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From the Editor:

Warkworth Community Gardens

Check out the initiative by Charles Montgomery
<http://www.warkworthcommunitygardens.zoomshare.com>

Not to state the obvious but...

Organics could be the answer

Organics might be the answer for the starving world. A new report ...suggests that organic, small-scale farming can deliver the increased yields needed to feed Africa's people...

[Organic Food in Africa link](#)

A carbon-neutral Olympic torch and flame

If adopted, the carbon-neutral torch and flame would ... make London 2012 the most environment-friendly Games ever delivered....convert waste wood from the Olympic site into biomass. This biomass will be fuel to generate heat and power for the torch and the flame.

[Green Games link](#)

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03 525 7515 or cobdance@gmail.com

Straw Bale Design & Construction, Geraldine
22-28 Nov 2008 "Kakiriki Earth"
sarahjohnston@ihug.co.nz

Going Green In Everyday Living, Auckland Uni
29 November 2008
See www.goinggreen2008.co.nz or phone 0800 864266.

Cob Pizza Oven Building Workshop, Hawke's Bay
29 November 2008
info@shbt.org.nz

Organic Gardening Course, Glenfield
6 December 2008

Contact Dee on mikedee@clear.net.nz or 09 4449342.

Renewables in the Built Environment, Wellington

December 11- 12, 2008

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14 December 2008 in the Treefield

03 525 8399 or events@tuitrust.org.nz

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Canaan Downs, Takaka Hill, Aotearoa/New Zealand

More info: <http://www.nativeharmonics.co.nz>

The Quarry Summer Do

10-17 Jan 2009

+64 9 438 1215 or admin@quarryarts.org

ORGANIC RIVER FESTIVAL, Levin

16-18 Jan 2009

www.ecofest.co.nz

2 Natural Building Workshops

Feb - March 2009, Warkworth

&Rocket Stove Workshop

2 days: 28-29 March 2009, Warkworth

Both: contact Graeme: 09 425 9305 or email: graeme@ecodesign.co.nz

72 Hour Permaculture Design Course, Matakana

6 - 21 Feb 2009 Rainbow Valley Farm

Contact: adminrainbowvalleyfarm@gmail.com, www.rainbowvalleyfarm.co.nz

Permaculture Design Course-3 Week Course, Tui Community, South Island

7-27 February 2009

Contact: Inna Alex earthcarenz@gmail.com, [Permaculture Design Course Flyer](#)

Links & ongoing courses:

Warkworth Community Gardens, every Sunday come and join the fun:

<http://www.warkworthcommunitygardens.zoomshare.com>

Earthbuilding Workshops and other courses, Nelson area

03 528 4751, ess@ts.co.nz

Sustainable/Energy/Earth Building, Hamilton

Various dates

www.envirocentre.org.nz

Whangarei Quarry, click www.quarryarts.org for our courses!

Remember -it is vital that you contact the **course provider** to confirm course details



Earth Oven & Bread Baking Workshop

14-17 November 2008

Tui Community, Golden Bay

Wood-fired cob ovens have been used for many centuries and are great for cooking everything from baking breads and pizzas to roasting meats & vegetables. We'll build an earthen oven while learning some bread baking tips & techniques from two bread bakers. **Contact:** John or Lyn at 03 525 7515 or

email cobdance@gmail.com for full details and registration.



Straw Bale Design & Construction

22-28 November 2008

Geraldine

A Theory & Practical Hands-On Workshop

LOCATION: Struan Farm Retreat, Geraldine, New Zealand

COST: \$1015.00 NZD (includes food and accommodation)

This week-long straw bale design and construction workshop will be a blend of both theory (classroom) and practical (hands-on) experience. Your instructors will guide you through each step of the building process, from foundations to finish work. There will be an introduction to the art and science of straw bale building, the many techniques and components of a wall system as well as design considerations. You will gain experience in both post and beam as well as hybrid building systems, discuss and then apply earth and lime plasters.

