



Hand-Sculpted Houses: *Natural Building and Design*

This course is full of unique and innovative design and construction methodologies. From earthen construction to Strawbale Design...with stone, mosaic, water catchment, alternative energy systems you will be taken through a visual narrative with time for discussion on design, material, and cost choices. References to all other regulatory authorities, engineers, and natural builders are available in the course.

Who Should Attend?

- Designed for Home-owners, Realtors, Builders and Artists
- Those wanting to be inspired to build a hand-sculpted house out of natural materials

Facilitator:

This course is delivered in partnership with **O.U.R. ECOVILLAGE**, a sustainable learning community and demonstration site committed to a path of resiliency, compassionate action and healthy interdependence where learning a new way to live with one another that honours the earth, personal and community development, inclusiveness, balance and prosperity is paramount. **O.U.R. ECOVILLAGE** is a call to rise and create a stewardship of sacred knowledge and sense of place. Through our local, regional and global partnerships we seek to co-create accessible models of sustainable living. We provide a nurturing space to support social, physical, cultural, spiritual and ecological well-being for ourselves, the land and our broader community.

Elke Cole, is an architectural designer who lives at O.U.R. ECOVILLAGE and designs, builds, and teaches "*Houses that Love You Back*". Her background is in architecture with a degree received in Germany. Elke became involved with Natural Building in 1994. Since then she has created buildings and community projects while teaching others to be empowered to do the same. Through Cob Cottage Company, Cobworks, Earthrising Foundation and O.U.R. ECOVILLAGE, Elke has been a forerunner in the movement towards healthy and affordable houses. Her work has been groundbreaking in introducing Natural Building to a wide audience and with the integration of the building permit process. You can find Elke working in BC, the US, South India, Tanzania, Germany and Costa Rica. www.elkecole.com

PLEASE NOTE: Registration can be found at <http://ourecovillage.org/our-activities/royal-roads-university/>

Length: 4 hours at RRU
Date: Saturday, April 3, 2010
Times: 1-5pm
Cost: \$40 + GST
Please Register By: Saturday, March 20, 2010

To Register:

Register online at <http://www.royalroads.ca/continuing-studies> using Visa or MasterCard; or by telephone, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at **250-391-2600, ext. 4801**; or **Toll Free at 1-866-890-0220**. Or, come by in person to the Continuing Studies reception area in the **Grant Building, 2005 Sooke Road**, Victoria, BC, Canada V9B 5Y2.

