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Growing Kitchens, Indoors and Out  
Leslie Reilly, Guest Presenter

Would you like your kitchen to relate to the beautiful outdoors and your bountiful kitchen garden? Do you want your kitchen to make preparing your garden's vegetables, fruits and other edibles more efficient and fun? And do you desire to have a kitchen that makes it easy to be "green"?



Our March presentation by interior designer and Permaculturist Leslie Reilly will inspire you to make changes to your existing kitchen or to make plans for a new kitchen that will tie your kitchen to the outdoors and the garden. Leslie will discuss how, using good Permaculture principles, the garden and kitchen can be designed to function together. She will introduce us to design concepts for proper garden location, garden-friendly kitchen layouts and features, compost and recycling in the kitchen, and water conservation as it relates to food and the kitchen. We will also talk about outdoor kitchens, including prep areas, and wood-fired grilles and ovens.

Whether you are looking for ideas for a new eco- and garden-friendly kitchen or you are hoping to find no-cost modifications you can make to your existing kitchen or practices, this month's presentation is certain to give you inspiration.

Leslie Reilly, ASID, has over 20 years of experience in residential interior design with 16 of those years as a kitchen and bath specialist. She implemented the first green-themed ASID house and green vendors fair and designed the Kitchen Environment at the Sustainable Home Pavilion for the Chicago Design Show. Leslie is a certified Permaculturist, participated in the 2005 Build Here Now with Women Build Houses, and is a passionate organic gardener.

DBL meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month (except December) at 7:00 p.m. at the Casa de Luz complex, 1701 Toomey Road, upstairs in the Cielo Room. You are welcome to join us before the meeting at 6:00 p.m. for a wonderful family-style macrobiotic meal (approx. \$8-\$12 including drinks and tip) in the Casa de Luz restaurant, [www.casadeluz.org](http://www.casadeluz.org).



**Sustainable Tip of the Month**  
**How to Build Community**

Many of us lament the lack of community spirit in our neighborhoods these days. While many of our neighborhoods/subdivisions are built in ways that do not necessarily support neighborly interaction, there are many things each of us can do to build community where we live. Try turning off the TV, sitting on your front stoop, starting a gardening project with your next-door neighbor, or one of the many community building ideas at <http://casparcommons.org/Library/HowToBuild.htm>. Which one will you try first?



## Resources: Growing Kitchens, Indoors and Out by Leslie Reilly

### ***The Green Kitchen Handbook: Practical Advice, References, & Sources for Transforming the Center of Your Home into a Healthy, Livable Place*** by Annie Berthold-Bond

Featuring everything from lessons on reading labels on packaged foods to buying organic, from canning and community gardening to creating a root cellar, this unique handbook offers suggestions for economical and environmentally conscious alternatives which make keeping a green kitchen a viable, practical option.

***Building Barbecues & Outdoor Kitchens*** by Sunset Books (Corporate Author), Donald W. Vandervort (Editor)  
If you are looking for outdoor kitchen ideas, grill plans, Barbeques (the real wood-burning, smokehouse style, not propane grill), outdoor fireplaces, etc.

### ***Gaia's Garden: A Guide to Home-Scale Permaculture*** by Toby Hemenway

Though it's oriented toward any eco-friendly gardener, there's plenty in it for permaculturists.

### ***Introduction to Permaculture*** by Bill Mollison

An introduction to a visionary philosophy of land use. Provides the basics of designing sustainable human settlements using permaculture principles of design for sustainable soil, water, plant and legal and economic systems.

### ***The Humanure Handbook: A Guide to Composting Human Manure***, by Joseph C. Jenkins

In addition to its original information on The Human Nutrient Cycle, the newest edition (2<sup>nd</sup>) contains a chapter on alternative graywater systems; illustrated, step-by-step instructions for building a simple, low-cost, composting toilet for household, camp, or emergency use; current information about community-level composting; and the latest material on composting microbiology.

### ***The New Create an Oasis with Grey Water*** by Art Ludwig

Describes how to quickly and easily choose, build, and use a simple greywater system. Some can be completed in an afternoon for under \$30.

### ***Builder's Grey Water Guide*** by Art Ludwig

A supplement to Create an Oasis which will help building professionals or homeowners work within or around building codes to successfully include greywater systems in new construction or remodeling. Includes information on treatment effectiveness, sample US codes, and permit submissions.

