

KLAMATH KNOT PERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE

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Become Certified in Permaculture Design
Klamath Knot Permaculture hosts Permaculture Design Course, March- August

Want to learn more about Permaculture and how you can utilize Permaculture design ethics and principles? From March to September, Klamath Knot Permaculture will host an extended Permaculture Design Course that will draw on a wide array of sites and instructors, from the North Coast to the interior Klamath River region. The course meets for six sessions, offering an in-depth learning experience through the seasons, with a combination of residential weekends at Sandy Bar Ranch, a 21-year-old established Permaculture site, and daylong sessions in the Arcata/Eureka area. Upon completion, participants will receive a Permaculture Design Certificate and gain skills in a broad array of subjects such as organic gardening, integrated pest management, natural building, appropriate technology, traditional ecological knowledge, mycology, animal husbandry, water harvesting and conservation, design processes, community mapping, and more. This extended course is for aspiring or experienced gardeners, farmers, community organizers, land planners, builders and any active, engaged citizen seeking positive change.

Permaculture is the design and creation of sustainable human habitats and food production systems. It is a design method that has been applied worldwide at every level, from homesteading and agriculture to community planning and national policy. Permaculture offers tangible solutions to the many pressing ecological issues of our time, such as how to sustainably meet the basic needs of food, energy and shelter, to how to vitalize our communities and restore our watersheds. Permaculture is both a land use ethic and community building movement, which strives for the harmonious integration of human dwellings, energy systems, micro-climate, annual and perennial plants, animals, soils, and water into stable, productive communities.

For more information contact Mark DuPont at Sandy Bar Ranch, (530) 627-3379, mail@sandybar.com, or visit <http://www.klamathknot.com/workshops-and-events/>

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PERMACULTURE COURSE FLYER



SPARK A CHANGE!

**Klamath Knot
Permaculture
Design Course**

**Six Sessions
April- August 2014**

**Register now for a
\$150 Discount,**
See our website for details

**Design and Create
Sustainable Habitat**

**Natural Building, Forest Farming,
Water Systems, Appropriate
Technology, Natural Design, Grafting,
Mapping, Gardening, Animal
Husbandry, Mushrooms, and more...**



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COURSE DETAILS

This course will run from April to August, 2014 and meet one weekend a month.

Course Schedule

The first three months, March through May, will be residential weekend sessions hosted at Sandy Bar Ranch, an established Permaculture homestead on the Klamath River in Orleans, California. June will be held at Fungaia Farms and High Tide Permaculture in the Arcata. With a final session in August back at Sandy Bar Ranch

Costs and Registration

Last year our course filled up quickly. To reserve your spot in the course you can send us a deposit for 50% of the total cost of the course. Go to our contact us page on the Klamath Knot website, www.klamathknot.com, and use our secure site to enter your credit card information or send a check to our PO Box. If you have questions or need more information contact Mark DuPont at mail@sandybar.com or by calling (530) 627-3379.

* Register 30 days prior to the first session for a \$100 discount.

Full Course Fee: \$1000.00 (includes lodging/partial meals for residential sessions, site and instructor fees for coastal sessions, and course materials)

Early Registration Discount: \$900.00

2014 KLAMATH KNOT PERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE SCHEDULE

Date & Place	Topics
Session One, April 17 - 20, Sandy Bar Ranch, Orleans, CA	Introductions, Overview & Logistics, Permaculture Ethics & Principles, Site Analysis using Zones, Sectors, Aspect, Soils, Design Process, Frank Lake - Traditional Ecological Knowledge & Karuk Ethnobotany, Hands On Pruning and Grafting
Session Two, April 27, Technology, HSU Campus, Arcata, CA	Appropriate Technology and Alternative Energy Systems
Session Three, May 2-4, Sandy Bar Ranch, Orleans, CA	Pattern Observation, Treecrops & Food Forests, Plant Guilds, Water and Watersheds, Animal Systems. Hands-on Gardening
Session Four, May 30- June 1, Sandy Bar Ranch	Natural Building - Principles, overview, materials, techniques, Strawbale, cob, light straw clay, earthen floors, living roofs, Passive Solar Design, Hands-on - Natural Building!
Session Five, June 29, Fungaia Farm and High Tide Permaculture, Arcata, CA	Mycotechnology, Mushrooms in Permaculture, Urban Permaculture Homesteading
Session Six, Sandy Bar Ranch, August 23-24, Sandy Bar Ranch, CA	Design Project Presentations, Where to Go From Here? Award Certificates

PERMACULTURE COURSE INSTRUCTOR BIOS

Mark DuPont has 25 years of experience in Permaculture as a farmer, nurseryman, instructor, consultant and organic inspector in California and Latin America. He has worked on projects at every level from garden to farm, village to watershed. He has grafted over 10,000 fruit trees and milked several thousand gallons of goat's milk. Together with Blythe Reis he is a co-founder and steward of Sandy Bar Ranch & Klamath Knot Permaculture.

