

EARTHWOOD BUILDING SCHOOL conducts one- to five-day workshops in cordwood masonry and earth-sheltered housing. Week-ends covering both topics are popular with folks who have not finalized their shelter strategy. Also, Earthwood now hosts "Megalithics" workshops, covering the history and theory of stone circles and other megalithic structures. During the hands-on portion, multi-ton stones are raised. Call us at 518-493-7744 or check our websites: www.cordwoodmasonry.com or www.bigstones.com

Earthwood is a small "mom and pop" business run by Rob and Jaki Roy. Rob, active in the alternative building field for 25 years, is the author of ten owner-building books. Jaki instructs at the hands-on sessions and keeps the school running smoothly from behind the scenes.

But Earthwood has been more than a building school since 1981, more even than a books, videos and plans clearing house in alternative building methods. Earthwood is an integrative design concept, adding energy efficiency, food production, home industry, and recreation to a building's function as shelter. Earthwood is a living, growing, ongoing experiment in low-cost and harmonious living systems. There is a quiet excitement going on.

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CORDWOOD MASONRY is an old building technique whereby walls are constructed of short logs (log-ends) laid up widthwise in the wall within a special mortar matrix. The wall derives excellent insulation and thermal mass characteristics from insulation sandwiched between the inner and outer mortar joints. Cordwood houses are low in cost, use indigenous materials, and are easy and fun to build.

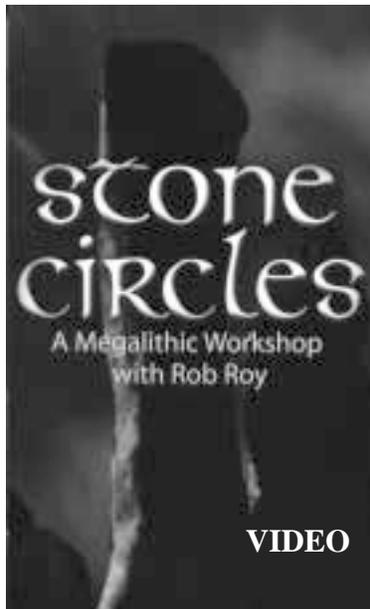
Cordwood masonry is also beautiful, combining the texture of stone masonry with the warmth of wood. Workshops include lectures and slideshows, hands-on sessions, and tours of cordwood buildings.

EARTH-SHELTERED HOUSING. There are thermal and aesthetic advantages to earth-sheltering, not to mention the low maintenance, and protection from sound, radiation, fire and wind. At Earthwood, we accent easy to learn building techniques such as surface bonding of blocks and plank and beam roofing. Structural, drainage and waterproofing techniques of high quality and low cost are emphasized.

LOCATION. We're 11 miles from Plattsburgh, N.Y., three hours north of Albany on I-87. Convenient to Lake Champlain, Lake Placid, Montreal, and the Adirondacks, the area has plenty of motels, B&B's, and campgrounds.

Stone Circles: A Megalithic Workshop with Rob Roy A Video

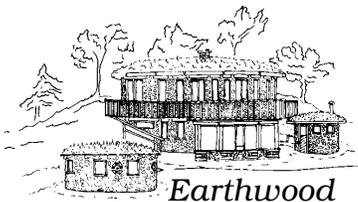
During research for his book, *Stone Circles: A Modern Builder's Guide to the Megalithic Revival*, Rob met stone circle builders on both sides of the Atlantic. In August of 2000, Rob and Jaki invited English stone builder Ivan McBeth, to come to Earthwood and co-instruct at a Megalithic Workshop. Sixteen participants attended, including five with previous stone circle experience. All aspects of building were covered during the four days, including design, sacred space making, and construction with tools available 5000 years ago. Magic happened during the workshop, both in the rational and the transrational realms.



Designed to be a companion to Rob's book on stone circles (see page 6), this video captures the spirit of those four days and clearly shows various techniques used to move stones in the one- to five-ton range. The climax is the dramatic erection of "Welcome," a megalith which greets guests to Earthwood and marks the equinox sunset. Thanks to computer graphics, Celtic music, and excellent filming and editing by Chevalier/Thurling Productions, this is our most entertaining video to date. 60 minutes. \$29 + \$4 p&h = \$33. (Sent Priority Mail in the U.S., surface to Canada.)



See page 6 for news of a 20% discount on the companion book to this video.

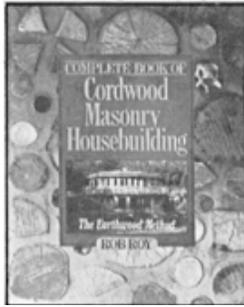


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Complete Book of Cordwood Masonry Housebuilding: The Earthwood Method ... Rob Roy.



The first part includes chapters on all three styles of cordwood masonry: within a post-and-beam framework, stackwall corners, and curved walls. Case histories of owner-builders all over North America are included, showing beautiful low-cost homes in all three styles.

