

## Ontario Natural Building Coalition

### Natural Building Conference - March 1 and 2, 2014

#### Conference Presenters



A former elementary school teacher, and current president of the Ontario Natural Building Coalition, Tina began building with straw bales 14 years ago when she became a partner in Camel's Back Construction, Ontario's first straw bale construction company. She is currently sole proprietor of the company, and continues to build, plaster, teach workshops, and do presentations across the province. Her team of talented camels, who are most dedicated in the field of natural building, specialize in plasters, including earthen, lime, and tadelakt.

Tina has worked in the natural building field in Quebec, France and Thailand, and more recently, was involved in natural reconstruction efforts in Haiti. A new love of timber framing and a timber framer bring new direction to her personal world of work, and she continues to challenge herself in acquiring new skills.

A presenter at events for the Ontario Building Official's Association and the Timber Framers' Guild, co-author of *'More Straw Bale Building'*, one of the key organizers of the International Straw Bale Building Conference in 2006, and president of the Ontario Natural Building Coalition, (formerly the Ontario Straw Bale Building Coalition) she remains actively involved in the natural building movement.