

# *Corporate to Cob*

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Cate and Warren's Cob



## *Once Upon a Time*

There was a successful corporate legal executive who yearned for simplicity

She saw Buddha's Hut ( a beautiful cob structure) at Breitenbush Hot Springs and Spa...

And fell in **love** 

# Cob in Snohomish

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Retrofit

# *What is Cob?*

Soil, clay, sand, straw, water

Similar compounds as adobe yet different

Both Cob and Adobe technologies are hundreds of years old

Cob in Wales, Ireland, the British Isles, Africa,...

Adobe in Mexico, the SW USA, etc



# Cob

Applied wet

Built in horizontal layers  
Or, for example,  
Applied onto bales of straw

Dries hard

Can be lime plastered

# Adobe

Applied dry with mortar

Baked bricks build walls

Dries hard

Can be lime plastered

# Owner/builder issues:

Location

Design

Costs

Permits

Construction

# Permitting

Plumbing (gas and water)

Septic/Sewer

Environmental if required

Electrical

Engineering

Final (safety, code issues)

# International residential building code

# Costs?

400, 500, 600 sf

Approx **40k** < \$\$ < **100+**







A happy Building Permit holder







The old wood stove







































Jason Loon



Deb Eichstead

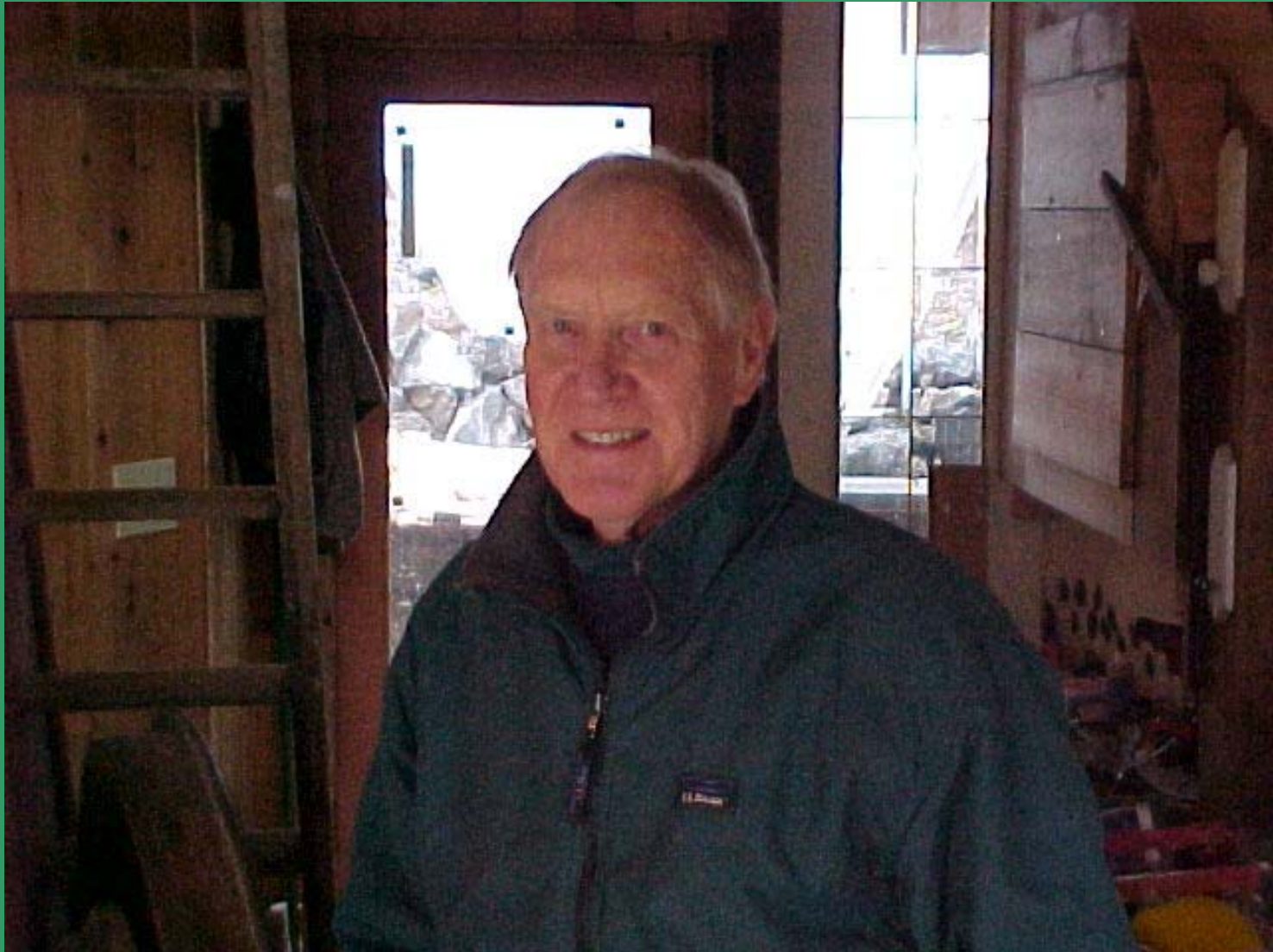




Catherine Burke



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♥  
Warren “love in his eyes & Chancellor Emeritus” Buck





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