### ***Home Solar Gardening*** by John H. Pierce

John Pierce shows how, by using the heat and light of the sun, you can grow beautiful flowers, high-quality produce, fresh herbs, and plants.

### ***Carrots Love Tomatoes*** by Louise Riotte

Lists hundreds of plants and their ideal (and not so ideal) companions. Readers can easily locate the plants they intend to grow and design a garden for maximum compatibility and yield.

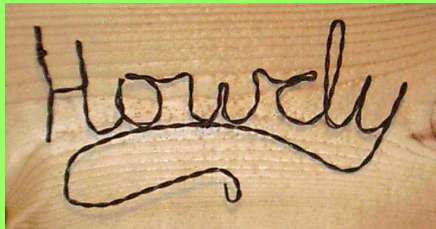
### ***The Sustainable Vegetable Garden*** by John Jeavons and Carol Cox

Introduction to biointensive gardening that shows it is not only possible but easy to grow astonishing crops of healthful organic vegetables and fruits, while conserving resources and actually helping the soil. A revolutionary approach to feeding ourselves and nurturing the land.

### ***The Organic Garden Book*** by Geoff Hamilton

Explains the principles of organic gardening, with practical sections on how to enhance the texture and fertility of soil. Excellent, clear photographs and illustrations on how to plant and care for most food crops.





Howdy Y'all!

Ever wonder what to do with some of those best FAVORITES and BOOKMARKS you've collected for years ?

Share 'em! Especially if they deserve a good, quick review we can send out to other "choir members." Welcome to this interactive column presented in our DBL eNewsletter.

—Ken McKenzie

## Reviews: Links and Blogs by Ken McKenzie



Highest Recommendation!



Very Highly Recommended



Definitely Recommended

I am looking for a few new REVIEWS and LINKS to Green blogs and web sites that YOU have found that might just contribute to the type of lifestyle options we strive to create on our paths to a more sustainable future. If you email me soon, maybe you'll get the jump on our green webmasters Bill and Jeanine Christensen. I'll bet they are going to be contenders for the longest list of "Sustainable" Web Links in our part of the universe.

 <http://rhizomecollective.org/rhizosphere.html>

East Austin's RHIZOME Collective web site has a link (scroll down on the page) for a Virtual Tour of their converted old warehouse (with removed asphalt made into an existing garden area) that is pretty inspiring, especially if you've never walked the property. Several nifty demonstration projects that could be recreated at home, too! I saw my first impressive demonstration of a veggie oil-fueled motor home there years ago. These ambitious young folks will be hosting their second annual "RUST" (Radical Urban Sustainability Training) series of hands-on seminars on the weekends of March 24, and again on April 14th. This is a 2-day intensive introduction to the mindset and practices of Permaculture for those of us living in the capitol city. You'll find an information page about RUST on the web site.

 <http://www.calearth.org>

I've passed this mega-website along to several natural building enthusiasts and curiosity seekers through the years. Nader Khalili's California Institute of Earth Art and

Architecture is an amazing place to visit on-line, and one of these days I'd love to walk the land among their structures. BTW—For those of you truly interested in "dirt-bag" wall and arch techniques, we will probably be hosting two other folks well-known for their expertise in a similar style. Kaki Hunter and Doni Kiffmeyer are really FUN to workshop with as well as being experts who've been invited to our Texas Natural Building Colloquium out at Kerrville in October. I SO hope they'll confirm for us all this year!



<http://www.environmentaldefense.org/article.cfm?ContentID=5980>

You may have already seen these, but I suggest you visit the extremely timely 2007 "Globie Awards" from long-time activist organization Environmental Defense. Reading through their Positive and Negative award-categories can provide one with a quick education in national politics that's nearly as entertaining as the [JibJab.com](http://www.jibjab.com) political cartoons have become over the last few years. Please pass this along to other folks you know "in the choir" for justification NOT to buy gasoline from ExxonMobil. And if you ever need easily-referenced facts to bring up in conversation? Look into that E.D. sidebar: "Most Popular," and take note of the two links to "[Global Warming By The Numbers](#)" for 2006 and 2007. I think we must educate and update others with this stuff whenever the chance arises if we are ever to make changes.

