Wherever you are is the place to start learning and working with Permaculture. If you are on the road or living where you were born all that is offered here is applicable. If your trip is for a week or a year you will find things here that will assist you. Itinerant Permaculture is what happens from spontaneous meetings, from paths crossing by chance, from volunteering to assist on a farm or in a community. Permaculture is the toolbox you carry with you while traveling. It is the way you view and understand the road and the world. It is an aspect of all that you do, from digging a hole to building a community. It need not be explicit, and really should only be so if the situation encourages it. The point is that to create a sustainable human culture we need to infuse sustainability in all that we do moment to moment, whether on the road or at home. The following courses will assist you in creating your own bit of sustainability and help us all create a more sustainable world.

RICO ZOOK: PERMACULTURE DESIGNER, CONSULTANT AND TEACHER

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For the past 20 years Mr. Zook have been a Permaculture designer, consultant and instructor working with private individuals, farmers, villagers and local organizations to create culturally and environmentally appropriate life systems in northern New Mexico, India, Cambodia, the middle east and places in between. This work focuses on assisting local and indigenous cultures to preserve traditional knowledge and technologies while adapting to and becoming active members of our rapidly globalizing world. Currently his year is divided into 4 months in India, 3 months in Cambodia, 2 months in the middle east, 2 months in the states, and 1 month in a different place each year.

SEPTEMBER

19th Cambodia Private Permaculture Tour

OCTOBER
5th to 21st PDC Koh Phangan Thailand
This PDC will have us working on practical small scale and urban projects, while also introducing how to build natural homes, grow our own food, restore diminished landscapes and ecosystems, catch rainwater, build communities, take care of waste, and much more. Alternating between an urban Permaculture project development site called Phangan Project and a Thai organic farm, students will discover many aspects of this island paradise. At Raitiavisat Farm we will be interfacing with the local Thai community, helping us to truly experience culture, and explore island life from a local perspective.

Co-Instructors: Tiffany Grell
Location: Phangan Chai Hotel, Thongsala, and RaiTiaViaSet Farm, Koh Phangan Island, Thailand
Price: $550-$700 Depending on Accommodations and Food
Link: http://tinyurl.com/8e4alam
Contact: permyfany@gmail.com

28th to 4th Nov. Hands-on Pc course, Punarvasu Farm, Udupi, Karnataka, India
This is a very hands-on, work focused introduction to permaculture. Our time will be openly structured with work before and after breakfast, relaxing and personal time mid day, with latter afternoons being for permaculture discussions and learning, or perhaps, more work if people wish. Punarvasu is an emerging permaculture site. A traditional family farm that is becoming a model of how traditional practices and culture can thrive while evolving into a model of sustainability in our globalized world. People will stay in the traditional family home or converted barn, and eat Amma’s delicious traditional vegetarian Udupi food.

Co-Instructors: Vasu
Location: Punarvasu Farm, 15km south of Udupi, Karnataka, India
Price: 6,500 for Indian nationals 7,500 international students
Contact: vasuadamaru@gmail.com

NOVEMBER

22nd to 6th December 9th annual PDC, Darjeeling, India
This is the longest running permaculture course in India. Clean Beautiful Homestays with local farmers, thousands of acres of organic farms, extensive mature food forest covering hundreds of acres, Himalayan views, wonderful times. Mineral Springs is a certified organic and fair-trade collective of 456
SMALL FARMERS OCCUPYING 14 VILLAGES NEAR DARJEELING, INDIA.

CO-INSTRUCTORS: GUEST INSTRUCTORS FROM PRERNA NGO

LOCATION: MINERAL SPRINGS, DARJEELING, WEST BENGAL, INDIA

SPECIAL REQUESTS: WORKING ENGLISH SKILLS PREFERRED,

PRICE: INTERNATIONAL 19000RS INDIAN RS 14000 LOCAL 10000RS. PRICE INCLUDES FOOD, HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATIONS, AND TRAINING MATERIALS

LINKS AND WEB SITES: www.darjeelingprerna.org

www.darjeelingprerna.blogspot.com/

CONTACT: DLRPRERNA@YAHOO.COM OR DARJEELINGPRERNA@GMAIL.COM

DECEMBER

11th Punjab, India for Private Permaculture Aid Workshops
27th shift to Cambodia, Pehnom Penh for Private Permaculture Design Work and Aid

