

WOODEN BOAT SHOW & SUMMER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL

JUNE 16 - 18, 2017



20th ANNIVERSARY

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WELCOME

Wooden Boat Show & Summer Solstice Festival

Get comfortable. Pull up a chair by Lake Superior. Grab a bowl of chowder. Fall in love with the lines of a boat. Feel the magic of the solstice pageant. Listen to a story. Dance. Bid. Eat. Learn. Sail. Gather. Whether you've just found us by fortunate accident, or a trip to Wooden Boat Show is a summer pilgrimage for you, we're glad you've journeyed north to join us.

We're confident you'll find plenty to dig into here at North House Folk School: mini courses, live craft demonstrations, storytelling and more. After all, the season of long days and starry nights has arrived and we're ready to celebrate.



Thank you for being a part of this inspiring gathering. Here's to the joys of hands-on craft, life-long learning and savoring the longest days of the year.

Get the Pass!

Easy to get!
Simple to use at all of our three major events for the year (Wooden Boat Show, Unplugged, and Winterer's Gathering). Sign up for a pass AND automatically become a North House member! Individual Pass: \$25, Family Pass: \$50. Watch for the event pass icon throughout the program for your benefits!



It's our birthday! 20th ANNIVERSARY

Don't miss these special 20th anniversary additions to the Wooden Boat Show

POP-UP CRAFT GALLERY Saturday, June 17

See the wide array of student-created work made in classes at North House. Get inspired to dive into a class yourself!

BIRCH, CEDAR, ASH: A CANOE IN 6 DAYS Monday, June 12 - Saturday, June 17

See craft in action as three instructors build a birch bark canoe that will be launched Sunday, June 18 after our Annual Members Gathering.

COMMUNITY OF CRAFT INSTALLATION & BOOK

And if you haven't seen it yet, make sure to check out the Community of Craft installation (L) in the Green Building. Commemorative books (R) are also for sale in the School Store.



Boats-to-Tools Auction

With 200+ items, you're guaranteed to find something at the Boats-to-Tools silent auction.

Fri, 7-8 pm • Sneak Peek for Member
Event Pass Holders (Bidding & Buy-it-Now section opens)

Sat, 10 am • Silent auction opens
Sat, 4:30 pm • Silent auction closes



Wooden Boat Show Speaker Series



Watch, listen, be inspired. The adventurous and spirited journeys of sailors, boat builders and canoeists converge for two days of inspirational presentations. Free with Member Event Pass or \$5/presentation for non-members. Become a member today, for as little as \$25 and get the Member Event Pass!

FRIDAY, JUNE 16 • 1pm

Preserving Indigenous Canoes with Kemo Ahmicasaube Smith

Kemo Ahmicasaube Smith, an Anishinaabe artist and Elder from Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa, in Michigan, will share perspectives on preserving Native cultural heritage and skills. Emphasis is on current efforts and immersion programs to revitalize Anishinaabe culture, knowledge, and language; including traditional birch bark canoe building.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16 • 2pm

Musical Mysteries Explained: Secrets of Deepwater Worksongs with Bob Walser

Sea shanties—the worksongs of deep water sailors—are perennial favorites at folk and maritime festivals, campfire songfests and other informal musical gatherings. The product of a brief historical moment, these salty songs have continued to live long after the demise of their original context. This talk will examine features of these songs and explore how “survival of the fittest” may apply to this folk song genre.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16 • 3pm

The Paul La Plante Partnership: Building A Mackinaw Boat at North House with David Cooper

In 1999, North House and Grand Portage National Monument teamed up to build a Mackinaw boat, a reconstructed version of the 19th century workboat that dominated the Great Lakes commercial fishing industry. A small team of boat-builders, augmented by the North House instructor cadre, and dozens of North house students all participated in the effort. The project used local materials and talent wherever possible, and the boat, launched in June 2000 was named for Grand Portage boat-builder Paul La Plante. David Cooper from the National Park Service will present an illustrated history of the project as well as a dockside tour of the finished boat.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16 • 4pm

