

2 great permaculture training opportunities in Montana

MONTANA PERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE April 19 to May 4, 2012 & Advanced Permaculture Training with Sepp Holzer May 3-13

**Location: 'Place of Gathering', Dayton, Montana
Flathead Lake, Northwest Montana**

Design Course Instructors:

Michael Pilarski and Marisha Auerbach

With special guest Sepp Holzer & local presenters

This is a two-week, immersion course which will cover the standard permaculture design course curriculum with a special emphasis on the Inland Northwest and Sepp Holzer's permaculture techniques. This is a rare opportunity to take a pdc involving Austrian permaculturist Sepp Holzer. The last two days of the course coincide with the first two days of Sepp Holzer's advanced training.

The site: Place of Gathering is a 95 acre property near Dayton, Montana. It is located at the southwestern edge of the Flathead Lake at the northern edge of the Flathead Indian Reservation. We will be doing permaculture designs for the land during the course. Sepp Holzer will also do design and implementation work during his training.

TUITION for the permaculture design course is \$1495 or a daily rate of \$150 a day. Early Registration by December 31 is \$1295 or a daily rate of \$130 a day.

Tuition includes instruction, permaculture design certificate, camping, meals, and curriculum materials. Indoor accommodations available for extra cost. Partial worktrade is available to a limited number of participants. We will consider several full or partial scholarships (tribal members of the Salish and Kootenai tribes are favored). We will consider a down payment and subsequent payments with the remainder due at the beginning of the course.

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If permaculture was implemented in cities, farms and homes on a planetary scale, the world would become a Garden of Eden with a high degree of cultural diversity and biodiversity.

ADVANCED PERMACULTURE TRAINING with SEPP HOLZER

**Rare chance to learn from this cold-climate master.
Large-scale wetland restoration and site design.**

Sepp Holzer is one of the most famous permaculturists in the world at this time. Holzer lives in the Austrian Alps where he and his family have built an incredible, functional, and high-yielding permaculture farm (called The Krameterhof). His land ranges from 3,300 feet in elevation to 4,500 ft elevation (110 to 1500 meters). Most of the land at this snowy elevation is in conifer forests, but Sepp has developed a system of large terraces and aquaculture to create a much warmer microclimate and diverse production.

Holzer's website is: <http://www.krameterhof.at/en/>

Sepp Holzer is in Montana to design and direct the building of a large pond, wetland restoration and other earthworks at the Place of Gathering property where the permaculture design course is being held.

Topics covered in the 11 days of Sepp's classes include: Restoring/Building Wetlands (practical application included on the property); Pond building and Aquaculture; (practical application included on the property); Reading Nature; Permaculture Economics; and Food/Meat Preservation.

Tuition for the 11 day training is \$1700. Early registration is \$1495, if received by 12/31. Tuition for this event does not include lodging or food.

Paypal payment can be made at:
www.placeofgathering.com

For information on Holzer's advanced training, contact Katharina (406) 849-5301

Both events combined:
\$2600 early registration.
\$3,000 after January 1.

The word 'Permaculture' was originally coined in Australia by Bill Mollison and David Holmgren in the 1970's. The word "permaculture" itself came from the notion of establishing "permanent agriculture" or "permanent culture. Over the last 30 years, permaculture has grown to become a global grassroots movement involving millions of people. Permaculture offers a huge storehouse of solutions, strategies and practical techniques gathered from around the globe and throughout history.

Permaculture is an ecological design system for sustainability in all aspects of our lives. Permaculture teaches us how to build natural homes, grow our own food, restore diminished landscapes and ecosystems, catch rainwater, build communities, take care of waste and much more.

The philosophy within permaculture is one of working with rather than against nature, and of protracted and thoughtful observation rather than premature and thoughtless action. Permaculture design techniques encourage land use which integrates principles of ecology and applies lessons from nature. It teaches us to create settings and construct ecosystems which have the diversity, stability, and the resilience of natural ecosystems. It also teaches us to allow natural and designed ecosystems to demonstrate their own evolutions.

Michael Pilarski is a farmer, wildcrafter and educator who has personally worked with over 1,000 species of plants. He is the founder of Friends of the Trees Society (1978) and is the author of books on forestry, agriculture, agroforestry and ethnobotany. He has lived in the Inland Northwest since 1972 and is the most active permaculture teacher in the region. He has taught many permaculture courses in the US and abroad. www.friendsofthetrees.net

Marisha Auerbach has been practicing, studying, and teaching permaculture in the Pacific Northwest for the past decade and is one of the Northwest's most active permaculture teachers. She has taught 22 permaculture courses within and outside the region. Her specialties include forest gardens, home gardens, local economics, community building, ethnobotany, herbalism, edible landscape design, organic gardening and mushrooms. www.herbnwisdom.com

Guest speakers will include Sepp Holzer, Paul Wheaton of permies.com, David Ronniger of Native Seed Foundation, members of the Salish Kootenai tribes and others to be announced. Course participants will also bring a wide range of knowledge and experience to share. We are all students. We are all teachers.