The second part details, from soup to nuts, the building of the Earthwood house and outbuildings. The integrative design considerations unique to Earthwood are discussed

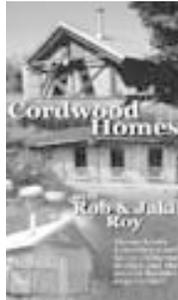
and illustrated in detail, including the floating slab foundation, curved wall block construction, earth tubes, masonry stove, pedal powered water system, and the earth roof. 290 illustrations. 264 pages (8 pages in color). \$20.

Cordwood Homes ... presented by Rob Roy.

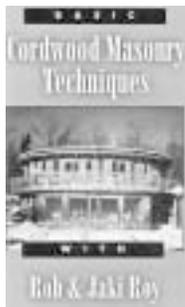
This video is now available. One recurrent comment about *Basic Cordwood Masonry Techniques* (next entry) is that it didn't give tours of a variety of different cordwood homes, inside and out.

Cordwood Homes remedies this, with close-up looks at 7 cordwood homes, including interviews with the owner-builders. Round, stackwall, and post-and-beam styles are all covered. Also included are interviews with author/builders Jack Henstridge, Geoff Huggins, Jim Juczak, Kris Dick and others. Unlike *Techniques*, this is not primarily a how-to video, although 3 new techniques are discussed: papercrete and cordwood, cob and cordwood, and cordwood within a 16-sided post-and-beam frame. Rather, it gets more into the whys, the whats and the whos.

The video runs for 75 minutes. \$29 + \$4 p&h = \$33 (Sent Priority Mail in the U.S., surface to Canada.)



Basic Cordwood Masonry Techniques ... Rob & Jaki Roy.



This 88-minute video shows you: Barking wood, mixing mortar, building cordwood walls, laying up window frames, stackwall corner construction, and a lot more! It discusses types of wood and how long to dry them, estimating quantities, special design features ... the whole enchilada! If you can't make it to a workshop, studying this video and practicing the techniques is the next best approach. For those who *do* attend, the video makes an excellent

"refresher course." \$35 + \$4 p&h = \$39 postage paid (Priority Mail in the U.S., surface to Canada.)

Save \$8!

Order both cordwood videos for \$64 (includes Priority Mail shipping in the U.S., surface to Canada) See Order Form.

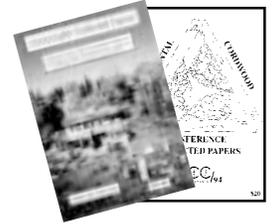


Continental Cordwood Conference Collected Papers ... edited by Rob Roy.

There are now *two* different collections, written for the cordwood conferences of 1994 and 1999. **CoCoCo/94** has 25 papers covering such topics as Women-Built Houses, Cordwood in the South, Mortar Choices, Building Code Issues (4 papers), Cordwood on Posts, and Cordwood in the Pacific Northwest. 170 pages. \$20.

CoCoCo/99 has 20 papers from around the world, including The Use of Cement Retarder with Cordwood Masonry, Bottle-ends and Other Special Designs, Peeling Wood, What to do if Log-Ends Shrink, Building a Round House with a 16-sided Post and Beam Frame, Cordwood and Cob, Cordwood and Papercrete, Electrical Wiring in Cordwood Masonry (2 Papers), and case studies from 6 countries on 4 continents. 112 photos and illustrations, including 20 in full color. (The 7 color pages added to the book's cost, but are worth it!) Bibliography. 138 pages. \$25. Both books are spiral-bound, 8 1/2" by 11" paperbacks.

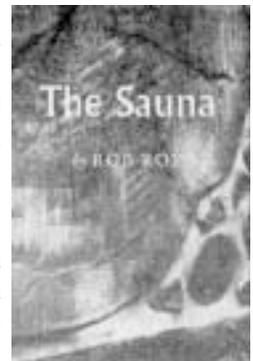
\$5 Off for Ordering Both Collections. Order both CoCoCo's and get 45 different cordwood articles, over 300 pages. \$40. See Order Form.



Cordwood Sauna

The Sauna ... Rob Roy.

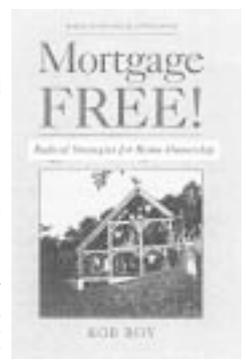
Cordwood saunas are being built all over the country right now as a result of this book. Cordwood masonry combines insulation and thermal mass for that authentic Finnish sauna experience. A cordwood sauna is also cheaper than most other home-made saunas, about a fifth of the cost of a new commercial unit. And what great building practice for a cordwood home! The book also covers sauna lore and ritual, health benefits, and how to heat the sauna (including details for a home-made stove). Includes a comprehensive list of heater and equipment suppliers. 198 pages, over 120 photos and illustrations. \$20.



Own It Yourself

Mortgage Free! Radical Strategies for Home Ownership ... Rob Roy.

The word *mortgage* comes from the old French, meaning "death pledge!" **Mortgage Free!** is full of radical (but workable) strategies that enable you to own your own home. Raising the grubstake, finding and buying land at the best price, the temporary shelter, designing a low-cost home ... these are just some of the important topics covered. In chapter 6, I share the strategies Jaki and I have used to own five different homes, all mortgage free, and there are six other case studies which show how others have accomplished the same thing. Of all my books, this is probably the one which will do you the most financial good, no matter what kind of house you decide to build. Many say it has changed their lives. About 100 illustrations. 370 pages. \$25.



