

# WINTERER'S GATHERING

& arctic film festival



NOVEMBER 17 - 19, 2017



## Featured Speaker JON TURK

The Winterer's Gathering & Arctic Film Festival is a multi-day educational event that celebrates the crafts, customs, landscape, history and stories of winter travel and traditional life ways in the north. Winter travel enthusiasts and northern culture admirers merge on the North House campus for four days of winter travel seminars, courses and workshops complemented by multiple evenings of inspiring thought-provoking international films about arctic life.

## JOIN US!

**NOV 15-NOV 19:**

Multi-day, Single Day & Half Day Craft Courses  
*register in advance*

**NOV 17, 18, 19:**

Film Festival, Speaker Series, Featured Events  
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## Arctic Film Fest

titles & screening times

film screenings are all in the Blue Building except where noted

FREE!

Fri  
9am

### Freedom Under Load

(2016, Slovakia, Pavol Barabás, 58 minutes) With hundred kilos on their backs they are facing storms, blizzards and deep snow. Their craft is not only a profession, but also their way to the calmness. Meet the oldest generation of the porters in the High Tatras, who climb with supplies to the mountain huts every day.

Fri  
10am

### Sweetgrass

(2009, US, Ilisa Barbash and Lucien Castaing-Taylor, 101 minutes) An unsentimental elegy to the American West, "Sweetgrass" follows the last modern-day cowboys to lead their flocks of sheep up into Montana's breathtaking and often dangerous Absaroka-Beartooth mountains for summer pasture. This astonishingly beautiful film reveals a world in which nature and culture, animals and humans, vulnerability and violence are all intimately meshed.

Fri  
Noon

### The Super Salmon & Hand.Line.Cod

(2016, USA, Ryan Peterson, 25 minutes) (2016, Newfoundland, Justin Simms, 13 minutes) A salmon in Alaska makes an unlikely journey on "the Mount Everest of rivers" - the Susitna - as residents consider the costs/benefits of a mega-dam. Meet the landscape, people, and wildlife of the Alaskan wilderness in this beautiful and entertaining film. Hand. Line.Cod follows traditional fishers who catch cod live by hand, one at a time, by hook and line in the waters surrounding Newfoundland's rugged Fogo Island.

Fri  
3pm

### Northern Fisherman & Ogichidaa Storytellers

(1966, Canada, Martin Defalco, 24 minutes) and (2017, Finn Ryan, 7 minutes) Watch two short films about fishing: Northern Fisherman is an exposé on the style of fishing done by Native fishermen in the Prairie provinces of Canada. Ogichidaa Storytellers tells a story of the Lake Superior Ojibwe treaty rights to harvest fish.

Fri  
3:30  
pm

### I Am Yup'ik

(2016, USA, Daniele Anastasion & Nathan Golon, 17 minutes) A 16-year-old Alaskan Yup'ik teenager leaves his tiny village and travels across hundreds of miles of frozen tundra to compete in a basketball tournament and bring pride to his village.

Fri  
4pm

### Angry Inuk

(2016, Canada, Alethea Arnaquq-Baril, 77 minutes) A new generation of tech-savvy Inuit challenge common perceptions of seal hunting, and promote sustainable harvest with their own sense of humor and justice.

Fri  
5:30  
pm

### Outdoor Film Screening: Ski Shorts The Shadow Campaign

(USA, Ben Sturgulenski) Join us for an outdoor film screening of 3 shorts that capture the beauty of snow and skiing.

Fri  
9pm

### Sea Gypsies: The Far Side of the World

(2016, US, Nico Edwards, 77 minutes. Language advisory) In early Feb 2014, during the iciest year on record in the Southern Ocean, 120-ft ketch Infinity and her crew of 16 left New Zealand on an 8,000 mile pacific crossing to Patagonia, with a stop in Antarctica. The expedition was undertaken with a non-ice-reinforced gypsy boat built by hand in the 1970's, crewed by a band of wandering miscreants, with no permits or insurance and an almost non-existent budget. This is a story about sailing, the camaraderie of a shared struggle and the raw awe inspiring power of the natural world.

