

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