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Elfin Permaculture Services For Permaculture Design Course Graduates

Elfin Permaculture, a permaculture teaching and consulting service established in 1981, offers a number of services specifically for trained permaculture workers. Since most of our services for Permaculture Design Course graduates are not advertised in our publications for the general public, we have prepared this paper. People qualifying for these services must at least have earned a certificate from an official Permaculture Design Course.

Advanced Training--Certificate Programs

We designed **Advanced Permaculture Training Program (APT)** which runs from one to four years for permaculture design course graduates who seek guidance and support in intensive development of their permaculture design skills. Trainees design, with guidance, their own programs using permaculture design methods. Each trainee produces a design, implements it, conducts research, and undertakes permaculture outreach as part of his/her individualized APT program. An introductory certificate from the Elfin Permaculture Design course is required before beginning advanced work in APT.

Presently, we offer the APT certificate program to trainees working in the field or at home. We also offer one or two slots at our center in Sparr, Florida. At present, APT candidates must reside off-site.

Tuition in the APT certificate program varies, depending on the degree to which we are involved in a particular trainee's program. Because of the one-on-one nature of the training and our own limited financial resources, we are unable to offer scholarships to this program. We strongly encourage candidates to seek financial support from other sources. We will work with APT candidates on profit-sharing projects which may draw on our resources, providing that these are integrated with the trainee's program design.

Elfin Permaculture reserves the right to select APT participants based on our own objective and subjective criteria. Graduates who meet their own program goals to Elfin Permaculture standards may be certified by Elfin Permaculture in certain aspects of permaculture. We believe these certification standards to be the highest of any permaculture certification program. We do not believe in "failure" models, and will work with any enrollee who does not initially meet certification standards to develop alternate routes for certification.

Advanced Training--Non-Certificate Programs

We also offer workshops on specific issues involved in teaching permaculture, design of permaculture learning programs, and modules for teaching specific topics such as keyline, which are typically difficult for permaculture students. We are also available to serve as resources in clinics where teachers discuss their difficulties and successes in communicating permaculture concepts as well as the integrated character of the permaculture approach. Such workshops or clinics can be of any length and will be custom-designed by instructor Dan Hemenway who has presented hundreds of permaculture lectures, workshops and/or courses. Fees are typically the same as those published for our introductory programs of comparable length.

Permaculture Design Course graduates may also become teaching and/or design apprentices. Teaching apprentices begin by enrolling in one of our workshops or Permaculture Design Courses, giving us at least one-month's notice that they wish to receive advanced work. In a design course, or workshop of at least one week, the apprentice is assigned advanced work for the program and is also assigned routine tasks, such as preparing the room for slide presentations, daily inventory of display books, etc. In shorter workshops and lectures, an apprentice will serve as a resource person, however it is difficult to make space for advanced responsibilities in short programs. In no case will major teaching responsibilities be assigned to an apprentice until s/he has completed at least one full Elfin Permaculture Design Course as an apprentice. We are particularly committed to support the development of women and people of color as Permaculture Design Course instructors.

Permaculturists may also apprentice with us as designers. In such cases, the apprentice generates design work and we participate in any of a range of roles from lead designers to sub-contracted consultants, depending on individual arrangements. We will also provide critical readings of designs for beginning designers seeking to obtain certification and/or sharpen skills. Our reading fee is 10% of the design fee or what we would have charged for the design if it is done for free or at a friendly price. The minimum design reading fee is \$1000 per design.

Interns and Volunteers

We almost always have work for volunteers and projects for self-supporting interns. Usually, these involve editorial work (writing, editing, organizing, managing production, coordinating volunteers, art, layout, etc.) or marketing. We have continual need for help with typing, computer entry, mailings, and similar day-to-day work. And there is a large list of projects waiting for someone to come along who will see one through to completion. At present, we will accept up to two interns. Please see the intern FAQs on our web site, <http://barkingfrogspc.tripod.com/frames.html>

Only Permaculture Design Course Graduates receive experience in permaculture design or teaching as interns. All interns learn skills and information related to the tasks they are assigned. At present, the Permaculture Design Course remains the best way to obtain an understanding of permaculture.

Mailing Lists

We have collected many thousands of names of people interested in permaculture in allied fields. The can be rented at modest costs to permaculturists who wish to promote their work.

• **General Mailing Lists.** We have available through our own office nearly 30,000 addresses on our own data bases. Contact us for current rates and terms for use of these lists. We make them available only for permaculture work and reserve the right to refuse use of any list.

• **TRIP** (*The Resources of International Permaculture*), our international "green pages" directory, includes about 2000 listings in the latest edition (Vol. VIII) and, at this writing. The print edition and an update service are listed on the Yankee Permaculture Order Form. Mail labels and other special searches, are available. TRIP is also offered in electronic (computer) formats. Write for details.

Send \$1.00 + SASE (or an address label and international return mail coupons) for details. More information is listed in Permaculture Paper #27, our Special Order catalog, listed on the back of the Yankee Permaculture order form.

Slides and Slide Presentations

Elfin Permaculture has developed an array of slide presentations for our own use in teaching the Permaculture Design Course. (Dan Hemenway has a degree in Film Production and is an internationally exhibited photographer.) As a service to other permaculture teachers, we offer these presentations with scripts. Send US\$1.00 + SASE for details and the current price sheet. Allow ample time as we reproduce these slide presentations on a custom basis so long lead times are required.

Consulting

Elfin Permaculture holds an extensive permaculture library. Dan Hemenway is available for limited consultation on permaculture designs or other permaculture projects, especially for beginning designers who need help in some area.

Special Publications for Permaculturists

We have a file full of notes for special papers such as teaching manuals, to be developed for use by other permaculturists who seek to benefit from our experience. However the press of other work and frankly a lack of inquiries has put these projects on the back burner. Permaculturists may be interested in the following:

Permaculture Paper #21 (See Yankee Permaculture Order Form.) is our permaculture design client survey. We sell individual copies of this copyrighted questionnaire at a price that includes feedback when the completed form (20 pages) is returned to us. We will also license other permaculturists to use this form.

Permaculture Paper #27, our Special Order catalog, includes offerings of actual permaculture designs, data bases, translations into some languages (English, German, French...), original Spanish-language materials, all of limited interest but invaluable to some individuals. Since these materials are hard to come by and probably not available anywhere else, we have decided to offer the service of photocopying them for other permaculturists on a custom basis.

Permaculture Paper #29 is Richard Webb's excellent Permaculture Teacher's Resource Directory. We stopped work on our own directory when we saw this, and arranged to carry Richard's work instead.

A list of "information sheets" which may be of interest to other permaculturists is also listed on the back of the Yankee Permaculture Order form or on our web sites.

Yankee Permaculture (a publishing activity which shares staff and offices with Elfin Permaculture) also publishes *The International Permaculture Solutions Journal* (TIPS), formerly *The International Permaculture Species Yearbook* (TIPSY). We take pains to put into these journals information needed in the teaching and practice of permaculture that is difficult to find elsewhere. We pride ourselves on the clear, easily used, professional format of these journals.

Input Please

We are convinced that we can make the greatest contribution to Mother Earth by offering more and more advanced services to other Permaculturists and turning more and more of the introductory lectures, workshops and courses over to people in the earlier stages of acquiring permaculture experience. Please tell us what kinds of services and materials you need.