Contact Ken McKenzie at [kmckenzie3@austin.rr.com](mailto:kmckenzie3@austin.rr.com)

### News from far away...

#### Conservationist uses wine bottles to build energy-saving house.

Australia : WA : Bunbury, Friday, 9 March 2007. 13:46 (AWDT). A house in Western Australia's south-west is being built entirely from recycled wine bottles. Around 13,500 wine bottles will be used in the walls of the house, which owner Peter Little says will save energy. He says by filling the bottles with water, the entire building will be insulated. Mr. Little has spent 30 years developing environmentally-friendly building methods and he says this one has potential for Australia's hotter regions. "Water is probably, I think one of the miracle building materials of this century which nobody is using," he said. "From our point of view it can store more energy, heat or cool than any material we know."

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/australia/wa/bunbury/200703/s1867910.htm>



### News from nearby...

**Hooray! Enviro-safe Paint**, which was formerly made in San Antonio, has been purchased by the Hummers! These guys are an old Texas company that has sold environmentally friendly products for years and sells hand-carved wood items made from salvaged wood. Enviro-safe is zero (not just low, even for the colors) VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) and it is THE best choice, especially for those of us in Texas, for a conventional paint, in my opinion.

—submitted by Gayle Borst

Note: This paint can be purchased in Austin at EcoWise, 110 W. Elizabeth St. 78704

## Local Workshops

### Architecture 2030: A Bold Solution to Global Warming

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

4801 La Crosse Avenue, Austin, Texas

\$20.00 per person registration fee (includes refreshments)

**ISSUE:** The building sector is responsible for **half of all U.S. global warming emissions** annually, and they are increasing at an alarming rate according to statistics from the U.S. Energy Information Administration. **Mayor Will Wynn** of Austin will welcome visitors, and outline the Austin Climate Protection Plan announced in February, slated to eliminate all municipal CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2020. Then hear from internationally recognized architect and founder of the 2030 Challenge, **Ed Mazria**, on how we can help lead the race to prevent dangerous climate change. The presentation will be immediately followed by a panel response, moderated by Laurence Doxsey, HUD, Region VI Energy Coordinator, and featuring Andy Vernooy, Dean of the School of Architecture at Texas Tech University, Mike Myers, Project Manager for the Texas Energy Partnership and Ray Tonjes, Chair of the Green Building Initiative for the National Association of Home Builders.

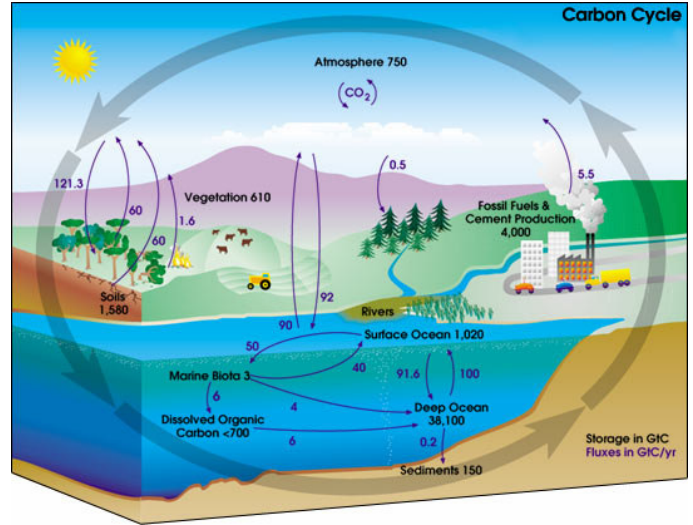
**LEAD SPEAKER: Edward Mazria AIA**, is a senior principal at Mazria Inc. Odems Dzurec, an architecture and planning firm in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He is author of *The Passive Solar Energy Book*, senior analyst for the Southwest Climate Council and adjunct professor at the University of New Mexico. He speaks nationally and internationally on the subject of climate change and architecture. Ed's architecture and planning projects span a thirty-year period and employ a cutting-edge environmental approach to their design. He has written technical papers, professional articles, and other published works. Ed's architecture and energy research at both the University of New Mexico and the University of Oregon established his leadership in the field of resource conservation and his innovative design methodology, developed at that time, is currently in use worldwide.

Continuing Education Credits available from the American Institute of Architects

**REGISTER:** Please register in advance by visiting [www.c-s-f.org/Programs](http://www.c-s-f.org/Programs) and Events/Calendar.

Attendees may arrive beginning at 9:00 a.m. for check-in and coffee. The program will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m.

