

BIODYNAMIC PREPARATION MAKERS INTERVIEW PROJECT

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Greetings!

This is an appeal for financial support, for an important project that the Fellowship of Preparation Makers (FOPM) is undertaking.

The guiding question of the Fellowship of Preparation Makers is: "How do we insure that good quality biodynamic preparation are available now and into the future throughout North America?"

The making of biodynamic preparations is foundational to biodynamic agriculture. Without dedicated preparation makers, biodynamic farming practices would not continue. The Fellowship of Preparation Makers feels that the knowledge, experience, and wisdom of preparation makers in North America has never been adequately recorded for present and future biodynamic practitioners.

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

The project will include a series of written and oral interviews with a wide spectrum of preparation makers in North America, including 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 biodynamic preparation makers, and 3) explaining the importance of preparation-making to people interested in biodynamic agriculture.

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The interview project's current projected budget is slightly less than \$20,000. Much of this budget will support the coordination of the project by Karen Davis-Brown, a long-time member of the biodynamic community. Other funds will be spent for transcribing, editing, and distributing the individual interview summaries, as well as supporting more comprehensive reports and analysis.

The "Fellowship" is a free association of preparation makers whose members and supporters have organized an annual biodynamic 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 biodynamic preparations; 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 North American preparation makers themselves, without outside support. We are now asking the larger biodynamic community for support to implement this project beginning in 2018.

WHO SHOULD DONATE TO THIS PROJECT?

If you are a biodynamic farmer, gardener, or processor, or a consumer of biodynamic products, and want to help ensure the growth of biodynamic agriculture, you will see the wisdom and importance of preserving the historical and educational information that will be collected by this interview 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.

Checks made out to the Biodynamic Association with a note saying this donation is for the "Fellowship of Preparation Makers Interview Project," can be mailed to:

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

You may send in the tear-off form below, to include with a check or to make a credit card donation. When your donation is received, you will receive a tax deduction receipt from the Biodynamic Association.

If you are unable to make a financial contribution, but can offer any of the following in-kind contributions, they would be much appreciated:

- Time and equipment for editing MP3 or WAV recordings;

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- Transcription services;
- Videographic services;
- Online or print advertising for the project and its support.

If you would like to make one of the above in-kind contributions, see the project budget, receive more information or details about the project, or receive contact information for any of the members of this interview project listed below; please contact Project Coordinator Karen Davis-Brown at callofthecontinent@gmail.com. You may also visit the Fellowship of Preparation Makers page on the Biodynamic Association website: <https://www.biodynamics.com/content/fellowship-preparation-makers#>.

Thank you for your interest and your contribution.

The Biodynamic Preparation Makers Interview Project Committee

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Thank you for your support!