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### **The Summer Do: 14 - 22 January 2006: The Quarry, Whangarei**

A hands-on course, the essential introduction for anyone contemplating building their own earth home. The wide range of methods covered includes adobe, rammed earth, cob, cinva brick, and paving. Course participants will learn through building permanent structures at the Quarry, putting into practice the theoretical and technical knowledge gained. Numerous dwellings in the Whangarei area, available for participants to explore, show the diversity and practicality of this eco-friendly building style.

#### **Other courses available at the "Summer Do"**

Flax Weaving  
Pinhole Photography  
Pottery  
Acting Puppetry Mask  
Lithography  
Printmaking  
Sculpture  
Earth-building  
Painting

The Quarry, Selwyn Ave, Whangarei  
Tel: 09 4381215 Email: [nctrust@ihug.co.nz](mailto:nctrust@ihug.co.nz)



## **Warkworth Enviro Day**

### **Welcome one and all for an afternoon of fun and inspiration!**

What: a celebration of enviro-ideas, how to live with the natural world and enrich its diverse ecosystems.

Where: Kourawhero Hall Woodcocks Road, Warkworth.

When: From 12 - 4:30 pm, Sunday December 11th 2005.

How much: Gold coin admission for attendees (free to stall holders).

### **All profits to the Kourawhero Hall Native Planting Fund.**

Who'll be there: We are inviting anyone who offers genuine environmentally sensitive, diversity-promoting ideas/products/services, locally and in the wider area.

How: Set up stalls in the morning

-Open at 12:00

-Close at 4:30

-Stall holders vacate and help tidy up hall/surrounds.

**YES PLEASE! Please contact Graeme or Dan 09 425 9305**

## **Pohutukawa Festival Tours-Thames**

### **Friday, December 2, 2005**

Biological Farming: The tour includes a dairy farm, plant nursery, fertiliser factory and more if time permits.

Bus leaves from the Organic Co-op (736 Pollen Street, Thames) at 9 a.m. for all-day, fully-catered round trip Cost \$30 per person.

To book your seat: tel. 07 8683844 or Email: [gwenyth@paradise.net.nz](mailto:gwenyth@paradise.net.nz)

### **Monday, December 5, 2005**

Alternative Houses: The all-day tour will visit a strawbale house under construction, an energy-efficient house, a cob cottage and others if time permits.

Bus leaves the Organic Co-op (736 Pollen Street, Thames) at 9 a.m. Cost: \$30 per person

To book your seat: tel. 07 868 3844 or Email: [gwenyth@paradise.net.nz](mailto:gwenyth@paradise.net.nz)

## **Otaki Permaculture Design Course**

Friday 3 (evening) - Sunday 12 February 2006

Friday 17 (evening) - Sunday 19 February 2006

Description: Lower North Island group tutors, course at a permaculture property in the Horowhenua, with bio-filtered swimming pool and forest walks. 9 days then following weekend. Local woofing in between, if required. Sliding scale fee: \$800 - \$1000, includes on-site camping. All organic food.

Contact e-mail: [gary@waterscape.co.nz](mailto:gary@waterscape.co.nz) phone: (06) 3626684 Location: Otaki, Horowhenua

Permaculture is a way of living that is based on the interconnectedness of all things and one that takes the path of co-operative enterprise and communal responsibility. The aim is a 'culture of permanence' where people can live healthy and fulfilling lives in an ecologically and socially sustainable way. A culture that is based on our fundamental inter-dependence and the requirements of long term sustainability. Its implementation is directed by design strategies that take account of inter-relationships and consider the wider contexts, and which are modelled on the systems and dynamics of the natural world. It thus necessarily applies to all aspects of life, from primary food and fibre production to settlement patterns, commercial enterprise, economic institutions and social values, and knowledge, ethics and understanding.



