

## **Workshop: Strawbale Construction For Everyone**

You keep hearing about strawbale building and wonder what it means? Are you interested in a different and affordable way of building that can help you live lighter on this earth – yet is at least as durable as conventional building?

Then join us for this fun and interesting workshop taught by Shawn Hayter of Green Planet Homes Inc. Shawn will discuss the history and philosophy of strawbale building and its place amidst modern construction techniques. You will hear the theories that explain why strawbale is a safe, strong, and environmentally friendly choice for building, and why it's experiencing the current strong resurgence. Participants will learn practical construction techniques, and get plenty of hands-on experience in constructing a small building on site, and learn how to deal with corners, doors, windows, roofs.

*Those who wish can book a room at the Eco Centre for the duration of this workshop at the discounted rate of \$ 50.00 (single) and \$ 60.00 (double), including a breakfast. Please let us know in advance.*

### **Co-ordinator:** Shawn Hayter

Shawn Hayter is the owner and operator of Green Planet Homes Inc. near Regina.

After a career as a Network Technologist Shawn began to long for the pleasure of tangible results from his work at the day's end. He also became more aware of what effect we are all having on the planet and what we can do to reduce our impact on it. Shawn's experience in strawbale construction began in the summer of 2002 when he volunteered at an owner-built strawbale job site during various stages of the build. The project was at the time the largest load-bearing straw bale building in North America.

Shawn began apprenticing under Ben Polley of Harvest Homes in January of 2003. During this time, Shawn gained experience in load bearing, infill and modified post and beam straw bale construction. He has been involved in 10 different projects including managing a 3,000 sqft project for Harvest Homes in Oakville, and the Nolalu Eco Centre, North Ontario's largest solar-powered strawbale facility.

Shawn is currently a Director on the board of the Ontario Straw Bale Building Coalition (OSBBC), an organization promoting straw bale construction to building officials, banks, insurance companies and the public. He likes his straw tightly packed.