

Biodynamics

the redemption of substance



A five-day course in cultivating sacred practices for working on the land
February 6 ~10, 2012 * Rudolf Steiner College, Fair Oaks CA

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There is growing recognition among people who work on the land that a spiritual practice is vital to the worldly task of producing nutritious food. For those on a path of inner development, agriculture becomes a sacred art. It lends insight to practical methodology, transforming the practitioner through the activity of transforming substance.

Join us for an in-depth exploration of the spiritual practice within the modern path of biodynamic agriculture. Founded on Rudolf Steiner's anthroposophic philosophy, methods for developing a sacred relationship to the land will be explored through:

- * presentations on the *alchemy of the four elements* as the theoretical basis for the biodynamic worldview
- * exercises in *phenomenology* growing out of the work of the poet Goethe
- * hands-on experiences in the art and science of *preparation-making* as an alchemical practice.

This course weaves together three fundamental practices for acquiring true knowledge through our interaction with nature, best exemplified by the old educational adage of "say, see, do." "Say" refers to how the thinking processes necessary for subtle understanding are developed. Traditionally this occurs through lessons given in the reasoning behind basic concepts. "See" is the development of aesthetic perception and delicate sensitivity for nature's forms which are necessary for insight into the forces at work in nature. This sensitivity is cultivated by a training in observation of natural phenomena. Finally, "do" is the laboratory where the concepts learned in "say" and the experiences of "see" are focused and harmonized. In weaving these three together, a spiritual practice for working on the land can be envisioned as the source of future inspirations. These inspirations will allow human beings to align themselves with spiritual beings who are waiting for human souls to build a bridge to the spiritual world, redeeming substance by uniting it once again with spirit.

Please note: This course is intended for practitioners interested in deepening their work on the land through the biodynamic method. Some familiarity with biodynamics is needed. Farming practices and basic biodynamic techniques will **not** be covered.



Instructors



Dennis Klocek: Artist, scientist, teacher, researcher, gardener, and alchemist, Dennis directs the Consciousness Studies Program at Rudolf Steiner College. He is the founder of Coros Institute, dedicated to dialogue between individuals in the sciences, arts, and business with a commitment to spiritual values arising from the contemplative life. He is also the founder of ClimaTrends, an acclaimed international lecturer, and author of several books including his most recent, *Climate: Soul of the Earth*.

Laura Liska: Naturalist, artist, researcher, and teacher, Laura is the administrative coordinator for Biodynamic Education at Rudolf Steiner College, newsletter editor and event organizer for the Biodynamic Association of Northern California (BDANC) and an education coordinator within the biodynamic community both locally and nationally. She teaches courses in phenomenology and the study of nature out of the work of Goethe and Steiner.

Matias Baker: Consultant, biodynamic preparation maker, and journeyman alchemist, Matias works with local and national farms and wineries to develop their biodynamic preparation protocols. He also consults for Finca Luna Nueva in Costa Rica, developing biodynamic preparations specific to the tropics.

February 6 - 10, 2012 (M-F) * 8:30am - 5:30pm

Rudolf Steiner College * www.steinercollege.edu/maps * 916 - 961 - 8727

\$525 per person * student/senior rate \$420

Scholarships for apprentices may be available through the North American Biodynamic Apprentice Program (NABDAP) of the Biodynamic Association. Contact Thea Maria Carlson at nabdap@biodynamics.com for an application. Scholarships for Waldorf teachers may be available through the Michael Foundation, www.michaelfoundation.org

8:30 - 10:00 *Alchemy of the Four Elements* with Dennis Klocek

10:15 - 10:45 / 11:15 - 12:30 *Phenomenology* with Laura Liska

12:30 - 2:00 Lunch break

2:00 - 3:00 *Artistic Activity*

3:30 - 5:30 *Preparation Making* with Matias Baker

On-campus housing is available through www.steinercollege.edu/housing.

Meal packages may be purchased when registering. Vegetarian option available. (all breakfasts M-F for \$40 * all lunches M-F for \$50)

Pre-registration required. Registration cut-off date is **February 1, 2012**.

Register online at www.steinercollege.edu/registration or use attached form.

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M-F

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Registration Form

Register online at www.steinercollege.edu/registration. Mail-in/fax registration fee is \$10. Preregistration is required. **REGISTRATION CUT-OFF IS FEBRUARY 1, 2012.** The course may be cancelled due to insufficient enrollment. If the course is cancelled, you will be notified promptly.

Name _____

Daytime phone _____

E-mail _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Course Fee

\$525 \$420 (student/senior)

Meal Option

Breakfasts \$40 for all five days M-F Vegetarian Non-vegetarian

Lunches \$50 for all five days M-F Vegetarian Non-vegetarian

Mail-in/Fax Fee

\$10

Total Due \$ _____

Payment

Registration must be accompanied by payment. Make checks payable to **Rudolf Steiner College.**

Check is enclosed (returned check fee is \$25) MasterCard Visa

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Mail to

Registration, Rudolf Steiner College, 9200 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.

Fax to

877-782-1885

Refunds

To receive a refund for course fees, cancellation must be received by **January 21, 2012.**

Cancellations or changes after Jan. 21 incur a \$25 fee. There will be no meal refunds after the Jan. 21 deadline. Refunds issued 30 days after request. No refunds given after class has begun.

Questions?

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Housing: 916-864-4816 or e-mail housing@steinercollege.edu

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