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Building a Historical Alpine ‚Stubenofen‘

The description contains information that may be useful in understanding the idea of rebuilding a Historical Alpine Austrian mass heater. Besides its historical Alpine origin, we develop possibilities to fit the historical shape into up to date combustion necessities.

Prompted by a recent question in MHA’s email exchange about examples for simple oven design Eric Moshier and Stefan Polatschek recognized interesting similarity to some historic stove building design in Europe’s Alps, and finally got to the idea of rebuilding one specific stove design representing a whole landscape of historical mass heaters, both with plastered and ceramic tile surface.

Commenting evolution of historical living spaces and briefly showing variety of shape, techniques and local design influences we would like to bring the historical design into a nowadays technique and necessities.

Actually some research is driven on that via the Tyrolean stove building guild in Austria, namely its boss Erich Moser, in cooperation with Innsbruck university.

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- Landscape
- Economy
- Community
- Power relations

Museum Tiroler Bauernhöfe, Kramsach, Austria



Europe

The Alps

Tyrol and its historic parts along the main ridge of the Alps
 castles, monasteries, differentiation of rooms and smoke free heating
 ‚Stube‘ and ‚Kammer‘
 rural house construction, fire-protection

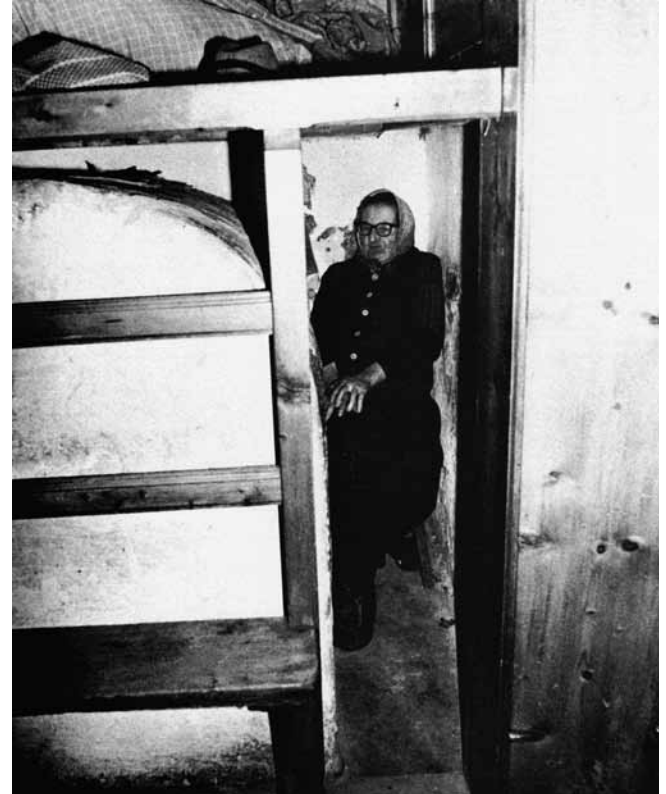


the Oetz valley, part of Tyrol county
5300 years only from Ötzi - the frozen
Similaun mummy - to James Bond
accessibility, a group of 500 old stoves
actual research at Tyrol
stovemasons and archaeologists



the ‚Stube‘ and some of its stoves in
different regions





Aldo Gorfer - Die Erben der Einsamkeit, photos by Flavia Faganello, 1986



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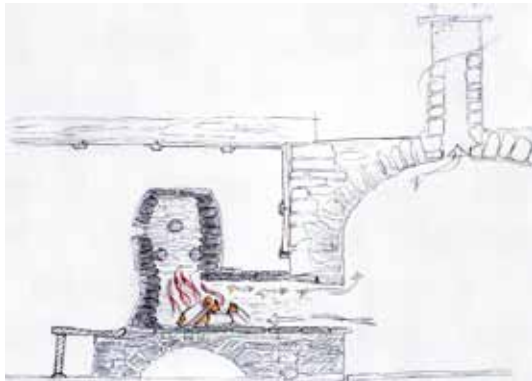
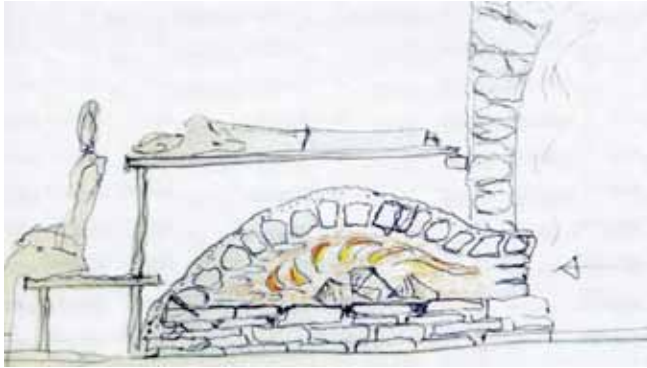
1929 Umhausen, design by Franz Baumann



two standard North Tyrolean stoves



1920, stove by Josef Kalinger (E.Moser), museum situated Fasslofen and Gaulofen from Zillertal region



Erich Moser, sketches, Science meets Craft, 2012

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