Hiking the BWCA: The Pow Wow Trail Returns with Martin Kubik

Traveling by canoe isn't the only way to experience the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness: a network of hiking trails criss crosses the wilderness, providing a unique and beautiful perspective of this incredible landscape. Join Martin Kubik, founder of the Kekekabic Trail Club and the Boundary Waters Advisory Committee to learn about the Pow Wow Trail, much of which burned during the Pagami Creek Fire in 2011. Martin will provide an update on the fire ecology of the area and discuss how volunteers are tackling 6,000 tree falls and maintaining a six mile section of the trail. New jack pine and poplar growth is abundant, and due to the fire burning extremely

hot at times, brush is slow to make come-back. Volunteers learn teamwork, leadership and improve their backpacking skills along the way.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 • 2pm

20th Anniversary Boat: A Project to Celebrate North House with Dan Strootman

A life long paddler, Dan Strootman participated in the first canoe building course ever offered at North House. Soon after, his talent as a canoe builder and restoration specialist quickly grew—an inspiring example of what happens when your hobby becomes a way of life! Now, for North House's 20th Anniversary, Dan and a hardworking crew collaborated to build a breathtaking one-of-a-kind canoe, celebrating the utility and beauty of craft. Join Dan as he shares the behind-the-scenes story of constructing this piece of North House history, which will be on display on campus until it is auctioned off during Unplugged 2017!

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 • 3pm

Lake Superior Tall Ships with Phil Peterson & Gordon Ringberg

Lake Superior Tall Ships provides youth sail training aboard the schooner Abbey Road, inspires stewardship of Lake Superior, and promotes our maritime heritage. Based in the Bayfield Peninsula of Wisconsin, they are working to build or purchase a Tall Ship that will serve all the communities on the lake. Come hear what this group of volunteers is doing now, and their ambitious plan for the future!

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 • 4pm

Building a Wood-Strip Paddleboard with Jim Eckblad

In this illustrated presentation by Jim Eckblad, Emeritus Professor of Biology at Luther College, you will learn how you

can take a pile of long thin wood strips and turn them into a functional paddleboard. Jim believes it has been a natural transition to move from studying what lives in water to building vessels that move across the water's surface. In retirement he has built a 14-ft kayak (shown at the Wooden Boat Show in 2010), a 12-ft paddleboard (shown in 2014), and recently a 10-ft paddleboard (shown this year). Jim will compare the three builds—all using wood-strip construction—but will provide more detail about this most recent build.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 • Noon

Annual Membership Gathering followed by Featured Presentation "The Canoe: A Natural History in North America" with Mark Neuzil & Norman Sims

Celebrate another year of mission-driven success at North House: 2400+ students immersed in craft education, thousands of visitors to campus engaging our story through community gatherings, special events, public programs and live demonstration. The meeting, open to all (with opportunities for current members to vote), will highlight what our strong community of supporters has accomplished and foreshadow the year ahead. Immediately following the meeting, we will be joined by featured speakers Mark Neuzil and Norman Sims, authors of “The Canoe: A Natural History in North America.” As veteran paddlers and journalists Mark and Norman will share their stories of the history of that most-American vehicle, the canoe, from the days of the dugouts and birchbark to modern synthetic materials. Along the way, they will speak of the natives, explorers, characters and rogues who dot that history and perhaps relate a few of their own experiences.





Mini Courses

This year's mini courses welcome students of all ages. Participate in a 2 hour hands-on mini-course: Pre-registration required, space is limited. Register online or call to register (888-387-9762). Event pass holders/current members receive a \$5 discount on participation.

