

January 2005 SFI E-zine

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Upcoming Events

February 14, 2005

Light Microscope Class - SFI Corvallis

8-Noon- classroom instruction 1-5 pm- Practical application
This class will give you the ability to assess your own compost teas. Discover the difference between fungal hyphae and organic matter; recognize bacteria, protozoa and nematodes.

Cost: \$200 per person (limit 10). All supplies will be provided in the class as part of the fee, as well as the new Microscope Manual, microscopes are an additional cost. It is recommended that you pre-order your microscope if you are not bringing your own. Two scopes have been recommended by Dr. Ingham. Alexis J-model \$400.00 or Leica CME-\$1200.00 (includes case). If you want to bring your own scope please contact us at the lab to discuss the specific requirements and be prepared to "upgrade" if necessary.

To register contact Twila or Matt at (541) 752-5066 or email info@soilfoodweb.com

SFI Corvallis

Dr. Elaine Ingham teaches three in-depth workshops at her Soil Foodweb, Inc. Laboratory in Corvallis, Oregon. The workshops include classroom instruction, hands-on laboratory work and field demonstrations.

The workshops are listed below:

March 17–19, 2005 + October 15–17, 2005

Introduction to the Soil Food Web Workshop

[PDF registration form](#)

March 21–22, 2005 + October 19–20, 2005

Compost Technology Workshop

[PDF registration form](#)

March 22–23, 2005 + October 20–21, 2005

Compost Tea Technology Workshop

[PDF registration form](#)

In-depth [Description of the three workshops](#) PDF download.

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March 24, 2005 + October 22, 2005

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1. New website!

In our continuing efforts to improve our service, Soil Foodweb, Inc. has redesigned our website. With this update we will provide you with better access to our expanding knowledge base, a restored and enhanced search engine, and improved security and ease when ordering products.

Please update your bookmarks. The homepage is still www.soilfoodweb.com

If you have trouble locating the information you require or have comments about our updated site, please contact us at info@soilfoodweb.com

2. New Company

Greetings to all those interested in the Soil Foodweb and Sustainable Soil Management!

I would like to introduce to you a new company, Earth Fortification Supplies Company.

This is a supply company that is going to provide all the components for creating a healthy Soil Foodweb.

Compost Tea Brewers, plant and microbial nutrients, equipment, literature, inocula, microscopes and anything else we can dream up.

Right now we have a few basic products available, but as time goes by we hope to add a large variety of products.

We will be relying on you to let us know what you need and want.

One of the distinct advantages of Earth Fortification is that every product we sell will be tested and shown to be effective.

Lab data posted with the product will enable you to see what impact it has on soil biology, soil chemistry and plant growth/yield as appropriate, helping you to make an informed choice.

Our sales staff is highly trained in the concepts of the Soil Foodweb, soil chemistry (Albrecht method), greenhouse, hydroponics and most crop production systems and will be able to answer any questions that you may have.

One of our missions is to support sustainability and with that end in mind a portion of the profits of this company will go directly to research conducted by Sustainable Studies Institute and other non-profit research groups.

So please come visit the website, www.earthfortification.com, and enjoy one stop shopping for all your biological needs.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to fulfilling your needs and are committed to your success.

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3. New Lab announcement.

New soil biology lab in Vulcan, AB seeks to boost Canadian farm family profits

A new soil biology lab service, previously only available in the USA, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico and South Africa will open its doors in Vulcan, Alberta, Canada on January 3rd, 2005. The lab measures beneficial life in the soil around the roots of plants, compost and the new hi-tech aerobically activated compost teas then recommends ways to power up biology and crop production for conventional and organic biological growers alike. Technology to see life in the soil in this way is relatively recent, so benefits from the tonnes of life in soil have been overlooked, undervalued and misunderstood. By using the new lab's direct monitoring methods and integrating it with soil mineral balance, soil foodweb management helps farmers detect problems commonly missed and puts micro-herd health back into condition to release latent biological based profits and enjoy the benefits of inherent soil fertility and disease protection. Without this direct observation, our soil quality is depreciating right under our feet.

Large commercial irrigated potato and sugar beet growers in Idaho and Montana and a growing number of Canadian producers have observed a reduction in crop production costs, yield and quality improvements and even a saving in water over a period the last few years by applying this new service and alternative approach. Ted Leischner, President of Soil Foodweb Canada Ltd explains that his "company is simply bringing the advances of soil ecology to Canadian agriculture and horticulture in an affordable back to basics, common sense program and our new Vulcan-based business is strategically located to serve most of Canada so will certainly benefit our immediate prairie region economically". He projects to have team of 6 young professional technicians and high school students working in the lab as early as this coming summer.

Recent research in soil ecology clearly shows that plant nutrition is a great deal more than chemistry. Encouraging the growth of life in the soil by creating better habitat and providing proper and adequate foods and mineral balance, sets free currently unused, profit-making potential from soil biology. Micro-herds of life in the soil provide the 'living bridge' to store and make nutrients available to plants and it is friendly fungi and bacteria around the roots of plants naturally protect plants from disease and crop stress where overuse of chemicals and

excessive tillage destroys this huge potential. Dr. Elaine Ingham, President of Soil Foodweb Inc, Corvallis OR developed the field oriented method over her 30-year career as a soil microbiologist. Her soil foodweb management approach is beginning to be eagerly sought out by all farmers worldwide seeking alternative choices to expensive crop inputs and to attend to the growing consumer demand for food quality and safety. For past Canadian soil foodweb laboratory customers, the Canadian lab means no more border issues with x-ray treatment and shipping delays of live samples to the USA and exchange costs.

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