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Winterer's Gathering & Arctic Film Festival November 20-24, 2013

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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.

The Winterers—or *Les Hivernants* as the early North American Voyageurs referred to them—were brave, experienced individuals who signed on after the summer's end to work at winter outposts scattered throughout the 'interior' of North America. In respect for the skills, traditions and spirit of this devoted group, the annual Winterer's Gathering happens each year at the North House Folk School campus on the shore of Lake Superior.

Schedule of Events - 2013

Wednesday, November 20

PM	Harbor Side Winter Tent Camp Opens **campers invited to register early
9 am	Courses Underway

Thursday, November 21

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Friday, November 22

9am	Courses Underway
9 am	Arctic Film Screening vanishing point (82 min)
11:30am	Arctic Film Screening rock art of alta (27 min)
Noon	Winter Skills Seminar greeting the nishiyuu walkers/garrett conover

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| 1:00 pm | Arctic Film Screening
north of the sun (46 min) |
| 2 pm | Winter Skills Seminar
castles in winter, keeping comfortable medieval style/graham riley |
| 3 pm | Arctic Film: Special Guest Screening
craft in america: holiday (60 min) |
| 4pm | Winter Skills Seminar
fat tire winter biking/chris gibbs |
| 5:30pm | Open-Pit Fire Dinner on A Stick and Outdoor Film Screening |
| 7pm | Snowshoe Shuffle Community Contra Dance with Over the Waterfall
Family dance 7-8pm, Community dance 8pm & onward |
| 8:00pm | Arctic Film Screening
cold love; q&a to follow (75 min) |
| 9:30pm | Arctic Film Late Night Screening
dead river rough cut (60 min) |

Saturday, November 23

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| 9am | Courses Underway |
| 9am | Arctic Film Screening
no horizon (58 min) |
| 9:30am | Drop Off for Great Ski & Gear Swap |
| 10am | Winter Skills Seminar
winter wilderness survival/david cronewett |
| 10:30am | Great Ski & Gear Swap Begins |
| 11am | Winter Skills Seminar
winter camp tent tour/ Jackson Sneve & Kurt Buetow |
| 11am | Arctic Film Screening
journey to the source of the lena (45 min) |
| Noon | Winter Skill Seminar
life lessons from the iditarod/cindy gallea |
| 1 pm | Arctic Film Screening
crossing the ice (44 min) |
| 2pm | Winter Skills Seminar
ice safety: no laughing matter lynnanne vesper |
| 3pm | Arctic Film Screening Filmmaker Discussion/Q&A |

fifty lakes one island/george desert (60 min)

- 6pm The Deep-Freeze Chili Feed (\$10 per person)
- 7:30 pm Featured Presentation: Paul Schurke
probing the mysteries of shackleton's "endurance" expedition
- 9:00 pm Arctic Film Festival – Featured Film Screening
inuk (90 min)

Sunday, November 24

- 9am Courses Underway (see schedule below)
- 9am Arctic Film Screening
norse: an arctic mystery (51 min)
- 10am Winter Skills Seminar
winter photography on the icy shores/bryan hansel
- 11 am Arctic Film Screening
wolves unleashed (90 min)

Event Courses - 2013

Invest your energy and get prepared for your next outdoor adventure. Hands-on coursework is offered all weekend long. For complete course descriptions, length in days and costs, visit www.northhouse.org (advanced registration required – complete course descriptions available at www.northhouse.org)

Wed, Nov 20

- [Crooked Knife: Craft Your Own - 2 days](#)

Thurs, Nov 21

- [Foot Felting: Slippers or Winter Boot Liners - 2 days](#)

Fri, Nov 22

- [Nature's Insulator: Sew Your Own Wool Blanket Shirt - 2 days](#)
- [Winter Provisioning: Bannock and Beyond - 1/2 day](#)
- [Snowwalker's Companion: Wilderness Travel Seminar - 1/2 day](#)
- [Carving the Cree Hunter's Shovel - 2 1/2 days](#)
- [Carry Your Fuel: Craft a Steambent Firewood Carrier - 2 days](#)
- [Staying Alive in the Woods: Intro to Northern Wilderness Survival - 1 day](#)

