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Permaculture Basic Design

Certification Course by Jane Higginson, (Diploma of Permaculture Design, Master of Environmental Planning) and Guest Instructors

Permaculture means permanent agriculture and permanent culture. It is a form of ecological design which seeks to benefit life in all its forms while providing human sustenance. Those who successfully complete the course will be awarded a Certificate of Permaculture Design from the original Permaculture Institute.

The course will be based out of San Diego east county, with an extended field trip to Imperial Valley and Arizona.

Course contents will be ethics, principles, concepts and themes in design, methods of design, pattern understanding, climatic factors, trees and their energy transactions, water, soils, earthworking, humid tropics, dryland strategies, humid cool to cold climates, aquaculture, and strategies of an alternative global nation. We will also include basic ecology, pollinator gardening, habitat and native species ID, sustainable building, renewable energy, ethnobotany, and bio-regional cooking.

Course time frame will be 90 to 100 hours long, on Sun. April 28, Fri. May 3, Sat. May 4, Sun. May 5 Sat. May 11, Sat. May 18, Sun. June 2, Sat. June 8, Sun. June 9, Sat. June 15, Sat. June 22, Sun. June 23:

two "make-up days" may be included -- Sat. June 29 and Sun. June 30.

Course cost is an enrollment fee of \$227, plus tuition of \$420.00 (a total of \$647.00), OR \$227.00 and 45 hours of worktrade If you are selected to be in the class, the mailing address for course payment will be provided to you.

Instructional methods will include field trips, there will be hands-on projects, nature observation, journal writing/sketching/photography, lectures, and discussions. Students will create a permaculture conceptual design as a final project.

Class size will be limited to six students plus the instructor, so there will be an interview process for enrollment.

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