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Sat  
9am

### Between Earth and Sky

(2016, USA, Paul Allen Hunton and Jonathan Seaborn, 75 minutes) The Alaskan island of Shishmaref has been home to the Inupiat people for thousands of years. As sea ice retreats and coastal storms increase the people of Shishmaref are faced with a disappearing island and a 200 million dollar price tag to move their people with an untold cost on their culture and history.

Sat  
10:30  
am

### Arctic Action and Adventure Shorts

**Northbound "Mot nord"** (2016, Norway, Jørn Nyseth Ranum, 9 minutes)

Welcome to another form of winter transportation: the skateboard. This film shows the first attempt to bring skateboard into nature and skate on frozen sand beaches in northern Norway. Join four of Norway's best skaters in this poetic and playful encounter with the Arctic winter.

**The Accord** (2016, Iceland/USA, RC Cone, 19 minutes)

The reality of growing up a surfer in Iceland is different from anywhere else in the world. There are no surf shops, guidebooks or webcams. But being so far removed from the hustle and bustle of the known surf world hardens Iceland's surfers to confront the issue they all must face: the North Atlantic wind.

**China: A Skier's Journey** (2016, USA, Jordan Manley, 16 minutes)

Skating as sport is in its infancy in China, a phenomenon of the country's exploding middle class. As a means of survival, however, it is thousands of years old, a stone age hunter-gatherer technology born in the Altai mountains where China, Mongolia, Kazakhstan and Siberia merge.

Sat  
3pm

### Sami Blood

(2016, Sweden, Amanda Kernell, 110 minutes) Elle Marja, 14, is a reindeer-breeding Sámi girl. Exposed to the racism of the 1930's and race biology examinations at her boarding school, she starts dreaming of another life. To achieve this other life, she has to become someone else and break all ties with her family and culture.

Sun  
9am

### Shepherdess of the Glaciers

(2016, France, Christiane Mordelet and Stanzin Dorjai, 74 minutes)

Tsering is a shepherdess high in the mountains of Ladakh, India. Trace her footsteps across the snowy, isolated landscape in this beautifully shot and uniquely personal documentary of a woman and her flock on the other side of the world. 2016 Banff Grand Prize winner.

Sun  
Noon

### Jeff's World

(2017, Minnesota, Brenda Piekarski, 60 min)

A story of discovery, vision and grit, "Jeff's World" takes a humorous behind-the-scenes look into the world of rock climbing and the tenacity required to build a sport climbing destination accessible only by boat and hidden in a pristine Canadian wilderness.



## Get the Member Event Pass!

You can support North House AND receive great perks! Simple to use at all three major events for the year: Wooden Boat Show, Unplugged and Winterer's Gathering. Sign up for a pass AND automatically become a NH member! Cost: Individual Pass: \$25, Family Pass: \$50. Watch for the event pass icon throughout the program - the pass gets you into all speakers and seminars for FREE!

## Winter Seminars

All are located in the Blue Building



Event Seminars are 45 minute presentations and demos that take place throughout the weekend. **Free with the Member's Event Pass/ \$5 per seminar, paid at the door.** Held in the Blue Building.

Fri  
1pm

### Winter Animal Tracking w/Jon Popelle

Get a glimpse of the winter landscape through the eyes of an experienced tracker. Wildlife tracking—perhaps the most ancient of all sciences—is the interpretation of signs left behind by animals going about their lives. By studying and interpreting these signs, we will peer into the secret lives of animals around us, learn about our local ecology, and connect more deeply with the natural world we live in.

