

WINTERER'S GATHERING

& arctic film fest

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Welcome!

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 winter travel seminars, courses and workshops complemented by 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.



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weekend highlights

Harbor Side Winter Tent Camp / All Weekend

An opportunity for winter campers to set up their shelter and share info and ideas about winter camping. \$8/night (non-electric) \$15/night (electric). Reservations through Grand Marais Rec Park 800-998-0959.

Open Fire Dinner On A Stick / Friday, 5:30pm

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. (free)



Snowshoe Shuffle Contra Dance /

Friday, 7pm

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 timbered woodshop. (\$5/person at the door/free to passholders)

The Great Gear & Ski Swap / Sat, 10:30am – 11:30am

Bring your outdoor equipment to sell, or get some great bargains. From skis to canvas tents, winter boots to down jackets. (Items in swap must be registered, registration forms available online and on campus.)

The Deep Freeze Chili Feed / Saturday, 6pm

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)



Featured Presentation:

On the Trail of Genghis Khan with Tim Cope

Saturday, 7:30pm

Australian adventurer and author Tim

Cope is this year's featured speaker. He'll be sharing about his 6,000-mile journey across the Eurasian steppe by horse—recounted in his book *On the Trail of Genghis Khan: An Epic Journey Through the Land of the Nomads*. Tim has also studied as a wilderness guide in the Finnish and Russian subarctic, ridden a bicycle across Russia to China, and rowed a boat along the Yenisey River through Siberia to the Arctic Ocean. Tim's presentation will be followed by a 45-minute selection from *On the Trail of Genghis Khan*, the film documenting Tim's journey.

Featured Film: MAÏNA

Friday, 7:30 pm

(2013, Canada, Michel Poulette, 102 min)

In the aftermath of a bloody confrontation between her band, the Innu tribe, and the Inuits, the "Men from the Land of Ice" MAÏNA, daughter of Grand Chief Mishte-Napeu, finds herself on a mission that will change the course of her life. In order to fulfill a promise made to her friend Matsii as she lay on her deathbed, MAÏNA has to follow the trail of her enemies to retrieve Nipki, Matsii's 11-year-old son who has been captured by the Inuits. She is taken captive herself by Natak, the Inuit clan's leader, and forced to travel with them to the Land of Ice. Taking place before contact with Europeans, MAÏNA introduces us to two fascinating civilizations that founded America. Director Michel Poulette will introduce the film and answer questions afterwards.

Michel is also offering a three-hour film directing workshop on Saturday from 1-4 pm. See all the details and sign up on the North House website.