The CO<sub>2</sub> emissions related to this event have been offset by renewable energy investments through Native Energy ([www.nativeenergy.com](http://www.nativeenergy.com))



(Illustration courtesy NASA Earth Science Enterprise)



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## Local Workshops



### **Cob Sampler Workshop**

**April 6-8, 2007**

**Fredericksburg, Texas**

Registration \$275 before March 21, 2007

So you have heard a few things about cob? Perhaps you have heard about the simplicity of the building method, the incredible sculptability that our creativity craves, or the naturalness, the non-toxic construction that can shelter a healthy home. You are interested, but perhaps don't have the availability to travel across the country for a ten day workshop? Well we have something for you! A three day workshop for the "cob curious."

Central Texas cob builder **Kindra Welch** will host this introductory course for those who are ready to get their hands dirty. The curriculum is designed to give participants a taste of cob construction, earthen plasters and poured adobe floors. We will spend one day on each technique.

For registration information, please visit <http://www.claysandstraw.com/education/education.htm>

### **Green By Design Workshop**

**Saturday, May 12, 2007 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

The Commons Center on the J.J. Pickle Research Campus at 10100 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78758

Austinites preparing to build, buy or remodel a home can learn how to improve energy and water efficiency, increase comfort and reduce maintenance. This workshop will give you an overview of the green building process. The Green Building Program's 1-day Green by Design Workshop is held four times per year.

The workshop is offered at the low price of **\$35.00 per person**, which includes:

- a full day of instruction with the Green Building Program staff
- a comprehensive workbook, Green By Design
- free advice from local green building professionals
- continental breakfast, lunch, and break refreshments
- a chance to win cool door prizes from local green businesses

Instructors are staff members of Austin Energy's Green Building Program. They are design, building, engineering, and landscape professionals with many years of experience in homebuilding and remodeling.

To register for the next workshop, print the Registration Form (PDF) posted at <http://tinyurl.com/2h3abt> and fax to (512) 482-5441; or e-mail [toye.goodson@austinenergy.com](mailto:toye.goodson@austinenergy.com) to register.

**Register soon because these workshops fill up early.** There is no registration at the door.

For additional details visit the workshop page at [www.austinenergy.com](http://www.austinenergy.com), <http://tinyurl.com/yq865q>

Lunch and breaks during Green by Design are sponsored by Green Building Program members: Escarpment Construction ♦ Green Zone Home ♦ Meridian Energy Systems ♦ Solluna Builders.

—Excerpted from the Austin Green Building Program eNewsletter

**To subscribe to the very informative Austin Green Building Program eNewsletter, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/3a65gx>**

### **Natural Building Colloquium**

**October 19-28, 2007**

**Kerrville, Texas**

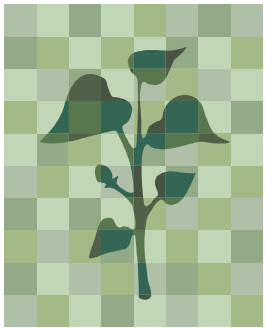
Natural building and permaculture are coming to Quiet Valley Ranch, central Texas, home of the long-running, world-famous Kerrville Folk Festival. This ten-day event will offer hands-on natural building seminars, talks from leading natural builders, architects, experts and teachers. Subject matter for presentations and hands-on workshops include: straw-bale, cob, plasters, floors, natural building philosophy, permaculture, owner-builder experience, codes and more!

For more information: <http://www.naturalbuildingtexas.org>. Check back once a month or so as details are added.



*figure 1.  
a natural building*

## Local Plant and Garden Workshops



### **Free Weed Walk**

**Tuesday, March 20, 2007 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

From workshop presenter **Nicole Telkes**: Winter weeds are on their way out but I will still be able to show a nice variety of winter and spring blooms. Join us at the **Blackland Learning Garden** for a weed walk and seed swap exploring the various edible and medicinal plants that are out at this time. If anyone cares to think about last year, we were so dry that I saw very little in the way of weeds and wildflowers. We were hurting for weeds like cleavers and I actually had to hold a "virtual herb class" due to the lack of a spring bloom. We are off to a better start this year but are still in a drought so don't let the rain fool you. We need a lot more rain!

**Where:** The Blackland Learning Garden, 1610 Pennsylvania Ave (across from Kealing Middle School).

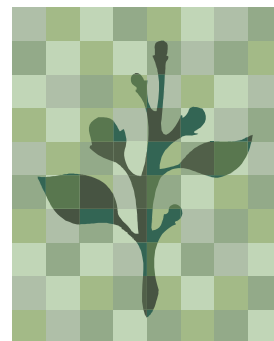
**What to bring:** any starts or seeds you have that you would like to swap.

