

**Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?
Building a Straw Bale House
Alan Boye
3:30 PM, Thursday, April 23, 2009
106 Othmer Hall**

Despite the limitation of having a degree in English, Alan Boye designed and built a straw bale home in Vermont. Boye will talk about the fundamentals of building and living in an off-grid, passive solar, straw bale house. He will discuss sustainability issues, design considerations and compromises, experimental building techniques, and energy efficiency. He will also relate some of the trials and tribulations of being both an English major and an owner-contractor.

Alan Boye's nonfiction, fiction and drama have appeared nationally since 1971. His books include *Holding Stone Hands – On the Trail of the Cheyenne Exodus*, *The Complete Roadside Guide to Nebraska*, and *A Guide to the Ghosts of Lincoln*. His most recent book, *Tales from the Journey of the Dead*, explores the history of an isolated desert in New Mexico.

Boye, a graduate of UNL, is a professor of English at Vermont's Lyndon State College where he teaches writing and literature.



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