Sat, Nov 23

- [Snowshoe Construction: Build Your Own - 3 days](#)
- [Carving Inuit-Style Snow Goggles - 2 days](#)
- [Tracking the Muse: A Writer's Workshop for the Cold Season - 2 days](#)
- [Salumi: Traditional Dry Curing Methods - 2 days](#)
- [Telling Tails: The Fascinating History of Dogs & the Art of Animal Storytelling - 1/4 day](#)

Sun, Nov 24

- [Northern Bushcraft: In the Field - 2 days](#)

Harbor Side Winter Tent Camp

All Weekend

This component of the festival is an opportunity for winter campers to setup 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 11 am.

Costs - \$8/night (non-electric) \$15/night (electric)

(**registration required – call the Grand Marais Rec Park at 800-998-0959 to reserve a site)

Featured Programs

Open Fire Dinner on a Stick & Outdoor Film Screening

Friday, 5:30pm

Winterer's Gathering & the Arctic Film Festival officially kicks off as we gather around a bonfire out of doors and cook over an open fire as a community. Participants bring their own food (from sausages to vegi dogs), carve their own willow roasting stick and slow roast over the fire. We'll enjoy an outdoor film (a short!) and some good company.

**no registration required, byo dinner and beverages, we'll provide the heat

Snowshoe Shuffle Traditional Community Contra Dance

Friday, 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, donations requested for the band at the door

Featured Programs

The Great Gear & Ski Swap

Saturday, 10:30am – 11:30am

Bring your outdoor equipment to sell or get in on some great bargains & buy. Registration forms to sell your gear are ready. Backcountry 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 on-line and at the day of the event

The Deep Freeze Chili Feed

Saturday, 6pm

Grab your bowl for this traditional winter favorite - chili & freshly baked wood-fired bread. Hot chili (vegetarian with meat as an option) is cooked up fresh in the kettle, served out of doors, and eaten in the warm banquet hall by the woodstove. A community feast for all to enjoy.

(\$10/person, paid at the door)

Featured Presentation: Probing the Mysteries of Shackleton's "Endurance" Expedition with Paul Schurke

Saturday, 7:30pm

It's considered the greatest survival tale in polar expedition history. In 1914, British explorer Ernest Shackleton sailed to Antarctica with 27 men in hopes of traversing the continent. But his ship, the Endurance, was crushed by ice in the Weddell Sea, propelling the team into a 20-month nightmare of cold and near starvation. In a desperate attempt to seek help, Shackleton undertook a treacherous 800-mile ocean crossing by open boat to

South Georgia Island. There he faced his saga's climactic chapter: traversing the island's soaring uncharted ramparts to reach a remote whaling station. In the end, he brought his entire team home alive. Last fall, Ely adventurer Paul Schurke retraced that South Georgia route on a ski mountaineering trek that followed Shackleton's diary notes. Curiously, the writings recount an "unseen presence" felt by Shackleton and his colleagues throughout the crossing. Paul believes that mystery may be embodied in one of the expedition's most beloved artifacts: a trail-seasoned banjo. Paul, who operates Wintergreen Dogsled Lodge in Ely and co- led the 1986 North Pole expedition with Will Steger, will explore this and other mysteries of the Shackleton trek.

Featured Film: Inuk (2012, Mike Magidson, Greenland, 90 min)

Saturday, ~9:00pm

In Greenland's capital, sixteen year old Inuk lives a troubled life with his alcoholic mother and violent step-father. One morning, after pulling the half-frozen boy out of an abandoned car, the social serviced decide to send Inuk North to a children's home on a tiny island in the middle of the arctic sea-ice. There, Inuk meets Ikuma, a local polar bear hunter who has his own share of problems. Haunted by his troubled past, his extraordinary hunting skills are mysteriously disappearing. The children's home's warm-hearted director, Aviaaja, asks Ikuma to take Inuk on his annual seal-hunting trip. She is certain that despite the risks of such a long and dangerous voyage, Inuk will learn that he has a valiant past and a hopeful future. Created as an original road-movie on the sea-ice, "Inuk" is both an authentic story of Greenland today, a country torn between tradition and modernity, and a universal story about the quest for identity, transmission and rebirth after the deepest of wounds.

