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EB News is an email newsletter featuring events & workshops promoting earth building & low impact living.

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FROM THE EDITOR:

Some interest in the EB News from Portland Oregon in this issue, anyone considering travel to the states? Use your carbon footprint wisely: attend this very interesting workshop! See below...

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BUILD YOUR OWN PIZZA OVEN

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Links & ongoing courses:

Earthbuilding Workshops and other courses

Nelson area, 03 528 4751

Ongoing Permaculture Design Course,

Horowhenua, Jan - Dec 2009

(06) 3626684 gary@waterscape.co.nz

6. Energy & Technology 18 April

7. Orchards, Row Crops & Small Animals 2 May

Ongoing Modular Permaculture Design Course

Tarakaki, June 2009 - Feb 2010

Ph 06 756-8229 or 06 756-9100 kamaburwell@iconz.co.nz

<http://www.environaki.co.nz/courses-education.htm>

1. Permaculture Philosophy & Design 6 & 7 June

with Kama Burwell

2. Water, Appropriate Technology, Energy - 18 & 19 July

Sustainable/Energy/Earth Building, Hamilton

Various dates

www.envirocentre.org.nz

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

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Ecogaine

19 April 09, Oamaru

Part orienteering! Part 'amazing race'! Lots of fun!

Back by popular demand. It's bigger & with more team challenges (just like top town) than ever before!

Pick up a registration form at community house or

Contact Maxine at ecowithmax@gmail.com or Helen on 03 4349379.

How to enter: Complete & attach the registration form & enclose payment cheque (made to HALO community network) to: ecogaine c/o HALO, P.O. Box 449 Oamaru before the 14th April.

Date/Time: 19th April meet at 10.30am **sharp**. The amazing thing is the pace & time is up to you & your team! Est. 3hour event. You can finish earlier if you want to or stay the whole event:)

Where to Meet: Takaro Park, Oamaru. (Oamaru creek side of the swimming pool.)

What to bring: mobile phone, pen/pencil, hat, H2O bottle, weather appropriate clothing (be prepared for 1 team member to potentially get wet), closed in shoes, snacks & of course your sense of adventure!

Ecogaine Entry fees: \$20 per team. Registrations will be accepted on the day, however Numbers are strictly limited so get in quick! Proudly supported by:

If event is canceled due to weather, each member will be called on the contact numbers provided.

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Choose your category & Choose your Team:

Get 2- 4 people to create a team.

School

School vs School, Year vs Year! Up to 4 children from one school, plus only one adult (supervisor) (adult entry free).

Family & Friends

Any combination of family & friends e.g. partners, kids, grandparents, mates everybody welcome.

Corporate

A corporate social category. Gather you work mates & have some non-work related fun



COMMUNITY CURRENCIES CONFERENCE 2009 (DRAFT)

April 17, 18, 19, Wanganui

Creating Resilient Communities / Trading through troubled waters

A combined conference of LE, LETS & NZTT

Sponsored by Smart Planet NZ Ltd

April 17, 18, 19 at the Quaker Settlement, Virginia Rd, Wanganui

Speakers:

Designing an energy-backed currency. Margaret Jeffries & others: (several people are working on this conversation – alcohol biofuels, electricity, firewood, food and ...seaweed (James Redwood)

Printing Local Money: Representatives from Wairarapa and Golden Bay on their printed local currencies.

Sustainable Currencies: Christoph and Peter

Interest Free Money: Bryan Innes on creating a hybrid of the J.A.K model.

Healthy Money Healthy Planet: Deirdre Kent

The Power of Cooperatives: with its long successful history here is a model that works for business large and small providing the alternative to Corporatism.

Business Barter: Outlining NZ's very successful Barter card

OOBY - Out of Our Own Backyards – Peter Russell from Waiheke will talk about a new internet trading systems based on sharing home production

The Barter Directory. Karen Russell will share about her experience setting up the very successful Australian

Barter Directory at the beginning of the last recession.

LETS. History Now Future

Hawkes Bay E-Dollars. How NZ's newest LETS grew to more than 70 members in less than 6 mths

NZs first Time Bank. Margaret Jeffries - A pilot project (in Lyttelton, Christchurch) that has attracted significant funding from a philanthropic Trust with the intention to share the findings at the end of the trial and encourage large scale up-take.

www.transitionaotearoa.org.nz



Guided Farm Tours

Sunday 26 April, Sunday 17 May 2009, Matakana

Our farm tours will show you how Rainbow Valley Farm has developed over 21 years from a eroded, weed infested wilderness to a productive edible landscape. The philosophy behind the work will be explained and examples pointed out. Topics covered include: Sustainability — Permaculture — Edible Landscapes — Organic Food Production— Compost Toilets — Energy Efficient & Non-toxic House — Zero Waste.

Tours start at 2 pm and last approx. 2.5 hours. Tours go ahead rain, hail or shine. It is not necessary to book, just turn up. No dogs please as we have ground-nesting birds.

