

## **Learning Project: Building A Strawbale House in Two Weeks Flat**

This project is a first for Northern Ontario and goes beyond the scope of any workshop. It is a unique opportunity to be hands-on involved in constructing a complete functional strawbale building in 2 weeks flat. There is simply no better way to learn all the ins and outs of strawbale building construction than by doing it yourself under the expert guidance of strawbale designer/builder Dale Brownson.

This project will include some classroom learning in combination with plenty of hands-on involvement. There will be ample room for Q&A, and plenty of good food, great company, and after-dinner fun. At the end of the 2 weeks you'll have helped construct a complete strawbale guesthouse from scratch, and have gained enough knowledge to undertake a similar project on your own. Additionally, each participant will receive a photo log of the project as well as a construction drawing of the building.

**Fee:** \$ 500.00 for 10 days, including lunch, tea/coffee/juice, snacks and supper.

*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 breakfast. Please let us know in advance.*

**Co-ordinator:** Dale Brownson

Dale Brownson has been designing straw bale homes for the past seven years, following a life of working in the building industry as a carpenter, cabinetmaker and designer. The priority of his work is to spread the word about sustainable building practices and facilitate their use in today's complex building industry, as well as to nurture the development of creative approaches to building and living. He has now completed plans for fifty straw bale homes (including the Nolalu Eco Centre) and continues to face the challenges inherent in the use of sustainable building practices today. Dale has also been a practicing artist throughout his life and will continue to create and exhibit art for the rest of his days on this planet, hopefully combining this with natural building design at every opportunity.