JANUARY

10th to 26th PDC VINE RETREAT, KEP, CAMBODIA

LEARN PERMACULTURE AMONGST THE RURAL BEAUTY AND QUITE OF THIS OLD COLONIAL PROVINCE IN CAMBODIA. HANDS-ON PROJECTS, PHOTOS, EXERCISES, GAMES, DISCUSSIONS AND LECTURES WILL ALL BE USED TO CREATE A DYNAMIC LEARNING EXPERIENCE THAT ENGAGES AND SUPPORTS EACH PERSON. LOCATED NEAR THE COAST NEXT TO VIETNAM, THE VINE RETREAT IS A SOCIALLY AND ECOLOGICALLY CONSCIOUS GUESTHOUSE AND WORKING ORGANIC FARM NESTLED INTO THE FOOT OF PHNOM VOAR MOUNTAINS. AS WITH ALL PDC COURSES, PARTICIPANT DESIGN TEAMS WILL CREATE A DESIGN FOR THE RETREAT AS IT EVOLVES IN ITS USE AND MANAGEMENT OF ITS 10 HA.

LOCATION: THE VINE RETREAT, KEP, CAMBODIA

PRICE: FROM $530 TO $800 DEPENDING ON ACCOMMODATION

LINKS AND WEB SITES: www.thevineretreat.com

CONTACT: BILL TUFFIN info@thevineretreat.com, PHONE +855 (0) 11 706 231

26th to 15th February, 3 week Hands-on Permaculture Experience, Katch Phkar Farm, Battambang

Kach Phar farm is a demonstration and learning farm near Battambang, Cambodia. Last year Rico Zook facilitated a design process for this farm with the staff of Ockenden, a local NGO with all local staff. From this design some initial steps have been taken, though there is still much to do.

This is not a course, but rather an opportunity to learn via hands-on implementation of this permaculture design. Additionally we will be assisting the local Pagoda in their site development with farming and systems installation, e.g. greywater, composting, cropping, site beautification and
more. This hands-on experience will be facilitated by Rico.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet and interact with local people and culture in a very immediate, direct, and beneficial way. At this time we have not set a project or work schedule, however, the working permaculture design is available to those with serious interest in joining us. People must be prepared for physical work, and while we will be very aware of your limitations and will do our best to create a relaxed and safe work site, this is not a typical vacation activity. We will work about 8 hrs a day, with the specific daily schedule based upon weather conditions and the group’s agreements. There will only be 4 or 5 spaces available, with our total number being between 6 and 8. We are looking for people with their permaculture design certificate, though we encourage everyone interested to apply.

Price: TBA (~$350 to 450), includes sleeping arrangements and food
Website: www.ockendencambodia.org
Contact: Permyfany@gmail.com

FEBRUARY

10th to 15th Advanced Pc w/ Ockenden and other NGO workers

24th to 12th March PDC Jiwa Damai, Bali, Indonesia

Using a variety of learning techniques and strategies this workshop will present Permaculture with various applications in mind. Class time will consist of traditional lectures, group discussions, game, exercises, photoshows and movies. Teaching focuses on land systems with hands on work in the gardens at Jiwa Damai. Furthermore, this course teaches how to integrate and use Permaculture in ‘Invisible structures’ those social, cultural, political and economic structures that shape much of our world today.

Co-Instructors: Jeremiah Kidd, www.sipermaculture.com
Location: Jiwa Damai is a beautiful, tranquil permaculture retreat center located on a diverse 4 hectare plot of land in Mambal, Badung district, Bali, Indonesia.
Price: $950 Course fees includes a shared room (3/room) at Jiwa Dimai retreat center, 3 meals per day, optional morning yoga, and optional morning meditation.
Links and Web Sites: www.jiwadamai.net
Contact: Margret: Info@jiwadamai.net

MARCH

Keep an eye out for as Urban Permaculture Short Course that will be offered in Salt, Jordan.

April

Shift to India

May

Shift to Jordan
June July August

Shift to USA: Possible 3 month weekend PDC in Taos NM and Short Courses including: **CREATING INDEPENDENCE AND STRENGTHENING OUR INTERDEPENDENCE WITH PERMACULTURE, TAOS, NEW MEXICO** Mid 2012 schedule offers many possibilities within the Southwest USA. Look for future mailings for more information!