Winter Skills Seminars

Events seminars are typically 45 minute demos and clinics that take place throughout the weekend. No registration required – free for North House members/non-members \$5 per seminar, paid at door.

Friday, noon: greeting the nishiyuu walkers/garrett conover

In March of 2013, Garrett Conover photographed the arrival of the Nishiyuu Walkers in Ottawa. Started by a single 17 year old Cree youth on snowshoes, who traveled 1600 kilometers to Ottawa, the walk had grown exponentially in numbers, political and symbolic intent and had captured the imagination and attention of the global community. The walk was a show of support for the Idle No More movement of indigenous peoples world-wide and in support of Chief of the Attawapiskat Band, Teresa Spence, who had just started a hunger strike that was to last forty days to protest widespread disregard for environmental regulations and First Nation claims and concerns. This series of images by Garrett Conover highlights the arrival in Ottawa of the Nishiyuu Walkers.

Friday, 2 pm: castles in winter, keeping comfortable medieval style/graham riley

A life of splendor, wealth and romance is what has always been depicted in stories and movies such as those of King Arthur and other medieval period films. However, according to history and real life records of life during medieval times, living in a medieval castle was far from easy! Discover all of the foul facts about dark knights and dingy castles – all the gore and more!! The presentation follows the lives of Prince Edmund, a knight of the realm and Baldrick the peasant in the year of 1254 as they struggle to keep, warm, fed, entertained and alive during the wet and cold winter season in jolly old England. We cover all of fun things typically not covered by history teachers like dungeons, castle toilets and the appalling behavior of Prince Edmund and his fellow knights. Men who said that they would be true to their King (some hope), polite to everyone (fat chance) and defend the weak (not on your life).

Friday, 4 pm: fat tire biking for winter lovers/chris gibbs

Description coming soon!

Saturday, 10am: winter wilderness survival/ david cronewett

Winter is a magical time to be in the wilderness, but it also can be unpredictable and downright dangerous season. Join bushcraft and outdoor survival instructor david cronewett for a presentation on the basics of winter survival. He'll address the causes of potential survival situations, problems specific to the winter environment and offer an overview of "survivor psychology," tools, gear and techniques useful for the winter traveler. David will also cover some of the problems associated with GPS-based technology in the backcountry.

Saturday, 11am: winter tent camp tour/jackson sneve & kurt buetow

Step inside and meet the campers who find comfort in twenty-below temps and see why they love to winter camp. This tour includes a walk-through of the many winter shelters that show up during the gathering. From canvas wall tents to expedition-grade nylon, circular yurts to lean-tos, you'll learn what works (and what doesn't!) from each camper.

Saturday, noon: life lessons from the iditarod/cindy gallea

Cindy will share tales of her adventures running Alaska's Iditarod. Interspersed will be reflections on life lessons the Iditarod race and her dogs have taught her. Pictures from the trail will be included. There will be opportunities for questions. Cindy has run the Iditarod 11 times and has finished 10 times. She is currently training for the 2014 Iditarod.

Saturday, 2 pm: ice safety: no laughing matter /lynnanne vesper

Q: How do you know if the ice is safe? A: You send someone heavier than you across first. A few years ago, LynnAnne took a Grumman canoe ("my heavy, dumb friend") on a quest to find a better answer to the ice safety question. She traveled in the Boundary Waters for two weeks as the ice went out. If you don't like crowds or bugs, maybe a trip like this one could be for you. LynnAnne will share ice safety insights gained from her ice-out travels and many winters of guiding dogsled camping trips in the BWCA.

Sunday, 10am: winter photography on the icy shore of lake superior/ bryan hansel

Join award-winning photographer and North House instructor Bryan Hansel on a photographic journey of the icy shoreline of Lake Superior. During the presentation, Hansel will show you the specialized equipment used stay out of the freezing cold water while balancing on ice sheets, he'll talk about keeping your camera running when the temps drop below freezing and he'll give you tips about how to make a compelling winter photo of the big lake.

Arctic Film Festival

Internationally recognized, award-winning films that draw on the culture, landscape and lifestyles across northern cultures and circumpolar Arctic region. Throughout the weekend. Free admission, popcorn for sale.

