

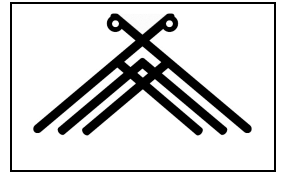
Twin Cities Spring Gathering - Saturday, May 17, 2014

Workshop Descriptions

North House Folk School

**** Registration required. Please note that space is limited**

**** Questions? Please call 218-387-9762 or info@northhouse.org**



Descriptions - All Day Sessions (10am-4pm)

Carve A Butter Knife – Smörknivar

With Jim Sannerud

If you ever wanted to carve with a Slöjd Knife here is an easy project to learn how. Through repetition we will focus on learning a variety of safe and efficient slöjd knife cuts with "stops" so you can carve with confidence. After practicing these cuts, you will first make a smörknivar – butter knives, which are also called "spreaders." These are table utensils commonly used in Scandinavia for applying butter to bread.

A Touch of Tin

With Catherine Latané

Materials: \$15

Ages 12+

It's the little things – like a tasty, homemade cookie – that make life so sweet. It's the tools you use to make those cookies that become cherished keepsakes, holding countless tasty memories. In this full-day class, learn to make your own one-of-a-kind tin cookie cutters. In the morning, students will learn to cut, shape, and punch simple decorations in preparation for making their own cookie cutters in the afternoon. Catherine Latané has worked with tin for over 30 years and her cookie cutters have been displayed on the White House Christmas tree.

Easy Weaving on a Cardboard Loom

With Traudi Bestler

Materials: \$6

Ages 12+

Weaving -- the principles are basic no matter what type of weaving you do, but the equipment can be a bit daunting for a curious beginner. Treadles? Harnesses? Shafts? The truth is, you don't need a fancy loom to make quality objects. Working with instructor Traudi Bestler, you can use a simple cardboard loom to learn to make fun and useful little bags and pouches. Students will be able to finish two or three bags during the day, and learn basic principles that can be applied to other, more complex styles of weaving.

Descriptions - Morning Sessions (10am-12:30 pm)

Intro to Nålbinding: Make a Glass Cozy

With Angela Robins

Materials: \$13

Nålbinding is an ancient form of fabric construction that dates back to the Iron and Bronze Ages and was used in many regions of the world. For hundreds of years, Scandinavians have used nålbinding techniques to make hats, socks, milk strainers and mittens. With wool yarn and a wooden needle in hand, students will learn key techniques, and make their own pint glass cozies. We will discuss yarn selection for future projects and fulling methods for finishing.

There's an App for That! – Smart Phone Photography

With Layne Kennedy

Materials: Expect to upload less than \$10 of new apps for your smart phone.

Learn a handful of smart phone app's giving you a sense of creativity limited only by your own imagination. Bring your fully charged smart phone (and charger) and go for a fun walk with NHFS Instructor Layne Kennedy.

Beginning with Birch

With Beth Homa

Ages 10+ (under 18 must have accompanying adult also enrolled in the class)

The birch tree is a pivotal character of the north shore; not only for its beautiful white paper bark scattering the landscape, but as a versatile material in traditional craft. This one tree can be used to create skis, boats, baskets, and more. Discover the history, ecology, and variety of ways the birch tree has been used. In this mini course, you will learn about the process of harvesting and preparing birch bark; as well as trying your hand at a few small projects including a charming small bird, beads, and rings. Come, acquaint yourself with birch and be inspired for the many possibilities of future birch bark projects.

Descriptions - Afternoon Sessions (1:30pm-4pm)

Intermediate Nålbinding: Start a Simple Cap

With Angela Robins

Materials: \$20

Nålbinding is an ancient form of fabric construction that dates back to the Iron and Bronze Ages and was used in many regions of the world. For hundreds of years, Scandinavians have used nålbinding techniques to make hats, socks, milk strainers and mittens. In this intermediate class, students will start a simple wool cap for those cool spring nights. Students will not have enough time to finish the hats during the workshop, but clear instructions on how to complete the project will be provided. We will discuss yarn selection for future projects and fulling methods for finishing. Having previous nålbinding experience or a knack for braiding, tying knots, or crocheting is a plus!

Hard Cider Pressing

With Steve Hance

Materials: Y TBD \$20 or less

If an apple a day keeps the doctor away, then a glassful of hard cider is key to eternal health! This class will be a step-by-step interactive instructional on how to make hard cider. The course will review the process all the way from the apple orchard to the bottle including: using the right ingredients; traditional pressing techniques; equipment needs, and; options for the fermentation process and bottling. Participants in this course must be 21 or older.

Fly Fishing

With Ben Carlson

A perfect introduction to the sport of fly fishing, this class covers all the basics needed to get you ready for the water. You'll learn how to cast properly, tie the right knots, read water, and select and tie a fly. After taking this class, you'll be ready to strap on some waders and catch some fish! An area guide and lifelong fly fisherman, Ben Carlson looks forward to teaching you the basics of fly fishing.

Carve a Coat Hook

Mike Loeffler

Materials: \$8

Ages 12+ (adult supervision preferred for those under 18)

Ever been tempted to grab a knife and carve? This simple project will introduce you to safe techniques for carving greenwood. We'll utilize natural shapes in our materials to create attractive coat hooks for your home.

Urban Chickens 101

With Jasmine Mastel Lipson

Come meet a few urban chickens and a real, live urban farmer! Find out all you ever wanted to know about the fun, nourishment, and even the ugly TRUTH about what it takes to raise chickens in your urban or suburban backyard. Jasmine is raising 8 chickens and 2 children and eats eggs almost everyday. Presentation, experience, and Q&A.