

Volunteers for lime plastering wanted!

Are you also participating in the final realization of my straw-loam house in Spain?



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The project Finca Ubuntu

The ideas about this project originated in 2013 in conversations between 2 couples. We were inspired by permaculture and the Ubuntu philosophy. We are now 9 years later and after many ups and downs, only I of the 2 couples is left. As a result, the implementation of the project has completely changed. I still adhere to the ideas of an ecological approach to the environment and nature and the social approach of Ubuntu. I also try to express it in this project. Ecological farming and permaculture have become quite common in recent years. That is less for the Ubuntu philosophy. If you want to know more about this, this document can help you with that. [The Ubuntu Philosophy](#).

What is on the plan for this workshop?

- Preparation of the walls
- Demonstration of the testing of the plastering recipe.



- Plastering the walls, inside and outside.
- Applying decorative figures in the plaster.

Below you see an example from another workshop.



- Applying pebble decoration on 4 corners of the house.
- Below you see an example of another workshop.



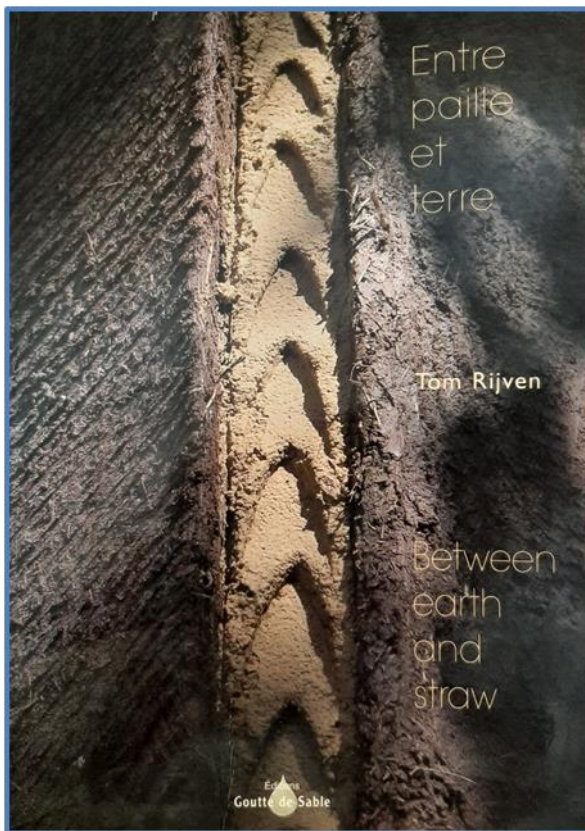
When and where does the workshop take place?

The workshop will take place in the last 2 weeks of September. That's weeks 38 and 39. So, the latest day to arrive is on Sunday sept. 18th and the earliest day to leave is on Saturday oct. 1th.

The finca is in the municipality of Arens de Lledo. A small village about 200 km south of Barcelona.

Which volunteers am I looking for?

Finca Ubuntu is mainly looking for people who seriously want to apply lime plaster by themselves in the future. We apply the techniques of Tom Rijven in this workshop. His techniques, both those of strawbale construction and lime plastering, are described in his book.



It is not a non-binding workshop. In principle, we work on all weekdays from 8 to 12 am and from 2 to 6 pm. In addition to theoretical explanations, we mainly focus on practicing it. This means that during this workshop you have spent many hours developing your practical skills. This method for sure is also very accessible to women. The professional builder and leader of the workshop is from France. I expect participants from the Netherlands and France. So, the communication language will therefore mainly be English.

What is in it for you?

Of course you will learn a lot from it. Initially by doing it. But also through the group information during work or sessions that we will organize in the evening. During the weekend you can also enjoy the beautiful villages, a river or lake, the nature reserve Els Ports or a day at the beach. In any case, it promises to be a very inspiring experience in a pleasant Ubuntu atmosphere as I call it!

View from the hills in Arens de Lledó



Horta de san Juan with the nature reserve Els Ports on the background

The facilities.

Finca Ubuntu is a beautiful, secluded, olive garden surrounded by forest and hills. On the finca there are a sanitary building with two showers, two bio-toilets and a washing-up facility. The water supply consists of a large water deposit of 14 m². Conscious handling of water is desirable. You have to take care of your own stuff to be able to camp on the finca.

The costs.

This unique plastering experience is for free. That means you don't have to pay for it, but that doesn't mean it won't cost you anything. From Monday to Friday, the preparation and costs of breakfast, lunch and dinner are delivered by Finca Ubuntu. At the weekend these are at your own expense. The travel costs are also for your own account.

I myself am in the Netherlands in July and August. For people who want to fly to Spain and want to drop off their camping stuff at my place in Venlo, I can arrange for transport to Spain and return. I am thinking of a small tent, air mattress, sleeping bag.

The conditions.

Participation is 100% at your own risk. In no way can I, the organization, be held responsible for damage to persons or materials. By participating, you declare that you are sufficiently insured against any type of damage that you may encounter during participation in the workshop.

The workshop leader may decide to exclude a volunteer from further participation if he/she exhibits irresponsible and dangerous behavior.

Registration.

If, after reading this information, you seriously consider participating in the workshop, please let me know as soon as possible in person or by email.

I strive to put together a volunteer group with different nationalities.

After registration I will tell you a little more about myself and ask you to do the same. I think it is important that the workshop meets both our expectations and that we can look back on it with many beautiful memories.

If it's not good for everyone, then it's not good at all.

Warm Ubuntu greetings,

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