

## FEATURED FESTIVAL SPEAKERS

### “The Remarkable Gray Jay: Ecology, Forestry, Research”

Thursday, June 4 at 7pm - At Gunflint Ranger Station

Presented by Dr. Thomas H. Nicholls, former Project Leader and Research Plant Pathologist and Wildlife Biologist, USDA Forest Service, North Central Research Station, St. Paul, MN, now Director of the Nature Education Center in Fifield, WI AND Peg Robertsen, Wildlife Biologist for the East Zone of the Superior National Forest, Tofte Ranger District.

### “Looking Through The Lens At The Boreal Forest - When Photography Examines Life.”

Friday, June 5 at 7pm - At Betsy Bowen Art Gallery

Presented by photographic journalist Layne Kennedy, a nationally recognized magazine photographer. His assignments take him all around the globe for publications like Smithsonian, National Geographic, Traveler, Islands, Backpacker, Time, Newsweek, and National Geographic Adventure to name a few. Layne is the founder and director of the Superior/Gunflint Photography Workshop conducting wilderness adventure photography trips. Layne will present a visual feast of his encounters with the Boreal Forest throughout his career.

### “Into The Night – Shining The Light on Boreal Owls Of Minnesota”

Saturday, June 6 at 7pm - At North House Folk School

In the span of two decades, Bill Lane has watched and listened as Boreal Owls occupied, then vacated the boreal forest landscape. Their departure was sudden and unanticipated. Is it explainable? During his talk, Bill (the biologist) will provide an overview of his 23 years of owl data. At the same time, Bill (the owler) has so much more to share. Presented by North Shore “biologist” and “owler” Bill Lane. Despite 23 years of not-so-subtle hints from daylight, Bill unflinchingly continues to conduct nocturnal owl surveys in northeast Minnesota each spring. Since he started in 1987, he has experienced the night, its landscapes and its denizens through a wondrous mix of awe, glee, disbelief, and (sometimes) disdain, but always with a passion that remains as powerful in 2009 as it was in 1987. His passion, however, has been tempered by the fact that the owl he first sought in 1987 has virtually disappeared from Minnesota’s boreal forest. Bill perseveres however, because he isn’t quite ready to surrender to daylight and, like any good biologist, he wants to see what happens next.

### Get The Pass –

Students registered for one or more courses during the Festival receive a Festival Speaker’s Pass, allowing them free admission to the scheduled featured presentations throughout the weekend. The Pass will be available at the time of check-in for their course. Regular admission to each presentation is \$5, paid at the door.

After an extended season defined by white snow, frozen water and deep cold, spring and early summer surge forward in the North, launching the region into months of dynamic growth and reproduction. Welcome to the season of the Boreal Birding & Northern Landscapes Festival.

Discovering the birds, wildflowers, geology and more of this dynamic and rich northern landscape is the focus of the Boreal Birding & Northern Landscape Festival. A series of inter-related, field-focused workshops and courses (1-3 days in length) form the backbone of the event. Each course offers participants its own unique mixture of field trips, classroom discussions and afternoon workshops, complemented by evening presentations and programs.

#### Festival Partners –

Grand Marais Area Tourism  
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The Shoreline Inn



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**June 4-5 - Minnesota Birding (with Bob!)**

Let Bob Janssen, Minnesota's award-winning author and inspirational field guide of almost 60 years fully appreciate the joys and successes of understanding the occurrence and distribution of birds throughout Minnesota, while also working to enhance your birding field skills.

Class Times: 9am-5pm (day 1); 7am-4pm (day 2)

Tuition - \$150

Materials - \$80 (includes van transportation and lunches)

**June 5-7 - North Shore Geology – Heritage of Fire and Ice**

Experience the nature of geology on Minnesota's North Shore of Lake Superior with University of Minnesota Professor Emeritus John Green, your guide and instructor. The class will experience first hand the geological processes that shaped this region through a journey up the Gunflint corridor, along several major North Shore river gorges and to a number of key coastal outcroppings. Class Times: 9am-5pm (each day) Tuition: \$225 Materials: \$5

**June 5 - Owl In A Night's Work - Evening Field Session**

It's a Jack London species. It's the northern latitudes. It's sled dogs and Canadians and the northern lights - it's the northern saw-whet and boreal owls. Learn about these cavity nesters by visiting nest boxes that encourage reproductive success and spend the evening under stars checking for owl tenants, observing owl courtship and nesting behaviors. Class Times: 5:30pm – 11pm Tuition: \$75 Materials: Included

**June 5 - Magnet On The Shore – Birding Intro Workshop**

Based out of the Grand Marais harbor, this workshop reviews basic field skills including use of binoculars, current birding field guides and an introduction to birding by ear. The goal: finding, identifying and discussing approximately 65 species of birds - both resident and migrating birds.

Class Times: 7am-Noon Tuition: \$70 Materials: \$5

**June 6 and again June 7- Lake Superior Shoreline Naturalist Tour**

Looking back at the coast from an ecological, historical and geological view is the goal of this outing as we head out on Lake Superior armed with binoculars, naturalist books and cameras. The group travels aboard a charter boat to a remote rookery or to view nesting bald eagles, greet migratory waterfowl and view resident seabirds up close. Class Times: 1:30pm-3:30pm Tuition: \$50 Materials: \$50 (charter boat fee)

**June 6 and again June 7- Wildlife Gardening Workshop**

Discover how your yard and garden can attract and provide for birds and butterflies...all with a little insight, some hands-on work and a passion to share these spaces with these winged creatures. Class Times: 1:30pm-3:30pm Tuition: \$45 Materials: Included

**June 6 - Boreal Field ID Workshop (with Bob)**

Spend early morning in the Grand Marais fen listening to warblers, sparrows, flycatchers and vireos – learn and be inspired by the songs of the dawn chorus. A relaxed workshop testing birdsong skills, discussing Minnesota birding and more follows outdoor fieldwork with Minnesota birding expert Bob Janssen.

Class Times: 7am-4pm Tuition: \$75 Materials: \$40 (includes van transportation and lunches)

**June 6-7 - Wildflowers of Early Summer**

Of the 1,700 species of flowering plants that grow wild in Minnesota, about one-quarter might be considered wildflowers. Led by Jim Gilbert, the group will hike to a variety of field sites to identify wildflowers, enjoy their beauty and discuss their importance in the natural environment.

Class Times: 1pm-5pm (each day) Tuition: \$110 Materials: \$5

**June 6-7 - Boreal Birding On The Gunflint Trail**

The boreal forest habitat like that along the Gunflint Trail is home to the greatest diversity of bird species in North America, making it perfect for this two-day workshop. The class includes field trips with hiking as you learn bird identification by sight and sound, and habitat needs.

Class Times: 7am-3pm (each day) Tuition: \$150 Materials: \$50 (includes van transportation and lunches on day 1)

**June 6-7 - North Shore/Boreal Forest Birding**

This course introduces participants to birding in the northern landscape, exploring several different habitat types along the North Shore and the inland boreal forest for migrating birds returning to their nesting grounds. Class Times: 7am-4pm (each day) Tuition: \$150 Materials: \$70 (includes van transportation and lunches)



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