

# ADOBE ALLIANCE ECO-WORKSHOP OCTOBER 2012

**Earth Plasters + Brick Making + Adobe Roof Building by Hand + Mixing Mortar + Harvesting Cactus Juice + More**



**October 19 to November 2, 2012**, all former students and new friends involved in design and earth masonry are cordially invited to enroll in a workshop focused on slinging mud, mixing the *soquete*, or mortar, under instruction and watchful eyes and lively collaboration. We will learn to close the Nubian vault begun last year with final courses of small adobe bricks, then apply the water-resistant plasters developed by Stevan de la Rosa and Pat Taylor, made of clay and sand, cactus juice harvested *in situ*, and lime. Elder *adobero* Santos Chavez, across the river, will teach adobe brick-making in wood molds.

All this, and more, in the superb Big Bend country on the Rio Grande, facing the sierras of northern Chihuahua state, Mexico.

**Adobe Alliance's** founder, **Simone Swan**, apprenticed in Cairo with the world-renowned Egyptian architect-environmentalist, Hassan Fathy (1900-1989). Simone is committed to furthering his solutions to house those "who live outside the cash economy." Fathy's roofs of domes and Nubian vaults are easily constructed without industrial materials or wood!

**Tuition fees:** A 3-day weekend for \$300, one week for \$600, or two weeks for \$1,050. For tuition grants or internships, Adobe Alliance requires volunteer fund-raising help well in advance.

**Please enroll early:** Please mail a \$100 deposit before October 1, 2012 to Adobe Alliance, Inc, account #0032628301, attention Linda Smith, V.P., Los Alamos National Bank, 301 Griffin Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501. After October 1st, fees increase by \$100.

**For more information:** Please go to Adobe Alliance's website at <http://www.adobealliance.org> or contact Simone Swan at [swan@adobealliance.org](mailto:swan@adobealliance.org).

**Welcome!**