See also Earthwood Plans, page 7.

Natural Building **NEW!**

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The Art of Natural Building ... *Kennedy, Smith & Wanek*

This comprehensive new book (available February, 2002) is divided into 5 sections: (1) An overview of natural building from the perspectives of sustainability, lifestyle & health, (2) planning & design, (3) specific techniques using natural building materials, (4) examples of diverse natural dwellings, and (5) complementary systems, such as solar applications, composting toilets, and alternative power systems. Various authorities wrote the sections on their areas of expertise, Rob Roy on cordwood, for example. 288 pages, 8" by 9" paperback. Over 200 illustrations with 8 pages in full color. A good buy at \$27.



Straw Bale Building: **How to Plan, Design, and Build With Straw ...** *Chris Magwood & Peter Mack.*

At last, a reasonably priced book with all the information you need to plan and build a straw bale home. The authors, each professional bale builders, take you through the entire process, accenting code compliance and northern climate design. Straw bale load supporting as well as infilling a

post-and-beam frame with bales are each covered. Nuts and bolts stuff. 256 pages. 8" by 9". Architectural drawings and B & W photos. \$25.

The Natural House: A Complete Guide to Healthy, Energy-Efficient, Environmental Homes ... *Dan Chiras.*

The sub-title is no exaggeration. Virtually every kind of natural house is covered: cordwood masonry, rammed earth, straw bale, earthships, adobe, cob, log, stone, bamboo, papercrete and others, including hybrids. The first 252 pages cover these topics and is a book all by itself. But Dan doesn't stop there. He gives us another 100 pages on sustainable systems, including solar heating and cooling, alternative energy (from sun, wind, and water), and environmental water systems. But the man still doesn't quit. The last 118 pages deal with green building materials, site considerations and strategies for building an alternative home, all topped off with an extensive resource guide. All told, here's 470 pages of thoughtful, and valuable information. *The Natural House* justifies its price because it's really three books in one. Essential for those still undecided with regard to housing style. Large 8" by 10" paperback, 470 pages. \$35.



Building With Earth ... *Paulina Wojciechowska.*

Here's the first comprehensive guide about earthen architecture and how to build it. Using earth as the main material, adventurous builders are creating timeless forms such as arches, vaults, and domes. With low-cost polypropylene tubing or textile grain sacks, builders construct an essentially tree-free building from foundation to curved

roof. Particularly good in dry areas with few trees. Fully illustrated. 8" x 10", 164 pages. \$25.

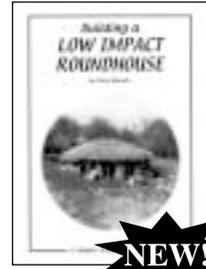
The Cobber's Companion: Third Edition ... *Michael G. Smith*

Cob is a natural building material composed of sand, clay, and straw. When mixed and worked properly, as described in this book, cob is an effective natural building material. There are cob houses in Britain still standing happily after 1000 years. Smith learned his cobbing skills with Ianto Evans and Linda Smiley of Cob Cottage Company in Oregon, with whom he is still closely associated. 140 pages, illustrated, \$22.



Cob, Cordwood & Underground!

Building a Low Impact Round House ... *Tony Wrench*



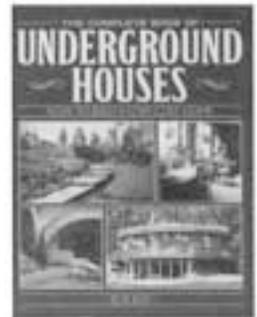
In 1997, Tony Wrench and his partner built and moved into a "low impact" round house at the Brithdir Mawr Community in Wales. The walls are made of cordwood, but with cob instead of mortar. And the house is both earth-roofed and earth-sheltered. In short, here was an Earthwood-like house built of indigenous materials and for very low cost. I visited Tony in 1999 and was impressed with both the house and the man. Now, the Brithdir

Mawr folk are building a stone circle! This is a highly enjoyable read from a master of self-reliance, and packed with inspirational info. 6" x 8". 120 pages, over 100 photos and diagrams including 4 pages of color. \$15.

Earth Sheltered Housing

The Complete Book of Underground Houses: How to Build a Low-Cost Home ... *Rob Roy.*

Intro by Mac Wells. All the info in the 1979 best-seller is rewritten for today. The basic format remains: a step-by-step detailed construction guide for building a low cost underground home, accenting surface-bonded blocks, post & beam construction, proper waterproofing and drainage, and finishing off. The methods accented make possible a materials cost of \$15 to \$25 per square foot for the home, and ease of construction by owner-builders. 148 pages, 8"x10" paperback. 150 illust., 19 color. \$15.