schedule of events

	featured programs	film	seminars	course
fri am		9 am / Finding Farley (62 min)		Nov 18-19 / Foot Felting: Slippers or Winter Boot Liners
		10 am / Sámi nieida jojk / Sámi Daughter Yoik (58 min)		Nov 18-20 / Salumi: Traditional Dry Curing Methods
		11 am / Counting Wolves (27 min)		Nov 19-22 / Snowshoe Construction: Build Your Own
		11:30 am / Tracing Roots (35 min)		Nov 19-20 / Sew a Bag: Sailor's Ditty or Sailcloth
		Noon / 8 årstider/8 seasons (40 min)		Nov 19-21 / Blanket Coat Making Techniques
fri pm		2 pm / Eating Alaska (57 min)	1 pm / Apostle Islands Ice Caves... an Endangered Experience? – Neil Howk	Nov 19-20 / Everyday Slöjd for the Kitchen
		3 pm / All the Time in the World (87 min)		Nov 20 / Lighten Up: Eating Well on the Trail
	5:30 pm - Dinner On A Stick	5:30 pm / Outdoor Film Screening: Finding Friluftsliv (11 min)	4:30 pm / All Things Arctic Trivia Game hosted by WTIP's Small Change	Nov 20 / Bushcraft Primer
	7 pm - Snowshoe Shuffle Community Contra Dance	7:30 pm / Featured Film MAÏNA (102 min)		Nov 20-21 / Birch Bark Craft: Sheathes & Boxes
sat am		10 am / Family Film Ice Bears of Beaufort (52 min)	9 am / Lessons Learned: Building a Log Home with Hand Tools – Kyle "Lindy" Lind	Nov 21 / Sitting in the Director's Chair with MAÏNA director Michel Poulette
	10:30 am - Great Gear & Ski Swap		11 am / Ice Climbing: A Skill For Exploring Winter's Wonders on the North Shore – Frank Pianka	Nov 21 / Cooking from the New Scenic Café Cookbook
		Noon / Frozen Titans (60 min)	1 pm / Winter Camping Panel: Ask the Experts with Jon Farchmin, Lindsay Lee, Mark Hansen, et al.	Nov 21-22 / Everyday Slöjd for the Bed & Bath
sat pm			2 pm / Winter Tent Camp Tour hosted by Kurt Buetow and Jackson Sneve	Nov 21 / Writing a Book: A Journey with Tim Cope
	6 pm - The Deep-Freeze Chili Feed (\$10 per person)	3 pm / Lost Conquest (70 min) PLUS: Intro and Q&A w/ filmmakers Mike Scholtz and Valerie Coit	2 pm / A History of Wooden Skis – Greg Fangel	Drop-In Skill Share Demos Free to Event Pass Holders or \$5 for individual sessions
	7:30 pm (Doors open at 7 pm) - Featured Presentation: On the Trail of Genghis Khan with Tim Cope	9 pm / Featured Film: Selection from <i>On the Trail of Genghis Khan</i>	7:30 pm (Doors open at 7 pm) - Featured Presentation: On the Trail of Genghis Khan with Tim Cope	Saturday, November 22 • 2 pm: Retooling Rusty Relics / Robert Burns • 3 pm: Map and Compass Skills Demo / Martha Brummit • 4 pm: You Can Pemmican / Eric Edgin
sun am		9 am / On the Trail of the Far Fur Country (80 min)		Sunday, November 23 • 9 am: Hone Your Skills Sharpening Tutorial / Caleb Mattison • 10 am: Stocking up on Warm Winter Beverages / Erin Swenson-Klatt • 11 am: Harvesting and Preserving / Micah Friedman
		Noon / The Height of Courage – The Mount Vaughan Antarctic Expedition, 1993-94 (53 min) Hosted by Dr. Jerry Vanek, with intro and wrap up presentations	11 am / French Fashion & North American Frontier: History of the Capote / Carol Colburn	
		Sunday, 2 pm / Melting Lands (53 min)		

Nov 22-23 / Welcome to the Bush: Northern Bushcraft Field Intensive



Finding Farley

Friday, 9 am / (2010, Canada, Leanne Allison, 62 min)

Canadian writer and environmentalist Farley Mowat explored Canada's peoples and landscapes for more than a half century. In this documentary, husband-and-wife team Karsten Heuer and Leanne Allison (Being Caribou), along with their 2-year-old son and dog, retrace the literary footsteps of Mowat. Their epic 5,000 km journey—trekking, sailing, portaging and paddling—ends in the Maritimes, at Mowat's Nova Scotia summer home.

Sámi nieida jojk / Sámi Daughter Yoik

Friday, 10 am / (2007, Sweden, Liselotte Wajstedt, 58 min)

Director Liselotte Wajstedt's documentary is a road movie into Samiland. Armed in a Kolt and with a summer's course in the lingo, she is determined to take her place among the people she belongs to. In spite of being Sami herself, Liselotte has stood outside the Sami community, bereft of the language and other attributes of the culture. This strong story is portrayed through humorous documentary narration, imaginative animation and musical editing. How much a Sami can you be living in the city and without rein deers? Will she be accepted in Sameland?

Counting Wolves

Friday, 11 am / (2015, USA, George Desort, 27 min)

Isle Royale is a wilderness island located in Lake Superior – cold, remote, and inhabited by wolves and moose. Each winter two scientists and a bush pilot travel to Isle Royale and spend seven weeks observing the wolves and moose from a small airplane. Counting Wolves brings you along for the adventure, beauty, and friendship of two scientists and a bush pilot in their pursuit of knowledge about wolves on a wilderness island.

Tracing Roots

Friday, 11:30 am / (2015, USA, Ellen Frankenstein, 35 min)

Tracing Roots is a heartfelt glimpse into the world of Haida elder and master weaver Delores Churchill. The film is a portrait infused with her passion and curiosity. It is also a mystery. Tracing Roots follows Delores on her journey to uncover the origins of a spruce root hat found with Kwäday Dän Ts'ínchi, also known as the Long Ago Person Found, in a retreating glacier in the Northern Canada.

