



# NORTH HOUSE FOLK SCHOOL

MEMBERS' GATHERING & ANNUAL MEETING • JUNE 23, 2024



**OUR MISSION IS**  
TO ENRICH LIVES AND BUILD COMMUNITY  
BY TEACHING TRADITIONAL NORTHERN CRAFTS  
IN A STUDENT-CENTERED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT  
THAT INSPIRES THE HANDS, THE HEART, AND THE MIND



# **2024 Students, Instructors & Supporters Celebration and Annual Meeting**

**North House Folk School**

**On Campus**

**Sunday, June 23, 2024 – 10am-11am**

## **Prior to the Annual Meeting (9am)**

**Broad Axes, Plumb Bobs and Camaraderie ..... Peter Henrikson**  
~ medieval timber roof reconstruction of Notre Dame de Paris

## **Annual Meeting (10am)**

**I. Welcome ..... Greg Wright/Carol Winter**  
~ greeting and thanks

**II. Celebrating Students, Instructors, Supporters ..... NHFS**  
~ Celebrating 20+ years (1997-2004), Greg Wright  
~ Celebrating 10+ years (2005-2014), Jessa Frost  
~ Celebrating 5+ years (2015-2019), Tom Morse  
(note: as part of the celebration, individuals in these groups are invited to stay briefly at the end of the annual meeting for group photographs)

**III. Updates/Meeting Business ..... NHFS**  
~ Approval of 2023 minutes/recognizing outgoing board, Carol Winter  
~ New Building & Campus Projects, Joe Beres  
~ Serving Community/Welcoming All, Liv Sulerud  
~ Approval of 2024 board nominees, Jane Alexander  
~ Finance Update, Greg Koschinska

**IV. Looking Forward/Closing ..... Greg Wright**  
~ Dedication & Celebration, UP24 Sept 19-21, finish line in sight!  
~ photos & feast

## **After the Annual Meeting (11am)**

**Wood-Fired Gathering and Celebration ..... Blue Building**  
~ Join Us!

## **2023 Annual Members Gathering - Minutes** **Hosted Online via Zoom**

North House Folk School – May 31, 2023

### **Attending**

Approximately 50+ North House Folk School members, guests, board members and staff attended.

#### **I. Welcome**

**Carol Winter, Board President**, welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained how the hybrid (in person and online) meeting would work. Winter thanked donors, volunteers, students, instructors who play a central role in the North House community and its success. She shared the vibrant sense of connection and commitment that are at the heart of North House and how that has led to the organization being in incredible shape to continue forward. All who have contributed time, energy and donations have been key to North House's continuing strength, stability and forward progress. Winter also recognized the North House Staff both seasoned and new, as well as Interns and Resident Artisans for their year-round and inspired efforts advancing North House's mission.

#### **II. Highlights and Updates**

**Greg Wright, Executive Director**, presented an overview of the year and described a return to some familiarity and normalcy including coursework, events, and much-cherished wood-fired pizza potlucks. Over the past two years North House has grown its scholarship and work study programs tremendously (awarding \$120,000+ in the past two years), and has just received an additional \$80,000 grant towards these efforts. This grant requires donors to match their contributions over the next two years and we hope you'll be in touch if you'd like to support this program. Solar panels on the Green Building and Hjordis electrification underscore North House's commitment to being a leader in Grand Marais as the city works towards its goal of being carbon neutral by 2040. Other highlights include growing youth programs, expanded program offerings in cooperation with Grand Portage and a re-envisioned Artisan Development Program. Recently returned from visiting craft organizations in Sweden, and was humbled by the reception and excitement about North House. Grateful to be cultivating important partnerships. Finally, in the coming months North House will be sharing more about campus evolution as we set the stage for new classrooms coming online in the next year.

**Greg Koschinska, Board Treasurer**, shared that North House ended 2022 in the black once again, the financial strength of the organization is notable, especially given the challenges of the pandemic. This marks nearly a decade and a half of the school ending the year stronger than it started. Operating details regarding the past four years at North House are included both in the Annual Meeting packet and the 2022 annual report. The board last year shifted endowment partners, and are working with the St Paul Minnesota Community Foundation, which has strong systems in place for financial management that ensures donors that their assets will be well stewarded. They also have a wide range of gift planning services that will help North House to be able to accept and offer new kinds of gift agreements, including Charitable Gift Annuities.

**Tom Morse, Development Director**, recognized that North House is a donor powered organization, and that without donor support many of the programs and opportunities highlighted today would not be possible without this support. North House is at its best when everyone gets involved at the level that is right for them - funding the parts of the mission that speak most directly to their hearts. We are thrilled that

strong giving trends continue, with this year having more new donors to date than any previous year, over 100 monthly sustaining donors, and strong support of scholarships and youth and family programs. The Spring Appeal has landed in supporters' mailboxes—an opportunity to power the mission that makes a difference in people's lives.

**Jessa Frost, Program Director**, shared that 2022 was indeed a return to “more normal,” as we hosted 12 months of in-person coursework, welcoming 140 instructors and 2,356 students to campus to participate in nearly 300 courses. In addition to the highly visible coursework we are best known for, we hosted hundreds of other programs, including after school clubs, summer youth camps, residencies, events and speakers, totalling more than 13,000 participants. 2022 also marked the welcoming of our first international instructors since early 2020, including Steen Madsen and Kerstin Neumueller in the fall, Barn Carder and Lars Morch this spring and of course the Saterglantan contingent who will visit in June as part of their 100th anniversary year. North House has also advanced efforts in indigenous-taught coursework and speakers, welcoming Anton Treuer and Leon Valliere as guest instructors, teaching additional partnership courses with Grand Portage National Monument, and expanding our regular curriculum. We are looking forward to welcoming basket maker Kelly Church and quillworker Jean Marshall to campus this fall as part of Unplugged and a new thematic week, Hide Week.

### **III. Annual Meeting Business**

**Carol Winter** opened the business portion of the meeting, directing members to their packets.

Winter recognized Mike Prom and Tina Hegg Raway for their years of service on the North House board. Mike served as President during our master planning process and through the pandemic. His leadership helped to keep the organization on track and moving decisively forward through times of great uncertainty. Tina served as our Treasurer, adding stability and strength during a time of uncertainty.

**Greg Wright** present slate of new board candidates prepared by the nominating committee:

- First term: Robert “Bobby” Dschampe
- Second term: Phil Oswald, John Schoenherr, Stephen Skeels
- Third term: Jane Alexander, Carol Winter

**Greg Koschinska moved and Mike Carlson seconded approval of the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes and slate of nominees. The membership present voted by hand and membership online voted by digital poll unanimously in favor of both as proposed.**

### **IV. Question & Answer Session**

**Liv Sulerud, Administrative Director** opened the meeting to questions from members. Discussion included questions and updates on facilities on campus from **Joe Beres, Facilities Director**, including adding heat to the blacksmith shop, solar power to the Green building and an upgrade of an electric engine for the schooner Hjordis. Liv Sulerud also reported on staffing updates including the transition of several employees into retirement during the pandemic, several key positions added, and two staff moving from the programming to facilities department. All exciting changes, grateful that we have consistent high interest and application rates for positions at North House, and that we have such a committed, fun and hard-working team. Most recent staff additions include Rae Poynter joining as Communications Manager in Dec s022, and Samantha McCauley joining as Program Manager in June.

