North American Biodynamic Apprenticeship Program

2nd Annual Farmer-Mentor Circle Workshop

February 12-14, 2010 at Hawthorne Valley Farm

“The Art of Mentoring Apprentices”

Friday, February 12
4:30 pm: Orientation to the North American Biodynamic Apprenticeship Program
(for new and potential mentor farmers)
5:30 pm: DINNER
7:00pm: Welcome and Introductions

The North American Biodynamic Apprenticeship Program’s First Year
Introductory thoughts on the workshop theme

Saturday, February 13
9:00am: The Art of Mentoring: Part One
Miranda Smith, editor of “The On-Farm Mentor’s Guide” will speak about teaching
and mentoring on the farm.
10:30am BREAK
11:00am: The Art of Mentoring: Part Two
Miranda Smith will lead the group in exercises from her book, and farmers will
share successes and challenges from their experiences as mentors.
12:30pm: LUNCH
2:00pm: Using the Skills Checklists
Rachel Schneider will facilitate a panel and open discussion on the use of the North
American Biodynamic Apprenticeship Program’s Skills Checklists.
3:00pm: Group Artistic Activity
3:45 BREAK
4:15 Adult Learning Styles
Leonore Russell, educational consultant, will speak and lead the group in exercises exploring
ways to work with various adult learning styles.
6:00pm DINNER
7:30pm Screening of “The Vanishing Soil” with Trauger Groh

Sunday, February 14
9:00am: Speaking for Biodynamics
How do we as BD farmers present biodynamics to the public? Trauger Groh and
Steffen Schneider will speak about how they present biodynamics to various
audiences. Robert Karp will lead the group in an exercise to develop our skills as
spokespeople for biodynamics.
10:30am: BREAK
11:00-12:00 Closing Reflections
An open
discussion on the highlights and themes of the workshop and thoughts about our
future work together.
12:00pm: LUNCH