



“No! Not that way! We need a much bigger truck!!!”

Straw Bale Summer is Coming!

Straw bale summer is coming! Woodhaven, the 5th and final house for Rolling Ridge Study Retreat, is shaping up with a beautiful post and beam structure. In the month of June, we will begin cordwood walls and continue with carpentry. Lots of straw bales (660) arrive at the end of June and then we will really build and plaster walls in earnest!



JULY 10th-12th: Straw Bale Workshop

with Sigi Koko - We'll learn how to make a curved wall, set windows with angled sides, and hopefully work on a wall with a big arch! Friday evening we will have dinner together, tour the cordwood cottage and the building site, and share natural building experiences and aspirations. Sigi will lead a hands-on workshop all day Saturday and we will continue shaping and laying more bales on Sunday, an opportunity to hone skills and capitalize on the learning curve through practice.

Cost: \$75/person for room and board at the Retreat House. Please register early! For more information on Sigi, see her website at www.buildnaturally.com.

June 26th to July 17th and the 1st and 3rd weeks of August

The Retreat House is available for medium and long stays while working on the house. Come one, come all! Bring a group of friends! Stay a few days or a week. We offer room and board and training in exchange for hands-on work experience with wonderful companions (July 10-12 is the exception). A nominal contribution of \$15/day toward food is suggested. We'll be doing

more carpentry, cordwood and straw bale walls, clay and lime plastering, and lots of other work for both experienced and inexperienced volunteers.

We hope to have local musicians, artists and story tellers visit with us during the summer. During the third week of August, you may choose to participate in daily Taize music and worship with Stefan Waligur.

For more information, to get an update on specific weeks or weekends, and to register, please contact Scot and Linda DeGraf at: scot@rollingridge.net (202-330-6874) or linda@rollingridge.net (301-789-9097).

To see progress on the building of Woodhaven, go to: <http://straw-bale.blogspot.com>.

