

Life at the Domes

Work Party!

In addition to the big Community Build event, the Domes hosts regular work parties every couple of weeks to maintain the Domes and the surrounding gardens.

These parties bring in old Domies, members from other cooperatives, people from Davis, and other friends of the Domes.

After gathering for breakfast, the partiers split up to work on the tasks of the day, and regroup a few hours later for lunch.



Save the Domes!



With over four acres of land, sustainable food production is a big part of the Domes.

Many have learned permaculture gardening by getting their hands dirty at the Domes.



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New Dome Walls

New plywood walls were built to seal off plumbing in the Domes. Domies designed, measured, cut, and installed the wood themselves.

At the bottom, a Domie poses with his new dome wall, a.k.a. Davis surfboard.

Other carpentry work at the Domes included new railings, ladders, and reinforcements to the 2nd story lofts.





How to Wash a Dome

Step 1

Use water and brush to loosen up dirt.

Step 2

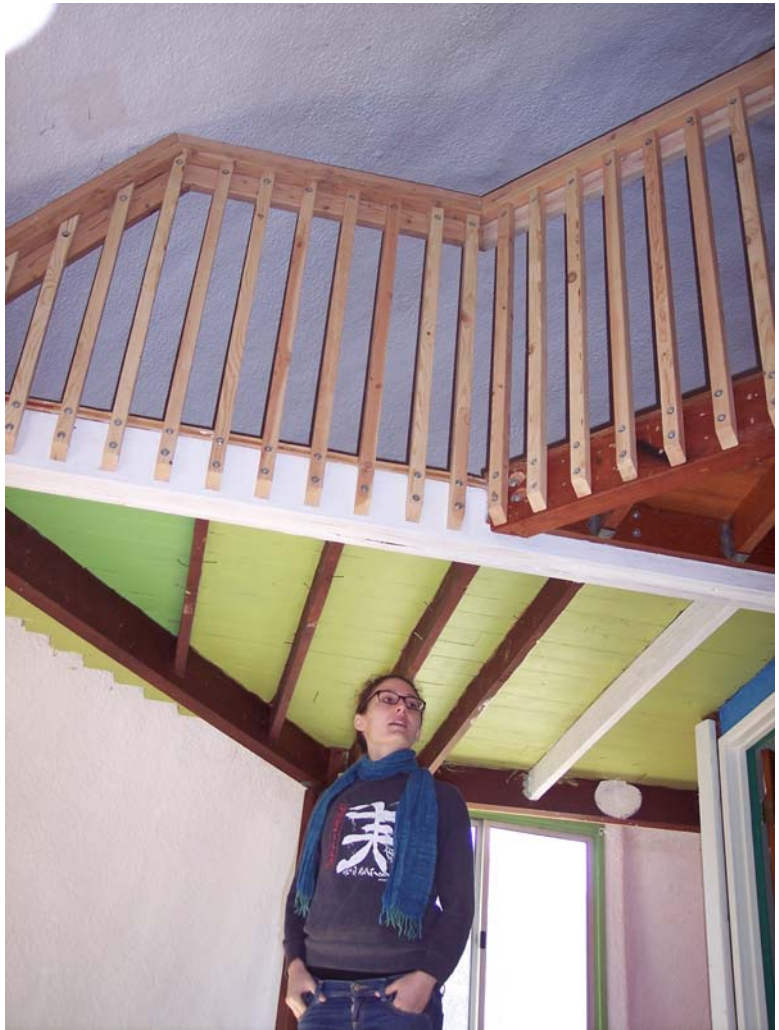
Use power washer to melt the dirt off the dome and return it to the earth.



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Inside a Dome

With a 7' loft in a 13' space, the inside of a dome both cozy and grand. The walls and ceiling curve together. A compact kitchen is equipped with stove, cutting board, and sink, all in a row.