Certification: Upon completion of the course, participants receive a Certificate of Permaculture Design. Graduates will be certified as Permaculture Design Trainees, and after two years experience will be eligible for Applied Permaculture Design diplomas. Graduates are entitled to use the term "Permaculture" in pursuit of livelihood, and for educational purposes. There are also advanced permaculture courses in the US. In Australia, Advanced Permaculture Training (APT) is offered at many vocational colleges with formal accreditation. In a few years it is likely we will see something similar happen in the US.

ACCOMODATIONS:

* Deep Bay Retreat and Education Center. Course participants can stay at the Deep Bay Center located on the Flathead Lake about a 15-minute drive from the course site. Permaculture course participants who want to stay at Deep Bay need to make their own reservations and payment with Deep Bay. The cost is around \$510 for a bed in a shared room If you stay the full pdc (17 nights with check in on April 18 and check out on May 5th). Please visit and research the Deep Bay's website before calling them to make your reservation. Look at the view bed configurations in "Our Facilities" section of www.deepbay.org/

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* Tenting. There will be several designated tenting areas on site.

* RV's, vans, live-in rigs can be parked on site. There are no hookups.

* Locals can commute.

* The nearest motels are in Lakeside

The advantages of staying on site is that you are spared the commuting, you spend more hours on site, and perhaps use less energy. Downsides include cold, cramped quarters if you have a little tent. Yurts and tipis can be pretty comfortable places.

FACILITIES: We are creating much of the course infrastructure from scratch. We will erect a teaching tent, course headquarters, library and a kitchen/dining tent. We will be comfortable, warm, with audio/visual capabilities.

FOOD: The kitchen will prepare three meals a day of a mouth-watering selection of food made from primarily local, organic ingredients to satisfy a range of dietary choices; meat, vegetarian, vegan and raw food. Everyone in the course is expected to volunteer some time in the kitchen and some work-trade participants will do extra time there.

There will be a lot of lecture, including the use of drawings, powerpoint and slides. There will also be group discussion, mind-mapping, brainstorming, small groups and other interactive learning methods. We will be doing some hands-on and fields trips. There is a strong emphasis on design teams and doing designs during the course.

DESIGN. Permaculture design and methodology is an integral and important part of the course. All students will be in design teams which produce permaculture designs for a portion of Katharina's land, or some other project, and presents the design to the group. Besides this there will be some short design exercises in small groups. Students will learn from teacher perspectives and feedback. We will also talk about design ideas for the various sites we see on our field trips. We all learn from Sepp Holzer's design ideas.

KOOTENAI & SALISH CONFEDERATED TRIBES

The Place of Gathering is at the northern edge of the Flathead Reservation. The Flathead reservation includes 1,317,000 acres and is one of the largest Indian holdings in the Northwest region. There is a lot of privately-owned land (by non-natives) within the boundaries of the reservation as well as some individual trust lands by tribal individuals. The Flathead Reservation is surrounded on the east, west, and south by mountains. To the north is Flathead Lake, the largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi River. The beautiful Flathead River winds its way through the Reservation from north to south. We are in discussion with tribal members including faculty at the Salish Kootenai College to talk about their participation in the course and it looks like two to five tribal members will attend the full course. www.ckst.org

Course topics include:

- * Permaculture ethics & principles
- * Permaculture methodology
- * Observation skills
- * Site analysis & design
- * Zone & sector analysis
- * Large property design
- * Keyline
- * Ecosystem restoration
- * Native plant restoration
- * Sustainable forestry
- * Erosion control
- * Bio-engineering
- * Myco-remediation
- * Gardening
- * Edible landscaping
- * Broad-scale agriculture
- * Soil Building
- * Hugelkulturs
- * Sheet mulching
- * Tree crops
- * Windbreaks, hedgerows
- * Agroforestry systems
- * Livestock raising
- * Urban permaculture
- * Ethnobotany and ethnoecology
- * Water harvesting
- * Ponds and aquaculture
- * Irrigation
- * Waste management and greywater
- * Dry land strategies
- * Medicinal herbs
- * Wildcrafting
- * Weeds and invasive plants
- * Seed collecting
- * Integrated pest management
- * Natural building
- * Appropriate energy systems
- * Design for catastrophe
- * Community development
- * Intentional communities
- * Local economic systems
- * Governance options
- * Permaculture networks
- * International resources

Montana Permaculture Design Course Registration Form:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____

E-mail _____

Which accommodations do you plan on?:

Deep Bay Retreat Center _____

Camping _____

RV or live-in rig on site. _____

Local Motel _____

Local commute. _____

Other _____

Dietary preferences: _____

Are you attending the 11-day Sepp Holzer Advanced
Training? _____

Are you interested in carpooling? _____

Would you like to be picked up at the airport, train or bus
station? _____

Amount enclosed. \$ _____

Make checks out to Inland Northwest Permaculture Guild
and send to INPG, PO Box 826, Tonasket, WA 98855.

Comments or questions _____
