

Free Annual Permaculture Gathering **in Edgewood**

Saturday, October 3, 2009

- 12:00 PM Site Tour
- 2:00 PM Potluck
- 3:30 PM Birds in Our Lives --- Tom Smylie
- 4:30 PM Living Water --- Betsy Damon

Tom Smylie is a raptor researcher with a profound understanding of ecology and birds' interconnections with humans on our evolving planet. He has worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and has been instrumental in the recovery of the peregrine falcon in North America from less than 100 mating pairs several decades ago to over 3000 pairs presently.

Betsy Damon is an internationally acclaimed water artist who became fascinated with the implications of "calling upon the people to remember the Water." She has done many large community art projects, especially in China, that link people with a deeper understanding of water in their lives and their community. Please visit Betsy's awesome website at www.keepersofthewaters.org/.

This free permaculture gathering will include a site tour of forest thinning results and a variety of rainwater harvesting practices, including swales, woodchip berms and rainwater cisterns.

Please bring friends and children, your favorite dish to share and your finest sunhat. Please car pool and leave pets at home.

Take I-40 to Exit #187 in Edgewood (25 miles east of Albuquerque and 8 miles west of Moriarty). At the end of the off-ramp, go south two blocks to the stoplight at the intersection with Highway #333 (Smith's Grocery will be on your left). Go straight up the hill on Edgewood Road #7 and turn right in ½ mile onto Moriarty Road (gravel). Go ¼ mile to #24 and turn right into my driveway or go straight ahead down the hill and park on your left.

I will have Brad Lancaster's inspiring books on rainwater harvesting available for review and purchase (see his extensive web site at www.harvestingrainwater.com/).

I look forward to seeing everyone and meeting new friends! If you need a map or a timely update, please call me at 281-4871.

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