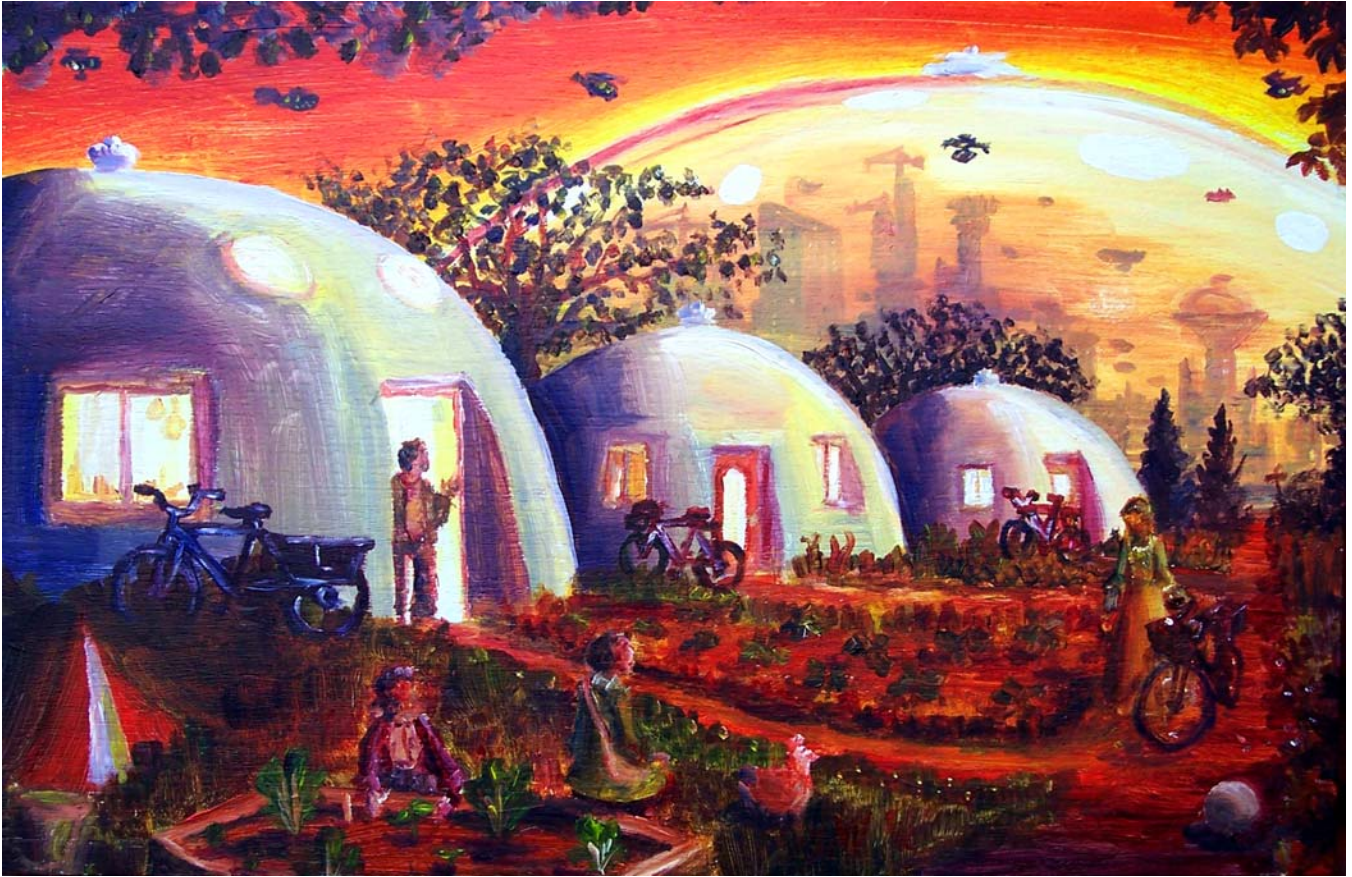


The Community Yurt

Bigger than a dome, the Yurt provides a big round space for meals and meetings.

It is made of wood and plastic, and is heated by pipes under the floor connected to solar hot water panels.





Domes 2.0

Future plans for the Domes include continuing and strengthening the educational programs at this Sustainable Research Area, as well as adding more residents to the site in new innovative structures tentatively called Domes 2.0

The shape of these buildings is presently being determined by a team of Domies, other students, professors, design professionals, and community members.