

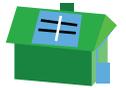
Ecohome Tour Stops (west to east)



2358 Kemp Lake Road

This two-storey residence in a farmyard setting features heavy fir timber framing, 12" light clay exterior walls and 12" thick rammed earth clay/sand/cement thermal mass interior walls. Roof-mounted solar vacuum tubes power the radiant in-floor hot water system. Other features: A small outdoor solar cooker and a solar drying station for herbs.

KC Natural Homes' Keary Conwright will join homeowner Martin Bissig for the 2 p.m. tour.



3680 Otter Point Rd./ ALM Organic Farm

After attending the first Natural Building Symposium in Cottage Grove, Oregon, ALM's Mary Alice Johnson, her late husband Jan and Holger Busch built this 1996 cob house -- a warm, functional, magically curved dwelling made from clay, straw and (the primary expense in the \$3k project) a tongue-and-groove ceiling and cedar-shake roof. Elsewhere on the farm is a 12x12 tiny home, a cob oven and cob sauna.

Farmgate harvest stand.



3022 Michelson Road

Now one-third complete, "The Cottage in the Woods" is a unique rammed-earth home being built by contractor Tony Johnson for his family on a forested Otter Point acre. The ground-floor rammed earth walls are complete; building materials will include lumber felled, milled and dried on site, salvaged underslab insulation, a seam metal roof, and green footing formwork material. Tony is documenting the project at his Earth House Holdings blog.

A rocky footpath leads to the building site.

Please park on Michaelson Rd. and walk in several hundred yards.



2179 Henlyn Drive

Since 2008, Lee and Stephen Hindrichs have been transforming an ordinary 30 year-old house on a 1/3 acre lot in suburban Sooke. What started as a mainly treed property with a small garden has evolved into a diverse oasis of annuals and perennials. Based on permaculture principles, the food gardens and supporting infrastructure include rainwater catchment, grey water irrigation, water filtration, solar power and a team of industrious worker chickens.

Guest: Viridian Energy solar expert Clayton Fischer.

Park with care along Henlyn Drive.



7239 Ella Road

"Beautiful, reliable, affordable, environmental and lightweight" is how Forest Adam characterizes the tiny homes he builds through his local company Homes With Love. A case in point: The 135 sq. ft. dwelling created this summer for wildcrafter Dante Chicano and his family. Features include a king-size loft bed; a downstairs bed that folds, in turn, into a bench and storage unit; comfortable hemp/jute fibre walls; solar, grid, and wood stove power; separated gray and black water systems; and no polyurethanes or other offgassing synthetic products inside. Dependent on finishings, Forest's tiny homes cost between \$15 and \$25k



6860 Banner Road

Early this year, the Stick in the Mud Cafe's David Evans hired Viridian Energy to install a 25-panel, 7.2kw photovoltaic system for his home. The array has since been pumping upwards of 45kw hours per day into the grid, covering Evans' own energy needs while also so far earning him a bonus 4000kw hours of credit that will help keep his bills low this winter. Evans and Viridian's Steve Unger will discuss how the initial outlay (\$18k) will pay off in the relatively short term and how solar might be a good fit for your own roof.

**Please park safely on Pyrite or Opal Place;
Banner Rd. is a cul-de-sac with minimal parking.**



6681 Horne Road/ Harbourside Cohousing

Harbourside is a senior-oriented cohousing community with 31 units divided between an apartment building, three duplexes and three fourplexes. Tours begin on the hour with a slide show, refreshments and presentation in the Common House. Harbourside is certified gold by Green Built Canada and is a model of how a complex can be built to an environmentally high standard by investing wisely at the front end so that the running costs over time are kept low.

Parking is available behind the Anglican Church off Murray Road or in the public parking lot at the corner of Murray and Horne roads.

Site visitors are not allowed to wander on the site unless they join a tour.



Local people, strengths & solutions

The Sooke Ecohome Tour

Saturday, October 8, 2016, 10 am to 4 pm

Seven shining local examples of how the alt.energy, micro-home and natural building revolutions are taking root in the Sooke region.

Informally formal tours will begin on the hour between 10 and 3 p.m. at each tour stop. Drop in anytime to join tours in progress and/or for visits and chats with the owners and their expert guests. Please leave your pets at home or in vehicles.

This is a self-guided tour that can be done in any order over the 19km circle route. Keep your ticket handy and be prepared to show it at each location.

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