



Chris Magwood is obsessed with making the best, most energy efficient, beautiful and inspiring buildings without wrecking the whole darn planet in the attempt. He co-founded Camel's Back Construction, and over eight years helped to design and/or build around 30 homes and a few commercial buildings, mostly with straw bales and often with renewable energy systems.

During this time, he co-authored three books on straw bale construction: *Straw Bale Building*, *More Straw Bale Building* and *Straw Bale Details*. He was also the editor of *The Last Straw Journal*, an international quarterly of straw bale and natural building. He has contributed articles to numerous publications on topics related to sustainable building. His forthcoming book, *Making Better Buildings*, was published in 2014. His new books, *Essential Prefabricated Straw Bale Construction* and *Essential Hempcrete* will be published in 2016.

Chris is currently the executive director of The Endeavour Centre, a not-for-profit sustainable building school in Peterborough, Ontario. The school runs three full-time, certificate programs: Sustainable New Construction, Sustainable Renovations and Sustainable Design and hosts many workshops.

In 2005, he started the Sustainable Building Design and Construction program at Fleming College, which ran until 2011.

Chris is an active speaker and workshop instructor in Canada and internationally.