• MORNING SESSIONS •

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 • 10:00 AM

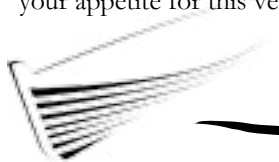
Wood-Fired Artisan Bread Baking: A Tiny Taste w/Candace Lacosse
\$25 tuition, \$5 materials fee

Artisan bread is all the rage, but at North House, we've been pulling crispy crusts and steaming dough out of our harbor-side wood-fired oven for years. With instructor Candace Lacosse, you'll learn to bake delicious foccacia that you can replicate in your own home oven. Discover the magic of wood-fired baking and taste the delectable results, leaving with a loaf of foccacia to share with your family (or keep it for yourself: we won't tell!).

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 • 10:00 AM

Birch Bark Birds w/Beth Homa-Style
\$25 tuition, \$5 materials fee

The story of the birch tree is integral to the North House story. In the capable hands of our teachers and students, this one tree is shaped into skis, boats, canoes, baskets, spoons, and even shoes. In this mini-course, you'll taste the possibilities of birch bark weaving by trying your hand at weaving a charming small bird. Discover the history, ecology and changing fate of Minnesota's birch, view a variety of birch crafts, and wet your appetite for this versatile craft.



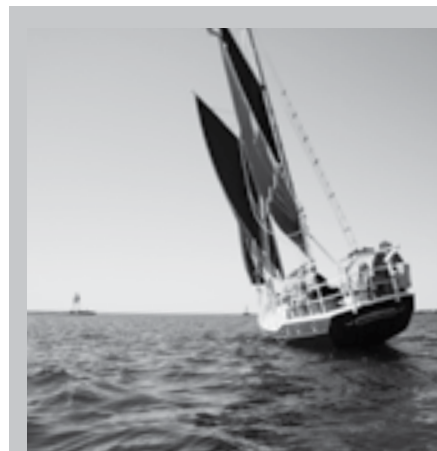
• AFTERNOON SESSIONS •

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 • 3:00 PM

Wood-Fired Artisan Bread Baking:
A Tiny Taste w/Candace Lacosse
\$25 tuition, \$5 materials fee
See description on page 8

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 • 3:00 PM

Fly Fishing: An Intro to Minnesota's Trout Lakes w/ Mike Hero
\$25 tuition, materials included
Contrary to what you might imagine, fly fishing does not require rushing glacial streams and dramatic mountain backdrops. In fact, some of the best fly fishing for brook, brown and rainbow trout in Northern Minnesota and Canada is readily available in the lakes and ponds of the region. However, the strategies, flies and equipment required to be successful in these waters differ greatly from traditional skills for stream fishing with a fly. This course is designed to take some of the mystery out of stillwater fishing and introduce students to the world of fly fishing Minnesota's trout lakes. North House offers a variety of fly fishing, fly tying and fly casting classes for those who take this course and decide they want to learn more. Beginners are welcome!



Set Sail!

Lake Superior Sailing on our 50' Schooner Hjørdis

Advanced Reservations recommended.
Call 218-387-9762 or visit www.northhouse.org to reserve space.

Summer Solstice Schooner Sails

Saturday: 9am • 10am • 11am • 1pm • 2pm • 3pm

Enjoy sailing on Lake Superior aboard the 50' schooner Hjørdis. Maximum of 6 participants. \$25 per passenger per sail.

Lake Superior Schooner Adventure

Sunday: 9am • 11am • 1pm

Maximum of 6 participants. \$45 per passenger

Please Note: Two-hour sails take place nearly every day at North House during the summer. Call 888-387-9762 for info or visit www.northhouse.org.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

9am • Coursework Begins

9am-5pm • Birch, Cedar, Ash: A Canoe in 6 days: Day 5

1-5pm
Wooden Boat Show Speaker Series
details: pg 4
(*\$5 or free w/ Member Event Pass*)

Noon-5pm
Live Craft on the Commons

Noon-7pm
Waterfront Boat Display

3-4pm
Live Music: Jerry Vandiver and Grizel Williams

5-7pm
Harborside Barbecue (*\$5-\$10 at the door*) & WTIP's Road House Listening Party