**RSVP:** Email **Nicole Telkes** or call (512) 426-3113 and let me know if you'll be attending and if you'll be bringing seeds!  
For more information: [www.nicoletelkes.com](http://www.nicoletelkes.com)

### **American Botanical Council Herb Day**

**March 31, 2007 All Day**

Nicole Telkes will be giving a free weed walk.  
Call 926-4900 for details



### **Outdoor Herb Classes**

**Join Nicole Telkes for the Fourth Year of the Outdoor Herbalist!**

**Part 1 begins March 25, 2007** for four consecutive Sundays 6.25 hours each class

**Part 2 begins April 29, 2007** for four consecutive Sundays, 6.25 hours each class

Be flexible—we will have to work with the weather

**Topics covered:** Plant Identification Terminology ♦ Characteristics of Major Central Texas Plant Families ♦ Latin binomials of Central Texas Native and adapted Medicinal and Edible Plants ♦ Uses of our local and weedy medicinals ♦ Plant Spirit Medicine and making local plant Flower Essences ♦ Demos and hands on fresh plant tincture making ♦ Ecology and bioregions of Central Texas ♦ Ethics and sustainable harvesting techniques regarding wild plant harvesting ♦ Visit several different examples of wild areas in Central Texas.

**Meet** Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m. at the Blackland Learning Garden, 1610 Pennsylvania Ave, in East Austin across from Kealing Middle School. Classes are entirely outdoors, rain or shine, with a couple of optional campouts.

#### **Costs:**

Individual classes: \$85.00 each

Part 1: \$265.00

Part 2: \$265.00

Both Part 1 and Part 2 \$500.00

**Register now** to hold your place. **Class closes at 10 registrants.** No prerequisites necessary, but a background in Botany is helpful. Classes are held outdoors and involve beginner to intermediate hiking levels.



Contact Information for the three Nicole Telkes workshops:

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## From the ClipBoard Lady by Yvonne Hansen

### Making A Difference...

The **Design~Build~Live volunteers** at our booth at Austin Green Living event at the Austin Convention Center March 9-11, 2007 welcomed visitors, provided information, referred tough questions to "pros" and in general carried SBC's positive image forward to DBL. The presence of you who gave your time and energy to this event truly made a difference because you were there to help visitors with their questions, so many left our booth feeling satisfied and informed. The ebb and flow of visitors gave our volunteers a chance to check out other exhibits, have a bite to eat or sit in on talks.

Frieda was there and sold a number of books. Our bookmarks were generously passed out. Our DBL logo was admired. Interest was shown for hands-on workshops. The next one up (probably filled already) is Kindra's cob workshop in Fredericksburg. The very informative graphic display that shows the relationship between "Natural" and "Green," conceived and created by our own Jeanine Christensen, was very well received and drew much attention.



**The ClipBoard Lady, Yvonne Hansen**, thanks Gayle Borst, Frieda Rinehart, Kindra Welch, Mina Loomis, Effie Brunson, Dale Glover, Ken McKenzie, Leslie Reilly, Robin Schwartz, and Bill Christensen.

**The ClipBoard Lady reminds readers** that more opportunities are forthcoming to volunteer, to "get out among 'em" and interact with the curious who seek information, knowledge, and resources to make safer choices.

## Local Events

### UPCOMING AUSTIN PROGRESSIVE POTLUCKERS EVENT

Friday, March 23, 2007 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

#### Ten Thousand Villages

1317 S. Congress Ave., Austin

Ten Thousand Villages provides vital and fair income to people in developing countries by selling their **handicrafts** and telling their stories through their network of over 100 shops in North America. This **fair trade non profit retail store** is run mostly by volunteers and works with artisans who would otherwise be unemployed or underemployed, improving the economic status of tens of thousands of artisans by providing income for food, education, health care and housing. The store features recycled and sustainable gifts from jewelry to kids' toys from continents such as Africa, Latin America, and Asia. The volunteer staff will give us a brief talk about their work, and since the gathering is in the store, we'll have plenty of time to shop! You can check out <http://www.villagesofaustin.com/> for contact information and for more details about Ten Thousand Villages.

PLEASE NOTE: As this gathering is in the Ten Thousand Villages store itself, there won't be the typical tables and seating as with most potlucks. So we've decided this is a great opportunity to have an **appetizer and finger-food potluck!**

Therefore, please bring a dish that people can eat easily while circulating and visiting. Appetizers and finger foods are ideal. There are no food or beverage restrictions. Our hosts will provide water and coffee but they do not have serving items so you need to **bring your own plates, cups and eating utensils.**

**Parking** may be a bit difficult, as they share parking with nearby businesses, such as the Continental Club, so you might want to allow extra time to find a nearby place to park. Or, ride a bicycle or take the bus!