Finally, updates on North House's work on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion were shared by **Tom Morse** including purposeful engagement by North House board members, staff, instructors, and community members in DEI work and a statement to reflect that work and commitment going forward. This DEI statement will likely be approved and shared this year. Progress North House has made so far includes growing the scholarship and accessibility programs, joint projects with the Grand Portage Band, Fireweed Community Woodshop, and the Society of Inclusive Blacksmiths, shifting our printing to Visions - which is an indigenous owned company, and working to improve physical accessibility on campus.

## **V. Closure**

**Greg Wright** concluded the meeting with invitations to upcoming events (listed below) and gratitude to donors, staff and the board for another abundant year.

The Annual Meeting culminated at approximately 7:45pm.

Minutes prepared by: *Liv Sulerud, NHFS Administrative Director*

# Celebrating North House's community of students!

## 50+ courses

Wayne Hensche  
Greg, Jeanne & Olya Wright  
Vienna Volante  
Lon Olsen  
Bob & Millie Spry  
Tom Anderson  
Garry Hooghkirk  
Carolyn Dry  
Catherine & John Schoenherr

## 25+ courses

Kim & Dan Garrett  
Anne McKinsey  
Sharon & Malcolm Mitchell  
Joe & Suzanne DesLauriers  
Will Decker & Sandy Zinn  
Ian & Rachel Andrus  
Todd Reynolds  
Amy Hubbard and Geoff Kehoe  
Bruce Knutsen  
Bob Shannon & Yafa Napadensky  
Karalyn Littlefield  
Lorrie & Phil Oswald  
Susan Ferguson  
Jane Laurence & John Wright  
Hathaway & Brataas Family  
Donna Knott & Donald Lewis  
Gayle & David Harvey  
Jim Foley  
Bob & Ginny Padzieski  
Judy Riske  
Erin Swenson-Klatt & Brendan Grant  
Joanne Groten  
Don Quest  
David & Lynn Susag  
Mark & Carol Morgen  
Kathy & Bob Sackrison  
John & Susan McCormick  
Jim & Jody Meizelis  
Gregory & Judy Mayer  
Susan Kirkland  
Janet Eggleston  
Kenneth & Diana Irons  
Cooper & Erika Ternes  
Steve & LeAnn Schack  
Sandy Skrien & Wayne St. John  
Lynn & Thomas Schwiebert  
Jeffrey & Sherri Reihle  
Paul Linden & Maggie Evans  
Tom & Lynnea Morse  
Robert & Ann Ristow

Tracy Benson & Pete Kavanaugh  
Peter & Eunice Cote  
Peter & Amy Henrikson  
Doug Scott  
Jeff & Diane Larson  
Dawn Schilling  
Kristin Majkrzak  
Patti & Evelyn DeShaw  
Jan Shepherd  
Hillary Freeman & Carol Mork  
Kay Costello  
Mark & Stacey Law  
Todd Mestad  
Randi Lyders  
Gail Murton & Doug Connell  
Sue Clemmons & Wolfgang Greiner  
Donna Linden & Ray DeVogel  
Mark & Susan Richardson  
Kathy McClure  
John & Laurie Hill  
Beth Kallio & Terry Gobel  
Jack Sneve  
Elizabeth Jo Belz  
Scott & Doug Jerabek  
Jessa & Eric Frost  
Judith Petch  
Samantha Martinez

## 15+ Courses

John & Emilie Zasada  
Rick Skoog  
Scott & Christine Ostern  
John, Harriet, & Isabelle Grauer  
Ken and Donna Jones  
Lucy Kruesel  
Carolyn & Mark Kristof  
Mary & Talon Stammen  
Jean & David Johnson  
Lindsay Lee & Lee Zieke  
Bruce Anderson  
Sarah O'Connor  
Jeannie Hanson  
Philip & Carol Westbrook  
Jay & Ella Warmington  
Leesa & John Wisdorf  
Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler  
Mike Loeffler  
Tim & Beth Homa Kraus  
Kathleen Gabrielsen  
Elger Lorenzsonn  
Jim & Louise Miller  
Jean & Tim Cochrane

Anne & Scott Pollock  
Anne Miller  
Suzanne Weber  
Allen & Linda Wilson  
Thomas Long & Connie Mortensen  
Barbara Jean Meyers  
Grace Brogan & John Kamman  
Jason Johnson  
Angela Robins  
Charles Schreier &  
Catherine McGullough  
Caleb Mattison  
James & Rene Block  
Carol & Ken Kosciak  
Charles & Carol Jahn  
Nathan & Joni Kristenson  
Harley & Norma Refsal  
Liz Halloran & David Klett  
Paul & Tracy Cardinal  
Joanne Husby  
Gary Neptune & Bibi Gottschall  
Helen & Phil Hartley  
Karen Mehnert-Meland  
Catherine & David Lowery  
Peggy Brennan  
Laurie & Lyle Spry  
Norman & Joanna Petersen  
Erik Vokaty  
Paul Swedenborg & Rita LaDoux  
Cindi Haddeman  
Martha Ritter  
Mary Kaye Smith Snell  
Jane Ljungkull  
Karen & Peter Elvin  
Tim Holter  
Jane & William Fleeson  
Lee Brady  
Crystal Nielsen  
Andrew Houlton  
Jim & Evelyn Fowler  
Tom & Karla Edwards  
Sarah Robinson  
Robert Nesheim & Marlys Johnson  
Adrea & Joe Beres  
Mary & John Anderson  
Martha & Eric Williams  
Emily Derke  
Kimberly L Bartz  
Robert Hauk  
Sue & Jeff Weber  
Linda Ricketts  
Terry Repp

# Celebrating North House's community of students!

## 15+ Courses

Dale & Kay Despard  
Jim & Sandy Waletzko  
Ross & Joane Jacobsen  
John Gildard  
Rory Scoles & Elli King  
Jay DeCoux  
Andrea Allison  
Matt Nesheim  
Pat Braasch  
Beth Ferry & David Mills  
David & Bonnie Buzza  
Jim & Linda Kadlubowski  
Sam & Nina Patten  
Susan Polege & Greg Heide  
Jennifer Brown  
John Hardy & Dawn Wilson  
Don & Kathryn Mertz  
Sam & Liam Havlina-Madsen  
Lauren Warfield  
Pam Nimmerfroh & Jorn Remmem  
Jodene Anderson  
Coralyn & Greg Koschinska  
Mike Carlson & Sue Weber  
Carol Winter & Kirk Dornfeld  
Carol Hume  
Al Knutson  
Glen & Donna Hambleton  
Linda and Mike Bauer  
Todd Rhoades & Terri Cermak  
Michael & Connie Graham  
Tom McCann & Nancy Haarmeyer  
Frank & Kate Nicoletti  
Jennifer Olson & Richard Sveum  
James J. Goodwin  
Jim Voytilla  
Harbor Inn  
Amy & Peter James  
Joel & Peggy Radjenovich  
Lana Jackson  
Milan & Carolyn Schmidt  
Maggie Jones & Bruce Nowlin  
Anne Oz Grinager  
Roger Abrahamson  
John Hodnefield  
Benjamin Byron  
John Dolmar & Barbara Faville  
Kathleen Connelly & Carolyn Sampson  
Kandise Garrison & Paul Fish  
Martin & Joan Gram  
George Thompson  
William Beckstrand

