

## **LIME PLASTER WORKSHOP AT TAPROOT FARM - CAPON BRIDGE, WV**

**Beth and Tim Reese are hosting a hands-on lime plaster workshop on August 13-14 , 2011**



Join us for this seventh in a series of workshops to build "Querencia", a strawbale/cob artist studio at Taproot Farm. Lime plastered-walls are healthy and beautiful-dancing with the reflected light. Querencia is a whimsical, earth-friendly oasis designed to nurture the inner "creative".

Taproot Farm is a 20-acre sustainable farm overlooking the Cacapon River. Check out our website [www.taprootfarm.info](http://www.taprootfarm.info). The "green" buildings include solar panels, geothermal heating/cooling and a living roof. Currently, at the farm, there are laying chickens, lambs, bees, ½ acre organic vegetable garden, orchard and, soon, a fish pond and pigs. Participants will be invited to enjoy relaxing farm and river activities to celebrate each day of building.

**WHEN:** Saturday August 13- 14, 2011 9:00 AM-6:00 PM (with a break for lunch)

**WHERE:** Capon Bridge, WV (90 miles west of Washington, D.C)

**COST:** \$125 for the weekend **LIMITED ENROLLMENT (12 people)** (includes instruction and hands-on experience with natural building guru Sigi Koko; 3 healthy, locally grown meals each day.; camping on site or there is a Marriot hotel 30 minutes from the farm). NO children under 16 for this one. A few scholarships available (ask how to apply.)

**TO REGISTER:** Please contact Beth Reese by email at [beth.reese218@gmail.com](mailto:beth.reese218@gmail.com) or by phone at 304-856-1336 to confirm that there is still space in the workshop. **YOU MUST RSVP TO ATTEND THIS EVENT!** Fill out a registration form and send it in to reserve a spot. Directions and details will be emailed prior to the workshop to those who register. See more details about the workshop below.

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Natural plasters provide non-toxic, inexpensive, and beautiful finishes that are durable and breathable. Lime plasters/stuccos are particularly suitable as exterior finishes or in wet areas, such as bathrooms. Lime surface have higher vapor permeability than concrete stucco and do not crack as readily, which makes them ideal for walls made of organic materials, such as wood or straw.

### **WORKSHOP FORMAT:**

We will begin Saturday morning with an overview of lime plasters. We will follow with a demonstration of the skills used to assess ingredients, mix plasters, and apply them to wall surfaces. Everyone will then be invited to get hands-on experience. Sunday will provide ample opportunity to practice what was learned on Saturday, with a full day of hands-on plastering.

### **WORKSHOP COVERS:**

- Overview of lime plasters, including benefits and challenges
- How to safely work with lime
- Site tour showing what prep was completed, particularly any lathing requirements
- Demonstration on the art of mixing lime plasters, including how to determine mixing ratio
- Demonstration of application techniques
- Hands-on experience applying lime plaster to strawbale