The \$50 and Up Underground House Book ... *Mike Oehler.*

This underground classic describes the construction of basic but comfortable survival shelter at absolutely the lowest possible cost. Information not found in other books is combined with Mike's entertaining philosophy. 116 pages. \$14. (sold elsewhere for \$16.95)



How to Build an Underground House ... *Malcolm Wells.*

Mac's latest, written in his own imitable style. The author says, "It's filled with what I've learned over the years about making underground houses bright, dry and trouble free. It takes you step-by-step through the design and construction of a passive solar 1,200 sq. ft. house (with suggestions for expansion) that can be built on a flat or sloping lot." 96 pages. \$12.

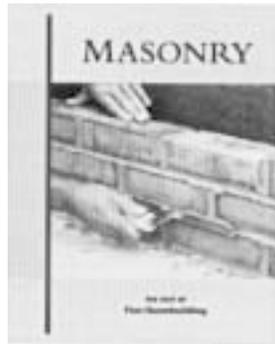


Foundations and Masonry

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Foundations and Concrete Work ... *Kevin Ireton, Editor.*

Thirty-two articles from Fine Homebuilding magazine cover foundations, and block and concrete masonry, including information that is hard to find elsewhere, such as rubble trench foundations, surface-bonded block construction, radiant floor heating, pouring a slab on grade ("floating slab"), insulated foundations, steep site founds and about 25 other related topics. The usual clear F.H. graphics accompany the text. 144 large pages. This book is a real bargain at \$15.



Masonry ... *Kevin Ireton, Editor.*

Again, Fine Homebuilding, the best building magazine in the world, comes through with a collection of clear concise articles on all aspects of stone and brick masonry construction (except cordwood!) 31 articles cover such topics as slip-form stone building, stone veneer, pointing, flagstone floors, masonry heaters, brick floor, fireplaces and chimney. Wonderful color photos and drawings. 128 large pages. Another bargain at \$15.

The Book of Masonry Stoves ... *David Lyle.*

At Earthwood, we burn most of our wood in a masonry stove, which is 35% more efficient than burning it in the best air-tight stoves. We heat 2000 SF of space for about \$100 worth of wood, delivered! (see The Masonry Stove slideshow, page 5) Lyle's book covers the history, theory and technical details of several kinds of masonry stoves. Chapter 13 (Design & Construction) and the 12-page Appendix showing flue design details are invaluable to anyone wanting to build their own stove. Also, see the book **Masonry** above. 192 pages. Well illustrated. \$25.



Building With Stone ... *Charles McRaven.*

We've looked at a lot of stone masonry books over the years and keep coming back to this one as the best overall. It tells how to acquire stone and tools, and how to build walls, buttresses, fireplaces, a spring house and barn, and more. 176 pages. Over 200 photos and drawings. 8 1/2" by 11" paperback. It's a good buy, too, at \$19.

Timber Framing

A note from Rob Roy: Of the 3 major styles of cordwood masonry building (round, stackwall and post-and-beam), cordwood infilling within a post-and-beam (*timber*) frame is the only one which allows you to get the roof on first and build under cover. This is a compelling advantage.



A Timber Framer's Workshop ... *Steve Chappell.*

This is simply the best how-to timber frame book available. It clearly describes the tools, structural considerations, design, roof framing and all the joinery details. In short, it replaces mysticism with easy-to-follow and logically arranged factual information. 252 pages, plenty of clear illustrations. Large (8 1/2" by 11") quality paper. \$30.

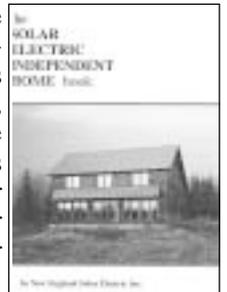
Build a Classic Timber-Framed House ... *Jack Sobon.*

A good how-to book at an affordable price. 202 pages. 8 1/2" by 11" paperback. Well illustrated. \$20.

Solar Electric

The Solar Electric Independent Home ... *Fowler.*

The experts praise it: "This is probably the best all-around book on wiring your 12V system. Lots of good diagrams." — Real Goods Sourcebook. "This is a good one. Easy to read, and easy to understand, this book covers the basics in PV installation and use. Fowler has designed the book to be used by the owner or potential owner of a PV system. It is geared for the remote home site." — Backwoods Solar Electric. 200 pages. 100+ illustrations. \$17.



Electric and Plumbing

Electrical Basics ... *Rick Peters*

This new book from Sterling features clear color photos and diagrams on almost every page, and tells: how to work safely with electric; how to plan circuits; how to work with wire, cable and conduit; how to install lighting, boxes, receptacles and switches; how to conduct repairs; and a whole lot more. 128 pages. 8" x 10", \$15.



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Plumbing Basics ... *Rick Peters*

Writing with clarity, Peters does for plumbing what he did for electric, providing crystal clear color photos and diagrams for almost all plumbing repairs and installations. He tells how plumbing systems work; covers all kinds of piping; describes installation and repair of fixtures; and more. 128 pages. 8" x 10", \$15.

Wells and Septic Systems: 2nd Edition ...

Max Alth, revised by S. Blackwell Duncan.

Perhaps the first considerations of your home building project should be the water and waste disposal systems. This book will prepare you to make intelligent decisions. Too often, owner-builders leave this planning too late or do not give it the careful attention which it must have. 262 pages, 7-1/4" x 9-1/4" paperback. \$20.