8 årstider/8 seasons

Friday, 12 pm / (2014, Sweden, Oskar Östergren, 40 min)

In northern Scandinavia, the Saami people see the year's cycle in eight seasons rather than four. In this collection of eight short films, artists and craftspeople from Northern Sweden reflect on the most important elements of each changing season, and the place of their art within the cycle of the year. Each film is both a personal portrait of the artist and an exploration of seasonal markers in northern Sweden.

Eating Alaska

Friday, 2 pm / (2008, USA, Ellen Frankenstein, 57 min)

What happens to a vegetarian who moves to Alaska and marries a commercial fisherman and deer hunter? Join her on a wry search for a sustainable, healthy and ethical meal. With humor and compassion, the documentary Eating Alaska shows natives and non-natives trying to balance buying industrial processed foods with growing their own and living off the land in the 21st century.

All the Time in the World

Friday, 3 pm / (2015, Canada, Suzanne Crocker, 87 min)

In search of a new perspective, a family of five leave the comforts of home to live in the Yukon wilderness during the long northern winter. The parents leave their jobs and take their three children—ages 10, 8 and 4 – to spend nine months in a small cabin with no road access, no electricity, no running water, no internet, no TV, no phone, and no clocks or watches. Filmed over 9 months, off the grid, without external crew.

Outdoor Film Screening: Finding Friluftsliv

Friday, 5:30 pm / (2013, Scotland, Charlotte Workman, 11 min)

'Friluftsliv' is an ancient Nordic philosophy of outdoor life embodying the idea that returning to nature is returning home. This documentary explores the philosophy through Husky Musher Stian, who invites travelers to share his cabin in the northern reaches of Norway. He has 40 huskies and teaches the travelers the art of dog-sledding and the Friluftsliv way of life. We will also screen the satirical short film produced by Canada's CBC radio, *Maker Series: Artisanal Firewood*.

Featured Film MAĪNA

Friday, 7:30 pm

See featured programs section (back of program) for description.

Family Film Ice Bears of Beaufort

Saturday, 10 am / (2009, USA, Jennifer and Arthur Smith, 52 min)

For generations, Alaska's eastern Beaufort Sea has sustained the health of its hunters: polar bears and Inupiat Eskimos. With respectful conservation, the timeless balance between land, sea, human, and animal may endure indefinitely. Created by an Alaskan filmmaker living among the Eskimos and polar bears of the Beaufort Sea, this non-narrated documentary bears witness to the precious and unprotected home that supports a thriving—yet threatened—way of life.

Frozen Titans

Saturday, 12 pm / (2014, Canada, Bryan Smith and Dave Pearson, 60 min)

With a team of three friends, Will Gadd heads to Canada's 'wildest ice cave' at British Columbia's Helmcken Falls in the heart of winter. His goal is to put up an extremely difficult seven-pitch mixed climbing route through more than 150 meters of sketchy rock, hazardous ice, and freezing cold mist during the dark, bitter days of winter 2014.

Lost Conquest

Saturday, 3 pm / (2015, USA, Mike Scholtz, 70 min)

Intro and Q&A with filmmakers Mike Scholtz and Valerie Coit

Long before Columbus, Viking explorers claimed the state of Minnesota for their Nordic King. Or not. Because archaeologists say none of this ever happened. They say Minnesota has fallen victim to the greatest practical joke of all time. They say it's better to get history right than to tell a good story. But does anyone care what they say? Because Viking culture is still alive and well in Minnesota.

On the Trail of the Far Fur Country

Sunday, 9 am / (2014, Canada, Kevin Nikkel, 80 min)

In 1919, a film crew set out on an epic journey across Canada's North, and *The Romance of the Far Fur Country* was released in 1920. Rediscovering the documentary in a British archive, another film crew begins a journey to bring this lost film back to life, taking it to the northern communities where it was originally shot. As people watch the footage from 1919, something special happens.

