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SPECIAL REPORT - EBANZ AGM

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THIS IS WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!! >>

EBANZ LABOUR WEEKEND CONFERENCE, AGM, HOUSE TOURS AND GUEST SPEAKERS !!!



image of EcoLodge, an accommodation option, courtesy of: www.peelforestopc.org.nz

21-24 October [Labour Weekend] 2011, Peel Forest Hall, Geraldine

Info

Building professionals, enthusiasts and those with a budding interest in natural building will attend the Earth Building Association of New Zealand's (EBANZ) annual Conference in Peel Forest, South Canterbury. Each year this conference alternates between the North and the South Island. This year our region was selected to host the conference as there is a rapidly growing interest in natural buildings and there are wonderful examples of natural homes in the area.

Earth buildings and buildings comprised of natural materials were built over 100 years ago up and down the length of New Zealand. Our oldest known building, Pompallier House, in Russell, stands two stories high and was built in 1842. New Zealand has one of the most recognized and respected Earth Building Standards in the world which gives those wanting a home, school or public building options in creating a safe, healthy, natural and beautiful buildings.

The conference will comprise of lectures in the morning and evenings with organized bus tours of natural buildings in the Peel Forest/Geraldine region occurring Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Lecture topics cover the

assessment of natural buildings in Christchurch after the earthquakes, prefabricated straw bale wall systems, natural log homes, light adobe, earth plasters, and building codes and how natural buildings are developing in this century in New Zealand. As many professionals attend this conference each year there is also an opportunity for them to 'show and tell' their work and/or projects each day which adds great diversity to the conference.

Conference attendees have the option of staying the Peel Forest Outdoor Pursuits (OPC) Centre Eco-Lodge (as well as other local accommodation options), which sits on a 20-hectare are of native bush. The OPC is dedicated to maintaining, enhancing and educating people about our natural environment and was the natural choice for accommodation for those attending the conference.

The conference does land on a big sports weekend for New Zealand but don't fret, as the local Peel Forest Pub will have the games on and the conference schedule does accommodate for those wanting to watch the bronze and final rugby games!

Registration / Cost / Accommodation / Venue / Directions :

For ALL information on the EBANZ Conference and registration, contact Sol Design, Ltd.

03 693 7369 email sol_design@yahoo.com who are locals organizing the conference.

[OR contact Verena Maeder, Chairperson of EBANZ at 03 545 2040 / contact@solidearth.co.nz]

Earth Building Association of New Zealand (EBANZ)

EBANZ is a not-for-profit organization that acts as a source of education and information on natural building techniques and methods specifically for New Zealand conditions. It produces four high quality magazines each year, covering many aspects of natural building for its members as well as produces the EBNews, a bi-monthly e-newsletter to its subscribers. One of EBANZ's aim is to facilitate as much networking between its members and interested people in natural building.

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EBANZ Conference: Schedule

Friday, 21 October 2011

4:00pm-7:30pm Arrival & Registration
6:00pm-7:00pm DINNER
7:00pm-7:15pm Welcome & Logistics, Sarah Johnston & Verena Maeder
7:15pm-8:30pm Lecture: Min Hall, 'Earth, Straw & More in the 20th Century'
8:30pm-9:00pm Show & Tell (15 minutes each)
Michael Thomas, Review of the Eco Tour in Southland
Graeme North (Speaker TBC), Proposal for his Appropriate Technology Centre

8:30pm Kickoff For those interested in watching the BRONZE game of the New Zealand World Cup
Rugby it will be
on at the Peel Forest Pub which is right across the street from where the Conference is being held.

Saturday, 22 October 2011

7:00am-8:15am BREAKFAST
8:30am-9:30am Lecture: Graeme North (Speaker TBC), 'Earthquake Natural Building Assessments'
9:30am-10:15am Lecture: Buster Wright, 'Building Codes & Natural Buildings'

10:15am MORNING TEA
10:45am-11:45am Lecture: Mike Olds, Rockcote, 'Rockcote's Earth Plaster'
12:00pm-1:00pm LUNCH
1:15pm-5:00pm HOUSE TOURS (depart by 1:15pm)
5:30pm-6:30pm DINNER
7:00pm-8:30pm Lecture: Rockcote's Founder
8:45pm-9:30pm Show & Tell (15 minutes each)
Blue Forsyth, Kakariki Earth, 'Aoraki Polytech Natural Building Program'

Sunday, 23 October 2011

7:00am-8:15am BREAKFAST
8:30am-9:00am AGM
9:15am-9:30am Lecture: Sven Johnston, Sol Build, Ltd., 'Pre-Fabricated Straw Bale Wall Systems'

9:30am-10:15am Lecture:

10:15am MORNING TEA
10:45am-11:45am Lecture: Graeme Mould, Natural Log Homes
12:00pm-1:00pm LUNCH
1:15pm-5:00pm HOUSE TOURS (depart by 1:15pm)
5:30pm-6:30pm DINNER
7:00pm-8:00pm Lecture: Verena Maeder, Solid Earth, Ltd., 'Light Adobe & Earth Plasters'
8:00pm-9:00pm Show & Tell (15 minutes each)

9:00pm Kickoff For those interested in watching the FINAL game of the New Zealand World Cup
Rugby it
will be on at the Peel Forest Pub which is right across the street from where the Conference is being held.