Everything Else About Building 5

Do-It-Yourself Housebuilding: The Complete Handbook ... George Nash.

Up-to-date, profusely illustrated and entertainingly written, this single work covers Ground Work, Framing (wall, floor, roof), Outside Work, Mechanicals (plumbing, electric, heating, ventilation, AC), Inside Work (interior walls & ceilings, floors, stairs), and Finish Work. If I were to recommend just one volume to supplement my Cordwood and Underground books, this would be it. The electrical, plumbing, and framing sections alone are good enough to build from, and build well. 704 pages, 1,771 photos and diagrams. 8" x 10" paperback. 3-1/2 pounds! \$25.



About Our Mailing List

Our mailing list is small and very exclusive. We don't like receiving unwanted junk mail, and figure you probably feel the same, so we try to keep our mailings down to one a year, by combining the Book List with our annual workshop brochure. If ever you want off our list, just send a postcard or give us a quick call at 518-493-7744 and we'll take you off *toot sweet*. And, by the way: **If the code number on your address label is 8, this is your last mailing!**

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Earthwood Office

Earthwood Slideshows

These slides are of professional quality and are mounted in a plastic slipcase for easy viewing by hand. Postage and handling included in price.

The Masonry Stove ... A 20-slide presentation showing the step-by-step construction of the large round masonry stove at Earthwood. 2,000 word text. \$30 (postage paid).

Earthwood Construction ... Step-by-step. Sixty detailed slides from soup to nuts. Foundation prep and pour, floor, surface-bonded walls, cool tubes, the radial rafter system, insulation, and earth sheltering are all covered. 3,000 word commentary by Rob Roy. Excellent companion to the Earthwood Plans or for anyone intending to use similar techniques in their own design. \$85 (postage paid).

New! These Earthwood "slideshows" are now available as 4" by 6" colored prints, as well as slides. If you prefer this option, write us a note saying you want prints. Add \$5 for The Masonry Stove (total with postage: \$35) or \$10 for Earthwood Construction (total with postage: \$95). These prints are made to order, so allow 5 weeks for delivery.

Earthwood Plans

"Earthwood" is the name of our round two-story cordwood masonry earth shelter, which has a 38'8" o.d., 16" thick walls, and over 2,070 usable square feet. Two copies of five large blueprints are included, drawn at the 1/2" = 1 foot scale. The plans, drawn and stamped by architect Marc Camens, are suitable for submission to banks and building inspectors but are subject to local building and planning codes. Includes a copy of "Complete Book of Cordwood Masonry" which details construction, and a materials list. \$180 (postage paid).

2002 Workshops at Earthwood

May 25 & 26	Cordwood Masonry
May 27	Earthwood Techniques
July 10-14	Megalithics (Stone Circles)
August 5-9	Cordwood Workweek
September 21 & 22	Cordwood Masonry
September 23	Earthwood Techniques

About Our Service

At Earthwood, we pride ourselves on our fast and personal service. You can even call us at 518-493-7744 and talk to a real human being (Rob, Jaki, Rohan or Darin). Being off the grid, we do not have a machine to handle credit cards, but we do send out orders within one or two days of receiving your personal check or money



Darin, Jaki, Rob & Rohan Roy

order. Jaki handles most orders and the others help out when it gets real busy or when Jaki gets called in to work as an RN. Priority Mail is worth the extra \$3 if you are in a hurry to get your order. It saves a few days. Our videos are always sent by Priority Mail, because the U.S. Postal Service supplies us with these

great little video boxes! I won't mention any names, but you can easily wait six weeks to get the same books and videos from some major suppliers. Worst scenario: If we are away doing a workshop, orders might sit here for a few days ... and we catch up as soon as we get back.

Other Services

Design consultation, personal tours, plan critique, plank and beam stress load calculations, etc. are all done at a flat rate of \$50 per hour, with a \$25 minimum charge. These services are available in person, by phone, or through the mail. **Call (518) 493-7744 with questions or for appointments.**

Regional Cordwood Workshops

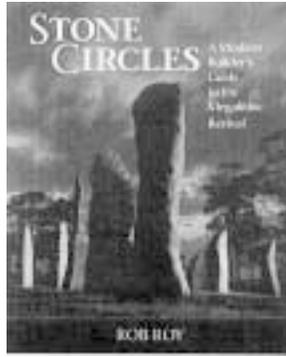
June 25-27 and June 29-30, 2002 ... Hillsboro, Wisconsin
August 27-29, 2002 Bakersville, North Carolina

Call us at 518-493-7744 for info and registration forms for Regional Cordwood Workshops and Megalithics. For up-to-date status of our workshops, please visit our two websites: **www.cordwoodmasonry.com** and **www.bigstones.com**