Friday, 9am***Vanishing Point* (2012, Stephen A. Smith & Julia Szucs, Canada, 82 min)**

"As the world melts under our feet, we must find the best way for our journey." Navarana is a Polar Eskimo elder who lives in the most remote corner of the planet, the northwest tip of Greenland. She is connected by blood to a group of Canadian Inuit because of a shaman's migration journey across the frozen Arctic in the 1860s. Today, despite rapid technological and social changes, her people in Greenland proudly maintain and covet age-old customs. But Navarana wonders what life is like for her distant cousins in Arctic Canada. Setting out on hunting journeys in both her homeland and on Canada's Baffin Island, she discovers that while these two isolated groups of Inuit share much in common, they also present strikingly different lifestyles and practices. At a time when her people are up against vast and inescapable challenges, Navarana looks for the way forward and considers what has been lost and what has been gained. English subtitled (Inuktitut & Inuktitut voices)

Friday, 11:30 am

***Rock Art of the Alta* (Norway, 17 min)**

Description coming soon

Friday, 1pm

***North of the Sun* (2012, Inge Wegge & Jørn Nyseth Ranum, Norway, 46 min)**

Inge Wegge (25) and Jørn Ranum (22) spent nine months of cold, Norwegian winter in the isolated and uninhabited bay of a remote, arctic island by the coast of Northern-Norway, facing nothing but the vast Atlantic Ocean. There they built a cabin out of driftwood and other cast-off materials that washed up on shore, and ate expired food the stores would otherwise have thrown away. But the boys brought with them two items of utmost importance: Their surfboards - perhaps their biggest motivation for the arctic adventure. Because the remote bay holds a well-kept secret; some of the world's finest surfing waves. In Norwegian with English subtitles.

Friday, 3 pm

***Craft in America: HOLIDAY* (2013, PBS, 55 min)**

Sneak Peek! The Peabody award winning PBS Series *Craft in America* celebrates the handmade, objects rooted in tradition, heritage and rituals. North House's own Harley Refsal is featured in upcoming episode, which will be available for viewing on PBS stations around the nation on December 20, 2013. Get a preview here, courtesy of PBS and Harley. *Craft in America: Holiday* celebrates some of our most important cultural and religious customs and leads viewers directly to their own creativity.

Outdoor Film Screening

Friday, 5:30 pm

Norwegian Shorts:

- ***On Thin Ice 2* (2011, Tor Eckhoff, Norway, 2 min)**
- ***Basic Needs- Extreme Happiness* (2012, Aleksander Gamme, Norway, 4 min)**

Friday 8pm

***Cold Love* (2013, Lonnie Dupre & Beau Larson, US, 75 min)**

Q&A with the filmmaker to follow

Cold Love reveals our planet's breathtaking world of ice and snow, and the need to keep these frozen regions healthy in order for our planet to survive. The film is both a love story and a call to action. The earth's frozen places are its thermostat, regulating the planet's temperature and providing a stable environment for every other part of our world. No one knows this more intimately than the explorers and adventurers who travel the frozen terrain. As they strip off the trappings of society and carry only the absolute necessities, these adventurers connect to their core selves as they connect to the frozen earth. Why do Polar explorers and mountain climbers remove themselves from the securities and comforts of civilized life to explore the frozen remoteness of our planet? Why do they fall in love with something that can seem so harsh and unforgiving? We find the answers in *Cold Love*, which reveals the dramatic beauty and life-giving forces of our earth's frozen places. When viewed close up, both their majesty and their fragility are clear for all to see. And in the seeing, we can't help but be inspired to love and protect that world ourselves.

