place through Seed Saving—*Harald Hoven*
 (14) Lessons from Spirit Bee—*David Basile*
 (15) Saving Farms: Associative Economics in Action (discussion)—*Stephen and Gloria Decater, John Bloom, Ellie Kastanopolous*
 (16) Anthroposophy 101: Rudolf Steiner's Vision—*Cynthia Hoven*
 4:00-5:30 **Session 5**
 (17) Pasture and Livestock—*Dan Crebbin*
 (18) Developing Personal Relationships with Nature Spirits and Elemental Beings—*Marlies Schade*
 (19) Cultivating Healthy Social Soil—*Cinnie Blair*
 (20) Star Wisdom, Black Madonna and Caring for Mother Earth—*Nancy Poer*
 5:30-7:30 **Evening Events:** Wine and Food Tasting Fundraiser, Ad Hoc Group Gatherings
 6:30-7:30 **Dinner**
 7:30-9:30 **Evening Entertainment:** Contra Dancing with caller Bob O'Brien and his live band

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

- 7:30-8:15 **Breakfast**
 8:30-10:30 **Keynote:** God in the Details: A Life in Biodynamic Farming—*Hugh Williams*
 11:00-1:00 **Closing**
 A Celebration of 70 Years of Biodynamics—*BDA, Demeter, DBTA*
 Ceremony for Healing the Earth—*Wali Via*
 1:00-2:00 **Lunch**

Refreshments will be served between Sessions

REGISTRATION FORM

ONLINE REGISTRATION/WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS: biodynamics.com or steinercollege.edu

Please mail completed registration form and check to: Rudolf Steiner College, 9200 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, California 95628.

Name _____ E-Mail Address _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone Number _____

Conference Fees:

Pre-Conference Workshop (A or B).....	\$110	(includes Friday breakfast)	_____
Full Conference.....	\$150	(\$180 if postmarked after July 10)	_____
Friday Only.....	\$90	(\$110 if postmarked after July 10)	_____
Saturday Only.....	\$90	(\$110 if postmarked after July 10)	_____
Student/Apprentice Discount (Student ID required at registration)	50% off conference fee		_____
BDA Member Discount.....	15% off conference fee (if postmarked by July 10)		_____

For BDA membership (\$45) to receive the 15% discount, contact the BDA at 888-516-7797.

Workshop Choices (Indicate 1st and 2nd Choices): Session 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

Meal Fees, including tax (Must be paid by July 16):

Full Conference Meals	\$79.50	_____
One-Day Meals	Friday \$26.25, Saturday \$33.50, Sunday \$19.75	_____
Wine and Food Tasting Fundraiser	\$15 (\$20 at the door)	_____

TOTAL \$ _____

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