Fri  
2pm

### Dogsledding Scandinavia w/Jerry Vanek

Part polar history lesson, part travel guide, part cultural emersion—sled dog veterinarian Dr. Jerry Vanek summarizes the evolution of dog sledding in Scandinavia. Since 2010, Dr. Vanek has visited Norway 14 times, Sweden 9 times, and Finland 8 times (but who's counting?) as an official race veterinarian, invited symposium speaker, and physiotherapy trainer for the Norsk Army Working Dog Training Center.

Sat  
Noon

### From Alberta to New Mexico: The Tour Divide Bike Race w/Jeremy Kershaw

The Tour Divide had been a decade-long dream for biker and photographer, Jeremy Kershaw. On July 1, Jeremy finished this 2,800 mile unsupported race from Banff, Alberta to Antelope Wells, New Mexico/Mexico in 22 days and 12 hours. It was a challenge that tested him physically, mentally and emotionally, and he's ready to share his story with other adventurous spirits.

Sat  
1pm

### Gathered and Grown: Food, Craft and the Seasonal Round w/Nate Johnson

Nate Johnson and Emily Derke bought five acres of land on a small lake in northern Minnesota, built a yurt, and have dedicated much of their time since to growing and gathering their food from the landscape around them, making things they need in order to do so, and in general learning the cycles of the seasons where they live. Hunting, trapping, fishing, wild ricing, maple sugaring, gardening, and gathering plants takes up most of their time, followed by making useful goods (clothing, buildings, tools, baskets, woodworking projects, etc) from scratch. This slideshow and presentation will offer a look into the practices and philosophy of their efforts.

Sat  
2pm

### Night Photography of the North Shore w/Travis Novitsky

A life-long resident of the north shore of Lake Superior, Travis was born in Grand Marais and resides in Grand Portage. He has been photographing the north shore for over 20 years, specializing in images of the night sky. Join us as he shares images and stories from his book "The Night Sky - A decade of adventures after dark"

Sun  
11am

### Seven Ways to Trick a Troll w/Kari Vick

To defeat a troll, you must draw on the very best of your humanity: you must have courage, patience, kindness, the ability to work with others, and plenty of moxie. It also helps to know a troll's weaknesses, and that is where this book comes in! Join illustrator Kari Vick as she presents this new book by Norwegian storyteller Lise Lunge Larsen.

## Featured speaker

explorer, Jon Turk

photo by Michelle Valberg



## Featured Presentation

Sat  
7:30  
pm

Featured Presentation: Communication with Animals w/ Jon Turk  
Location: Red Building; doors open at 7pm  
**Free with Event Pass, \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families**

Jon grew up on the shores of a wooded lake in Connecticut, attended Phillips Academy, Andover and then Brown University. He earned a Ph.D. in organic chemistry at the University of Colorado, in 1971. The same year, in honor of Earth Day 1, he co-authored the first environmental science textbook in the United States. It sold 100,000 copies and spearheaded the development of environmental science curricula in North America. At the same time, hounded by restless spirits, Jon began wandering the globe. Over the decades, he has kayaked across the North Pacific and around Cape Horn, mountain biked through the Gobi desert, made first climbing ascents of big walls on Baffin Island, and first ski descents in the Tien Shan Mountains in Kyrgyzia.

Returning for his third appearance at North House Folk School, Jon Turk has new stories to tell of the creatures he has encountered on his path. Jon observes "Just about everyone talks with animals in some form, one time or another. How intelligent are our furry and feathered friends? What do they say back to us, and where does consciousness begin and end? Perhaps the first critical step toward global sustainability is recognizing and honoring our Communication with Animals." Curious? So are we! Hear more at his Featured Presentation.

