

Ontario Natural Building Coalition

Natural Building Conference - March 1 and 2, 2014

Conference Presenters



Jacob Deva Racusin is co-owner of New Frameworks Natural Building LLC, offering services in green remodeling, new construction, consultation, and education featuring natural building technologies. Through his work as a builder, consultant, and educator, Jacob is able to merge his passions for fine craft, ecological stewardship, relationship to place, and social justice. His goal in this work is to create a meaningful impact on the built environment in developing healthy, resilient communities. Jacob is an instructor at the Yestermorrow Design/Build School, where he is the former director of the Natural Building Intensive Program. A BPI-certified contractor and Certified Passive House Consultant, Jacob has conducted field research on moisture and thermal performance of straw bale wall systems, which is featured in the book [The Natural Building Companion](#) which he co-authored with Ace McArleton (Chelsea Green Publishing, 2012). He has lectured and presented at universities, conferences, and other events across the Northeast. Jacob lives with his family in Montgomery, VT, in a straw bale house on his permaculture-inspired homestead.