

**FELLOWSHIP OF PREPARATION MAKERS**  
**TITLES AND SUMMARIES OF TALKS FOR 2024**

**LUKE FREY**

**Exploring the biodynamic preparations as a unified whole**

We will be weaving together the threads of ritual, ceremony and the living activities of the archetypes behind the preparations and the human being.

**DAWN RAINS**

**Introduction to Yarrow and Valerian Preparations**

An exploration of biodynamic preparations #502 Yarrow and #507 Valerian: Planetary associations, herbal use of the flowers, their elements and ethers, different ways to make the preparations, Steiner's indications, and applications.

**DELMAR MCCOMB**

**Leading Thoughts on the Science behind the Biodynamic Preparations**

How can we develop a better understanding of how the Preparations themselves work? Rudolf Steiner's ideas of "Negative Matter", Peripheral versus Point based physics and the laws of levity versus the laws of gravity will be covered in an effort to help explain the Etheric Nature of the Preparations.

**CARIN FORTIN**

**The preparations and their connections to human organs and their placement in the compost in relationship to the cosmos**

With an eye towards the Preparation Herbs in relationship to the Human Being, this talk will focus on the 3 systems of the Human (Nerve/Sense; Rhythmic; and Metabolic) and the Preparation's relationship to each. The concept of Center and Periphery; why some Preparations don't have sheaths, and the placement of the Preparations in the compost pile will all be discussed.

**LLOYD NELSON**

**Biodynamic Yarrow and Valerian**

Expanding potentials and uses from a practical and spiritual / artistic perspective. We will explore Potassium and Phosphorus, soil testing, agrarian alchemy and relevant research projects for improving soil and plant health.

## **GINA NONINI**

### **Farmers and Prep Makers as Priests; Biodynamic Preps as Sacraments for the Earth**

When God established the arc of Salvation History, He started with our story, man's story with "In the beginning," with creation itself. "In the Beginning", He placed A-dam, the human, in the midst of the Garden as Priest, Prophet and King, in addition to Son and Bridegroom. God granted these roles and responsibilities to humans to fulfill as conditions of the very first (Adamic) Covenant.

It is man's role as Priest, "to till and to keep" (Gen 2:15), to 'work and guard', to 'worship and protect', that this presentation will attempt to address. When most people think of priesthood, they think of formal ordination and clergy of an established religious denomination. However, in the beginning, right through to today and to the 'end of the age', every person has been made in the "image and likeness" of God (Gen 1:26) and will be in that making, being given the vocation and calling to the priesthood.

As farmers and prep makers, our vocation has a special calling as it relates to properly stewarding the earth. The Biodynamic lectures, or more formally known as the "Spiritual Foundations for the Renewal of Agriculture", gave us not only the knowledge to apply the priesthood vocation to the land, but more importantly gave us the Biodynamic preparations as sacraments to the earth.

## **HARALD HOVEN**

### **Yarrow and Valerian**

Studying the contrary gestures of yarrow and valerian will lead us to appreciate their different effects as preparations.

## **DACIANA IANCU**

### **Goethean observation of Yarrow and Valerian and their medical uses**

We will engage in a Goethean observation of this plant in order to better understand its qualities from a three-fold and four-fold perspective. This will help us better understand their role in helping humanity. Then we will learn more in depth about the medicinal uses of these plants. You will come away with some examples of remedies that contain these plants.