Helen Loing  
Lee & Lynda Dietrich  
Tom Van Cleve & Bruce Stahly  
Brian Goodno &  
Joan Gardner-Goodno  
Judy, Bruce, & Ian Derauf  
Jon Weber, Jean Laing-Weber & Family  
Anne Harvell & Don McClung  
Helen Duritsa  
Jim & Fawn Master  
Pat O'Connor  
Amy & David Demmer  
JoAnne & Cynthia Bemis  
Mary Erickson  
Candace LaCosse  
Yvonne Mills  
Justus Grunow & Caroline Cox  
Judy Budreau & Dick Osgood  
Pam Murphy  
Celeste Kawulok & Perry Middlemist  
Martha Weitekamp  
Hunter Adelman  
Jim, Stacy & Sabrina Stewart  
Paula & Wayson Parker  
Josie Cooke  
Michelle Friederichs  
Leith Calcote  
Elise Kylo  
Joan Costello  
Betsy Bowen Gallery & Studios  
Dick & Judith Fields  
Mary Cripps  
Stephen & Suzanne Steinhagen  
Mary MacDonald & Jeff Morgan  
Faith Clover  
Carol E. Anderson  
Jan & Dave Morris  
Erin Strauss & Liesl Chatman  
Rick & Sandy Holbrook  
Jim Sannerud  
Peter Cramb  
Russ & Kathleen Viton  
Darla Meier  
Bill & Janet Powell  
Robert Murphy & Ellen Cooke  
Gary, Jennifer & Sam McKibbin  
Kate Watson  
Heidi Loosen  
Cindy Dasch  
Hannah & Sven Hoaglund  
Philip Woutat  
Karen Rumisek

Stephanie Lightner & Carl Madsen  
Linda Ricklefs Baudry  
Tina & Nate Hegg-Raway  
Jake Fee  
Ian Carr  
Bozena Scheidel  
Renie & Bruce McVeety  
Mike Schelmeske & Myra Theimer  
Rodger & Kathryn Ringham  
Lorel Schaffer  
Wayne & Philis Anderson  
Judie Johnson  
Susan Goodell  
Sarah & Emma Reinke  
Luverne & Jeanine Ehnert  
John, Randy, & Marianne LaPlant  
Jane Powers  
Joanne Klees  
Keith Thompson  
Tyler Howell  
Heidi B. Doo-Kirk  
Ann & John Beane  
Rick, Colleen, & Eric King  
Walter Wysznewskij  
David McCabe & Andrea Gonstead  
Carol Thornton-Anderson  
Mary & Elena Cowen Bantle  
Beth McClain  
Paula Sundet Wolf  
Karen & Karl Peters  
Keith, Tersenja Wendt & Schuett  
Barbara & David Yarusso  
Becky Fitzpatrick  
Noam Wiggs  
Kari Roehr  
Sandra Paddock & Tom Kintop  
Charles Storlie  
Libby Larson  
Terry Spawn  
Amir Najam

# Celebrating North House's community of support!

## 20+ years of engagement

Art and Miriam Belding  
Bill and Joyce Schoon  
Jim Starr  
Richard and Barbara Raygor  
Susan Scherer  
Kelly Dupre and Jeff Stork  
Carl and Sue Henrikson  
Mark Prazak  
Dennis and Mickey Chick  
Tom Arneson  
Duncan Storlie  
Carla Goers and Tom Iago  
Chuck and Judy Shepard  
Coralyn and Greg Koschinska  
Rodger and Kathryn Ringham  
Larry Wiesner  
Sue Abrahamsen  
BJ and John Kohlstedt  
Cathy and Ralph Bruce  
Jenny Delfs and Jeff Kern  
Judy Trousdell  
Sheila Smith and Perry McGowan  
Carol Winter and Kirk Dornfeld  
Linda Powell  
Ted Gephart  
Connie Nelson  
Todd and Nancy Schwartz  
Larry and Ann Downing  
Mary and Doug Sanders  
Matthew Brown  
Emilie and John Zasada  
Eileen Holz  
Randi Lyders  
Bob Simonson  
Lindsay Lee and Lee Zieke  
Chris McKenzie  
Karen and Leonard Nordstrom  
Denny Fitzpatrick, Buddy Skinner  
and Family  
John Beltman and Terry O'Brien  
Wendy and Mark Hansen  
Ann and Wayne Russ  
Harley and Norma Refsal  
Patrick Schifferdecker and Lisa Krahn  
Karen Ellingson and Graham Butler  
Liz Halloran and David Klett  
Karl and Diane Benda  
Bruce and Sherrye Futterer  
Pete and Carol Harris  
Greg and Jeanne Wright and Family  
Mike Carlson and Sue Weber

Mary and Hugh Norsted  
Maggie Vogel-Martin and Phil Martin  
Michele Bliss  
Joanne Stohl  
Dove and Tracey Watkin  
Layne and Martha Kennedy  
Carla and Jim Abler-Erickson  
Mark and Sandra Dalgaard  
Peter and Amy Henrikson  
Gina Macy  
Dave and Lorrie MacGillivray  
Tom and Kay Becken  
Allen Holzhueter and Kate Hartman  
Jean and Tim Cochrane  
Kathy and Ed Bolstad  
Larry and Cheryl Winter  
Jeanne Bourquin  
Jane Ljungkull  
Virginia Hahn  
Chuck and Sue Futterer  
Mike Schelmeske and Myra Theimer  
John and Bonita Benschoter  
Joyce Klees  
Bob and Diane Hagstrom  
Charlie Black and Barbara Bofenkamp  
Mike and Kelly Nordstrom  
Tom McCann and Nancy Haarmeyer  
Kay Costello  
Terri Cermak and Todd Rhoades  
Scott and Jan Ellingson  
Tom Van Cleve and Bruce Stahly  
Bert and Mary Larson  
Craig and Karin Westgate  
Paul and Diane Jacobson  
Craig and Dianne Peterson  
Paul Egeland  
Sherrie and Brad Beal  
Derek and Carolyn Melby  
Paul and Tracy Cardinal  
Tom and Ann Rider  
Geraldine Jensen  
Donna Monty  
Jean Laing Weber and Jon Weber  
John and Barbara Williamson  
Brian and Joan Gardner-Goodno  
Nancy Burns and Scott Harrison  
Chel Anderson and John Alt  
Eric Bankhead and Connie Schrieber  
Kent Jones and Nick Vavrichek  
Barry and Diana Reicher  
Jacquelyn Tofte and David Broberg  
Michael and Nancy Benz

