

## DEVELOPING PERCEPTION FOR QUALITY

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The Fellowship of Preparation Makers welcomes you to the Annual 2016 Conference. This year, utilizing BD#500 as our basis for study, we seek to answer the questions:

### WHAT IS QUALITY?

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#### **How is quality evaluated in the context of Biodynamic Preparations?**

To contemplate these questions, the conference will explore a multifaceted approach with two picture forming methods examined from a practical and a theoretic stance. We will explore a three-fold approach to gain perspective of the preparations, touching on the economic and regulatory realm, the cultural context of preparation making, the organismic and spiritual development of the individual preparation maker, and how these realms affect the concept of "quality". We will apply a sensory evaluation method to BD#500 samples and compare this with the application of the "rising picture" (Steigbild) method on the same BD#500 samples.

### OUR HOSTS

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#### **Yokayo Roots Ranch in Ukiah CA**

Julia Dakin is the owner of Yokayo Roots Ranch in Ukiah California. Julia went to a Waldorf school (SF) for 10 years which her parents helped found, she apprenticed at Livepower Community Farm, and she works with Luke Frey in the vineyard! Julia thinks that Organic and Biodynamic agriculture need to focus more on reducing cultivation and its problems. Developing methods to do that with draft animals or small tractors on small sustainable farms is her goal and passion. Together with a group of six farmers she bought the Yokayo Ranch to develop it as a lodging/wedding business, in order to support a draft powered organic no-till experimental farm.

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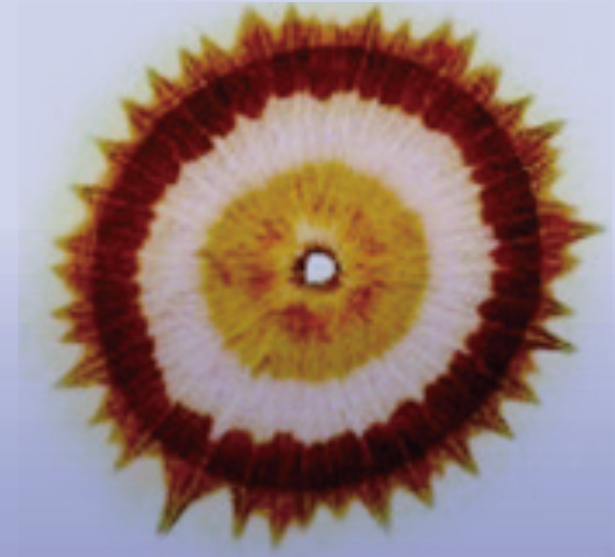
# THE FELLOWSHIP OF PREPARATION MAKERS

2016 Conference

February 18th-21st

Yokayo Roots Ranch

800 Hensley Creek Rd, Ukiah CA



**Making Visible Formative Forces  
within Substance**

Broadening Our Horizon  
to Perceive Quality  
in BD #500

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The Biodynamic Association  
of Northern California ~ BDANC  
and Frey Vineyards

## OUR SPEAKERS

The Fellowship would like to express gratitude to our speakers for their creativity and leadership, stimulating the development of our individual horizons of perception.

**Matias Baker** is a consultant, biodynamic preparation maker, and alchemical journeyman. 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.

**Deborah Beniacar Castro Herminio** lives in Brazil where she makes biodynamic preparations for the Brazilian biodynamic community and distributes them through the *Biodynamic Association of Brazil*. She has a MSC in Agronomy. She brings a cross cultural and woman's perspective in preparation making in a southern hemisphere tropical climate.

**Bruno Follador** is the director of the Living Soils [www.natureinstitute.org/soil/index.htm](http://www.natureinstitute.org/soil/index.htm) initiative at *The Nature Institute* in Ghent, NY. He is a geographer, biodynamic researcher and consultant. He has worked with farmers and organizations in Brazil, Europe and North America.

**Jim Fullmer** is Co-Director of *Demeter USA*, and a hands-on biodynamic farmer for 25 years on their Demeter Certified Biodynamic® farm, the *Hoskins Berry Farm*, in Kings Valley, Oregon. Jim brings a wealth of experience as a previous consultant for both Biodynamic and organic farming and processing operations, along with multiple years engaged as an independent Organic inspector and consultant.

**Robert Karp** is a writer, educator and social activist whose work is informed by the spiritual science of Rudolf Steiner. Currently Robert serves as co-director of the *Biodynamic Association in North America*.