CONTACT: sarahjohnston@ihug.co.nz or 03 693 7369



Going Green In Everyday Living

29 November 2008, Auckland University

practical advice at a free community event at Auckland University. Topics include How To Eat Green, How To Have A Green Funeral, How To Be Green Parents, and How To Be A Green School. Speakers include Dr Niki Harre (author of *Carbon Neutral by 2020: New Zealanders Can Tackle Climate Change*), Ecostore founder Malcolm Rands, Sustainable Business Network boss Rachel Brown, and Auckland University environmental co-ordinator Dr Lesley Stone.

See www.goinggreen2008.co.nz or phone 0800 864266.

Cob Pizza Oven Building Workshop

29th November
Hawke's Bay

Full Day workshop Saturday 29th November

Cost: \$55

Part of Sustaining Hawke's Bay Trust's Workshops for Self Reliance Series

info@shbt.org.nz

For more details and to enrol contact Environment Centre Hawke's Bay 06 8787 4942



Organic Gardening Course

6 December 2008, Glenfield, Ak

Feed Me Right author Dee Pigneguy will hold an organic gardening course in her own Glenfield garden for beginner gardeners. Includes planting the summer garden and keeping it producing, composting, worm farms, liquid manures, organic sprays, seed sowing, transplanting, using cloches and watering.

Contact Dee on mikedee@clear.net.nz or 09 4449342.

Renewables in the Built Environment

11- 12 December 2008 Wellington

This year Smart Energy is pleased to be a major sponsor of the **Sustainable Electricity Association of New Zealand's annual conference**, to be held at Te Papa. The two day conference will include national and international guest speakers, open forums and workshops, designed to provide up to date information to builders and architects, local government, industry suppliers, end users and interested businesses/individuals. As well as the conference, an exhibition will be running with free entry to the public over the two

days. Smart Energy will be one of a number of exhibitors showcasing energy solutions to meet current domestic and commercial needs.[Click here to view the full article](#)



H.A.N.D.S. Market in the Treefield

14 December 2008

Golden Bay

Enjoy a healthy exchange of HANDS at the seasons solstice market. Vegies, arts, crafts, food and performances all nestled in a canopy of trees and close to the beach. Enquire about overnight stays.

Contact: Jessica at 035258399 or email events@tuitrust.org.nz

2009...

The Quarry Summer Do

10-17 Jan 2009 The Quarry Arts Centre, Whangarei

The annual Summer Do is held in the tranquil and inspirational environment at the Quarry Arts Centre located minutes from Whangarei. It is the longest running mixed media Summer School in N.Z (currently in its 22nd year) and a highlight in the Northland arts calendar. The Quarry is the perfect place to immerse oneself into our intensive 7 day art courses designed to be stimulating, inclusive, intensive and fun. We invite you to join us, to gain and share experiences and knowledge in the hands of an experienced renowned tutor in this supportive, social and encouraging environment. The Do also includes informal talks in the evenings by participating tutors, an open day and fun evening BBQs and get togethers.

Courses for 2009 Summer Do as follows. Contact the Quarry team to make a booking +64 9 438 1215 or admin@quarryarts.org

Cost \$450 for 7 day courses \$300 for short courses.

Camping available on site for \$50 for duration of course (includes cereals and milk for breakfast)

Students can order lunches on a day to day basis.

Earth Building Henry Mackeson, Graeme North & Thijs Drupsteen

This is a hands on course, exploring a wide range of methods including adobe, rammed earth, cob, cinva brick and paving. Participants learn through building permanent structures, putting into practice the theoretical and technical knowledge gained. Students will also visit a diverse range of earth buildings in the area.

Check out www.quarryarts.org for our other courses!