John Bailey and Eileen Keller  
Ken and Lois Larson  
Dave Jorde and Holly Anderson  
Jim Goodwin  
Clara Ueland and Walt McCarthy  
Rolf and Layne Lindquist  
Jim and Betty King  
Dick and Nancy Enstad  
Diana and Kenneth Irons  
Joan Gram  
Karen and Peter Elvin  
Jim and Judy Arnold  
Floyd Nelson  
Pat and Phil Kruse  
Todd and Susi Hawkinson  
Dave and Elizabeth Lee  
Ken and Carol Kosciak  
Ken and Donna Wielinski  
Brad and Carol Anderson  
Lon Olsen  
Richard Krause  
Margit and Eric Johnson  
Margit and Roald Tormondsen  
Lou Ann and Gary Weflen  
Chris and Nicki Nelson  
Pat Campanaro and Stan Tull  
Nathan and Joni Kristenson  
Paul Goodnature  
Jan and John Green  
John and Marsha Soucheray  
Anne McKinsey  
Jennifer Olson and Richard Sveum  
Traudi Bestler  
John and Gracy Waugh  
Peg and Peter Birse  
Joanne Kaye  
Eliot and Jody Stadler  
Douglas and Phyllis Ostergren  
John Lauber and Elizabeth Lincoln  
Joe and Georgia Kandiko  
Marie Westerman and Mike Hero  
Jan and Paul Wicklund  
Mary Levins  
Anne Norris

## 15+ years of engagement

Kristin Majkrzak  
Bill and Karen Hoar  
Steve and Mary Kay Helling  
Glenn and Chelly Gilyard  
Joanne Groten  
Linnea and Jon Asp



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Fred and Fran Smith  
Paula Sundet Wolf  
Katherine and Jim Geary  
Carol Colburn  
Steve and Ruthie Edlund  
Dave and Linda Prinsen  
Inger and Lou Pignolet  
Mark and Susan Richardson  
Michael Myszewski  
Daniel Zimmermann and  
Kim Christensen  
Merlyn and Linda Kiel  
Jay Hutchinson  
Jim and Fawn Master  
Kirby Fredericks and Denise LaZotte  
Lawrence and Gail Gresser-Pitsch  
Fred and Carolyn Zinke  
Rich Sill and Terry Hamp  
John and Sandi Reed  
Rob and Jody Henseler  
Mike and Ann Tessneer  
Jack Sneve  
Donald Wall  
Tim Holter  
Lowell and Andrea Johnson  
Jim and Sandy Waletzko  
Garrett Conover  
Loanne Olson  
Marcia Cushmore and Hazel Belvo  
Jim Tidwell and Susan Wolff  
Gigi Stafne  
Ruth Furman  
Jean and Norman Davis  
George Munkwitz  
John Andreasen  
Myron Bursheim  
Keith Bitzer  
Todd Mestad  
Roger and Margaret Opp  
John and Marian Hehre  
Jeff Mullinix  
Glenn Strid  
Nina Clark  
David Noreen  
Tom Hall  
Karen Orr  
William and Linda Griffith  
Patricia and Charles White  
Ken DeKam  
Laura Heiman  
Jean Jordan

Paul and Gloria Christensen  
John and Vonnie Halvorsen  
Mary Dragich and John Pastor  
John and Veronna Capone  
Reid and Anne Lindquist  
Elger Lorenzonn  
John and Madeleine MacIndoe  
Susan and Brian Darley-Hill  
Steve and Shelley Birkeland  
Catherine and John Schoenherr  
Connie Tooley  
Richard and Joyce Lamb  
Jane Alexander and Chris O'Brien  
Robert Murphy and Ellen Cooke  
Jody Slocum and Kurt Buetow  
Craig Futterer and Terri Simard  
Sam Demas and Laurel Bradley  
Jerry and Joan Lilja  
Karen Littlefield  
Michael and JoAnn Huss  
Don and Gerry Grant  
Jane and Phil Rollins  
Tyler Howell  
Susan and David Kroska  
Susan Davis  
Dale Ulrich and Julie Brunner  
Paul Aslanian  
Tom Anderson  
Charlie Howe  
Sharon Munkwitz  
Doug Bruce  
Jim and Louise Miller  
Joanne Klees  
Jim and Ruthanne Vos  
Bob Rohlfesen and Victoria Arndt  
Mike and Barb Youngquist  
Dennis and Carolyn Davidson  
Lee Brady  
Paul and Laura Holmes  
Dick Gilyard and Sharon Emery  
Gail Murton and Doug Connell  
Hugh and Nancy Magill  
Helen and Phil Hartley  
Jeff Wilt  
Ilona and Dave Harju  
Betty Abrahamson  
Grace Brogan and John Kamman  
Melissa Gjellstad  
Tib Shaw  
William Youmans and Andrea Larsen  
Keely Young-Dixon  
Vienna Volante

Jacalyn Prentice  
David and Linda Wolf  
Peter and Amy James  
Tamera and Jonathan Eirten  
Nate Ptacek  
Amy Hubbard and Geoff Kehoe  
Mary and John Anderson  
David Buzza  
Jim and Sandy Gilbert

## 10+ years of engagement

Paul and Linda Harvey  
Kenneth Zimmer  
Roxanne Beseman and Bob Klingberg  
Bob and Holly Lamond  
Carol and Leland Grim  
Peter Hart  
Judy Lathrop  
Nancy Olson  
Oz Anderson  
Carolyn Dry  
David and Carol Berg  
Vennie White  
Lonnie Dupre  
Brian Fennell  
Penny Marsh and John Klyce  
Michael and Linda Finney  
Lorrie and Phil Oswald  
Dan Prill and Katherine Krumwiede  
Jeanne Schleh  
Anne and Scott Rykken  
Christine Tooley  
Susan Polege and Greg Heide  
Robert and Linda Watson  
Bill and Janet Powell  
Jim Galloway  
Paul and Judith Bodmer  
Dean and Kathy DeBroux  
Helen Duritsa  
Jeff and Erin Huebschman  
Kim Ode and John Danicic  
Allen and Linda Wilson  
Andrea and Tom Moffatt  
Steve and LeAnn Schack  
Cynthia Wallendal  
Colleen and Rick King and Family  
Nick and Laura Coleman  
Kari Wenger  
Milan and Carolyn Schmidt  
Kevin and Beth Dooley  
Jane Laurence and John Wright  
Judy and John Miner

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## 10+ years of engagement

Catherine and David Lowery  
Douglas Affinito  
Michael Sampson and Cathy Nevers  
Jim and Cher Sulerud  
Kate Hathaway and Steve Jorgenson  
Margaret Glennon  
Carmel DeMaioribus  
Frank and Kate Nicoletti  
Hillary Freeman and Carol Mork  
James Vadis  
Tracey Cullen and Scott Husby  
Terry and Julene Timm  
Mary and Talon Stammen  
Trudy Farrell  
John Mallak  
Brian Ayers  
Cecilia Schiller  
Brenda and Greg Nethery  
Jan Shepherd  
Mark Olson  
Richard Johnson  
Steven Holli  
Tim Redpath  
Bob Shannon and Yafa Napadensky  
Michele Vaillancourt and  
Brent Wennberg  
Sherri and Jerry McCallson  
Stephan Jennebach  
Paul and Jean Groben  
Cathy Roinas  
Marsha and Bruce Kaehne  
Jared and Mary Herbert  
Roland and Lynn Crawford  
Teresa Wasick  
Laurel Jedamus  
Scott and Christine Ostern  
Ann Pifer  
Becky Flaherty  
Dawn Schilling  
Liz Etnier  
Donna Linden and Ray DeVogel  
Paul Linden and Maggie Evans  
Jessa and Eric Frost  
LuAnn Berg  
Kathryn Enright  
Sarah Flotten  
Mary and Dick Brainerd  
Kathi Spaeth  
Doug Scott  
Maggie Jones and Bruce Nowlin  
Kandise Garrison and Paul Fish

