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## Yestermorrow Profile: Peter Buley



Instructor, 2007 Intern

## *Designing and Building a Sustainable Future* *April 2009 Newsletter*

### **Home Design/Build Student Creates a House on Wheels**

When Elizabeth Turnbull learned she was headed to Yale for 2 years of graduate study in urban ecology, environmental design and natural resource economics, she wondered where she would live in New Haven, Connecticut. Inspired by the tiny houses on wheels of Tumbleweed Homes, she decided to design and build a 144 s.f. house on wheels as her Yale residence, and do so in a series of barn-raising building parties with friends, family and community (documented in her [blog](#)).

Elizabeth enrolled in the two-week *Home Design/Build* class at Yestermorrow in March 2008, and went on to start building on an 8'x18' flatbed equipment trailer later that summer. The design includes a composting toilet, sleeping loft, kitchen, full solar power and a workspace. "It's been



Peter Buley is one of those people who it's hard to keep track of. Since completing his Yestermorrow internship in May 2007 he's been building bridges and leading natural building workshops in Thailand, working on treehouses here in the U.S. with Forever Young, studying furnituremaking in Maine, and volunteering in Japan.

And this wanderlust isn't exactly new. Originally from rural Wisconsin, Peter has been travelling for the last ten years looking for a place to call home. Frustrated with the pretentious study of architecture at CU-Boulder, he got re-excited through a wider view of the field during an ecological design program at the [Ecosa Institute](#) in Arizona. The lure of bamboo drew him to Asia in early 2003 where he learned, volunteered, worked and traveled throughout the continent pursuing various interests and random tangents until late 2006. He completed his MA in Sustainable Development at the [School for International Training](#) in 2007 and the 12-week intensive program at the [Center for Furniture Craftsmanship](#) in 2008.

Peter will be co-teaching the new course [Design/Build Your Own Coffee Table](#) May 24-30, 2009.



keep her home cooler.

a very public design and building process, and the house is much more interesting, much better-designed and much more creative than it would have been if I'd been building in a vacuum," she says. "There's been great volunteer support, donations, curiosity, interest and ideas." The house was hauled by a trailer to Yale in October. It uses passive solar heating, so Turnbull says she can position the high wall to the south in the winter for maximum solar heat and then rotate it 180 degrees in the summer, turning the high wall to the north to

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## Class Spotlight: Residential Additions and Renovation Design

With a bogged down economy and topsy-turvy stock market, the consensus suggests that renovating or expanding your home is a sensible and safe investment, as well as a great opportunity to retrofit for greater energy efficiency. This new, two-day intensive workshop will be of great benefit to designer/builders as well as homeowners and students of architecture who intend to develop preliminary designs for residential additions and renovations. Participants will discuss the critical component to any renovation or addition project: how to create new or altered spaces that serve the desired purpose while being respectful of the integrity of the existing house. The instructor will also evaluate products and materials for quality, durability and health; discuss energy efficiency and ecological design principles; explain how to determine the proper sizing for basic structural members; assess relevant building codes and regulations; and delve into interior design challenges, including furniture layout, lighting, and color choices. *Beginner to Intermediate*. Dates: May 9-10, 2009. Tuition: \$300 Architect/instructor, Tullio Inglese has been designing additions and renovations, as well as new homes, for over 40 years. He has been associated with some of the most dynamic architectural practitioners of the last half-century, including Paolo Solieri, Walter Gropius, and Louis Kahn. In 1972, Tullio founded the Nacul Center for Ecological Architecture.



[Register online](#) for Yestermorrow's [Residential Additions and Renovation Design](#) workshop, email [shannon@yestermorrow.org](mailto:shannon@yestermorrow.org) or call us at **888.496.5541**.

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## Meet Faculty and Staff

Join us for an introduction to Yestermorrow Design/Build School, see a slide show of our campus and recent class projects, and meet faculty members at two upcoming public information sessions. Learn more about the over 150 classes we offer annually in design, construction, woodworking and more, including our certificate programs in Sustainable Building and Design and Natural Building. Free and open to the public.

**Philadelphia** - Thursday, May 7th - 7:00-8:00pm  
*Philadelphia Center for Architecture, 1218 Arch St*

**New York City** - Monday, May 11th - 7:00-8:00pm  
*City College Architectural Center, 140th St./Convent Ave.*

For more information or to RSVP, call 802-496-5545 or email [kate@yestermorrow.org](mailto:kate@yestermorrow.org).

## Welcome Board Member Eyrich Stauffer

The Yestermorrow community heartily welcomes [Eyrich Stauffer](#) to the school's Board of Directors. Eyrich is a familiar face at the school; he is a former staff member, and a long-time instructor of numerous classes, including *Beginning Furnituremaking, Cabinets & Built-Ins, Sustainable Treehouse Design & Construction, Small Scale Design/Build*, and others. We are thrilled to have him on the team.

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