

KERRMACULTURE ANNOUNCEMENT

What and Where: A 72 hour Permaculture Design Certification Course, the third to be held at Quiet Valley Ranch, home of the Kerrville Folk Festival in the heart of the Texas Hill Country.

Who: The organizers of the course, Kirby Fry, Rick Wright, and in memorium, Tom Smith, have again asked Scott Pittman to be the primary teacher in the next course of a Kerrmaculture Series. Long associated with Permaculture in the Southwestern United States and with Bill Mollison's world travels, consultations, and teachings, Scott is considered the premier expert on drylands Permaculture on this planet.

He will be joined by several well-known local Permaculture designers, instructors and consultants.

When: October 22nd - November 4th

What Else: The course is intended to finalize a master plan for the Ranch, addressing edible landscapes, green building, erosion control and water catchment. It has the ability and the intention to elevate the presence and availability of Permaculture world-wide, and to develop an on-going resource center and model of sustainability. With a core of certified Permies to work on continuing and periodic projects, more principles of sustainable design and thought will pass on through the volunteers who make it all happen.

- The course offers a clearly superior Permaculture faculty.
- This course is the most affordable certification course available and the only intensive training available in Texas for the past three years.
- Musicians and Kerrstaff are especially welcome.
- Meals will include vegetarian options.
- Dry floorspace for bedrolls or cots is included in the cost.
- Camping or RV hookups are available and hotel arrangements can be specially arranged in Kerrville 9 miles away. Kerrville is on the Guadalupe River and Interstate 10, north of San Antonio.

Cost : \$900, \$800 by October 7th. Pro-rated partial attendance and some partial scholarships will be considered.

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Kirby Fry 512-663-9538 (Austin-area)

Rick Wright 830-377-3253 (on site at the Ranch)

Working outline of Class Discussion:

Fri, Oct 21 - 6:00-8:00PM

PM: Dinner, Gathering, orientation, eating and sleeping arrangements

Sat, Oct 22 - Ethics and Principles

AM: Registrations, introductions, literature dissemination, introduction to site, and Permaculture Introduction

PM: Permaculture Overview and state-of-the-world (bad!!).

Sun, Oct 23 - Observation, Pattern, and Design

Ecosystems, Climate, and Bio-geography

AM: Concepts and themes in design, Methods of design.

PM: Methods of Design (hands-on site observation)

Mon, Oct 24 -

All Day: Pattern

Tue, Oct 25 - Forests, Soils, Water, & Earthworks

All Day: Climatic factors, Forests and Trees.

Wed, Oct 26 - Gardens and Food Storage

AM: Garden Strategies/Soils

PM: Water Cycles and Management, Desertification

Thu, Oct 27 - Plants, Animals, and Aquaculture

AM: Water, Aquaculture/Mariculture

PM: Domestic Animals/Wildlife Management/Biological Pest Control

Fri, Oct 28 - Day trip to established

and maturing Permaculture sites (Wimberley area)

Sat, Oct 29 - Appropriate Technology/Greenbuilding

Natural Building Systems

AM: Gary Freeborg (?)

PM: Pliny Fisk (?)

Sun, Oct 30 - Energy Production and use

Waste Treatment and Re-use

AM: The Design of the Home

PM: Broad-scale Agriculture and Land Management

Mon, Oct 31 - Halloween - Design of Towns and Villages

AM: Invisible structures

PM: Design beginning

Evening: Halloween Party!

Tue, Nov 1 - Economic and Financial Systems

AM: Invisible structures

PM: Design Teams

Wed, Nov 2

All Day: Design Teams

Thu, Nov 3 - Tools for the Designer

Creating a Livelihood

AM: Design presentation/critique

PM: What next?

Evening: Talent show