Colleen Hollinger  
Anne Brataas and Charles Hathaway  
Michael and Mary Mishou  
Andrew Houlton  
Steve and Penny Ortmann  
Robert Nesheim and Marlys Johnson  
Theresa Vaughan  
John and Lynne Severson  
Sharron Mankus  
Cheryl Larsen  
Elisabeth Dayton  
Jerri and Steve Johnson  
Heidi Hohmann  
Beth McClain  
John and Barb Rolf  
Willem and Claudia Dijstelbergen  
Edi and Roland Thorstenson  
Peter and Rosalise Molenda  
Willie and Marilyn Gorham  
Thomas Wall  
Kathy Rice  
Mary Dunning  
Lisa Hensel  
Gerard Breen  
Terry and Diana Hatchitt  
Thomas Lentz  
Jeffrey and Sherri Reihle  
Rachel Matney and Fritz Bogott  
Matt Nesheim  
Pat Robins and Lisa Schamberg  
Fred and Kay Nordeen  
Jay DeCoux  
Bridget Sobieck  
Angela Robins  
Mark and Sally Lovig  
Greg Nichols  
Craig Marble  
Gretchen and Bob Amis  
Grant and Pam Springer  
Mary Knoble  
Karen Swinton  
Toni Hanson  
Jeff and Mary Soderstrom and Family  
Mark and Mary Glasnapp  
Cynthia Fleury  
Mark C. and Julia Wilson  
Mark and Kitty Westin  
Rod and Paule Wannebo  
James Whalen  
John and Kristin Haugen-Wente  
Jon and Katie Washington  
JoEllen Haugo and David Smith

Anna Marie Lattu  
Julie and Bill Taunton  
Shirley Maier  
Sally Kendall  
Bob O'Hara  
David and Kimberly Dahl  
David Batley  
Steve and Jeanne Schwabacher  
Karen Manwiller  
David and Diane Wright  
Paul Zaander  
Roy and Jane Hart  
Marge Martin  
Katherine Bovee  
Dulcey Heller  
Laurie and Rocky Boser  
Duane Hasegawa and  
Barbara Heideman  
Dan and Ruth Goodenough  
Janice Poehlman and Jan Bandewig  
Gary Neptune and  
Eva Brigitte (Bibi) Gottschall  
Mark and Carol Morgen  
Jean and Ed Getz  
Paul Snyder and Robert Payne  
Anne and Rob Wight  
Suzann Ellis  
Joe Donohue and Michelle D'Arcy  
Kelly Marshall  
Howard and Bonnie Gay Hedstrom  
Andy Ivancic  
Melaura Schmidt-Duncan  
Brian Smith and Dixie Boschee

## 5+ years of engagement

Edwin and Susan Herricks  
Buck Benson  
Susan Reiber  
Mary Allen  
Phillip Odden and Else Bigton  
Joel and Kim Owen  
Phil and Missy Hagen  
Susie Frost  
Emily Green and Jim Manolis  
Don Robertson  
Katherine Knudson  
Tom and Dorothy Danielson  
Bruce Anderson  
Liz Gjellstad  
Michael and Francine Martin  
Jerry Wenger  
Andrea and Craig Fell-Moody

# Celebrating North House's community of support!

## 5+ years of engagement

Patrick Thulis  
Stephen and Peggy Vierthaler  
and Family  
Jerry and Chris Moench  
Bonnie and Hardy Goebel  
Laura and Grant Parcells  
Chuck Egeberg  
Rob Carlson and Teri Shipps  
Joe and Helen Bettendorf  
Janice and Gary Latz  
Laura Gilliland  
Marybeth Garmoe and Caleb Mattison  
Kirsten and Jason Long  
Cindy Welter  
Ann and John Beane  
Erin Swenson-Klatt and Brendan Grant  
Carl Madsen and Stephanie Lightner  
Lynn Quenemoen and Wendy Schwartz  
Marlene Johnson  
Jennifer and Jay Mutschler  
Jill Falk  
Ronald Raymond and Jarell Kuney  
Heather and Luke Groben  
Mark Helgeson  
Maggie Mackaman  
Sharon Bash  
Judy and Ian Derauf and Family  
Brad and Sarah Wilkinson  
Mark and Stacey Law  
Susan and Ari Fuad  
Sandy Zinn and Will Decker  
Ray Nelson and Sally Dunn  
Tom and Joyce Leddy  
Randall Hicks and Lucinda Johnson  
Michael and Janet Malik  
David Larson  
Anne and Chris Hegg  
Marjorie Fisher  
Ann Belleman  
Malcolm Smith and  
Heather McPherson  
Peter and Eunice Cote  
Gail Staisil and Rick Bartz  
Raissa Byer and Ben Hinueber  
Nora Stevens  
William Zajicek and Romi Slowiak  
Wayne Potratz  
Sam and Nina Patten  
Barb Schmiesing  
Karin Nelson  
Todd Moe

Tim and Carol Klitzke Zbikowski  
Susan Ferguson  
Nancy Fulton  
Stephen and Lynda Bany  
Mary Ann Saurino  
Peter Salyards  
David and Lynn Susag  
Jane Scallen and Steven Wells  
Robyn Hollingshead  
Bill and Cindy Hansen  
Pat Hoyt  
Michael Mahrer and Ginny McCright  
Jeff Baenen  
Scott Strampe  
Michael Ruddy  
Linda Ricklefs Baudry  
Susan Carley  
Barbara and Bill Gabler  
Jack and Sandy McHugh  
Jeremy and Mary Hanson  
Richard and Kristie Pukema  
Kevin Olsen  
Bobbie Collins  
Carolyn and Charles Ulrich  
Richard and Julie Wendland  
John and Sarah Hoch  
Eric Bertagnoli  
Stuart Pemberton and Anne Lippin  
Cynthia Hendricks  
Cassie Williams  
Paul Kotz  
Jim Wood  
Susan Kirkland  
Bob and Liz Stearns  
John Hardy and Dawn Wilson  
Catherine and Thomas Rootness  
Richard D. Valen  
Gary Blosberg  
John and April Fleck  
Pat and Ralph Karczewski  
Elizabeth Hlavka, Lee Driscoll  
and Family  
Donovan Cunningham  
Sally Swanson  
John Waddle and Carey Starr  
Rob Caruson  
Larry and Jeanne Raushel  
John Boots  
Christine Bewell  
Louise Ziegler  
Michael and Debra Eilers  
Jason Madison

Diane Meiborg  
Sandra Paddock and Tom Kintop  
Bruce Olander  
Carolyn Sakstrup  
Stephanie Nelson  
Timothy Baardseth  
Kent and Elke Knopp-Schwyn  
Mark Clark  
Jonathan Fribley  
Deborah and Jim Kielsmeier  
Mary Maurice  
Kristi and Steven Anderson-Hermann  
Leslie Anderson  
Kris Haslund and Connie Wees  
Charles Bon  
Teresa Jacobson  
Amy Boxrud and Doug Bretland  
Dan and Brittney Johnson  
Pat Carley  
Daniel Deeren  
David Kark  
Paula Gustafson and Donna Karnuth  
Michael Duss  
Diane Pearsall  
Nicholas Hanson and Patricia Bailey  
William Boquist  
Kate McKay  
Veronika Schulz  
Kim and Joe Craven  
Mimi and Eric Carlson (Garbish)  
Linda and David Kratochwill  
Paul Tuckner  
Don Dalton and Michelle Mills  
Monte and Shirley Lamer  
Mark Landreville  
Nicolas Esposito  
Drew Holmes  
Cecila Riedman and Stephen Long  
Tom Stewart  
Karen Mehnert-Meland  
Tom and Lynnea Morse  
Rudy and Jean Niemiec  
Laura Broomell  
Joel and Roxanne Fisher  
Mark McKenzie and  
Elizabeth Gramesch  
Charles Storlie  
Pam Murphy  
Pam and Dave Serdar  
Anita Bradshaw  
Dan and Pam Doty  
James and Rene Block

