

Workshops Nolalu Eco Centre www.NolaluEcocentre.ca

STRAW BALE BUILDING FOR EVERYONE

Aug. 31 – Sept. 6 9:00 a.m.- 5.00 p.m.

Fee: \$495.00 (including lunch, supper and snacks)

Maximum number of participants: 8

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 unique and fun 6-day 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 see why the straw bale is a safe, strong, and environmentally friendly choice for building, and why it's experiencing the current strong revival. Participants will get plenty of hands-on experience in working on a small straw bale building on site, learning practical "baling techniques", dealing with corners, doors, windows and roofs as well as plastering techniques.

Those who wish can book a B&B room at the Eco Centre for the duration of this workshop at the discounted rate of \$ 275.00 (single) and \$ 325.00 (double) for the week, including a hearty breakfast. Please make reservations in advance.

Workshop co-ordinator: Shawn Hayter

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

Shawn's experience in straw bale construction began in the summer of 2002 when he volunteered at an owner-built straw bale 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.

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