### **From Kate Edwards: Cob Work Required**

I am from England a sculptor by origins but have just completed a cob building course in Ireland. I am looking for some cob projects in New Zealand or Australia from January onwards who want volunteers who need experience and will work for food and lodgings. I have completed two cob projects of my own in Norfolk England, one building an art studio and a couple of sculptural Pizza ovens. Can you help me please by pointing me in the right direction or perhaps you have a project of your own I could help with.

Kate Edwards [sheepie32@hotmail.com](mailto:sheepie32@hotmail.com)

### **Earth Building Experience Required**

I have a strong and developing interest in the type of houses you design. After a first career (as an aircraft engineer) I'm now retraining as a carpenter, currently studying at UCOL in Palmerston North and working with a local builder to get some building experience. My intention is to complete an adult apprenticeship. All the houses I've worked on so far have been 'modern', in my eyes over-large, soul-less and to minimum building code requirements in areas such as thermal insulation.

I have a month off school over the summer and am very keen to help out building something with more soul. I'm available for some or all of the period 17 Dec - 17 Jan and am flexible about where in NZ I work, although my first preference would be Northland for family reasons.

Are you able to refer me on to a builder (or owner-builder) who may be able to provide work? I could then negotiate dates, pay rate (or some sort of board arrangement) etc direct with him/her. I can probably provide a written work reference if desired.

Thanks for your time

Sharyn Hoult email [sharynht@hotmail.com](mailto:sharynht@hotmail.com)

### **Strawbale builder requires practical experience**

I am currently a student, studying an M.Sc. Architecture (Advanced Environmental and Energy Studies) at the Centre of Alternative Technology in Wales (UK). I have recently been awarded an extension for my expected thesis hand-in-date. This extension has granted me some spare time which I wish to utilise by travelling to New Zealand and getting involved in a practical strawbale building project. Would anybody be willing to offer me a placement on a project between mid January to the end of March 2006? I have attended two strawbale workshops both with Amazon Nails and done extensive theoretical research with regards to breathability, noise, and the sequestering of Co2. Any experience would be appreciated as the winter months are coming in now over here. I will be returning to the UK at the beginning of April in preparation for a placement with another strawbale build in Birmingham (the first mainstream building project of strawbale, involving two semi-detached bungalows built opposite one another as part of a low cost housing scheme). Maybe you know of someone else who might be able to help me?

Kind Regards

Leanna Twell

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## **Need an extra pair of hands to help build your dream home in earth this summer?**

Available - a healthy, reliable, thirty two year old Aussie bloke dead keen to work with practitioner of natural earth building methods. full time, casual, travel, ok.

Contact Andrew Jagers at [metroferal@yahoo.com.au](mailto:metroferal@yahoo.com.au)

## **Building Enthusiast**

I am a Solar Energy International (SEI) alumni and student of natural building and sustainability. I will be taking next semester off for travel to NZ. My main objective is to find an organization that could use my voluntary help as a builder and enthusiast of natural construction. I have taken workshops here in the states at SEI, built a house in Costa Rica, and helped on various projects in Colorado.

If anyone has some advice or information on projects that need a volunteers assistance from the beginning of March to the end of April. At that point I would be more than happy to send a resume and a more detailed description of my experience and goals.

Sincerely and thanks,

Colin MacGregor [renewablemacg@yahoo.com](mailto:renewablemacg@yahoo.com)

## **Volunteer Opportunities for Earth Plasterer**

Thank you for your e-mail about the Earthbuilding confrence. My partner and I will be arriving in New Zealand from the UK in January 2006 and are looking for volunteering opportunities on earth build, straw bale and eco building projects.

We have both been working for the past year at Ty-Mawr Lime ([www.lime.org.uk](http://www.lime.org.uk), [www.glaster.org.uk](http://www.glaster.org.uk)) a company in the UK specialising in the supply of traditional and natural building materials. Ty-Mawr also runs courses including a course on earth building and one on ecological building which is where we have developed a strong interest and enthusiasm in this area.

We would be extremely grateful for any information you could pass on to us about volunteer opportunities or where we could go for further information.