# Celebrating North House's community of support!

## 5+ years of engagement

Christine Williams  
Keith Wendt and Tersenia Schuett  
Bill and Sheila Brown  
John Dolmar and Barbara Faville  
Kate Bortell  
Michael and Linda Hancher  
Bob and Kris Svaleson  
John Bablitch  
Gwen Blossom  
Mary MacDonald and Jeff Morgan  
Libby Larson  
Kristine Knowles  
Robert Wegerer  
Dave Lemon  
Carolyn and Mark Kristof  
Robb Larson and Ann Newgard-Larson  
Wayne Breda  
Cassie Maki  
Mary Valitchka  
Paul Swedenborg and Rita LaDoux  
Liz Pushing  
Melinda Antisdell  
David Abramoff  
Diane Mahon and Rita Knuesel  
Deb Krause  
Kurt and Holly Fischer  
Bill and Raydelle Bruentrup  
Craig and Jill Sinclair  
Tony Walzer  
Lisa Czech  
Sam Lockhart, Audrey Butts and Family  
Mary Jo Maynes  
Cynthia Murdoch  
Michael Gibbons  
Sara Phillips  
Robert Skafta  
Mark Schneider and Mary Lincoln  
Mary Somnis  
Kevin Ringwald and Meg McMonigal  
Douglas and Delia Jurek  
Sarah Simpson  
Patty and Mark Walker  
John and Sally Blumenfeld  
Hannah Shryer  
Andrew Donaldson and Brittany Gill  
Lisa and Mark Golden Schroeder  
Nathan Horter  
Mary Chialastri  
Patty Doherty  
Rosanne and Michael Monten  
Michael Moen

Tina Green  
Ryan Miller  
Terry Spawn  
Barbara Bradley  
John and Loranda Kimple  
Marguerite Farness  
Chris Gudmastad and Karen Flanagan  
Bruce Cornwall  
Laura Cummings  
Karen Mosso  
Virginia Riley  
Cindy Bach  
Barbara Anderson  
Marilyn Danks  
Barb Huberty  
Karin Anderson  
Kris and Tom Posey  
Jennifer Stow  
Daniel Marcou and Kristi Degenhardt  
Janell Colley  
Eoghan Henderson  
Barbara Hamilton  
Tina and Nate Hegg-Raway  
Sally and David Kohlstedt  
Robin Nicholson  
Diane Gamm  
Lois Clay  
Mike and Melissa Rousu  
John McCoy  
Beth and Bob Faraone  
Anne Remington  
Erin Endsley  
Gary Anderson  
Cecilia and Rick Morse  
Sherry Robbs  
Wendy Sundquist  
Jeff and Diane Larson  
Mandy Ellerton  
Drew Smith and Ann Cooper  
Sandra Wessner  
Deborah Dillaway and Alan Lifson  
Connie Magnuson and Chuck Foley  
Tom and Janet Scott  
Keith Berge and Jennifer Kalyzhuny  
Mona and Craig Hunter  
Linda Ricketts  
Betsy Blume  
Jarrod Dahl and Jazmin Hicks  
Laura Plantenberg  
Julie Arthur and Michael Olson  
Karen Nease  
Sheila Hart

Michael Waddick  
Sue Clemmons and Wolfgang Greiner  
Kirsten Hansen  
Jane Eckstein  
Dave Seebart  
Wendy O'Neil  
Adrea and Joe Beres  
Cynthia and Kevin Froemming  
Christopher Beck, Stacey Weber-Beck  
and Family  
Elizabeth Bader  
Judy Hollingshead  
Pauline Hanson, Lois Johnson  
and Family  
Lauren Warfield  
Carla Breunig and Gail Lewellan  
Janine Rueter and Dorie Washburn  
Dave and Renee Ethier  
Carolyn McLoughlin  
Chyi-shyang Lin  
Marilyn Kochsiek  
Anna Demers  
Darren and Stephanie Bush  
Karen and John Keenan  
Curtis and Susan Meehl  
Charles and Ann Yeager  
Fred and Maggie Anderson  
Jo Campbell-Amsler

# Celebrating North House's Instructor Community!

## 20+ years

(Active and Partially Retired)

Roger Abrahamson  
Judi Barsness  
John Beltman  
Traudi Bestler  
Jeanne Bourquin  
Matthew Brown  
Liz Bucheit  
Dennis Chilcote  
Dave Cooper  
Tina Fung Holder  
Bruce Futterer  
Marco Good  
Mark Hansen  
Dave Hanson  
Tom Healy  
Peter Henrikson  
Michael Jones  
Julie Kean  
Layne Kennedy  
Fred Livesay  
Charlie Mayo  
Cathryn Peters  
Craig & Dianne Peterson  
Lou Pignolet  
Mike Schelmeske  
Mary Schliep  
Erik Simular  
Jon Strom  
Paula Sundet Wolf  
Jo Wood  
Rick Yonker  
John Zasada

## 10+ years

Ian Andrus  
Clark Bremer  
Robert Burns  
Carol Colburn  
Jarrod Dahl  
Gerald David  
Jay DeCoux  
Emily Derke  
Carol Dunn  
Eric Edgin  
Kim Garrett

Ted Gephart  
Jim Gilbert  
Mark & Katya Gordon  
Scott Graden  
Molly Grant  
Brent Gurtek  
Bryan Hansel  
Todd Hawkinson  
Jock Holmen  
Beth Homa Kraus  
Theresa Hornstein  
Jason Hovatter  
Stefania Isaacson  
Amy James  
Nate Johnson  
Ken Koscik  
Kris Kristufek  
Elise Kylo  
Candace LaCosse  
Cheryl Larsen  
Lindsay Lee  
Paul Linden  
Kelly Marshall  
Caleb Mattison  
Marcie McIntire  
Jim Miller  
Eric Moshier  
Cody Myers  
Phillip Odden & Else Bigton  
Kim Ode  
Angela Robins  
Karen Rognsvoog  
Ann Russ  
Mary Sannerud  
Jim Sannerud  
Cecilia Schiller  
Randy Schnobrich  
Robert Schulz  
David Seaton  
Jan Shepherd  
Erik Simula  
Gigi Stafne  
Erik Swenson  
Jeanne Wright  
Nick Wroblewski  
Lee Zieke  
Lori Zimmerman  
Judy Zugish

## **Board of Directors – 2024 Nominees, Returning & Outgoing**

North House Folk School

Updated: June 10, 2024

The following individuals are recommended by North House's Governance & Nominating Committee for service on North House Folk School's Board of Directors.

