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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the EB News recipients..... Richard Morrison.

What's in the January/February 2006 EBANZ Earthbuilding magazine?

- Conference Tour and AGM Special
- Earthbuilding reports on the EBANZ's Annual Conference and house Tour and AGM held this year in Christchurch.
- The magazine includes special features from Roger Buck and Richard Morely-Hall who both spoke at the AGM
- Meet the 2004 Elizabeth Drupsteen Award Recipient.
- New faces on the committee introduce themselves.





What is this group looking at?
See the 2005 Conference/AGM in the next Magazine

The Sixth Organic River Festival 21 & 22 January 2006: Kimberley Reserve, Levin

Run by Eco Fest Educational Trust, NZ's largest Organic & Sustainable Living outdoor event is a weekend mix of organic food, music & education. The Earth Building Association will be there with a rammed earth display, and educational demos.

The 25 workshops and talks including solar & wind energy, organic gardening and wild food bushwalks. Speakers include Sue Kedgley Green MP on Organic Food & Children's Health and Bill Hohepa on 'Fishing and Stuff Like That'.

Enjoy 12 top NZ live bands, entertainment, riverside campsite, dancing, swimming, craft & well being stalls - it promises to be a relaxing and rejuvenating weekend. Tickets from \$10. See website for details.

Eco Fest Educational Trust, 324 Hokio Beach Road, Levin
Phone: 06 368 4465, Email: info@ecofest.co.nz, Website: www.ecofest.co.nz



Permaculture Design Course, Otaki, Horowhenua

Friday 3 (evening) - Sunday 12 February 2006
Friday 17 (evening) - Sunday 19 February 2006

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.

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.

Email: gary@waterscape.co.nz, Phone: 06 362 6684, Location: Otaki, Horowhenua.

Earth Building Experience Required

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

Volunteer Opportunities for Earth Plasterers

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, 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.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Wrigley and Abi Hobden

Email: jimwrigley@yahoo.com

Sculptured Earthbuilding 19-23 January 2006 New Plymouth

Dhaj and Guenther are holding an insitu adobe workshop. In-situ adobe is a flexible, sculptural, user friendly, method that leaves the doors wide open to let your imagination run free. It also lends itself to incorporate different materials. Our Workshops are project oriented and we leave behind an installation that is an amalgamation of the host's ideas, ours and whoever participates in the course.

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Guenther Andraschko Phone: 09 408 5570, Email: guenther65@yahoo.com

Website: www.dhajs-place.co.nz



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

A hands-on introduction for anyone contemplating building their own earth home. A wide range of methods are covered including 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.

Phone: 09 438 1215, Email: nctrust@ihug.co.nz

Additional Courses of Interest

Click-through to the courses below to find further information (please ensure that you confirm all event details with the organisers). If you have any events or courses you would like listed in a future EB News, please email the details to the editor, [Richard Morrison](mailto:Richard.Morrison).

Radio FM 104.6	Green Planet Discussion	Radio FM 104.6	Thur 8-9 am
www.ecofest.co.nz	Organic River Festival	Levin	21- 22 January 06
Robin@win.co.nz	Earth Building Internship	Golden Bay	13 Jan-13 April 06
www.thequarry.co.nz	Summer Do Earth Building	Whangarei	14-22 January 06
www.dhajs-place.co.nz	Sculptured Earth Building	New Plymouth	19-23 January 06
permaham@actrix.co.nz	Good Life Expo	Hamilton Gardens	25 February 06

www.Rainbowvalleyfarm.co.nz	Permaculture Design Course Earth oven workshop Open days and other courses	Warkworth Warkworth Warkworth	17-31 March 06 8 April 06 Various dates
www.solidearth.co.nz	Outdoor Earth Oven Adobe workshop	Nelson Golden Bay	21 January 06 14-18 February 06
www.Koanga.org	Woodlots for Lifestyle Blocks Pizza ovens Various Lifestyle Courses	Koanga Koanga Koanga	18 March 06 8 April 06 Various dates
ecodesign@xtra.co.nz	Warkworth Enviro Day	Warkworth	26th March 06
Grifen@wholehabitat.co.nz	Permaculture Design Course	Taranaki	14- 28 March 06
www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2006/eco-arch2006/cfp.html	Eco Architecture 2006	New Forest (UK)	14-16 June 06

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

This month we introduce Alan Drayton, an Earth Builder and Regional Contact.



Alan and the team at Alan Drayton Builders Ltd specialise in Bio Building – creating

ecologically and biologically friendly buildings. Over the past 16 years they have constructed a variety of unique projects. They especially enjoy building using rammed earth and are currently constructing the last dwellings at Earthsong – the cohousing community in West Auckland.

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