Friday, 9:30 pm

***Dead River Rough Cut* (2010, Richard Searls & Stu Silverstein, US, 60 min)**

Bob Wagg and Walter Lane live in a tarpaper shack, hunting, fishing, trapping and logging with oxen. They prefer the sounds of the birds to the roar of highway traffic, and scorn the money-chasing of city life. Covering a period of four seasons in the remote backwoods of Maine, *Dead River Rough Cut* presents a revealing look at an individual way of life. Wagg and Lane earn a living and accept their isolation for the independence it allows them. But not everyone would want to draw water from a hole in the ice. They share their reflections about women, politics, taxes, the lone life and death. * *Language advisory*

Saturday, 9 am***No Horizon Anymore* (2012, Keith Remnick, US, 55 min)**

From summer to winter and back again, 'No Horizon Anymore,' takes you on a journey few have experienced. Less than 2,000 people have spent the austral winter at the South Pole Station. Here, we follow members of the winterover crew from 2009 as they share their views on the interactions, the people, the environment, and the science that takes place during a busy year. After the sun sets, the crew succumbs to six months of inky darkness. Certain levels of 'toastiness' set in as routines are interrupted, and limits are tested. The only cure for claustrophobia is an unattainable outside world. With rare footage of the austral winter at 90 S, this is a must see for polar enthusiasts and adventurers alike.

Saturday, 11am***Journey to the Source of the Lena* (2010, Vasiliy Sarana, Russia, 45 min)**

The Lena is the greatest river in Russia. At its center, the Lena is 19 miles wide, while its lower delta has 150 branches. Nevertheless, this giant is like any other river in that it begins as a small trickle on the northern slopes of the Baikal Range in southern Siberia. The Lena's upper section boasts a unique natural landscape, which has been strictly protected from human intervention over the past 30 years. Here is the kingdom of the brown bear and here are ancient Siberian pine groves. The filmmakers lived in the area for several months while making the film. In Russian with English subtitles.

Saturday, 1pm***Crossing the Ice* (2012, Cas & Jonsey, Australia, 44 min)**

Australian explorers Cas & Jonsey took on audacious challenge – the first ever unsupported trek from the coast of Antarctica to the South Pole and back. Starting with very limited experience they spent months researching, consulting with experts from all round the globe, training in the Arctic and NZ, rehearsing the skills they would need to survive in the highest, driest, windiest and coldest place on Earth. Pulling loads that started at 160kg and temperatures as cold as -40 C, they battled frostbite, injury, whiteouts, crevasses, gear failure and slow starvation. During the 89 days it took them to ski 2275km without any outside support or assistance they lost a combined 55kg of body weight. Their adventure set a new benchmark and raised the bar of polar exploration globally.

Sunday, 3pm***50 Lakes, One Island* (2012, George Desort, US, 60 min)****q&a with the filmmaker to follow**

Fifty Lakes One Island is an exploration--through photography and words--of the inland lakes on Isle Royale, a wilderness island in the northwest waters of Lake Superior. *Fifty Lakes One Island* differs from the predictable flora and fauna nature documentary in its attempt to discover the power of time alone in the wild. Blending words with images, the film brings the viewer on a transcendental journey through the woods and waters of Isle Royale.

Sunday, 9am***Norse: An Arctic Mystery* (2012, Andrew Gregg, Canada, 51 min)**

Dr. Pat Sutherland has been working on the archeology of the Arctic for more than 30 years. Her expertise is the ancient native people who lived there. But along the way she started finding artifacts that didn't fit — pieces that weren't made by indigenous hands, but by Norse traders, possibly as far back as a thousand years ago. Is it possible that this is the site of first contact between native North Americans and Europeans? THE NORSE: AN ARCTIC MYSTERY follows Sutherland from the south shore Baffin Island to the Outer Hebrides in Scotland, the departure point for Norse sailing west, searching for trade goods like ivory and furs across the North Atlantic to Canada. In Denmark a crew of latter-day Vikings lifts the sails on a reproduction of an ocean-going ship. And in Ottawa Sutherland gets down to the hard science — using state of the art technology to unlock the hardest kept secrets of Norse arrival on Baffin Island.

Sunday, 11 am

***Wolves Unleashed* (2011, Andrew Simpson, Canada, 89 minutes)**

This film follows world renowned animal trainer Andrew Simpson as he travels to the other side of the world to make the biggest wolf film ever attempted. Battling temperatures of -60C the crew and wolves are tested physically and mentally on a daily basis. This film will make people question everything they thought they new about wolves. They will see an animal that is graceful, caring and trusting. The animal action in this film has never been seen before. There are no computer effects, everything you see is real. This film will also show one man's struggle as he wrestles with the decision to use his unique bond with these animals against them.

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