### **NOMINEES - NEW**

Elect for First Term through 2027

#### **\* Jarod Dahl**

*Jarrod is a 3rd generation Northerner with ancestors who hailed from Sweden, Norway and Poland and settled in Ashland, WI on the Southern shores of Lake Superior during its boom in the early 1890's. In 1997, he attended his first class at North House in ash basketry with Peter Henrikson. That experience influenced the direction of his life and work and eventually made the transition from Timber Framer and Carpenter to full time Green Woodworker in 2004. Since 2010, he has taught at North House. Classes include knife making, birch bark canisters, basketry, spoon carving. He has served as a Lead Instructor, and facilitated international NH instructors Shinichi Moriguchi, Robin Wood, Barn the Spoon. He has cultivated relationships with Swedish craft consultants and taught woodworking at Saterglantan, Japan, England, and Germany. He works with apprentices and advocates for the future of craft. He is a teacher, writer, and woodturner. With his wife Jazmin, he runs an online business Woodspirit Handcraft making and selling woodenware and textiles. In 2022 they began a small craft school in Ashland—Woodspirit School of Traditional Craft. He teaches and researches craft internationally—Scandinavia, UK, and Japan. His blog since 2011 shares his journey from Northwoods trapping semi-subsistence life on the Bad River Reservation raising his kids with his first wife, to his development as a professional woodturner and maker today. He has experience serving on the Board and as Board President of the local Co-op, participated in the formation of 2 non-profit organizations, ran a cooperative carpentry business, and currently helps vet Wisconsin Arts Board grantees. He is the recipient of Bill Copperthwaite award, various Folk Arts Grants, and the American Scandinavian Foundation Grant to study Scandinavian Basketry. He teaches up to 6 times a year at NH and considers NH a special place that caretakes the heart of craft - Ashland, WI*

#### **\* Candace Gislason**

*Born and raised in Green Bay, WI, Candace was drawn to the Great Lakes from an early age. Her first experience with Lake Superior's North Shore was honeymooning up the Gunflint Trail at the Bearskin Lodge. More visits followed, all spent exploring Cook County's many hiking, bicycling, and adventure opportunities. Candace's North Shore dreams were realized in 2022 when she and her husband Scott retired and moved to a home they built on Devil Track Lake's south shore. Candace spent her early career as a financial reporting actuary for Securian Financial Services in St. Paul and later as a pension consultant in Minneapolis. Her volunteer activities include Girl Scout leader, Allina Hospice and board service with The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library. Her library service culminated with the challenge of*

*chairing its “Opus and Olives” gala during the COVID pandemic. Currently, she volunteers with Cook County’s Master Gardeners and Caring Companions. She is a lifelong, self-taught crafter; mainly focused on fiber arts. Candace couldn’t be more excited to access all the world class instruction that North House has to offer and hopes to branch out into other forms of northern craft. - Grand Marais, MN*

**\* Anton Moody**

*Anton has lived in Grand Marais since 2002. He is the owner of Taiga Design+Build, a residential design/build firm and General Contractor who focuses on energy-efficient designs and projects that fit our northern landscape. His work has received both national and international recognition, and has been featured in Fine Homebuilding and Dwell magazine. Growing up camping, biking and running in Southern MN and NE Oregon, Anton has found the North Shore to be the ideal location to practice his craft of construction and immersion in the natural environment. He is married to his wife Brienne, a local of Cook County whose family homesteaded the shore and Maple Hill areas upon immigrating from Norway six generations ago, who is also a talented knitwear designer and NHFS instructor. They spend their days honing their respective trades while running the hills and trails of the North Shore with their two teenagers and three dogs. Anton served two terms on the Grand Marais City Council, six years as Cook County/Grand Marais Economic Development Authority Vice President, and currently sits on the Grand Marais Planning Commission - Grand Marais, MN.*

**\* Sara Phillips**

*Sara was first introduced to Grand Marais and North House Folk School through her work on projects at Camp Menogyn dating back to 2007. More recently, after being reintroduced to the wonders of North House professionally, she began taking classes and often convinces her family to join in the fun. Ranging from a baking class with her sister to Families at the Forge with her husband, Shilo, and daughter, Lyla, she looks forward to receiving the course catalogs to see what new classes are being offered and who she can bring with her. In her professional life, Sara is a managing principal and architect dedicated to helping higher education institutions evolve with the changing times. When she isn’t working, she enjoys hiking the State Parks, snowshoeing, biking, and car camping. Indoor hobbies include baking, reading, cooking, knitting, and she is committed to someday finishing the quilt she started in 2005 before her daughter was born! – Minneapolis, MN*

**NOMINEES - RETURNING**

Completing First Term in 2024 – Elect for Second Term through 2027

**\* Greg Koschinska (current Treasurer)**

*Greg and his wife of over 50 years, Coralyn, (both originally from the Twin Cities area), first encountered the North Shore as kids with each of their respective families. They started annual trips to the Shore after they married. Those first trips were in a tent, then a pop-up trailer and finally, acquiring property in Schroeder just inside Cook County at the Caribou River. They built on the shore in 1995. Greg is a CPA who retired from his financial services firm in 2003 after serving in several capacities including partner in charge of the firms Twin*

*Cities offices and chairman of its board of directors. Since retiring, he has busied himself with a financial consulting practice, served on a number of corporate boards of directors, including being elected as chair of several, as well as serving on several not for profit boards, including chair of the Sugarloaf Cove board. Greg has taken a number of wood related courses at North House as well as several cooking classes with his wife. Along with several neighbors, he has completed a North House wood fired oven which includes a timber-frame structure to house it. Greg's interest in wood extends to a fairly complete woodshop where he has made furniture and cabinetry as well as wood turning projects on a newly acquired wood lathe. Besides his interest in "all things wood", Greg golfs, fishes, including an interesting connection to historic Isle Royale, is a member of the Grand Marais Curling Club and plays a lot of pickle ball – Schroeder, MN.*

*\* Clair Nalezny*

*Clair wandered up to the north shore for the summer of 1990, indecisive about school and the direction of her life and found the north shore felt like home, so she stayed. In between bouts of school, a six-month study abroad program in Aalborg, Denmark, she made the north shore her home. In the 30+ years on the North Shore, she watched two wonderful daughters thrive and grow, lived in 3 homes, built two (the first home being a 12'x16' shack with no running water), and made a career in the hospitality industry. Clair worked seasonal jobs at Superior National Golf Course and Lutsen Mountains that ultimately blossomed into the opening General Manager of Papa Charlie's, Lutsen Mountains Restaurant and Nightclub. She finished her college degree online (with only dial up at home!), was the Human Resource Director at Lutsen Resort for 11+ years connecting people and industry to find the right fit. Clair transitioned again to the General Manager of Lutsen Resort. In early 2021, she became a co-owner of Cascade Vacation Rentals and Cascade Maintenance Services, an exciting new opportunity. Along the way she joined the board of Cook County Higher Education in 2013 and has been a proud member since, connecting people with invaluable remote education. In 2016, she joined the Sugarbush Trail Association board as an avid cross-country skier. Clair enjoys hands on learning, and has taken multiple pottery (trying her hand at the wheel!) at the Grand Marais Art Colony. She is very excited to share her love of the north shore, its history and the people and places that have shaped her adulthood. She is excited about the future of North House – Grand Marais, MN.*