**Barry Lia** has been practicing biodynamic husbandry with his wife Janet on their urban homestead in Seattle for over 20 years. He completed a two-year biodynamic training with Dr. Andrew Lorand, makes preps with local farmers, and is engaged in biodynamic education. He is a member of the *Agriculture Section*, the *Science Section*, and the *Biodynamic Association's Biodynamic Research Working Group*. His Ph.D. was in neurobiology.

**Lloyd Nelson** lives in Paonia, Colorado, and has a Biodynamic Spray, Consult and BD Preparation making service. He is a builder, artist, biodynamic educator, and farmer. He studied extensively at the *Josephine Porter Institute for Applied Biodynamics (JPI)* and has worked on biodynamic projects throughout the United States.

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### Thursday, February 18, 2016

1:00 pm	Opening Circle
1:30	Check in 500 samples
2-3:30	"Steigbild Practicum: Picture-Forming Context and Method" - Barry Lia
3:30-5:00	Frey Vineyards Farm Tour, Luke Frey
5:00	Greeting and Registration
6:00	Dinner
7:00	Opening remarks – Fellowship Conference Planning Committee and Hosts
7:15	Steigbild Practicum: Extract Rising
8:00	Social Mixer and Fellowship reports

### Friday, February 19, 2016

6:30 am	Morning Yoga
7:30-8:30	Breakfast and registration
8:30-9:15	"Steigbild Practicum: Silver Rising" Barry Lia
9:15-10:45	"Exploring the Inner Dimension of Quality" – Robert Karp
10:45-11:15	Break
11:15-12:45	"What Are Qualities?" – Bruno Follador
12:45-2:00	Lunch
2-4:00	"Portraying Soils and Compost: Color, Form, and Pattern" - Bruno Follador
4 – 4:30	Break
4:30-6:00	Sensory Evaluation of BD#500/ Steigbild Practicum: Iron Rising - Barry Lia
6-7:30	Dinner
7:30	Frey Vineyard and Local BDANC BD Preparation Making and Showcase Slide show presentation

### Saturday, February 20, 2016

6:30-7:30	Morning Yoga
7:30-8:30	Breakfast
8:30-9:00	Spiritual Exercise-Robert Karp
9-10:00	"Steigbild Practicum: Modes of Observing the World" - Barry Lia
10:00-11:00	"Development of Best Practices for Preparation Making" - Jim Fullmer
11:00-11:15	Break
11:15- 12:00	"Practical aspects of BD# 500" Lloyd Nelson
12:00-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:30	"Developing the Heart Organ of Perception in Preparation Making" - Matias Baker
2:30- 3:30	"Cross cultural perspective of preparation making in South America"- Deborah Beniacar Castro Herminio

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE continued

### Saturday, February 20, 2016

3:30-4	Break
4-5	Conversation Cafe - Topics of interest
5-6	Walk about reflection time
6-7:30	Dinner
7:30	Entertainment – Dancing and Music

### Sunday, February 21, 2016

6:30	Morning Yoga
7:30-8:30	Breakfast
8:30-9:00	Spiritual Exercise – Robert Karp
9-10:30	"Reflections on Quality " Evaluation results – picture forming methods and sensory evaluation results - Barry Lia and Wali Via
10:30-11:00	Break
11-12:30	Conference Plenary Facilitators: Luke Frey, Pat Frazier, Brian Wickert
12:30- 1:30	Closing Ceremony - Wali Via
1:30	Lunch and Departures

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Lodging and Meals

Lodging available at Frey Vineyards is individual camping or dormitory style residence with showers available. All meals will be at the conference venue, beginning with dinner Thursday evening, ending with lunch on Sunday. Food will be local, fresh, and biodynamic when available. Other suggested off site lodging is available by contacting Luke Frey individually at 707-485-8684 or 707-489-0263, or [lukemfrey@gmail.com](mailto:lukemfrey@gmail.com)

### Transportation

By car, San Francisco Airport is approximately 3.5 hrs, and Sacramento Airport is approximately 2.5 hrs. Some public transportation is also available by bus and rail. Ride shares arranged individually. Registrants will receive specific directions.

### Registration and Conference Fees

Conference Fee (includes all meals) - \$225  
Make checks payable and send registration to:  
Luke Frey, 14000 Tomki Road, Redwood Valley Ca, 95470  
Include Name, # of attendees, email, Physical address,  
Phone number, Ride share needed?

Registration also available on the BDANC website.

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE February 9, 2016