

Discover for yourself the beauty and utility of natural building! This amazonails® workshop and seminar will prove invaluable in providing a clear understanding of straw bale building that will lead you towards your new building experience.

Set in the scenic French countryside around Lyon, both workshop and seminar will be led by Jakub Wihan of amazonails®, straw bale designer and specialist on moisture issues.

# **Humidity in Strawbale Wall**

# Workshop

# 27-28 March 2009

Because of the great interest, for the second time this year, amazonails® is pleased to offer again a workshop devoted the issue of humidity in straw bale walls.

This workshop will focus on the theory behind the techniques of straw bale building. All levels of interest and expertise are welcome, from the complete novice to self-builders and building professionals wishing to learn more about natural building methods and materials.

This is not a building workshop. Instead, we will be addressing the most pressing concern about straw bale walls - moisture damage. The workshop will explain the boundaries within which straw and humidity in the walls can coexist, and how to stay within these boundaries, so that straw bale buildings can become more innovative, more progressive and better adapted to modern climates.

# Seminar

# 29 March 2009

amazonails® is pleased to offer a seminar aiming at those who are planning to build, or are in process of building a straw bale structure. Seminar will be focused on issue of humidity in straw bale walls.

This seminar will focus on the practical aspect of straw bale building. The seminar aims especially to give advice to self builders, addressing their own designs, but all levels of interest and expertise are welcome, from the complete novice to building professionals.

Bring your own drawings and blueprints, immerse in discussion with like minded builders, supervised by building professional with long term experience in designing and building strawbale houses in northern humid climate.

Jakub lives currently in the UK. He has spent the last three years working with amazonails®.

**amazonails**® is a not-for-profit social enterprise, specializing in environmentally sensitive building - especially straw bale construction, low impact foundations and natural materials.

amazonails® has 13 years of experience in building with straw bales and was founded by prolific builder and well known innovator, Barbara Jones who became inspired by straw bale building in California in the early '90s. She is the author of "Building With Straw Bales: A Practical Guide for the UK and Ireland," which is a great introduction to her appropriate-technology approach. An earlier, shorter version is available for free download here.

**amazonails**® is specializing too in keeping the fun in building! Particularly through training groups of people in the use of such wonderful and renewable materials as straw, lime and clay.

#### **WORKSHOP COST**

**125,-Eu** unwaged

**250,-Eu** waged

**300,-Eu** highly waged

#### SEMINAR COST

**75,-Eu** unwaged

**150,-Eu** waged

200,-Eu highly waged

### **DISCOUNT COST FOR ATTENDING BOTH amazonails® EVENTS**

**150,-Eu** unwaged

**350,-Eu** waged

450,-Eu highly waged

Workshop and seminar will be run in English with a French translator. Course fee includes all training, handouts and translator.

Food, accommodation and travel expenses are not included in this price, however food and accommodation are available on site:

### **LOCATION**

La clé de sol Les Marais 26260 Marsaz France

## http://alacle2sol.free.fr/

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- 13 min of the train station Tain l'hermitage
- 20 min of the TGV train station
- 12 min of the highway
- 1 hour of St Exupéry airport in Lyon and of Grenoble airport

## **BOOKING**

There are a limited number of places available, please book well in advance with:

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## **Conditions for registration**

Workshop program Seminar program