Organic River Festival

16 - 18 Jan 2009

Nature Coast, Levin

Three day festival for families and fringe dwellers who appreciate the beautiful bush and river, alternative and spiritual workshops, music, dance, entertainment, fire pits, creative stalls, organic wine and fantastic food.

Run by the ecofest charitable trust the festival attracts campers and families from all over NZ that want a wonderfully entertaining, feel good camping experience.

Early-bird camping tickets (limited) go on sale 1st July for the 9th Organic River Festival, Nature Coast, Levin (16th - 18th Jan 2009). Visit www.ecofest.co.nz for updates.
Ph Malcolm Hadlum 06 3684465



Luminate Festival

30th Jan 3rd Feb 2009

Canaan Downs, Takaka Hill, Aotearoa/New Zealand

Luminate is an earth friendly festival of music, dance, art, creativity and sustainability. Join us to celebrate the ancient summer harvest festival of Lughnasadh, mid way between the solstice and equinox.

Five days of cranking world class music from New Zealand and international artists - Live music, World Grooves, Tribal rhythms, Psytrance, Progressive, Breaks, House, Dub, Funk, Folk, Roots, Soul, sublime Chill out and more

Featuring:

an extensive range of inspiring Workshops on sustainable living and other holistic topics, Healing zone, Drum circle and Acoustic jam zone, the Flamingjugglepoitoyzone with fire performers at night & circus skills workshops by day, enlightening Movies & Documentaries, Organic refreshments, Arts, Crafts & Market stalls 2 amplified music zones....all set 2000ft up a quartz crystal and limestone mountain surrounded by native bush.

Luminate is an authentic zero waste event: there will be no rubbish bins or recycling on site! Be prepared to pack out what you bring in and leave no trace. Food stalls will serve onto ceramics or direct to your own plate and cup. There will be a composting area for biodegradables.

Amenities include free water, sinks for washing up, nice toilets, solar showers and spacious camping.

Early Bird tickets: \$85 until 13th Nov, \$105 until 21st Dec.

\$125 until 1st Feb.

\$150 Gate sales. Children under 12 gain free admission.

Family friendly, non-alcohol.

Tickets: are available online from www.cosmiccorner.co.nz/tickets, also from local outlets:

Invisible (Takaka), 4 Winds Cafe (Motueka), Everyman Records and The Chai Cart (Nelson), Bookworld (Blenheim) and Cosmic Corner stores (Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin).

Interested in getting involved? if you would like to host a workshop, be involved in the healing zone, play downbeat music suitable for the chill zone, are an earth friendly stallholder, or have skills or services in renewable energy, then do get in touch by email:

luminate@nativeharmonics.co.nz

More info: <http://www.nativeharmonics.co.nz>



2 Natural Building Workshops!

Feb - March 2009, Warkworth

8 days: Sat 21 - 28 Feb 2009

8 days: Sat 7 - 14 March 2009

(dates to be confirmed)

Extremely limited numbers for these 2 unique courses

Join Graeme North to discover the unique and creative potential of earth and natural building. Explore the techniques in an exclusive, intensive, hands-on experience of building a small structure from the ground up.

We will use a variety of materials including dense and lightweight cob, mud brick, earth plasters, earthfloors, strawbales, bamboo, and timber. We will also look into earth plastering, earth floors, and possibly incorporate strawbales. In addition we will look into the role of local microclimates on design and comfort.

Numbers are very limited with no more than 4 - 6 participants per course

Fee: \$1500 per person GST incl. includes accommodation and all meals.

\$200.00 is payable in advance to secure a place.

The deposit is non-refundable unless the event is cancelled

Graeme is a Registered Architect whose name is integrally linked with earthen architecture in New Zealand.

He was the first Chairman of the Earth Building Association (EBANZ) of New Zealand and chaired the Standards New Zealand Technical Committee that wrote the comprehensive suite of three NZ earthbuilding standards.