Cost \$15 per adult. Please carpool if you can.

David Holmgren (The Permaculture Guru)

16 May 2009, 10 am — 4 and evening session, Matakana

David Holmgren will present a day workshop at Rainbow Valley Farm followed by an evening talk in Matakana.

Details coming soon. Check for

updates: adminrainbowvalleyfarm@gmail.com http://www.rainbowvalleyfarm.co.nz/index_files/Page350.htm



Straw Bale Workshop #105

May 16th - 20th 2009, Wauchope, NSW Australia

Straw Bale Workshop # 105 NEXT CUSTOM WORKSHOP PLEASE BOOK NOW

We will be building a straw bale cottage on the property of our clients Max and Mandy Smith of Wauchope. The building will be using the hybrid method which we have developed over the years. The render will be lime on an earthen base. The aim

will be to provide all our students with plenty of theory and practical straw bale wall raising.

Wauchope is located on the Hastings River 406 km north of Sydney via the Pacific Highway, 10 km west of the highway and 9 metres above sea level, Wauchope is a thriving service centre which is affectionately referred to as 'the heart of the Hastings'.

The Gadang Aborigines had been living in this rich, heavily-timbered land for tens of thousands of years before the arrival of Europeans. The first European in the area was Surveyor John Oxley who named Mount Seaview (because he could see the sea) and the Hastings River (after Lord Warren Hasting, Governor of India) as he passed through the area in 1818.

Timbertown Pioneer Village

The major attraction at Wauchope is the Timbertown Pioneer Village which has literally dozens of houses recreating an old timber town of the 1880s. There is a blacksmith, a leather-worker and other craftspeople, a railway station, a steam train, a steam sawmill, shops, a bakery, a pub and barbecue facilities. This is a really very good pioneer town set on 87 acres.

www.glassford.com.au

[Enrol here!!](#)



Learn to Build an Earthbag and Cob Cabin

2009 - May 22-25, May 30-31, June 20-21, June 27-28 and July 18-19, USA

- A start-to-finish workshop series

Newberry Co-housing, Portland, OREGON USA

The workshop will take place over five weekends: May 22-25, May 30-31, June 20-21, June 27-28 and July 18-19. You can register for the series as a package, or for individual workshops.

Come experience the design and construction of an earthen building near forest park. Have fun combining resource-consciousness, creativity, and construction skills in this start-to-finish series of hands-on workshops. Learn to build quickly with rammed Earthbags. Sculpt shelves and niches with Cob, integrating all the pieces of a dwelling. You will learn everything you need to build structurally sound earthen dwellings using locally available Materials. The design is a 18 ft x 11 ft ellipse with a loft and a usable living roof space.

Topics include:

Earthbag and Cob Wall systems

Earthbag and Gravel Foundations

Sculptural features with Cob

Passive Solar

Window placement

Roof Design & Living (eco) Roofs

Earthen floors

Earthen plasters and paints

Earthen fireplaces

Innovative uses of recycled, discarded and native materials

FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER: <http://earthenhand.com/Newberry.html> or email scott@earthenhand.com or call Scott, at: (503) 287-2442



EARTHBUILDING WORKSHOP

Fri 4th September to Sun 6th September 2009, Nelson

Course topics to be confirmed, but may include:

- * Experiment with earthen plasters, natural paints and sealants
- * Build walls and furniture from adobe brick, cob, light-earth and wattle-and-daub
- * Lay a small adobe tile floor
- * Sculpt a pizza oven
- * Do artwork such as mosaics and reliefs
- * Learn more about basic earthbuilding and professional techniques
- * Visit a commercial adobe brick manufacture

SOLID EARTH

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Workshop fee \$270.00

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BUILD YOUR OWN PIZZA OVEN

Saturday 17th October 9 - 4, Kaiwaka

Tutor: Wolf Heipe Cost: \$120

Wolf has been playing around with earth for a few years now and lives in a beautiful light earth home that he built with others. Wolf will show you how to build an earth oven using mainly clay and sand. You will learn everything you will need to know in one day. These ovens can cook bread, pizza, casseroles. The venue for this workshop is still to be confirmed.

For workshop bookings, or if you have any questions, please email:
info@koanga.co.nz or phone us at the shop: 09 4312732.

We ask for a deposit of 50% of the cost of the workshop when you make your booking. Payment can be by cheque or internet banking.

Bookings can also be made through [this](#) website, then click **Pizza Oven** - This gives you the option to pay your deposit by credit card. Your deposit will be refunded in full if the workshop is cancelled.

It is really helpful to us if you can confirm your place on any workshop that you book into at least 2 weeks before the workshop. Workshops may be cancelled if numbers are insufficient, so this gives us time to consider and to notify everyone whether the workshop will go ahead or not.

Tea and coffee is provided when you arrive, mid morning, lunchtime and mid afternoon on all workshops. Please bring your own lunch.

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