

Elfin Permaculture

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INFORMATION FOR REGISTRANTS AND PROSPECTIVE REGISTRANTS ANNUAL PERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE BY EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE

Tuition. The tuition charge for this course is \$1,100.. Tuition paid in full before the course begins is \$1,000.

Deposit. A deposit of \$200 holds a place in the course, subject to acceptance. Early deposits are given priority if we receive more applications than we can admit. Other priorities are at least 50% participation by women and a balance of varied backgrounds to enrich the resources of the class as a whole. If for any reason we are unable to hold the course, your deposit is refunded in full. If you withdraw registration from the course 6 weeks before the starting date, we will refund 1/2 of your deposit. After that date, the full amount of deposit is non-refundable. Once the course begins, no portion of tuition is refundable.

Scholarships. Limited numbers of scholarships are offered in each course we teach. If you would like a scholarship, you must type one page only stating why you want to attend the course, brief information on your background, why you cannot meet the tuition cost, how much you can contribute, and how you anticipate using permaculture design after the course. Request our scholarship guidelines for more details or download it from our web site. Enclose a SASE or international return mail coupon, as appropriate. The deadline for scholarship applications is Aug. 1 of the year that the course starts. We encourage you to seek support from other sources as well. We sometimes have one **workshop** for a someone who assists with the course in various ways. Usually this is taken by people repeating the course for various reasons.

Contributions for Scholarships. There is a great need for contributions for scholarships to pay tuition and assist in transportation costs in the case of students from poor and exploited countries. If you are able to help, please do so. Contributions amounting to \$1500 cover tuition, books and associated costs for one student.

Native Peoples. Peoples historically native to the region where the course is given are not charged for attendance, however the number of such students must be limited for practical reasons. With the online course, this is not clearcut. However, generally we give priority to scholarship applications from people representing indigenous groups.

Barter. In principle, we will accept barter of goods and/or services in lieu of part or all of tuition. However our material needs are few. Our experience forces us to require barter payment in advance, just as with cash payment.

Enrollment. Due to space limitations, maximum enrollment in this course is 20 students. Ten of these may present their design practicum in the present course. Usually, there is space for everyone and room for more. If you wish to help recruit students for the course, let us know and we will send you more flyers and other promotion information that you may need.

Selection & Eligibility. Anyone who is seriously interested in the course is eligible to attend. If, due to lack of room, it is necessary to select participants for this course, selection criteria will include include priorities to early registrants, women, indigenous people, minorities, people who seek to share what they learn with others and people of diverse skills and backgrounds.

Advanced Reading. The course is very intensive. We strongly advise students to acquire the course reading package and begin reading scheduled assignments a month or two in advance.

This is a very brief summary of some course considerations. We advise course registrants to download the course protocol and study it carefully.

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REGISTRATION APPLICATION -- PERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE BY EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE

PLEASE TYPE, PRINT

Dates of course _____

Full course? _____ Student? _____ Monitor? _____

Section? (please specify) _____ [only for students not taking full course]

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ STATE/PROV _____

POSTAL CODE/ZIP _____ COUNTRY _____ PHONE _____

Email _____

I enclose US\$ _____ (at least \$200 except for full scholarship students and monitors) deposit in application to attend the Permaculture Design Course to be given by Elfin Permaculture in correspondence via mail and email, dates indicated above. I have read the course protocol and other information sent to registrants and understand and accept the conditions of the course.

Signed _____ Date _____

[Sign or initial also in 2 places below. Sign even if you do not need to include payment.]

Note: Total course fee is \$1,000 if paid in advance, \$1,100 if paid in two installments. At least \$600 must be received before the course begins. The second payment of \$500 will enable you to submit information about your design project and receive guidance, critiques and class discussion regarding your project. We do not wish to keep track of more than two installments. (Students may register for each section individually, however.) Please, save up the second \$500 and send it all at once. Monitor fees are due in full on registration. Partial scholarship students should pay the full balance due before the class begins.

For Course Students

ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET; Please TYPE or email a statement outlining, briefly, your background, why you wish to attend the course, how you intend to use permaculture design after the course, where you live, your living situation and any other information about yourself you wish to share. Please use no more than 500 words. You will be required to post this information to all your classmates once the course begins. You may add to this statement at any time. Head it: PERSONAL INFORMATION, Addendum, (YOUR NAME).

[If you are applying for a scholarship, you may use the space for that application. Type "Scholarship Application" at the top so that we are sure to give it early attention. Scholarship applications are limited to one page (surface) of regular office paper (8-1/2 x 11 in the US), but never more than 500 words on paper or by email. Request special instructions.]

ON A SECOND SHEET. Please TYPE a description of your skills, resources and experiences that make you a resource to the rest of us. This information is very important. In case of overenrollment, we will use it to select a balanced course with people from as many backgrounds as possible. The other students and Elfin Permaculture will use this information to determine where you can be a resource for others. If you have 7 PhD degrees in ecology and soil science, that's nice. If you have raised three children in a teepee living off the land, that's great. All life experience is important. If you are modest, you cheat other students of knowing how you are a resource. We use a one-room schoolhouse model in this course and students must be resources for one another. In an email classroom, we cannot conveniently draw information readily from you. Use two sides of a regular sheet of paper (not legal--we'll cut off

the bottom to fit our files) or 1,000 words by email. You will be required to post this information to all your classmates once the course begins. You may add to this statement at any time. Head it: PERSONAL RESOURCE INFORMATION, Addendum, (YOUR NAME).

Presentation Proposal

Everyone in the course will give one personal presentation at some time during the course. You may propose your presentation now. If it fits the course outline, we may schedule your presentation in the relevant section of the course. Anyone may schedule a presentation on any topic s/he wishes to share with the class, regardless of whether it fits the course schedule. If you do not propose a presentation topic at this time, we will assign one. We really need as many people as possible to schedule early, as we may have as many as 10 permaculture designs to evaluate toward the end of the course.

I would like to present the following: (TYPE NO MORE THAN ONE PAGE (500 WORDS)...

Study Group

Everyone in the course will be assigned a study group. If people are geographically close, we will try to assign them to the same group so that they may meet, visit one another's design sites and/or even share a design project (at a tuition discount.) If you have preferences for people to be in your study group, please let us know. In case of light enrollment, the entire class serves as one study group.

For Monitors & Students Alike

I understand that all online materials and most reading materials I receive in connection with this course are copyrighted. I agree not to violate the copyright unless marked otherwise. I agree not to distribute in any form for any purpose any of these copyrighted materials. (Signed) [signature required for registration]

[Sign or initial here.]

For Students

I grant permission to Elfin and Yankee Permaculture (AKA Dan or Cynthia Hemenway) for future use of my contributions in this course, including my permaculture design project, for the sole and limited purposes of permaculture education. This permission is conditional upon standard royalties to be paid to me for any direct sales of my contributions.

[Sign or initial here]

Please mail the signed portions of this registration with your payment.

Electronic Deposits

There is a service charge of \$25 or whatever the bank charges (whichever is higher). The bank fee for this has gone up faster than we can keep track of it. If you want us to contact the bank and verify the deposit, e.g. to expedite a book shipment, double the service charge. Sometimes the bank mails us a notification of electronic deposits, but sometimes we have to wait to see it on our monthly statement. Generally, electronic transfers represent an expensive way to expedite payment with no guarantee that the effect will not be actually slower than if you sent some physical instrument of payment to us.