Stone Building and Megaliths

Stone Circles: A Modern Builder's Guide to the Megalithic Revival ... *Rob Roy.*

There are lots of good books on stone circles (although they are not always easy to find in the U.S.) But this is the only one which actually tells you how to design and build a stone circle yourself, megalithic, minilithic or otherwise. Moving and standing stones with heavy equipment, such as backhoes and cranes, is covered in Chapter 13. How to do it by hand, with nothing unavailable



to our ancestors 5000 years ago is covered in Chapter 14. Along the way, you'll meet fascinating stone builders, people like Ed Prynne who has built a whole collection of megalithic monuments in his garden in Cornwall; Ron and Margaret Curtis, archaeologists who find and raise ancient stones in their original sockets in Scotland; Ivan McBeth, English stone circle builder and shaman extraordinaire; Bill Cohea, the main man behind the wonderful 17-acre megalithic park called Columcille in Pennsylvania; and sculptor Ed Heath, presently in his "megalithic phase" and creating wonderful stone circles,



Earthwood Stone Circle

dolmens, and other large stone monuments in Quebec. Finding stones, stone circle geometry, astronomical alignments and tuning in to the earth's energies are all covered in detail, and an extensive bibliography and source list can lead you even further.

If *megalithic* refers to large stones, I suggest that this title is *megalibric*, referring to a large book. And, thanks to Chelsea Green's editors and designers, it's also a visual feast. Available now. 8" by 10" quality paperback. 271 illustrations. 392 pages, including 8 in color. Price? See next paragraph.

Now! New Lower Price!

As the author, I am proud of *Stone Circles: A Modern Builder's Guide*, and I think that Chelsea Green did a great job producing the book. But I have been disappointed from the start about the original cover price of \$35. Now, thanks to a special purchase agreement with the publisher, Earthwood is able to offer the book at a **20% discount**, a new price of **\$28**.

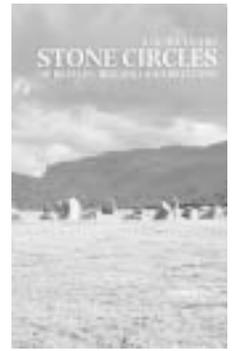
Stone Circles Companion Video

The various stone-moving techniques which we teach at our Megalithics Workshops are shared in our new video, *Stone Circles: A Megalithic Workshop with Rob Roy*. The one-hour video meshes nicely with Rob's book, described above. For more complete information, please see the back cover of this Book List.



6 A Guide to the Stone Circles of Britain, Ireland and Brittany ... *Aubrey Burl.*

Simply indispensable to anyone tracking down stone circles in the British Isles and France. Fitting neatly in a backpack, I've taken it on many a journey to the stones. It's like having Burl, the world's leading expert on ancient stone circles, right there to explain the history, alignments, and other salient features of each of the 390 circles listed. 276 pages, well-illustrated. 5 1/2" by 8" durable paperback. \$16. **GOOD BUY!**



The New View Over Atlantis ... *John Mitchell.*



Here's the classic which revitalized interest in megalithic science, geomancy, ley lines, ancient measure and geometry, the Pyramids, pre-historic civilizations, et cetera. Colin Wilson calls this "one of the great seminal books of our generation, a book which will be argued about for decades to come." I say, "Entertainingly written and beautifully illustrated, opens the imagination." 6" by 9". 224 pages. Thanks to a special purchase, we offer this \$22.50 book for \$19.



A Beginner's Guide to Stone Circles ... *Robin Heath.*

A good introduction to stone circles, covering the ancient culture, location and purpose, geomancy, archaeoastronomy, "the re-emergence of megalithic science." Approaches the subject from both sides of the brain. 106 pages, illustrated. \$12.



Megaliths: Stones of Memory ... *Jean-Pierre Mohen.*

In 1976, Mohen, a highly respected French archaeologist, hauled a 32-ton stone with 200 people. In 1997, Bertrand Poissonnier hauled the same stone, with Mohen present, using only 20 people. Both events are illustrated in this sumptuous and entertaining little book. Beautifully illustrated in full color, *Megaliths* provides a detailed overview of the ancient stones in Europe and around the world. 204 illustrations, most in color. 176 pages. \$13.



Secrets of Sacred Space ... *Chuck Pettis.*

The author has been involved with the creation of sacred spaces since 1970. He built an energetically and astronomically aligned stone circle in 1977, described in Chapter Six, and the Mutiny Bay Circle seen on the back cover of *Stone Circles*. Chuck discusses geomancy, symbolism, numerology and astronomy. He tells how to choose sites and design your sacred space to be in harmony with the site's spiritual essence. 286 pages. Fully illustrated with 8 color pages. Excellent Bibliography. 8" x 10" paperback. \$20.



About Our Websites

Our goal for 2002 is to keep our websites up-to-date, and to provide articles of interest about the subjects in which we specialize. At Earthwood Building School's site, www.cordwoodmasonry.com, we cover cordwood masonry, earth-sheltered housing, sauna, and mortgage freedom. We keep the status and dates of our workshops current. We provide excerpts from books, video clips, a newsletter, articles and picture pages.

Our sister site deals with modern megalithic construction, particularly stone circles. There are lots of picture pages and articles, some taken from our twice-yearly journal for stone circle builders, *Club Meg News* (see below). The address is www.bigstones.com

Club Meg News

Earthwood publishes a journal for stone circle builders and those interested in stone circles. It comes out at the winter and summer solstice, and costs \$10 a year. Lots of good articles about what's happening in the megalithic field. Illustrated in color. Send ten bucks to Earthwood and ask for a subscription to *Club Meg News*.

