



natural building

JAN 5-18

JAN 21-FEB 2

SANGKLABURI, KANCHANABURI PROVINCE, THAILAND

SEVEN GENERATIONS NATURAL BUILDERS AND WHISPERING SEED PRESENT TWO NATURAL BUILDING WORKSHOPS FOR 2008 ON THE BORDER OF THAILAND AND BURMA

At Whispering Seed (whisperingseed.org), a children's home and community living and learning center, students will spend two weeks learning the fundamentals of earth construction, gaining an understanding of the characteristics of different sediments (clay, sand, silt), and how to use a variety of techniques to create earthen building materials --- from adobe block, to cob, to wattle and daub, plaster, and more.

These Thailand courses are unique in several respects: the student body will combine Western students and local Thai, Burmese and Karen students to facilitate cross-cultural experiences and learning; construction of a kitchen and children's play building using earth and local resources at a Thai children's home is one of the purest examples of the possibilities and benefits of natural building in bringing people together as a community to help others; and unlike most courses in temperate and desert North America, students will learn techniques suitable for earth construction in tropical and subtropical climates utilizing bamboo, thatch, and round wood carpentry.

Tuition covers room and board at Whispering Seed, as well as subsidizes the Thai, Burmese, and Karen students' participation. Tuition for one of the two-week courses is \$1000 (US), for students that wish to enroll in both classes the total tuition is \$1500 (US). Enrollment is limited to 10 foreign students per workshop and because of travel/logistical issues the enrollment deadline is December 7, 2007 for the Jan 5-18 and Jan 21- Feb 2, 2008 courses.

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