Monday, 24 October 2011

7:00am-8:15am BREAKFAST
8:30am-12:00pm OPTIONS:
Maori Rock Self-Guided Tours
Hike in Peel Forest
Rafting the Rangitata River with Rangitata Rafts
Earth Building Demo & Working Bee at Peel Forest Outdoor Pursuits Centre Bunkhouse (to be confirmed)
Passive Design Lecture

PERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE



5th - 19th November 2011, Rainbow Valley Farm, Matakana

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 will:

- Cover sustainable living systems for a wide variety of landscapes and climates.
- give you a good understanding of the ethics, principles and patterns of permaculture design
- convey a general understanding of a wide range of common strategies and techniques
- explore the implications of social change towards ecological sustainability
- assist each student to access resources required to actively take the course philosophy and methodology into their future live

Students are invited to bring details of their own sites or potential sites.

Introducing the Tutors..

Trish Allen

Trish and her late husband Joe Polasicher founded Rainbow Valley Farm in 1988 and set about putting the ethics and principals of permaculture into action. As a result the farm received an environmental award as an exemplary model of eco centred sustainable living. Trish continues the tradition of sharing her knowledge and skills to motivate and teach others about permaculture.

Daniel Tohill

Daniel has worked for over 20 years as a landscape designer and environmental consultant with a propensity towards ecological designs that have won him awards for his innovative and artful work. His work has taken him all over the country and occasionally abroad, in the last 20 yrs doing over 1000 small and large landscape designs in rural and urban areas plus a diverse range of specialist projects.

Guest Tutor - Graeme North (Note, this speaker is TBC)

Graeme is a national and internationally renowned eco- architect who has specialised for over 30 years in integrated design of sustainable buildings into productive living scapes, eco-architecture (aka green architecture), permaculture, timber, low toxicity, strawbale, mud brick, in-situ adobe, cob buildings, and earth building (including earth building standards & codes).

Guest Tutors - Sabine Drückler and Wolfgang Hiepe

Sabine Drückler and Wolfgang Hiepe have lived at the Otamatea Eco Village in Kaiwaka since 1999. Otamatea Eco Village is a community based on Permaculture principles. Both Sabine and Wolfgang hold the Diploma of Permaculture. Their property is a manifestation of a commitment to self-sufficiency and appropriate technology. Of particular interest for both of them are working with groups and invisible structures

Prices for 14 day Permaculture Course

- NZ \$1,700.00 - includes the 14 day course and lunches (all prices include GST) - Day visitors
- NZ \$2050.00 - for accommodation camping including breakfast, lunch and dinner. This can be your tent, campervan or shared tent (sleeps 10 people)
- Limited bedroom accommodation provided, single at \$140 per person for the 14 days or one double room \$420 per person for 14 days

\$500 deposit is required to confirm the booking. A \$100.00 discount will be given if booked before the 15th of September 2011.

Book online at <http://rainbowvalley.co.nz> Rainbow Valley permaculture Farm Matakana, New Zealand

Prompt registration encouraged as limited to 20 participants.

588 Matakana Valley Road, R.D. 5, Warkworth, New Zealand



7-Day Straw Bale Home Design & Construction Workshop

12-19 November 2011 and **11-18 February** (< note this is a new date), Geraldine, South Canterbury

\$1,200 NZD (great value - includes workshop, food & accommodation)

The goal of the 7-day intensive workshop is to give all participants a combination of classroom and hands-on sessions in order to understand straw bale construction systems, from foundation to finish plaster systems. Contact sol_design@yahoo.com or 03 693 7369 for more information

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Earth/Adobe Conference anyone?

EarthUSA 2011

30
Sep,
1 and 2
Oct 2011,
New Mexico, USA.

Location will be at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA. This is the Sixth International Earthbuilding Conference sponsored by the Adobe Association of the Southwest and Northern New Mexico College. The National Hispanic Cultural Center and Adobe in Action will also be sponsors. The Adobe Association of the Southwest is expected to turn itself into Adobe USA.

EarthUSA 2011 indicates a wider field of interest than previous conferences and will include adobe, rammed earth, compressed earth block: CEB, and monolithic adobe: cob. Any material or method that uses clay to bind it together is considered.

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