



The Master is Gone

Surrounded by abundant love from places far and near, from family, friends and people he inspired in his life-long journey of teaching, Maestro of Permaculture, the Old Coot Scott Pittman passed into the light in the quietest hour of night on July 31, 2022. His wife of 25 years, Arina, was holding him during the passage, and fourteen family members rested nearby, guiding his passage with warmth and love.

Honoring his bliss Scott taught permaculture to countless people worldwide. He taught methods and techniques, he inspired and co-created the soul gesture of connecting to

wisdom of nature and great creation that surrounds us all.

A tireless pioneer of the permaculture movement to heal the collective broken connection with nature, he brought awareness and solutions aimed at restoring healthfulness of the earth, of human communities and our relationship to the environment. Scott traveled to all continents except Antarctica, worked with the traditional tribes of Shipibo and Guarani of the Amazon, co-founded/supported Madre de Selva Permaculture Project in Ecuador, Permacultura America Latina in Guatemala and in Costa Rica, Permaculture Kyiv in Ukraine, Ecohome Projects in Belarus and Russia, Ecocentre IPEC in Brazil, projects in Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea, Thailand, Nepal, Haiti and Kazakhstan. His work was directed at restoring self-sufficiency in the most fragile communities and ecosystems, which protected health and strengthened cultural integrity of people.

Scott was equally at ease in his conversations with shamans, contractors, professors of agriculture and single mothers of the disempowered villages in South America. He ate fried grubs in Nepal, jackfruit straight from the forest floor in Thailand, mushrooms from Altai mountains, fish from the Amazon River, and fresh coffee beans from farms in Panama. He assisted in construction of Dar Al Islam in

Abiqui, New Mexico, brought strawbale construction to Siberia, and built rain-water harvesting projects worldwide.

Steadfast in this work to heal the land and our relationship to All Life there are many brilliant people around the world, in part due to Scott's inspiration and leadership. He has grounded in us the means to build a positive future for the human spirit to thrive in. In his later years Scott was inspired by the rise of the spiritual element in all work pertaining to healing of the earth, of restoring the health of human communities. He struggled to find the right words, always wary of misunderstandings, yet he started laying foundational stones in the transformation of Permaculture, imbuing the physical work of land restoration with striving towards self-development and selfless service.

His friends, family and students are grateful for this gift in the man and in his life of integrity, practice and wisdom. His work here was plenty and he has fulfilled his duties. May he find rest and inspiration in the realms of starlight and the great beyond! Love, hugs, and tears.