

Fall 2009 Permaculture Design Certificate Course

Tuesday, September 14– Thursday September 25, 2008

HI-Hostel, Martha's Vineyard, MA

What: 12-day course led by New England native and noted Permaculture Instructor, Dick Pierce, and Vineyard designers/ practitioners/farmers/gardeners. The Course offers practical training and skills in sustainable living. We will cover design principles and technologies that you can easily apply to your home, apartment, property, farm, workplace, and community to help you live well in the city or the country.

Who: Professionals/amateurs: homeowners, apartment dwellers, gardeners, farmers, land owners, developers, architects/designers, teachers – Visitors and Islanders.

Why: To learn techniques, tools & design ideas to...

- Mimic nature to design solutions; tune observation skills & knowledge of climate, water, soil, plants, trees, tech's.
- Manage use of and re-use of water; [re]build soil
- Build an Herb Spiral; Compost/Compost Teas
- Learn about ponds, wetlands, and marine life
- Natural & Green Building techniques
- Analyze a landscape - optimum placement of elements
- Local food production – small-scale & intensive,
- Encourage natural cycles - plants, animals, etc.
- Design homes and landscapes that serve people, attract wildlife, restore habitat, and provide food.
- Considerations & designs for urban/suburban/rural land, farms, animals, orchards, woodlots.

Additional topics include:

- ◆ Ecosystems ◆ Ecology ◆ Microclimates ◆
- ◆ Edible landscape ◆ Waste ◆ Wastewater ◆
- ◆ Trees & Forests ◆ Soils ◆ Erosion Control ◆
- ◆ Water harvesting ◆ Soil Food Web ◆ Animals ◆
- ◆ Bio-Intensive Gardening ◆ Organic Agriculture ◆
- ◆ Animals ◆ Urban strategies ◆ Building Design ◆
- ◆ Wild land rehabilitation ◆ Maps and Mapping ◆
- ◆ Creating a Culture of Cooperation

Teaching Site Visits:

- Home - Solar, Wood Furnace, Big Garden, Sheep
- Green/Natural Building – NE Style, Cohousing
- Renewable Energy – Solar PV/Hot Water, Wind, etc.
- A Teaching Farm, a Sheep Farm, a Market Farm/
- W. Tisbury Farmers Market
- Organizations Supporting Local Island Agriculture
- Polly Hill Arboretum – Focus on NE Native Trees
- MV – Culture, Island Plan, Small Bus., Small Farm



Intensive, 12-Day Schedule:

Sept. 14-15	Permaculture Basics
16	Water, Soils, & Compost
↓	Rural, Local Farms, CSA's
	Urban, Plants, Gardens
22	Sustainable Building & Energy
Sept. 22-24	Introduction to Design
Sept. 25	Design Workshop
Includes:	Design Pres's., wrap-up, Grad.
	<u>Local Farm Tours & Eve. Talks</u>

Course fees: \$600 for 12-day course; Discounts for Seniors, and Full-Time Island Residents.
Dorm Room- \$200 for 11 nights; \$20 extra night.
Meals: Lunch/ Dinner/Cont. B'fast - \$280 range.



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To Enroll: Send deposit of \$100 via check/money order/Pay-Pal. Email/call Dick Pierce at DickPierceDesigns@gmail.com or 512-992-8858 (cell) for details. Enrollment package & instructions sent on receipt of non-refundable deposit.

Martha's Vineyard is a still-small-town-and-rural island off the coast of MA. A famous summer resort, it has a surprising number of small farms, a deep environmental/conservation ethic, innovative ideas in architecture/energy, and self-reliance. Modern airport serves Boston, Providence, etc.; ferries run from Woods Hole, New Bedford, Quonset Pt., RI.