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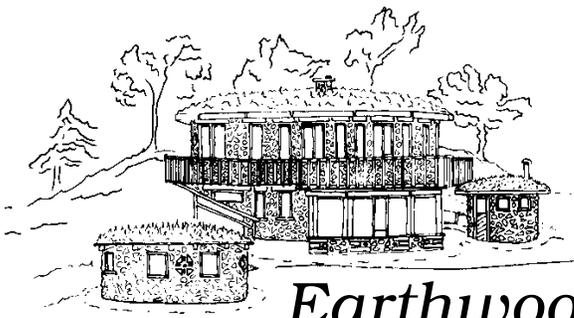
Make checks or money orders in **U.S. funds payable to Earthwood**. Sorry, we're not equipped to handle COD's or credit card orders. **Videos, Slideshows and Plans prices already include postage and handling.** All videos are sent by the U.S. Postal Service's Priority Mail, except that regular surface mail is used to Canada.

For books, add postage and handling charges as follows: Include \$2 per book for Book Rate p&h, up to a maximum of \$8. To this, add \$3 extra **per order** for the faster Priority Mail (2 to 3 days for most U.S. addresses), regardless of the number of books. So \$8 is the maximum Book Rate charge, \$10 for Priority Mail. See Order Form. (When pairs of books are ordered at discount, include postage for each book.)

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Earthwood Ordering Form

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Complete Book of Cordwood Masonry, <i>Roy</i>	\$20			The Solar Electric Independent Home	\$17			VIDEOS (V), PLANS (P), SLIDES (S) (These prices include postage, but NYS residents must add sales tax below.)			
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The Art of Natural Building	\$27			A Guide to the Stone Circles, <i>Burl</i>	\$16			S - The Masonry Stove	\$ 30		
Straw Bale Building	\$25			The New View Over Atlantis	\$19			S - Earthwood: Step by Step	\$ 85		
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Making Rustic Furniture ... Dan Mack.

This beautiful and informative book compels the reader to flip from page to sumptuous page. Inspirational? Certainly. But *Making Rustic Furniture* also tells you how to actually build unique furniture using odd bits of wood lying or standing around your woodlot. Waste not, want not. You could furnish your house with the designs described. Copiously illustrated and photographed in color. 8-1/2" x 10". 160 pages. Just \$20.



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Coleman lives in Maine, and eats his fresh organic vegetables all the year round. He doesn't use magic, just sound gardening principles he's developed over the past 30 years. Written in plain, easy-to-follow-language, the book takes you through composting, planning and preparing the garden, planting and cultivating, cold frames, and, finally,

root cellars and harvesting. Highly recommended. 212 pages. \$25.

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The Humanure Handbook: 2nd Edition ... Joseph Jenkins.

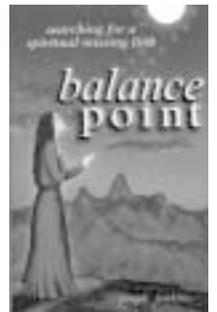
As Joe says, "crap happens." Now what are we gonna do with it?

This book outlines a wonderfully simple system of composting human waste. Joe has completely revised and updated his original classic, with over 100 new pages covering topics like alternative graywater systems and legal issues. Written with humor and authority, this is the one book you need to escape the disaster which is the American septic system. 304 pages, 7" by 9" paperback. Well illustrated. \$19.



Balance Point ... Joseph Jenkins.

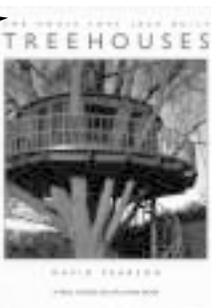
This is the first novel we've ever included in our book list. I couldn't help it. Once in a while a book comes along at just the right time. This is how *Balance Point* affected me. I had long felt a conflict between the material and the spiritual (or non-material) realities. Joe's book showed me that my conflict was unnecessary. A better approach is to find one's balance point. Better written than *The Celestine Prophecy*, Joe's message is at least as important, as he takes his readers on an entertaining worldwide voyage of personal discovery ... and tells how to save the planet while we're at it! 298 pages, illustrated, with extensive addendum. \$14.



Treehouses ... David Pearson



Why *Treehouse*? Well, Jaki, Darin and I are thinking of making one at Earthwood, in a large dying ash just behind the house. I got 3 books on the subject, and decided that this little hardcover is good value for money. Plenty of how-to and lots of inspirational examples and great pictures. A lot of info packed into 96 pages. 8" by 8" hardcover. \$17.



2002 Earthwood Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Last year, 2001, was our busiest ever. In addition to full workshops here at our Earthwood campus in northern New York, we did cordwood workshops in New Zealand, Chile, Wisconsin, and North Carolina. In addition, we did a very special Megalithics workshop in New Zealand, and researched megalithic stone building in Australia, Easter Island, Peru and Bolivia. See articles on our www.bigstones.com website.