Blythe Reis has had her hands in the dirt for over 18 years, designing, planting and tending the Permaculture homestead at Sandy Bar Ranch. She has taught yoga and practiced shiatsu massage and bodywork for over 25 years. Together with Mark DuPont she is a co-founder and board member of the Mid Klamath Watershed Council.

Dan Equinoss is a Certified Permaculture Designer and owner of [High Tide Permaculture](#), a full service certified and insured Permaculture Design Company with over ten years of experience in Humboldt County. He works with the Laurel Tree Charter School as a Sustainability Coordinator and organizes workshops for the Beneficial Living Center in Arcata.

Levon Durr has been involved in Permaculture since 1996 as an instructor and practitioner, sharing his skills in wild food harvesting and processing, organic gardening, and seed saving. After training under Paul Stamets of Fungi Perfecti in Mushroom Cultivation and Mycorestoration, Levon founded Fungaia Farm, which develops innovative myco-technology solutions to restoration, education, and Permaculture systems.

Frank Kanawha Lake, PhD, is a Research Ecologist whose work focuses on Traditional Ecological Knowledge, including ethno-botany and eco-cultural resource management practices. He has worked extensively as an ethno-ecologist and socio-cultural consultant within his native Klamath Watershed as well as nationally and internationally.

Lonny Grafman is an Instructor of Environmental Resources Engineering and Appropriate Technology at Humboldt State University; the Advisor for the Waterpod and the Campus Center for Appropriate Technology; the Executive Editor of the International Journal for Service Learning in Engineering; and the Founder and President of the AppropediaFoundation, sharing knowledge to build rich, sustainable lives. Lonny has worked on hundreds of domestic and international projects across a broad spectrum of sustainability - from solar power to earthen construction, from micro-hydro power to rainwater catchment. Throughout all of these technology implementations, he has found the most vital component to be community.

Andrea Lanctot holds a degree in Environmental Science/ Appropriate Technology and Community Organizing, and a Permaculture Design Certificate. She is a past Co-director and Project Manager for the Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT). She has spent years honing her Permaculture skills and building community through a variety of internships, workshops, and as an active member in the Humboldt Permaculture Guild. Her passion lies in natural building and anything that allows for her hands or feet to be in contact with the earth.

SANDY BAR RANCH BACKGROUND



Blythe Reis & Mark DuPont in front of a nursery crop of organic fruit trees

Sandy Bar Ranch has a long and rich history, deeply rooted in the Klamath Watershed and the Karuk culture. Our story here begins in 1992 when we moved here. Mark had been an organic farmer and teacher, Blythe worked for many years in the organic foods movement in San Francisco. We met in Guatemala when Blythe visited a project where Mark was working. A few years later we found ourselves looking for land with a group of friends, and Sandy Bar Ranch was the perfect spot: fertile soil, a long growing season, beautiful rivers and mountains, surrounded by four major Wilderness areas, we fell in love.

We immediately began to plan and plant Sandy Bar Ranch using Permaculture Principles; our diverse site now includes ponds, food forests, several natural buildings and a perennial polyculture of more than 300 varieties of fruits, nuts, berries, herbs and annuals. For many years we operated Sandy Bar Nursery, where we produced thousands of fruit and nut trees and berries and shipped them throughout the country. We also started to host workshops in Permaculture, Natural Building, Biodynamic Agriculture, Wild Mushrooms, Botany and Ethnobotany of the Klamath Mountains, Green Woodworking, Blacksmithing & Toolmaking, Botany, Basketry, Yoga, and Natural History. Over the years we have hosted more than 60 interns who have learned about homesteading, gardening, and Permaculture while contributing to the bounty of this place. Many of them have gone on to teach and/ or start farms and homesteads of their own.

In 2001 we helped to found the Mid Klamath Watershed Council, and continue to serve on the board of directors. Mark has also worked extensively in Latin America, providing instruction and technical support in Permaculture and Sustainable Agriculture Projects in Guatemala, Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Japan. Mark helped to form the Community Foodsheds Program of the Mid Klamath Watershed Council in 2011, and now serves as Director.

Hosting guests in our cabins affords the opportunity to share our Permaculture site and the Klamath River with a wide range of folks from all walks of life. The community we have grown through our events and cabins continues to be an important source of learning and inspiration for us.

SANDY BAR RANCH PHOTOS

Sandy Bar Ranch Gardens



Sandy Bar Ranch in Fall



Workshops at Sandy Bar Ranch



Group meeting during Natural Building Course



Making earthen floor test panels during Natural Building Course

SANDY BAR & KLAMATH KNOT GRAPHICS