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

	FEATURED PROGRAMS	FILMS	SEMINARS	SKILL SHARES
fri nov 18 AM		<p>9am   Freedom Under Load (58 min)</p> <p>10am   Sweetgrass (101 min)</p> <p>Noon   The Super Salmon (25 min) Hand. Line. Cod. (13 min)</p> <p>3pm   Northern Fisherman (24 min) &amp; Ogichidaa Storytellers (7 min)</p>		<p>10am   Knot-Craft: Surviving Without Duct Tape w/Ben Byron</p> <p>11am   Maintaining Your Leather Boots w/ Derek Rausch</p>
fri nov 18 PM	<p>4 pm   Begin, Continue exhibit opening at the Johnson Heritage Post</p> <p>5:30 pm   Dinner On A Stick</p> <p>7 pm   Snowshoe Shuffle Community Contra Dance</p> <p>7 pm   Into the Northland, a "Cranky" performance</p> <p>8 pm   Coldsnap Poetry Slam</p>	<p>3:30pm   Am Yup'ik (17 min)</p> <p>4pm   Angry Inuk (77 min)</p> <p>5:30pm   Outdoor Film Screening   The Shadow Campaign</p> <p>9pm   Sea Gypsies: The Far Side of the World (77 min)</p>	<p>1pm   Winter Animal Tracking w/ Jon Popelle</p> <p>2pm   Dogsledding Scandinavia w/ Jerry Vanek</p>	<p>1pm   Whitefish Netting w/ Nate Johnson</p> <p>2pm   Shadow Puppetry w/Anna Ruhland</p> <p>3pm   Post and Rung Stool Making w/Rose Holdorf</p> <p>4pm   Making Maple Syrup and Sugar w/Kerry Lambertson</p>
sat nov 19 AM	<p>8am - 3pm   Tea Tasting in the Yurt</p> <p>10am - 5pm   Intern Alum Pop-up Gallery</p> <p>10am - 6pm   Begin, Continue exhibit open - at the Johnson Heritage Post</p> <p>10:30 am   Great Gear &amp; Ski Swap</p>	<p>9am   Between Earth and Sky (75 min)</p> <p>10:30am   Arctic Action &amp; Adventure Shorts: Northbound "Mot nord" (9 min); The Accord (19 min); China: A Skier's Journey (16 min)</p>	<p>Noon   From Alberta to Mexico: The Tour Divide Bike Race w/ Jeremy Kershaw</p>	
sat nov 19 PM	<p>2pm   Winter Tent Camp Tour</p> <p>6 pm   The Deep-Freeze Chili Feed (\$10 per person)</p> <p>7:30 pm (Doors open at 7 pm)   <b>Featured Presentation:</b> Communicating with Animals w/ Jon Turk</p>	<p>3pm   Sami Blood (110 min)</p>	<p>1pm   Gathered and Grown: Food, Craft, and the Seasonal Round w/ Nate Johnson</p> <p>2pm   Night Photography of the North Shore w/ Travis Novitsky</p>	<p>1pm   Fat Tire Introduction w/Jay Arrowsmith Decoux</p> <p>2pm   Keeping the Beat: Basic Clogging and the Old-Time Band w/Skyler Hawkins</p> <p>3pm   Repair Your Wears w/ Martha Brummitt</p> <p>4pm   Backcountry Baking w/ Emily Derke</p>
sun nov 20	<p>Noon - 4pm   Begin, Continue exhibit open - at the Johnson Heritage Post</p>	<p>9am   Shepherdess of the Glaciers (74 min)</p> <p>Noon   Jeff's World (60 min)</p>	<p>11am   Seven Ways to Trick a Troll w/ Kari Vick</p>	<p>10am   Everyday Slöjd - Slöjd Every Day w/ Paul Linden</p> <p>11am   Tea Party w/ Alexander Friend</p>



# Skill Share Demonstrations

These short intensive sessions focus on particularly handy skills. Dress for a partially heated environment.

**FREE to event pass holders**

**\$5 for individual sessions-collected at the door**

Locations will be posted outside the Blue Building

**Fri 10am Knot-Craft: Surviving Without Duct Tape w/Ben Byron**  
With a bit of line and a few good knots we can explore alternatives to rivets, zip ties, ratchet straps, and the handyman's secret weapon.

