

# Permaculture in Practice

## Summer offers variety of eco-activities

While proof continues to emerge showing that the Iraq fiasco was sold with a pack of lies, and as the corporate-owned, pseudo-religious Right continues to undermine the U.S. Constitution, it's easy to get depressed about issues of global and national significance. Fortunately, at the local level ample opportunity exists for people to get involved in positive, productive ways. Here's a smattering of worthwhile, permaculture-oriented events taking place in northern New Mexico during the next few weeks. Mark your calendars!

• Participate in Water Day at the Center for Contemporary Arts (1050 Old Pecos Trail in Santa Fe), sponsored by Earth Works Institute and the CCA. The films, workshops, exhibits and children's activities, all on the subject of water, will be inspirational for the concerned citizens among us. My own hour-long workshops on passive water harvesting start at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The all-day event on Saturday,

June 11, goes from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. - plus there's a water-related film in the evening.

• Tour the Camino de Paz Farm just south of Espanola. A horse-drawn hayride of the 11-acre working farm and Montessori middle school is the highlight of this event. But kids of all ages will also enjoy the goats, sheep, turkeys, ducks, and chickens while learning about local, chemical-free agriculture. Guided tours will run between noon and 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 12. For directions, call 986-2000, go to [caminodepaz.net](http://caminodepaz.net), or visit their booth at most local farmers' markets.

• Visit Mary Zemach's permaculture demonstration garden at 740 Canyon Road in Los Alamos. Here you will find concrete examples of passive and active water-harvesting, fruit tree guilds, waterless tomatoes, hassle-free root crop harvesting, hardcore recycling and, in general, how to convert water-wasting lawns into lush, productive oases. Zemach will be delighted

to show you around and answer any questions on Saturday, June 25, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

• Attend a slew of heady events including a lecture by Sandra Postel of the Global Water Policy Institute at the Eldorado Hotel and a panel discussion including several local, forward-thinking experts at El Museo Cultural (1615-B Paseo de Peralta) on Saturday, June 25. These events are part of the City of Santa Fe's invigorated response to our new economic development plan, which calls for our town to become "the water conservation and clean energy capital of the United States."

• Join me and one of my co-workers, Megan Zeigler, at EcoVersity (2639 Agua Fria Street) for a weekend workshop about how to use water wisely. On Saturday, July 9, we'll focus on passive water harvesting then on Sunday, July 10, we'll look at greywater recycling and cisterns. You can attend either or both days. To sign-up please contact EcoVersity at 424-9797 or



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[www.ecoversity.org](http://www.ecoversity.org).

If you can't attend any of these events, don't despair. Unless you're of that ilk that's decided to wait around for Rapture, you could always write that positive, productive letter to your congressmen that you've been procrastinating about for far too long.

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