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FROM THE EDITOR:

*An updated EBANZ Weekend Conference AGM Schedule for you!
Scroll down, read up, sign on, get out & have a ball! - Weekend after next!*

EB News

To avoid disappointment, register now for:

EBANZ LABOUR WEEKEND EXTRAVAGANZA !!!

COME TO THE EBANZ CONFERENCE: NZ'S BIGGEST ANNUAL EARTH BUILDING EVENT



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

LOOK: NOT LONG TO GO!!!

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, 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 :

[CLICK HERE](#) or

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 aims is to facilitate as much networking between its members and interested people in natural building.

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IMPORTANT UPDATE: EBANZ Conference Schedule

--- Updated 7 Oct '11 ---

Please note that the schedule may change at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances.

Friday, 21 October 2011

2:00pm-6:45pm	Arrival & Registration @ Peel Forest Hall
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 21st Century'
8:30pm-9:00pm	Show & Tell (15 minutes each)

Saturday, 22 October 2011

7:00am-8:30am	BREAKFAST
8:30am-9:30am	Lecture: Thijs Drupsteen, 'Earthquake Natural Building Assessments'
9:40am-10:30am	Lecture: Bob Cameron, 'Ancient Materials for the Modern World'
10:30am	MORNING TEA
11:00am-12:00pm	Lecture: Buster Wright, 'Building Codes & Natural Buildings'
12:00pm-1:00pm	LUNCH
1:15pm-5:00pm	HOUSE TOURS (depart by 1:15pm in the vans)
5:30pm-6:30pm	DINNER
7:00pm-8:30pm	Lecture: Bob Cameron, 'Business as Usual to Sustainable Success Story'
8:45pm-9:30pm	Show & Tell (15 minutes each)

Sunday, 23 October 2011

7:00am-8:30am	BREAKFAST
8:30am-9:00am	AGM
9:15am-10:00am	Lecture: Sven Johnston, 'Pre-Fabricated Straw Bale Wall Systems'
10:00am	MORNING TEA
10:15-11:15am	Lecture: Mark Fielding, 'Passive Solar Design'
11:15am-12:00pm	Lecture: Graeme Mould, 'Natural Log Homes'
12:00pm-1:00pm	LUNCH
1:15pm-5:00pm	HOUSE TOURS (depart by 1:15pm in the vans)
5:30pm-6:30pm	DINNER
7:00pm-8:00pm	Lecture: Verena Maeder, 'Light Adobe & Earth Plasters'
8:00pm-9:00pm	Show & Tell (15 minutes each)

Monday, 24 October 2011

7:00am-8:30am	BREAKFAST
9:00am-onwards	OPTIONS (some will require additional fees \$ and advanced booking) TeAna Ngāi Tahu Rock Art Centre & Rock Art Site Visits \$

Centre \$ Rafting the Rangitata River with Rangitata Rafts \$
Rafting the Rangitata River with Peel Forest Outdoor Pursuits
Walks in Peel Forest
Earth Building Demo & Working Bee at Peel Forest Outdoor
Pursuits Centre Bunkhouse (to be confirmed)

Come along and join in the muddy fun



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](http://rainbowvalley.co.nz)

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**, 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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