

BIODYNAMIC PREPARATION MAKERS INTERVIEW PROJECT

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Greetings!

As someone invested in biodynamic agriculture, you understand the importance and value of the preparations in producing the highest quality crops. With your support, the Fellowship of Preparation Makers (FOPM) is working to make sure that you and others will be able to continue this important work into the future.

The guiding question of the Fellowship of Preparation Makers is: *“How do we insure that good quality preparations are available now and into the future throughout North America?”*

The making of preparations is foundational to biodynamic agriculture. Without dedicated preparation makers, biodynamic farming practices would not continue. The Fellowship of Preparation Makers Interview Project collects and makes available the wisdom of preparation makers in North America for present and future Biodynamic practitioners like you and those with whom you work.

The project that FOPM is conducting requires funding from people like you. We are asking for your financial support to ensure a supply of quality preparations in the future, by capturing this wisdom and years of experience on tape and in writing.

The Interview Project includes a series of written and oral interviews with a wide spectrum of preparation makers in North America, both more senior as well as more innovative colleagues. The results will be shared in a variety of ways, so that the gleaned knowledge will be widely available.

This interview project will make a lasting contribution to the North American and international biodynamic movements. It will play a key role in 1) meeting the growing need and demand for knowledge about biodynamic practices, 2) educating future preparation makers, and 3) explaining the importance of preparation-making to people interested in biodynamic agriculture.

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The “Fellowship” is a free association of preparation makers whose members and supporters have organized an annual preparation-making education conference since 2002. The group has, additionally, successfully initiated and completed other projects over the years, including:

- ❖ Conducting research on quality factors of BD 500 (horn manure);
- ❖ serving as an advisory group for Demeter USA in establishing certification standards for the preparations;
- ❖ offering an annual conference to deepen and broaden understanding of the preparations, across the continent; and
- ❖ facilitating communication and education about preparation-making between individuals and biodynamic organizations across North America.

These accomplishments have primarily been sponsored and conducted through the dedicated efforts of the Fellowship of Preparation Makers, without any outside financial support. We are now asking the larger biodynamic community for support to continue this interview project in 2019.

The interview project’s projected budget for Year Two is slightly less than \$12,000. These funds will allow us to:

- 1) Record and transcribe five more interviews;
- 2) Prepare summaries for interviews conducted in 2018 and 2019; and
- 3) Make these summaries available to the international biodynamic community, to support educational, networking, and research now and in the future.

WHO SHOULD DONATE TO THIS PROJECT?

IF you are a vintner, farmer, rancher, or supporter; IF you need a dependable supply of preparations for your farming practices; and IF you support the future of preparation making on this continent; you will see the wisdom and importance of preserving the historical and educational information that will be collected by this project.

The Biodynamic Association (BDA), a 501(c)3 organization, has generously agreed to serve as the fiscal agent for this project, to receive your tax-deductible donation. ***You may make a donation online by visiting the Fellowship of Preparation Makers donation page on the Biodynamic Association website: <https://www.biodynamics.com/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=30>.***

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Or, you may make a check or credit/debit card donation through the Biodynamic Association using the form below, with a note saying this donation is for the "*Fellowship of Preparation Makers Interview Project*," to:

Fellowship of Preparation Makers Interview Project
c/o The Biodynamic Association
P.O. Box 557
East Troy, WI 53120

When your donation is received, you will receive a tax deduction receipt from the Biodynamic Association.

Donations of \$100, \$250, or \$500 would go far in supporting this work.

For more information about the project, contact Project Coordinator Karen Davis-Brown at callofthecontinent@gmail.com or visit the project web page at <https://www.biodynamics.com/fellowship-preparation-makers>.

Thank you for your interest and your contribution.

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Thank you for your support!