*\* Kari Wenger*

*Kari was born in Grand Marais, however, her stay there was short as her father's log cabin building job had its winter hiatus which prompted a move. Most years, she returns to Grand Marais to celebrate her birthday. There was an immediate attraction to North House Folk School; learned to sew a work shirt, weave a black ash pack basket and build a wood fired bread oven (and then, built one at her farm). Kari grew up in southern Minnesota working for 20 years in many areas of the family business: scraping & painting the warehouse building to building sound module panels in the factory; communications manager; and, board member with many work experiences in-between. She is fascinated by how things work, especially the familial focus on new product development. Her college experiences revolved around art, design and philosophy. Lifelong environmentalist, gardener, cook,*



*crocheter, hiker, paddler and cross-country skier. Three generations of family cabins on Burntside Lake in Ely led to many canoe camping trips and a deep love and longing for the north woods. In 2010, followed her passion for healthy soil, nutrient dense food and rural farming communities to start a local food culture project in Amery, WI. Her primary board experiences come from Wenger Corporation, Wenger Foundation and Farm Table Foundation. - Ely, MN*

Completing Second Term in 2024 – Elect for Third Term through 2027

\* None

**RETURNING**

The following individuals are currently serving on board in midst of their first, second or third three-year term.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Term</u>
* Bobby Deschampe	2023-26	1
* Reid Lindquist	2022-25	1
* Cecilia Schiller	2021-24	1
* Phil Oswald	2023-26	2
* John Schoenherr	2023-26	2
* Stephen Skeels	2023-26	2
* Amy Hubbard	2022-25	2
* Jane Alexander	2023-26	3
* Carol Winter	2023-26	3
* Ben Peters	City Liaison	

**OUTGOING**

The following individuals have culminated their board roles.

- \* Terri Cermak
- \* Todd Mestad
- \* Cecilia Schiller
- \* Randy Schnobrich

# 2023 OPERATING OVERVIEW

As is clear throughout this 2023 Annual Report, the past year has included many reasons to celebrate. A central feature? The continuing strength and stability of North House's financial operations. To help provide background and perspective, this year's Annual Report provides a three-year financial summary of our operations.

As the summary makes clear, after the pandemic's setbacks, North House's programmatic momentum has returned on many fronts, now easily exceeding 2019 levels. And while this return of vitality is exciting to see, it is important to remember that campus continues to operate with a decreased number of classrooms. The two new classrooms that are part of our Framing the Future efforts will begin to host coursework in Sept 2024. In 2025, North House will be positioned to host 100+ additional classes.

Importantly, donor support and foundation involvement remain strong as well. Even as pandemic recovery funds diminished, initiatives to increase accessibility, power youth engagement, and continue improving classrooms have gained traction. Whether helping host key community events, welcome visiting international artisans, or strengthen the partnership with our community of instructors, the importance of supporters and partners cannot be overstated.

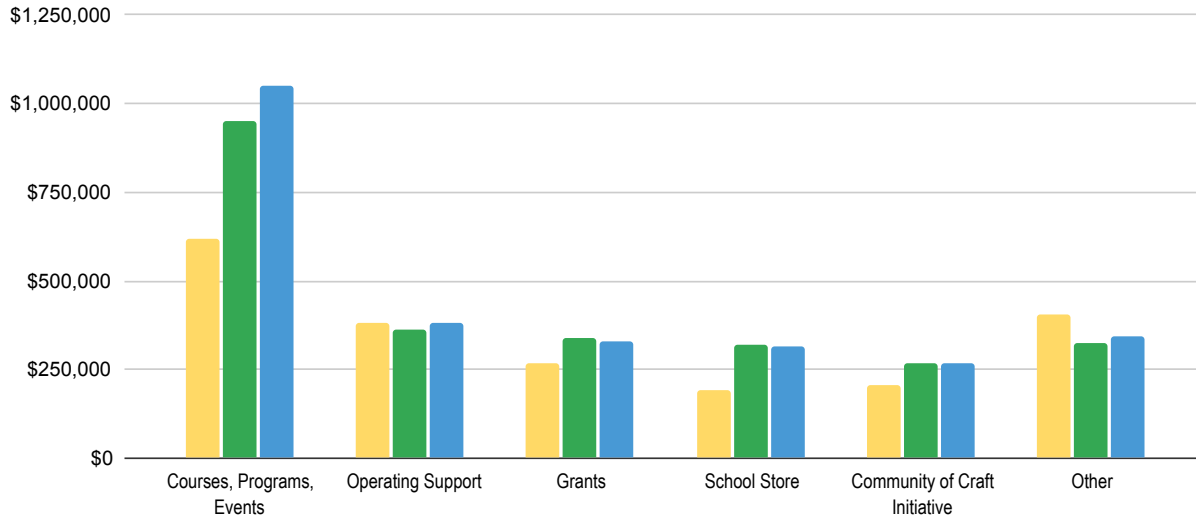
School Store sales remain strong as well, in spite of the need to move the store back to its old location in the Blue Building in August 2023 when the Welcome Center construction began. The School Store's return to the front of campus is on the not-too-distant horizon. Its increased size promises additional student resources, tools, books, and an abundance of artisan craft. The move is anticipated in late summer 2024.

Several key highlights:

- In 2023, North House continued to expand its scholarship and work study programs. Youth scholarships, as well as our local tuition discount programs, continued to move forward. By the end of the year, North House invested over \$100,000 in expanding accessibility for students of every age. Approx 12% of current students receive some type of assistance or support.
- Even as North House moved operations forward, funding for and construction of Framing the Future projects have been underway. The Campaign total goal is \$7 million (\$5 million for capital improvements, \$2 million for programs & operations). As of March 4, 2024, \$5.73 million has been secured. The building dedication will take place at Unplugged 2024 (see page 8-9).
- North House's endowment fund continues to grow, and as of December 31, 2023, had a total value of \$455,835. The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation plays a key role in our endowment management and providing services to endowment donors. Funds include both donor and board restricted assets, with all funds invested to create a long-term funding stream supporting North House's mission.

# OPERATING REVENUE

	2021	2022	2023	CHANGE
COURSES, PROGRAMS, EVENTS	\$616,819	\$950,273	\$1,051,794	11%
DONATIONS	\$381,465	\$362,957	\$380,695	5%
GRANTS	\$267,557	\$337,191	\$329,985	-2%
SCHOOL STORE:	\$191,473	\$318,082	\$315,872	-1%
COMMUNITY OF CRAFT INITIATIVE:	\$207,327	\$267,683	\$265,500	-1%
OTHER	\$405,756	\$324,321	\$342,627	6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,070,397</b>	<b>\$2,560,507</b>	<b>\$2,686,473</b>	<b>5%</b>



# OPERATING EXPENSES

	2021	2022	2023	CHANGE
COURSES, PROGRAMS, EVENTS	\$733,682	\$1,148,899	\$1,185,777	3%
ADMINISTRATION	\$488,122	\$410,523	\$487,924	19%
COMMUNITY OF CRAFT INITIATIVE	\$207,327	\$267,683	\$265,500	-1%
OPERATIONS: CAMPUS	\$236,952	\$258,302	\$268,152	4%
SCHOOL STORE	\$160,185	\$253,827	\$242,537	-4%
COMMUNICATIONS	\$146,463	\$200,093	\$224,790	12%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,972,731</b>	<b>\$2,539,326</b>	<b>\$2,674,680</b>	<b>5%</b>

