

STONE DRIVE

Do you smell the aroma of baking bread in a wood-fired oven wafting from the Backdoor Bakery? Well, you might not yet, but plans are in the works to build a wood-fired bread oven. The oven won't be completed before the snow falls, but the slab will soon be poured. Why the enticement of fresh baked bread with the long winter ahead? Well, we are now collecting stones that will surface the outside of the oven, and we would like your help in this collection. We are looking for large-ish river rock – smooth about the size of a softball (they do not have to be perfectly round). Sample stones are available at the bakery. We are asking our customers to walk the fields, forests, and gullies and collect those rocks that scream “oven.”

For every 10 acceptable stones delivered to the bakery before May 2010, you will receive a gift certificate for \$1 off a loaf of bread. There are a limited number of certificates (50), so you might want to act now before the snow falls to find your prime rocks to add to the oven. Even if we are lucky enough to run out of certificates, I hope you will continue to bring us stones. We will need as many stones as you are willing to schlep on over.

We will also be mapping the ‘rocks of fame’ – notable stones people contribute to the oven. If you find a rock (or rocks) you are particularly fond of – a stone with a fossil in it, or a great color or pattern, a beautiful crystal, or if you're traveling and you collect a stone from a unique place – we would like to recognize it on the oven wall. I'll accept nearly any reason to deem a rock “special” (e.g., for those young contributors, it could be the only stone they are able to offer). If you find such a rock, place it in a water-tight plastic bag, along with a note describing why the stone is special and your name, and we will be sure to map it on the stone walls.

Bring your stones!



LOOK!! Women in East Timor are even contributing!!!
(Not really. These ladies have confessed their sins to these rocks, and are bringing them before a traveling priest for his blessing – a practice done in remote areas.)