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Objective

To provide inspirational instruction that blends natural building skills, design experience, art, and environmental awareness while fostering community.

Education

Masters in Education September 2001
Portland State University, Portland, Oregon

B.A., Fine Arts June 1993
Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon

Teaching

Complete Cob August 2009
Northwest School of Natural Building, Coquille, Oregon
Taught a nine day intensive workshop providing participants all the skills they need to build their own cob cottage.

Earthen Oven Workshop May 2009
Lyle, Washington
Lead the homeowner and participants to build an oven on a permaculture homestead.

Rocket Mass Heater Workshop May 2009
George, Oregon
Guided participants and homeowner to create a cob masonry stove for home heating.

Cob Basics and Beyond October 2008
Roseburg, Oregon
Lead a four day cob workshop where we began the cob walls for a rural home.

Earthen Plaster Relief Panels Spring 2008
Walluga Middle School, Lake Oswego, Oregon
Worked with art students to create large sculpted plaster panels to hang in cafeteria.

Village Building Convergence May 2007
Portland, Oregon
Lead construction of a cob bench built by members of the Pacific Crest Community School.

Earthen Oven Workshop March 2007
Berkeley, California
Worked with students of Willard Middle School to build an earthen oven in the school garden.

Natural Plaster Workshop September 2006
Estacada, Oregon
Taught a two day hands-on course on materials, tools, and application of earthen and lime plasters.

Complete Cob August 2006
Northwest School of Natural Building, Coquille, Oregon
Taught a ten day intensive workshop providing participants all the skills they need to build their own cob cottage.

Teaching

- Village Building Convergence** May 2006
Mount Tabor Middle School, Portland, Oregon
Lead design process and created final design for the Eagle's Nest Bench. Lead the construction of the foundation, cob bench and canopy.
- Light My Fire! Rocket Stoves and Rumford Fireplaces** October 2005
Spirit Pine Ranch, Los Olivos, California
Taught three-day workshop on construction of home-built wood fired furnaces and fireplaces using cob and other materials.
- Owner Builder Cob Intensive** August 2005
Northwest School of Natural Building, Coquille, Oregon
Co-taught the three-week course for those aspiring to build their own cob homes. All aspects of materials, construction and design covered.
- Earth Oven Workshop** 2003
Private Residence, Estacada, Oregon
Co-taught a weekend workshop on how to build inexpensive bread ovens of earth.
- Kids and Parents Cob Workshop** 2003
Northwest School of Natural Building, Coquille, Oregon
Co-taught a four-day workshop for parents and children. Activities included building model dream houses and a tiger head playhouse.

Other Experience

- Cob Monster** Fall 2009
City Kids Child Development Center, Portland, Oregon
Worked with children to design and build a large sculpted cob lizard play structure.
- Earthen Oven** November 2008
Portland, Oregon
Worked with homeowner to build an earthen oven in her backyard.
- Cob Playhouse** Winter 2008
Joyful Noise Child Development Center, Portland, Oregon
Built the cob walls and benches for a children's playhouse.
- Village Building Convergence** 2003 and 2005
Multiple locations, Portland, Oregon
Worked as a natural builder at various sites.
- Designer, sculptor, builder** 2002 – 2004
Self-employed in Estacada, Oregon
Sculpted my own environmentally sensitive cottage using straw bales and earth.

Public Art

- Book Benches** July 2006
Estacada Library, Estacada, Oregon
Collaborated with landscape architect Steve Shibley to design and cast a series of benches in the shape of books using concrete and cedar.
- Mural of the Arts** July 2001
Lincoln Hall, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon
Collaborated with other artists to design and paint a mural celebrating the arts in the lobby space outside the performance hall, (80 x 10 feet.)

References

Available upon request.