**Fri 11am Maintaining Your Leather Boots w/ Derek Rausch**  
An often overlooked hero of winter and work is the trusty leather boot. Take a moment to appreciate your boots for all the work they do: give them a proper detail cleaning and then follow up with a sealer or waterproofing conditioner.

**Fri 1pm Whitefish Netting w/ Nate Johnson**  
Take a quick look at the life and ecology of the whitefish, and talk about methods and locations for legally netting them in the state of Minnesota. Nate will bring a 100' long gill net and the few simple tools needed to set it, and then talk through the details of the netting process. He will also cover the ways he's cooked and preserved them once harvested.

**Fri 2pm Shadow Puppetry w/Anna Ruhland**  
Shadow puppetry is a historic form of storytelling utilized across the globe. Intern Anna will teach you the fundamentals of shadow puppetry and performance. Armed with paper, an exacto knife and a flashlight you too can create characters to tell your own lores!

**Fri 3pm Post and Rung Stool Making w/Rose Holdorf**  
Learn the basics of chair making in the traditional post and rung style. Rose will demonstrate how to rive green wood, shape and shave the wood into usable posts and rungs, assemble the stool with mortise/tenon joinery, and weave the seat with shaker tape.

**Fri 4pm Making Maple Syrup and Sugar w/Kerry Lambertson**  
Join Kerry for an introduction to the tools and skills involved in making maple syrup and maple sugar. All the basics will be covered as well as a demonstration on carving maple taps from wood.

**Sat 1pm Fat Tire Introduction w/Jay Arrowsmith Decoux**  
When the snow falls many people hang up their bikes for other equipment, but with unpredictable (or predictable) snow conditions, fat biking is a safe way to get out and explore the winter wonderland! Free tours will be provided by Fireweed Bike Cooperative of Grand Marais

**Sat 2pm Keeping the Beat: Basic Clogging and the Old-Time Band w/Skyler Hawkins**  
It's not a folk school without folk music. Hear a few old instrumental tunes played on the banjo and fiddle, and learn about the origins of the music and the role of the "flatfooter" (clogger) in an old-time band. Maybe try a few steps yourself!

**Sat 3pm Repair Your Wears w/Martha Brummitt**  
Bring your buttonless shirt, tattered pants, or leaky duct taped tent to this fabric repair skill share. You'll learn new techniques with a variety of tools and increase the longevity of your well-used piece of clothing, gear, shoes, etc.

**Sat 4pm Backcountry Baking w/Emily Derke**  
Learn to take full advantage of the most elemental winter camping tool: the woodstove! Emily will outline the tools and techniques necessary in order to bake in the backcountry, and demonstrate some of her favorite recipes for cookies and cakes.

**Sun 10am Everyday Slöjd - Slöjd Every Day w/ Paul Linden**  
Everyday Slöjd is about recapturing the connection between our own creativity and the useful and decorative objects that surround us. My focus is on low tech / high touch woodworking projects that emphasize the use of durable, affordable, and portable hand tools that offer a broad applicability. Proficiency with these tools and techniques may empower anyone to begin slowly and steadily replacing uninspiring objects in their home with those that have been beautifully crafted from their own hands.

**Sun 11am Tea Party w/ Alexander Friend**  
Warm yourself in the North House yurt and learn about this age-old beverage from a contemporary tea aficionado and purveyor. Enhance your appreciation for the ingredients, flavors and benefits of tea.



# Weekend Highlights

all week-end

## Harborside Winter Tent Camp

An opportunity for winter campers to set up their shelter near campus, whether it be a canvas wall tent, an expedition or 4-season nylon-grade tent, or a traditional Mongolian yurt, and share information and ideas about winter camping in the elements of cold weather. Participants are recommended to be a part of the Winter Tent Tour scheduled on Saturday at 2pm.