6-7 pm
Boat Parade

7-8 pm
Sneak Peek of Boats-to-Tools Auction/Bidding & Buy It Now Opens (*Member Event Pass Holders only*)

7-8 pm
Family Dance w/ Northern Aire (*\$5/person; free w/ Member Event Pass*)

8-10 pm
Community Contra Dance w/ Northern Aire (*\$5/person; free w/ Member Event Pass*)

8-9 pm
Sea Shanties & Lumberjack Jam: Community Music Circle

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

all day = 9am - 4pm

All day • Waterfront Boat Display

All day • Live Craft on the Commons

All day • Pop Up Craft Gallery in 501 Building

All day • Birch, Cedar, Ash: A Canoe in 6 days: Day 6

9am-1pm
Live Music on Campus: Northern Aire/ Tom VanCleve & Eric Hahn

10am - 4pm
Silent Auction/Buy It Now
It Opens – Boats-to-Tools Auction

10am - Noon
Mini Courses: Morning session
Pg 6 for details
(*registration required*)

11am
Wooden Boat Walking Tour

Noon - 1pm
Lake Superior Chowder Experience
(*\$10 at the door*)

2pm
Campus Tour

3-5pm
Mini Courses: Afternoon session
Pg 7 for details
(*registration required*)

2-5pm Wooden Boat Show Speaker Series
details: pg 4
(*\$5 or free w/ Member Event Pass*)

8pm
Summer Solstice Pageant (featuring Good Harbor Hill Players & GAMEPALAJ)

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

9am - 3pm
Waterfront Wooden Boat Display

10:30am • Steam-Bent Brunch (*\$15 person, reservations recommended*)

12:00pm • Annual Member Gathering & Featured Speakers Mark Neuzil & Norman Sims “The Canoe: A Natural History in North America” followed by the launching of the 6 Day Canoe. *See description on pg 5*

See you next year!
JUNE 15-17, 2018



COURSES

pre-registration required for all courses

June 7 - 15 • West Greenland Skin-on-Frame Kayak: Build Your Own

June 8 - 17 • Sail Training Trip: Isle Royale Circumnavigation

June 13 - 15 • Blacksmithing: Crafting The Tools of the Trade

June 13 - 15 • Primitive Rug Hooking: Open Session

June 14 - 16 • Artisan Cheesemaking

June 14 - 16 • Scandinavian Flat-Plane Figure Carving

June 19 - 20 • Canoe Portage Pack: Sew Your Own

June 19 - 20 • Artisan Cheesemaking: Scandinavian Cheeses

June 19 - 20 • Hand-Sewing the Canvas Growler Bag

June 19 - 21 • Hand-Forged “Using” Knife

June 19 - 21 • Scandinavian Style Flat-Plane Carving Continuation

June 19 - 23 • Birch Bark Canoes: Traditional Construction

June 19 - 25 • Cedar-Strip Boat Construction: Techniques & Fundamentals

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Friday, 5-7 pm | Harbor-Side BBQ | (\$5-\$10)

Brats anyone? Kick-off your Wooden Boat Show weekend with the taste of summer on the harbor. Brought to you by the Cook County Lions, the BBQ features traditional summer fare (brats and burgers). This year, pull up a seat at the picnic table for boats parading by, and good company.



Friday, 7-8 pm | Boats-to-Tools Auction Sneak Peek

See what goes on behind the scenes, and get first dibs on Buy-It-Now items. Start planning your bids for the morning!



Friday, 7-10pm Community Contra Dance with Northern Aire (7-8pm: Family Dance & 8-10: Community Dance)

North House's boatbuilding workshop converts into a traditional community contra dance on Friday night, welcoming families for the first hour to learn traditional dances geared towards families with children and the next two hours all are welcome for the community dance. \$5 at the door; free to Event Pass Holders.

