

# **Deborah Parrish Snyder**

Curriculum Vitae

Born, March 6, 1958 Normal, Illinois

## **Positions**

## 1984 - Present

Coowner, Publisher, CEO of Synergetic Press, Ltd. Founded in 1969, the press specializes in books on biospherics, psychedelic medicine, ethnobotany, anthropology. (<a href="https://www.synergeticpress.com">www.synergeticpress.com</a>)

## 1985 - Present

Director, Institute of Ecotechnics, a UK and U.S. registered charity, which has organized and hosted over twenty international conferences on global trends and in the field of closed ecological systems. It conceived and set-up a range of ecological research and demonstration projects including: a pastoral regeneration program in the NW Kimberley of Australia; a rainforest enrichment program in Puerto Rico; a high desert orchard near Santa Fe, New Mexico; built and owns an 82' ocean going research vessel; and during the start up years of the Biosphere 2 project put together the scientific and applied research team that designed and built the unique facility for global ecology. (www.ecotechnics.edu)

## 1994 - 2006

Member of the Board, The Biosphere Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation founded in 1991 to (1) encourage research and hands-on fieldwork about the Earth's coral reef and rainforest biomes, (2) promote educational programs about the ecology of the biosphere and its biomes, (3) develop technologies for restoration ecology and the recycling of wastewater and air, and (4) advance the science and development of closed systems for Earth studies and space exploration. (www.biospherefoundation.org)

## 1988 - 1994

Director of Publications and Educational Programs, Space Biospheres Ventures, a research and development company engaged in design, development, and implementation of closed ecological systems for Earth and space applications. SBV designed, built and operated the Biosphere 2 experimental research facility north of Tucson, Arizona. In 1992, created and became Publisher of The Biosphere Press, a publishing imprint of Space Biospheres Ventures, and produced over twenty books, videos and educational curriculum titles in ecology, biospherics, and nature.

#### 1984 - 1985

Editor-in-Chief of *The Biosphere Catalogue*, an environmental science publication taking an interdisciplanary approach to the study of the Earth's biosphere with contributions from some of the world leading figures in biological and technological fields.

#### 1981 - 1982

Manager of 15 acre organic farm at Les Marronniers Conference Center, Aix-en-Provence, France. Member of managerial staff of the Conference Center responsible for hosting a wide variety of workshops and conferences in the arts and sciences.

#### **Formal Education**

#### 1980

Graduated with Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Major in Economics; other studies included Business, Marketing, Accounting, History, and French. (3.5 of possible 4.0 cumulative grade point average.)

#### 1979

Second semester, Jr. year studied in Paris at the Institute d'Etudes European on a University of Massachusetts exchange program. All classes were conducted in French.

### **Agricultural Field Studies**

#### January to August 1993

Apprentice, Institute of Ecotechnics program at Savannah Systems Pty., Ltd., a pastoral development project in the semi-arid savannahs of Western Kimberleys, Australia. Successfully completed the program and developed skills in land clearing (hand and machine); land cultivation; heavy equipment operation including third echelon maintenance )up to John Deere 4280 dual tread tractor and D4 Dozer); seed processing and marketing; tropical orchardry, fencing, construction of tropical housing.

# Spring 1981

3 month apprenticeship with Remi Coombe, the largest organic agriculturalist in the Luberon Valley, France. Studied organic agriculture techniques from sowing, to harvesting, all the way through to marketing the produce at the open markets in Manosque and Marseille.

#### **Public Presentations**

2018 Woman's Visionary Congress,
The Future of Information Publishing, paper presented at Institute of Ecotechnics Conference, 1986
Biosphere 2 Project Overview, speech for the Prescott Dinner Club, February, 1992.

## Languages

Fluent French.

# Memberships

**New Mexico Book Association**