

# Introductory Earthen and Natural Plasters Workshops

with the Canadian Earth Institute in Langford, BC



Choose from these  
2010 Daylong Workshops:

**Saturday July 24,  
Sunday August 1,**  
or

**Saturday August 7**  
(9:30 am to 4:30 pm)

**\$75 Cdn/1 day**

## Be inspired with the sensory and sustainable gift of natural building.

Have a juicy day learning with your hands and the plastering comradre of other like-minded people. Discover the qualities of clay, mixes of aggregate and straw, how to apply base and final earthen coats with wood & steel trowels. Discuss application methods with **instructor Beth Cruise**, natural builder and group facilitator.



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Earthen and natural plasters add unrivaled beauty to a home while protecting structural and insulating building components. They are fun and safe to work with; allow one to work at a relaxed pace; are inexpensive, easy to clean up after, readily recyclable and handily repairable; naturally repel dust; are made by local people and from locally available materials harvested with little impact on the environment; create a softer, quieter finish with texture and colour; and encourage artistic expression with the addition of potters stains, tiles, shells, beads, etc.



The remarkable humidity balancing properties of porous plasters make walls more hygienic and help to maintain high indoor air quality.

The plasters are a blend of clay, fine aggregate, and fiber and may include pigments, lime, casein, flour paste, mica, animal dung, and linseed oil. Usually applied to masonry, cob, light clay/straw or woodchip or straw-bale interiors or exteriors as a wall finish, they can also be applied to interior drywall, paint, or other existing surfaces.