



Midwinter Agriculture Intensive 2026 Presentations

APPROACHING THE PLANETS THROUGH THE SEVEN WOODS WITH MARNEY BLAIR & LISA BJORN

Friday 1/16 @7pm

The opening lecture of this year's Midwinter Agriculture Intensive will explore the seven types of wood used in the seven pairs of columns of the first Goetheanum, their relationship to the seven planets, and their influences on the kingdoms of nature. Presenters Marney Blair and Lisa Bjorn hope to inspire a connection to these concepts through tactile experiences to enhance our understanding of the planets' influence in our everyday lives. This lecture can be taken as a stand-alone offering. All are welcome.

THE QUINTESSENTIAL ESSENCE: POLARITY WITHIN THE COSMOS WITH MICHAEL D'ALEO

Saturday 1/17 @11am

Much of the modern digital world is based on the concept of duality. Yet, if we look carefully, much of traditional wisdom was expressed in polarities. This is especially true when considering any living process, be it plant, animal, human or astronomical. Once we develop the clarity of thinking within polarities, we become much more conscious of how agricultural, human, and cosmic processes manifest.

THE CONCORDANCE OF CONTRARIES: PROJECTIVE GEOMETRY EXERCISE WITH MICHAEL D'ALEO

Saturday 1/17 @3:45pm

Through the construction of a key geometrical drawing, we will have a deep and direct experience of polarity. The application of this thinking to the planets, plants and ancient symbols will become clearer and more accessible to us. Its relevance to today may be profound!

STRUCTURES OF SPACE FROM TIME, PARTS I & II WITH MICHAEL D'ALEO & MAC MEAD

Sunday 1/18 @9am & 11am

Through experiential exercises, beginning with the movement of the sun and moon as seen from one place on earth, we will quickly construct an ancient observatory. Its application to agricultural cycles will be clear, recognizable, and full of new possibilities. We will then follow the genesis of the inner and outer planets and experience their essential role in the unfolding of the human being and biodynamic agriculture. We will also have direct experience applicable to the planting calendar.

THE PLANETS AND THE PREPARATIONS WITH MAC MEAD

Sunday 1/18 @3:45pm

In lecture one of the Agriculture Course, Rudolf Steiner gives a foundational picture of cosmic and earthly forces working via the planets and how they influence plant growth and nutrition. We will continue to explore the evolution of the planets as viewed in spiritual science and their influence on human beings as described in the lecture "The Spiritual Individualities of the Planets" (RS, Dornach, July 27, 1923). This will connect us back into the practical aspects of biodynamics, especially the preparations.