While there will be less traveling in 2002, the year is shaping up to be just as busy, and, perhaps, nearly as exciting. The Megalithics: A Stone Circle Workshop (July 10-14, 2002) features the return of the world's foremost stone circle builder to Earthwood, the druid and shaman Ivan McBeth. It is our plan and goal to erect a 20-ton megalith as part of this special 5-day workshop. And, yes, our new video, *Stone Circles: A Megalithic Workshop*

with Rob Roy, came out in October of 2001. Thanks to Chevalier-Thurling Productions, we think it's our best yet.

For info on the Megalithics workshop, or for info on the Wisconsin or North Carolina Cordwood Masonry workshops (see adjacent article), phone us at 518-493-7744 for a special brochure, or go to www.cordwoodmasonry.com and click on Workshops.

We'll be back in Amherst, WI, June 21-23, 2002, for the Midwest Renewable Energy Fair, where Rob will do free mini-workshops in Cordwood, Underground, Mortgage Freedom, and Stone Circles. For info on the Fair, call MREA at 715-592-6595 or go to www.the-mrea.org. After the fair, we'll travel to Hillsboro, WI (between Madison and LaCrosse) for two cordwood workshops.

Also, we'll be at the Second Annual Southern Energy & Environment Expo in

Asheville, NC, August 23-25, 2002. Last year's inaugural event was great, lots of free workshops and exhibitors, and great music. Again, Rob will do mini-workshops on his specialty subjects. For info call 828-696-3838 or go to BackHome Magazine's website at www.backhomemagazine.com and click on Southern E & E Expo internal link.

For the past two years, our workshops have been filling up early, so please do not delay in registering if the workshops are important to you.

"Cord"ially,



Rob Roy, Director
Earthwood Building School

Cordwood Masonry Workshops in WI and NC, June and August 2002

We'll be doing a 3-day Cordwood Workshop, June 25-27 and a 2-day on the weekend, June 29-30, 2002. Both of these will be held near Hillsboro in southwest WI, between Madison and LaCrosse. The 3-day workshop has more time for hands-on practice and individual consultation, but we do get through all of the important information and training during the 2-day session, offered for those who can't get time off work.

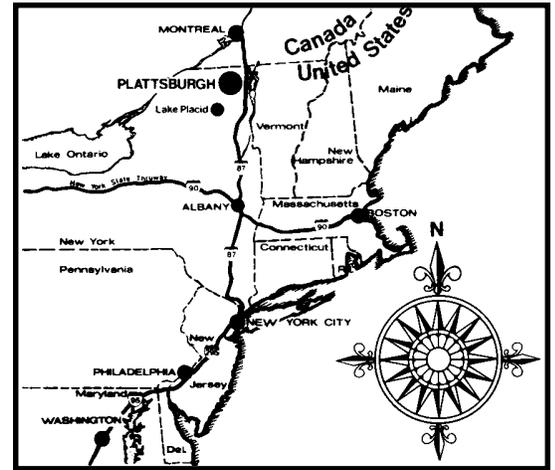
Also, we'll be doing a 3-day Cordwood Workshop near Bakersville, NC, about 1-1/2 hours northeast of Asheville, August 27-29, 2002. For brochures on the WI or NC Cordwood workshops, phone us at 518-493-7744 or go to www.cordwoodmasonry.com and click on Workshops.

Accommodation at Earthwood

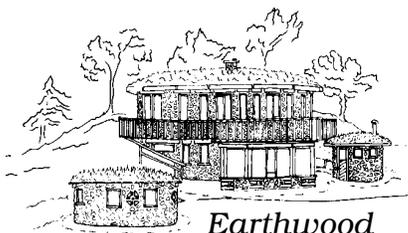
There are two guesthouses at Earthwood. Cordwood Cabin is very small, about 100 SF interior, and features four of the world's largest log-ends, at 52" diameter. See photo. Straw Bale Cottage is about 25% bigger and has some very interesting design features, including a large bottle-end panel, candle niches, a "truth" panel, and one cordwood wall. Either guesthouse is \$35 per night (one or two people), 2 nights minimum. Beds have a bottom fitted sheet, pillows and pillow covers. Bring your own top bedding, or sleeping bags and towels. The guesthouses have kerosene lamps and candles for light. There is an outdoor toilet, wash hand basin, solar shower, and cooking area. Accommodation is on a first-paid, first-served basis. To your Pre-Registration Form, attach a plain piece of paper with your name, dates required for accommodation, and guest house choice (Cordwood Cabin or Straw Bale Cottage). Add the full accommodation charge (\$35/night) to your tuition deposit check. Due to lack of facilities, we do not offer camping on site, but there is a friendly inexpensive campground with all facilities just 4 miles away. We do have space for one fully self-contained camper at \$10 per night, no hook-ups. A call ahead is advised to confirm accommodation availability.



Location Map



Earthwood is located 11 miles from Plattsburgh, NY, 3 hours north of Albany on I-87. Convenient to Lake Champlain, Lake Placid, Montreal, and the Adirondack High Peaks, the Plattsburgh area makes an excellent base to combine a family vacation with your workshop.



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