Your sincerely

Jim Wrigley and Abi Hobden [jimwrigley@yahoo.com](mailto:jimwrigley@yahoo.com)

## **The Good Life Expo**



Photos from [Hamilton Permaculture Trust](http://Hamilton Permaculture Trust)

## **Saturday 25 February 2006, Hamilton**


To be held during The Hamilton Gardens Summer Festival in conjunction with the Right Bank Festival. Celebrating sustainability. Come along to be inspired, nourished, informed & entertained. Take a day

out to get all the information you need on native plantings, herbs, energy efficiency, recycling, composting, wormfarming & other skills you can use to make your home more comfortable, productive & sustainable.

Featuring:

- Delicious food & drinks
- Workshops & talks on a range of topics
- Displays & trade stalls from businesses & community groups.
- If you are interested in being involved contact us before the end of 2005

### Additional Courses of Interest

Click-through to the courses below to find further information: 

<a href="#">Radio FM 104.6</a>	Greenplanet Discussion	Radio FM 104.6	Thur 8-9 am
<a href="mailto:gwenyth@paradise.net.nz">gwenyth@paradise.net.nz</a>	Biological Farm Tour Alternative House Tour	Thames Thames	2 Dec 2005 5 Dec 2005
<a href="mailto:ecodesign@xtra.co.nz">ecodesign@xtra.co.nz</a>	Warkworth Enviro Day	Warkworth	11 Dec 2005
<a href="http://www.dhajs-place.co">www.dhajs-place.co</a>	Sculptured Earth Building	Northland New Plymouth Northland Northland	6-10 January 2006 19-23 January 2006 25 Feb - 1 March 2006 25-29 March 2006
<a href="http://www.anzsos.org/conference.htm">www.anzsos.org/conference.htm</a>	Solar 2005	Dunedin	28-30 Nov 2005
<a href="http://www.Koanga.org">www.Koanga.org</a>	Various Lifestyle Courses Woodlots for Lifestyle Blocks Pizza ovens	Koanga Koanga Koanga	Various dates 18 March 2006 8 April 2006

<a href="http://www.rainbowvalleyfarm.co.nz">www.rainbowvalleyfarm.co.nz</a>	Various permaculture courses, open days, and workshops	Warkworth	Various dates
<a href="mailto:Robin@win.co.nz">Robin@win.co.nz</a>	Earth Building Internship	Golden Bay	13 Jan-13 April 2006
<a href="http://www.thequarry.co.nz">www.thequarry.co.nz</a>	Summer Do Earth Building	Whangarei	9-15 January 2006
<a href="http://www.solidearth.co.nz">www.solidearth.co.nz</a>	Outdoor Earth Oven Adobe workshop	Nelson Golden Bay	21 January 2006 14-18 February 2006
<a href="mailto:permaham@actrix.co.nz">permaham@actrix.co.nz</a>	Good Life Expo	Hamilton Gardens	25 February 2006
<a href="mailto:gary@waterscape.co.nz">gary@waterscape.co.nz</a>	Permaculture Design Course	Otaki, Kapiti Coast	3-19 Feb 2006
<a href="mailto:Grifen@wholehabitat.co.nz">Grifen@wholehabitat.co.nz</a>	Permaculture Design Course	Taranaki	14- 28 March 2006
<a href="http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2006/eco-arch2006/cfp.html">www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2006/eco-arch2006/cfp.html</a>	Eco Architecture 2006	New Forest (UK)	14-16 June 2006

**In this space we would like to acknowledge members who have contributed to the success of the EBANZ organisation.**

**This month we introduce Verena Maeder,  
an earth building artisan, Committee Member and Regional Contact.**



Verena Maeder and Carlo Wiegand run Solid Earth Adobe Buildings in Nelson. Solid Earth is offering cement-free Adobe Bricks, Earthbuilding Construction Work, Earth Plasters, Earthbuilding Design and Workshops. 12 years of experience, European Earthbuilding Background and Degrees in Building Biology, Organic Architecture (Verena) and Environmental Science (Carlo).

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