The Height of Courage – The Mount Vaughan Antarctic Expedition, 1993-94: A National Geographic Documentary

Sunday, noon / (1993, USA, Larry Engel, 53 min)

Hosted by Dr. Jerry Vanek, with intro and wrap up presentations

In the autumn of 1993, famed explorer and adventurer Colonel Norman Vaughan and a team of world-class mountaineers flew to Antarctica to climb Mount Vaughan, named for Col. Vaughan by Admiral Richard E. Byrd 75 years earlier when Vaughan served as the lead dog musher on Byrd's 1928-30 Antarctic Expedition. Vaughan's 1993 expedition at the age of 87 would be fraught with setbacks. Dr. Vanek's wrap up will share what happened to expedition members after 1993.

Melting Lands

Sunday, 2 pm / (2008, Canada, George Hemmings, 53 min)

"Melting Lands" is a documentary that explores the effects of Global Warming in a small community in the Canadian North. The ice is melting faster every year. "Melting Lands" documents how this affects the Inuit peoples of the Nunavik community named Kangiqsuaq, animal life, nature, and the economy. Artfully shot, this documentary revolves around the stories of a group of Inuit villagers: hunters, elders, fishermen and other residents.



winter skills seminars | descriptions & times

Events seminars are typically 45 minute presentations and demos that take place throughout the weekend. Free for North House members/passholders; or \$5 per seminar, paid at door.

Apostle Islands Ice Caves...an Endangered Experience?

Neil Howk / Friday, 1 pm

The Apostle Islands' ice caves are spectacular features that have recently received unparalleled attention. How did the caves form? How does the National Park Service prepare for the visitors? Are they endangered by changes in climate? Neil Howk, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore's Assistant Chief of Interpretation, will investigate these questions.

All Things Arctic Trivia Game

hosted by WTIP's Small Change / Friday, 4:30 pm

Always looking for the perfect opportunity to show off your extensive knowledge of historical arctic expeditions? Are you the life of every dinner party with your fun facts about frostbite? Just bursting with useful information about quinsies, yurts, and canvas tents? Then get ready to show off your skills!

Lessons Learned: Building a Log Home with Hand Tools

Kyle "Lindy" Lind / Saturday, 9 am

Imagine the difficulties faced by early trappers and settlers: building a cabin with no electricity, running water, or gas-powered tools. After buying remote land near the BWCA, former intern and current NH instructor, Lindy and his partner Ashlee set up a winter camp and began the process of planning and building a trapper-style, full-scribe log cabin...using only hand tools.

Ice Climbing: A Useful Skill

For Exploring Winter's Wonders on the North Shore

Frank Pianka / Saturday, 11 am

Usually considered an "extreme sport" today, ice climbing evolved from basic skills found to be useful for exploring steep, icy terrain. The skills and equipment used in ice climbing do not have to be at the extreme level to open up a new world for the winter enthusiast. Learn about the history, techniques and equipment that can put this activity within anyone's reach.

Winter Camping Panel: Ask the Experts

with Jon Farchmin, Lindsay Lee, Mark Hansen, et al. / Saturday, 1 pm
For those who enjoy the long Northern winter, winter camping is the most intimate experience of the cold months. It's both magical and intimidating; certainly not the casual camping experience! From packing the right food and gathering water to layering with the right fabrics, join North House instructors and others for a panel discussion of their experiences and camping in the cold. Even a veteran snow walker might learn something new!

Winter Tent Camp Tour

hosted by Kurt Buetow and Jackson Sneve / Saturday, 2 pm
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.

A History of Wooden Skis

Greg Fangel / Saturday, 2 pm

People have strapped wooden skis to their feet to move efficiently over snow for thousands of years. The study of skis leads you to anywhere snow is found. Despite the prevalence of modern materials, wooden skis have stood the test of time. Join Greg Fangel – a wooden ski enthusiast, purveyor, and creator of woodenski.com – for a talk on the history of wooden ski craft.

French Fashion & North American Frontier: History of the Capote

Carol Colburn / Sunday, 11 am

Join NH instructor – and lifelong student of folk textiles – Carol Colburn for history behind the capote, or blanket coat. From the early days of French exploration, capotes were both worn and traded, their history now woven into the fabric of the fur trade – and they're still relevant winter outerwear to this day.

Skill Share Demonstrations

In these short intensive session focus on particular handy skills. Dress for a partially heated environment, meet in the Blacksmith Shop. Free to Pass Holders, \$5 for individual sessions. Materials fee may apply.

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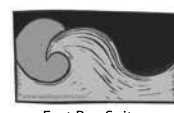
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