

# **Mechanized Cob: An in-depth Experience of "Fast Cob"**

**October 18-20, 2013, Santa Cruz, CA**

We will begin the workshop on Friday evening with a slideshow presentation of Misha's experience with mechanizing and permitting cob followed by a weekend of demonstrations using a mini-excavator to dig trenches for foundation, dig up clay soil to build with, mix cob and apply it to the walls.

Participants should have taken a cob workshop (offered Oct 4-7, see website) or have cob building experience as basics of cob will not be covered.

For those who want to build faster or build larger structures with cob, this is the workshop for you!! It is the **ONLY** workshop of its kind and will be held at a beautiful site in the Larkin Valley of the Monterey Bay.

**Workshop Hours: Friday 7pm-9:30pm  
Sat/Sun 10am-5pm**

**Fee: \$250**

discounts for couples, youth 12-18, students  
Please bring food to share for potluck lunches  
Free camping on site, no kitchen facilities

A former Physics teacher and Naturalist, Misha has been actively involved in Natural building for almost 20 years. He received a permit for the first code-approved cob residence in a seismic area in 2004, and currently sits on the board of the Cob Research Institute. Misha has built a number of cob and strawbale structures, taught numerous workshops, and has done cob testing, demolition, and research. He has experimented with a number of ways to mechanize the cob mixing process, and will share these experiences at the workshop. Misha has also a substantial background in cob engineering and permitting, which he will also devote a portion of the workshop to.

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World-renowned cob expert Misha Rauchwerger will be taking us through a survey of "fast cob" techniques sharing his extensive experience and knowledge in speeding up the cob building process by using mechanized equipment, notably the mini-excavator, which he used to build his large permitted cob house in Sonora, CA.

