At the heart of Rudolf Steiner College sits Raphael Garden, our 3-acre, Demeter-certified biodynamic farm. Founded in 1987, the farm supports seasonal fruit, year-round vegetables, a large seed saving operation, farm animals and natural beekeeping, in a beautiful, serene setting. Our Perspectives on Biodynamics Workshop Series is held one Saturday each month for nine months from September to May, with a five-day intensive in June and Steiner’s Lectures on Agriculture is a lecture/study series on Tuesdays from September to November.

### Perspectives on Biodynamics Workshop Series 2016 – 2017

**Saturday, September 17, 2016, 9a-5p**

**1 Foundations in Biodynamics with Harald Hoven**
This workshop will begin with an introduction to biodynamics: its origins, foundations, and defining concepts with practical soil work.

**Saturday, October 15, 2016, 9a-5p**

**2 Understanding Biodynamic Preparations with Harald Hoven**
We will make and apply “horn manure” (BD500), bury compost preparations, dig up “horn silica” (BD501), and learn about the balancing effect of the spray preparations (BD500 and BD501).

**Saturday, November 12, 2016, 9a-5p**

**3 Principles of Biodynamic Composting with Harald Hoven**
We will learn about the basics of compost-making, build a biodynamic compost pile, and discuss how to understand the biodynamic compost preparations.

**Saturday, December 10, 2016, 9a-5p**

**4 Seed Saving for Self-Sufficiency with Harald Hoven**
The miracle of the seed is the form of the future it carries within. Instead of importing seeds, learn to save your own seed—a crucial part of creating a self-contained farm organism—by encouraging varieties best suited for your environment.

**Saturday, January 28, 2017, 9a-5p**

**5 Biodynamic Animal Husbandry with Marney Blair and Lisa Bjorn**
Explore the meaning of animal care from a biodynamic perspective. The class will discuss the role of the domestic animal and the role of the farmer in relation to the animal and the farm organism.

**Saturday, February 18, 2017, 9a-5p**

**6 Biodynamic Orchard Care and Fruit Tree Pruning with Dan Crebbin**
We will discuss orchard site selection, planting techniques, pests and diseases, biodynamic applications, restoration of heritage trees, and orchard maintenance. We will have an extensive field component on tree pruning and root care.

**Saturday, March 18, 2017, 9a-5p**

**7 Cosmic Rhythms and Planting Calendars with Harald Hoven**
Learn about cosmic influences that affect plants and how planting calendars help you see plants in relationship to cosmic events, increasing awareness of the land’s cosmic surroundings.

**Saturday, April 8, 2017, 9a-5p**

**8 Spring Planting and Weed Management with Harald Hoven**
Learn about plant choices, planting times and planning for managing weeds in the spring. This workshop will explore propagation of annuals and perennials, different methods of weed management including “ashing” of weed seeds. We will also unearth biodynamic preps from the autumn workshop.

**Saturday, May 13, 2017, 9a-5p**

**9 Pests and Beneficials with Harald Hoven and Keith Gelber**
Learn how to manage insects, animal pests, and fungal disease by attracting beneficial insects. This workshop looks at insect identification, biodynamic pest control, pollinator habitat, and care of the honeybee.
Join us for a 5-day intensive study of the fundamental theory and practice of biodynamic farming and gardening. Every morning we will begin with plant observation and study in our beautiful Raphael Garden, followed by discussion and eurythmy. Daily lectures will provide a comprehensive insight into the philosophy underlying biodynamics. Topics will include the four elements, the four kingdoms of nature, the levels of consciousness of each of them, and aspects of earthly and cosmic evolution.

This intensive course is especially designed for people who have taken the 9-part September through May Biodynamic Farming and Gardening workshop series (intensive may be taken separately). Others who already have at least a general knowledge of biodynamics, either through practice or study, may also attend.

Visit rudolfsteinercollege.edu/biodynamics for more information or contact Harald Hoven at 916 965 0389 or harald.hoven@steinercollege.edu

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Steiner’s Lectures on Agriculture is essential for anyone wanting to understand and use biodynamic methods of food production. With these lectures, Steiner presented a comprehensive picture of the complex dynamic relationships at work in nature and gives basic indications of the practical measures needed to bring them into full play. Please read “Agriculture: A Course of Eight Lectures” by Rudolf Steiner (available at the RSC Bookstore) prior to each session and be prepared to question and discuss in a study group setting.

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