Friday, 8-9 pm

Community Music Circle: Sea Shanties & Lumberjack Jam

The Community Music Circle is a weekly get-together for players or singers, and for one week only, they'll be on campus at North House. Anyone is welcome to play a song or pass as they go around the circle. It can be sing-along/play-along, or not. This is a very informal gathering that welcomes beginners to professionals. Bring an instrument or a song, or just pull up a chair to listen.

Saturday, 10am-4pm | Boats-to-Tools Auction

Buy-it-Now and Silent Auction open - get your bids in and check out all the goodies!

Saturday, noon -1pm | Lake Superior Chowder Experience | \$10

Pick up your bowls early for 20th annual Lake Superior Chowder Experience—a festival highlight that brings many chowders from dozens of North Shore restaurants for you to taste. Smoky steelhead, salsa corn, walleye and clam, and even a take on watermelon were just a few of the interpretations area restaurants took last year. Combined with freshly baked breads from North House's wood-fired oven, this is a North Shore culinary event not to be missed.



VISITING VESSELS

Head down to the docks to see an assortment of interesting boats! Check out a diversity of hulls – from wood to fiberglass to steel – and chat with the crews that keep them afloat.

Rosemary Ruth • Washburn, WI

Length On Deck: 35' 10"

Length Over Rails: 40'

Waterline Length: 29' 5"

Beam: 10' 4"

Draft: 5.5'

Hull, deck and cabin sides/ends: Welded steel, 10 gauge (3.5mm) plate
Cabintops: plywood with glass laminate



Rosemary Ruth is a 40' steel, hard-chine, pinky schooner designed by Thomas Colvin (who also designed North House's *Hjordis*). She was built in 1981 on the Great Lakes, then spent time on both east and west coasts and Hawaii. Owner Jesse Woodward found her on the hard, far up a backwater of the Hudson River in a state of—mostly cosmetic—disrepair.

Paul La Plante • Grand Portage, MN

Length: 19'

Keel, stem and stern posts: white oak

Bow and stern: tamarack tree knees

Planking and decks: white pine

Spars, boom, gaff and oars: black spruce

In 1999, North House Folk School and Grand Portage National Monument collaborated in the re-construction of a 19' Great Lakes Mackinaw boat. Named for Grand Portage boat builder Paul La Plante, the boat was a labor of love for the many North House staff, students, and volunteers who worked on it.



CRAFTING on the COMMONS

Friday, June 16 - Saturday, June 17

Witness skilled traditional craft artisans as they join us over the weekend to celebrate the process of craft. Demonstrators will be on hand Friday-Saturday, welcoming your curiosity, questions and interest.



IAN ANDRUS

GRAND MARAIS, MN
superioryurt.wordpress.com
Demo: Building a birch bark canoe
Friday & Saturday



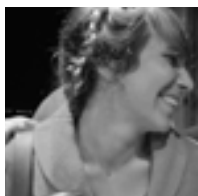
EMILY DERKE

NORTHOME, MN
emilyderke.com
Demo: Basketry
Friday & Saturday



TINA FUNG-HOLDER

WASHBURN, WI
Demo: Cattail Weaving
Friday & Saturday



BETH HOMA

ST. PAUL, MN
birchbarkbeth.squarespace.com
Demo: Birch Bark Weaving
Friday & Saturday



BRENT GURTEK

DULUTH TOWNSHIP, MN
Demo: Gunsmithing
Friday & Saturday



NATE JOHNSON

NORTHOME, MN
ivegottwohands.com
Demo: Building a birch bark canoe
Friday & Saturday

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LINDY LIND

ROSEMONT, MN
Demo: Building a birch bark canoe
Friday & Saturday



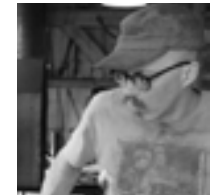
HARLEY REFSAL

DECORAH, IA
Demo: Scandinavian Style Flat-Plane Carving
Saturday Only



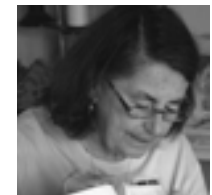
JIM SANNERUD

ST. PAUL, MN
jsannerud.com
Demo: Wooden Bowl Turning
Friday & Saturday



CODY MYERS

FOXBORO, WI
wolfheartironworks.com
Demo: Blacksmithing and Knife-making
Friday Only