For a map, you can search at <http://maps.google.com>.

For public transportation, go to <http://www.capmetro.org/riding/schedulesandmaps.asp>)





## Workshops in Other Places

### **GREEN HOMES 101 Free Workshop: "The Dirt on Soil"**

**Monday, March 19, 2007 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

University of Houston Gerald D. Hines School of Architecture Building, Room 150  
Information for Citizens, Designers, Builders, Homeowners and Buyers in Southeast Texas  
Presented by a consortium of local volunteers and The Houston Advanced Research Center

#### **Presentations:**

**The Science of Dirt** OR Secrets Your Landscaper and Ground Maintenance Company Does Not Want You to Know  
John Ferguson, M.S., P.G., Founder, Nature's Way Resources, EarthKind™ Roses  
Ella Tyler, Editor, Citizen's Environmental Coalition

#### **Conserve Water—Treat Soil Nice**

Heather Morris

#### **Regenerating Soil**

Betsy Ross Butilia

For more information, go to: <http://files.harc.edu/Projects/CultivateGreen/Events/20070319/Flyer.pdf>

This event is free and open to the public, including designers, builders, homeowners and buyers in the Houston area.

For a map to the UH School of Architecture and parking lots:

<http://files.harc.edu/Projects/CultivateGreen/Events/20061115/UHMap.pdf>

**If you will be attending, it is first come, first seated.**



### **Cob & Straw Bale Homebuilder Workshop**

**May 12-19, 2007 near Shamrock, Oklahoma.**

Sustainable Green Country, a nonprofit organization, in conjunction with Vernacular, LLC, is offering a week-long workshop in natural building featuring cob, straw bale, and natural plasters. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to experience and learn about natural building from start to finish including siting, design, foundation, wall construction, windows/doors, roof, plasters, arches, niches and relief sculpture. The workshop is being organized by Keeshi Ingram and Konstantin Popov and conducted by Kindra Welch and Chris Copp of ClaySandStraw ([www.claysandstraw.com](http://www.claysandstraw.com)) and Frank Meyer ([www.thangmaker.com](http://www.thangmaker.com)) of Austin, Texas. With over 40 years combined experience in natural building, including projects featured in Natural Home and Southern Living magazines, these instructors are sure to educate as well as inspire.

The cost for the 7-day workshop is \$625 (\$575 early registration before March 31, 2007), and includes vegetarian meals, lectures, handouts and camping accommodations. There is a discount for couples. For details about the workshop visit [www.SustainableGreenCountry.org/main/?p=29](http://www.SustainableGreenCountry.org/main/?p=29), email [Info@SustainableGreenCountry.org](mailto:Info@SustainableGreenCountry.org), or call Konstantin Popov, in Tulsa, OK at (918) 289-3061.

Sustainable Green Country is a nonprofit, grassroots organization dedicated to the promotion of sustainability in northeastern Oklahoma. Vernacular, LLC is an Oklahoma-based company specializing in earth friendly building and design.

Contact: Konstantin Popov, 1527 S Trenton, Tulsa, OK 74120, (918) 289-3061, [kipopov@gmail.com](mailto:kipopov@gmail.com).



**Light straw-clay events** presented by Robert Laporte and/or Paula Baker-Laporte in **Santa Fe, NM.**

Contact: [info@econest.com](mailto:info@econest.com) or [www.econest.com/calendar](http://www.econest.com/calendar). Robert Laporte conducts straw/clay (leichtlembau) and timber framing workshops of various durations. See stunning homes from "tiny" to normal size. No nails. Robert uses Japanese-style joinery and you will learn how to do this, too.

**The Last Straw Journal** lists diverse natural building workshops. Go to [www.thelaststraw.org](http://www.thelaststraw.org) for complete information.

**Barefoot Builder.** Cob workshops. This site contains a link to a listing of workshops around the country. [www.barefootbuilder.com](http://www.barefootbuilder.com)

**Kleiworks** is an international Natural Building nonprofit organization, teaching people how to build appropriately designed earth and straw shelters with affordable and indigenous materials. For more information about Kleiworks visit [www.kleiworks.org/index.php](http://www.kleiworks.org/index.php)

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