Pioneering Achievements & Awards

- 1st fully permitted, loadbearing strawbale home built in Washington State, 1994. 1st Demonstration Home permitted as <u>standard construction</u>
- 1st Strawbale Public Library in the United States, Mattawa, Washington, 2002
- 1st Strawbale Farmworker Housing Model, Omak, Washington, 2002-2003
- Award Recipients of environmental leader, Founders of a New Northwest 2000.
- 1st Habitat for Humanity (HfH) Strawbale Home Monitoring Site, 1999
- 1st strawbale low-income homes nonprofit to partner with local and regional Community Organizations addressing affordable housing, 1999 -2003
- 1st strawbale nonprofit to be funded and build successful projects with federal and state departments, 2002 -2003
- 1st strawbale school in Clallam County, 1995
- 1st strawbale home in Jefferson County.
- 1st loadbearing strawbale home in Chelan County, 1999
- 1st Leaders of free educational talks in Northwest; speaker for Washington Technology Educators Assn, *Strawbale Construction* classes at Wenatchee Valley College and Real Goods Solar Living Institute, CA, 2000 -2003
- More than 1000 visitors at IronStraw's Demonstration Model Home Open Houses, 1998 -2002; more than 3300 informational contacts, 2002
- 1st loadbearing, fully permitted strawbale home conventionally financed and sold, 1999
- 1st commercial strawbale building in Jefferson County, 1996
- 1st strawbale builders to work with Washington's At-Risk Youth, 1999
- Instrumental in the construction of more than 65 homes & buildings; leading the Northwest Region, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Washington and New Zealand
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- 1st strawbale home City of Ellensburg 2004 (for HfH)
 - Award Renewing the Countryside, Washington 2005
 - Invited by New Zealand government to educate for sustainable building 2006
 - Award 2010 Who's Who Internationally for sustainable building, Michael Thomas
 - 2015 Chairperson, New Zealand Strawbale Building Guide
 - 1st strawbale home City of Port Angeles, 2016
 - Featured in radio, television, books, magazines and business journals nationally and internationally.





"When a superior building product can be fabricated from a material that was previously considered to be a waste, we have a winner in terms of sustainability..."

David Ewing Director of the Environment Habitat for Humanity Intl.