For more information tel 09 425 9305 or email: graeme@ecodesign.co.nz

www.ecodesign.co.nz

Don't Delay - enrol today send your name, address, phone number, email address, workshop date and \$200 deposit to Earthgarden, Graeme North, 49 Matthew Road, RD1, Warkworth or email: graeme@ecodesign.co.nz

(Easy pay: email Graeme and ask for the the bank account number for a direct credit)

- And in the same location:

Rocket Stove Workshop

2 days: 28-29 March 2009, Warkworth

Very experienced cob builder and teacher from Oregon, USA, Shannon Dealy, joins Graeme for this exciting exploration of a very efficient freestanding cook stoves, leading on to stoves for heating a thermal mass such as a cob bench.

Shannon Dealy has been building with cob for over twelve years. Learn how to build these extremely efficient mass heating or cooking stoves 28-29 March 2009

Fee: 250.00 Please note that numbers will be limited and \$50.00 is payable in advance to

secure a place.

The deposit is non-refundable unless the event is cancelled. Overnight accommodation/meals may be extra.

Shannon Dealy of the Cob Cottage Company <http://www.cobcottage.com/>



72 Hour Permaculture Design Course

Feb 6 - 21, 2009

Rainbow Valley Farm, Matakana

This is the original 72 hour design course - graduates will be awarded a certificate from Bill Mollison's Permaculture Institute in Australia.

This is an intensive 14-day course where students have the chance to get fully immersed in the permaculture way of thinking and acting while studying on a working permaculture farm. The course covers sustainable living systems for a wide variety of landscapes and climates. It includes the application of permaculture principles to food production, home design, construction, energy conservation and alternative economic structures. Students are invited to bring details of their own sites or potential sites.

Lead Tutor: Darren Doherty.

Darren is an Australian who has been teaching permaculture for 14 years in Australia, New Zealand, United States, Argentina, Spain and Vietnam. He is an experienced and sought after designer with more than 1,200 designs to his name. Co-tutors: Trish Allen, Graeme North, Sabine Drueckler, Wolfgang Hiepe.

Course outline: http://docs.google.com/View?docid=dct6rvhv_46cdxk4mhg

Contact: adminrainbowvalleyfarm@gmail.com, website: www.rainbowvalleyfarm.co.nz

Location: Rainbow Valley Farm, Matakana



Permaculture Design Course-3 Week Course

7-27 February 2009, Tui Community, South Island

Permaculture is an integrated land use design methodology based on ecological principles, with practical application from sustainable household to eco-nation to global restoration. This course will start with a connection to nature at a Golden Bay location and then move into the Treefield for the remainder of the course.

Cost:

New Zealand participants: \$1700 - \$1300
Overseas participants: \$1700 - \$1450
Contact: Inna Alex earthcarenz@gmail.com
More Info: [Permaculture Design Course Flyer](#)

Spotlight: EBANZ AGM 2008



THANK YOU-

This years AGM in Parua Bay was a roaring success, special thanks to:

John Schreurs for organising the weekend (campsite, caterer, and building project- outdoor seating/ meditation area, and brick-walled pumphouse) with much help from **Ray Lawton**.

Thanks also to **John** also for setting up flexural tensile brick test rig and to **John Schreurs's family** (wife Ilse, children Mark, Roland, and Holly) who did the camp clean up.

Evening speaker [Ian Redfern](#) on H1 compliance. **Ian** also showed images of his recent projects.

[Verena Maeder](#) ably conducted the AGM and spoke on her experiences as a professional earth builder, as did [Alan Drayton](#)

Excellent catering by **Sharon Jaunay** and 4 teenage children - so much so that one delegate suggested she come to Dunedin to cater there for next year's conference!

Credits for daytime speakers: [Mark Fielding](#) for daytime lecturing on passive residential solar design, and eco-building.

Mark showed a recent promo DVD that he had had professionally made for his "Solabode" ecohomes concept

Thijs Drupsteen for his diligent work on organising and promoting the conference.

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