Costs - \$8/night (non-electric) \$15/night (electric) (registration required – call the Grand Marais Rec Park at 800-998-0959 to reserve a site)

Fri 4pm

## Begin Continue: 20th Anniversary Craft Exhibit Festive Opening Reception

### Friday, 4-6pm, Johnson Heritage Post Gallery

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of North House, more than forty artisan instructors have contributed work exploring the theme of “Begin Continue” At North House, we celebrate the beginning of people’s relationship to craft: as students, as appreciators, as aspiring makers, as users and consumers. We honor the continuation and deepening of that relationship: as master artisans, teachers and lifelong learners, as culture bearers rooted in tradition yet reaching forward, as makers of handmade lives. Join us for a festive opening reception to celebrate this sure-to-be-inspiring exhibit, which will remain open through December 15, 2017. Exhibit will also be open 10am - 6pm on Saturday, November 18 and Noon - 4pm on Sunday, November 19.

Fri 5:30 pm

## Open Fire Dinner on a Stick & Outdoor Film Screening

Gather around a bonfire and cook over an open fire as a community. Participants bring their own food. We’ll also enjoy a short outdoor film screening (free).

Fri 7pm

## Snowshoe Shuffle Traditional Community Contra Dance / 7pm family dance, 8pm community dance

Don your winter wardrobe and warm up at this friendly community contra dance. Dances are called and instructed by the music ensemble, “Over The Waterfall.” The dance takes place in the historic timbered woodshop. \*\*no registration required, free w/ member event pass, \$5-10 all else

Fri 7pm

## Into the Northland

A “Cranky,” or moving panorama, is a storytelling platform that dates back to the 18th-19th centuries. North House intern Anna Ruhland will utilize this form of storytelling to bring together image, sound, light, puppetry and lore. “Into the Northland” is inspired by her time spent forming relationships with the people and exploring the places that make up the north woods. The cranky will be performed using illuminated visuals to showcase the imagery of our beloved boreal forest, mighty lake Superior and creative community that is truly the Northland. Musical accompaniment by another North House intern, Skyler Hawkins.

Fri 8pm

## Cold Snap Poetry Slam

Cold Snap Poetry Slam is a friendly celebration of the spoken word and the glories of the frozen North! Join in the fun by reading one of your own works or any selected seasonal poetry of your choosing. By sharing your favorite hibernal verse, presenters will receive wide recognition as cultural icons, as well as a free bottomless bag of popcorn for the weekend! Audience members will not only hear some great poetry but will also bear witness to the birth of a literary revolution. Register in advance at [www.northhouse.org](http://www.northhouse.org). Poetry slam will be held in the Blue Building.

Sat 10am - 5pm

## Intern Alum Pop-up Gallery

Come see what past interns have been making since their internship! The pop-up gallery will be open only on Saturday.

Sat 8am - 3pm

## Tea Tasting in the Yurt

Join tea expert Alexander Friend for tea in the yurt! Alexander founded his business Niuka and creates original tea formulas using organic and sustainably sourced ingredients, combining standout flavors with powerful health benefits. His teas are designed to help regulate stress, detoxify the body and maintain that ever-shifting sweet spot of relaxed vitality and inspired focus.

Sat 10:30 - 11:30 am

## The Great Gear & Ski Swap

Bring your outdoor equipment to sell or get in on some great bargains & buy. Registration forms to sell your gear are ready. Back-country skis to winter canvas tents. Ice skates to kites. Winter boots to down jackets. All are welcome.

\*\*registration for items in swap is required, registration forms available online and at the day of the event

Sat 6pm

## The Deep Freeze Chili Feed

Grab your bowl for this traditional winter favorite: chili & freshly baked cornbread. Hot chili (your choice: vegetarian or meat) is cooked up in the kettle and eaten in the warm banquet hall by the woodstove. (\$10/person paid at the door)

Sat 7:30 pm

## Featured Presentation: “Communicating with Animals with Jon Turk”

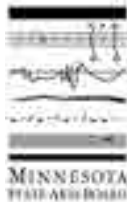
### Saturday, 7:30pm

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