KAREN ROGNSVOOG

MINNETONKA, MN
Demo: Natural Plant Dyes
Saturday Only



ROBERT SCHULZ

HILLSBORO, WI
Demo: Blacksmithing
Saturday Only



JACKSON SNEVE

DULUTH, MN
Demo: Birch Bark Weaving
Friday & Saturday



At North House Folk School, we see folks growing together every day. It starts with the crackling warmth of a woodstove heating the hands of a circle of students. Each learner holds a piece of wood, apprehensive yet hopeful, longing to shape it into a first handmade spoon. They laugh together, share stories, and hours later—hands sore from their inspired efforts—find they have both carved a spoon and grown into a community.

In a world all too confusing, North House is a place that simply makes sense. “I love connecting to the community,” says one student, “and getting inspired. Inspiration can be a life-changing spark.”

You, a friend and supporter, are the spark that ignites these precious moments of building community.

For our Twentieth Anniversary, North House has set inspiring goals: expand our base of supporters by 20% while also securing \$320,000 to open the door to the future of craft.

There is no better time to step forward. Right now, your gift counts toward a \$30,000 dollar-for-dollar match.

MEMBER BENEFITS

- Member’s Day early course registration
- Biannual catalog and newsletters
- Free member event pass
- School store coupon
- Special invitations to events



Looking Forward

There are so many ways to plug into craft experiences at North House. Join us for the following events!

Public Programs

June 22 - September 10

We’ll be offering public programs on campus, including mini-courses in wood-fired baking and timber framing. There will also be rotating Instructors-in-Residence on the Student Commons each weekend. Full schedule on our website.

Unplugged & Folk Artisan

Marketplace • September 13 - 18

Tickets available July 1

Come celebrate community, craft, storytelling, and music on the shore of Lake Superior! Saturday night concert features Kevin Kling who will be joined by Dan Chouinard, Bradley Greenwald, Prudence Johnson, Simone Perrin, Claudia Schmidt, and Dane Stauffer.

Flannel Formal • September 15

Tickets available July 1

A fundraising dinner during Unplugged. Gather together and help support the mission of North House. Live auction and 5 chefs presenting 5 courses.

Winterer’s Gathering & Arctic Film Festival • November 17 - 19

A multi-day educational event that celebrates the crafts, customs, landscape, history, and stories of winter travel and traditional life ways in the north.

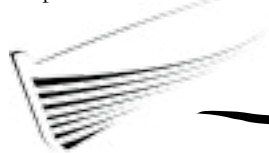
Begin | Continue exhibit

November 17 - December 15

at the Johnson Heritage Post

opening reception: November 17

This exhibit is the culminating celebration of our 20th anniversary. Instructors have been invited to reflect on a series of questions and will create work based on their response. Part of the exhibit will also be a visual history of North House.





Getting Involved at North House

JOIN THE CIRCLE OF SUPPORTERS & STUDENTS

Become a Member!

Wooden Boat Show is a perfect time to let everyone know you believe in North House. Join during the weekend and your impact doubles—helping us meet our Spring Appeal's \$30,000 match, PLUS you Get the Member Event Pass!

Staying Connected!

There's no easier way to stay in touch than our e-newsletter. Photos, stories, updates! Plus sign up to receive our FREE course catalog in the mail—it's an adventure waiting to happen. The catalog is printed twice each year. Call us or visit our website to sign up!

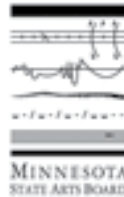


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THANKS FOR COMING!

See you next year at the Wooden Boat Show June 15 - 17, 2018

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Bluefin Bay Resort



East Bay Suites



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