

## Looking Ahead...2012-13 at North House

### September 13-16 Unplugged XI

The big party is just around the corner; tickets went on-sale last week, and we've already sold nearly 500 seats (about 1/3 of the available tickets for the entire three-night event). We are planning to offer a number of **mini-courses**; I have space for a few more, so if you are interested, please contact me soon! **Guest Instructor: Norman Kennedy, teaching spinning & demonstrating**

### October

Overall, the weekends are looking pretty solid, but we can squeeze in a few more classes here and there, especially on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend. Let us know if you're interested. **October 18-21** will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Learning Together: Family & Intergenerational Weekend**. The interns are hard at work planning this new weekend: stilt-building, bread-baking, and other courses designed for inter-generational learning are in the works. Ideas welcome!

### November

We have several openings for coursework in November, particularly on the first weekend. **November 15-18 is Winterer's Gathering and Arctic Film Festival**. We wind down the season with one last big hurrah. Films, seminars, featured guest speaker, tent camp, and of course, a great selection of coursework are in the works. Featured instructor and speaker will be Seth Kantner, author of *Ordinary Wolves* and *Shopping for Porcupines*. He'll be teaching courses on writing and photography. *Openings for courses!*

### December/January

We typically only offer courses on the first weekend of December, often with a "holiday" theme. Let us know if you have ideas. The new year starts off quietly around here, which is nice. We'll begin hosting coursework right away, and it's a nice time to enjoy campus in the winter. This year, we're hoping to offer to offer some multi-evening courses for locals (either on consecutive nights or once/twice a week). If this sounds fun, please let me know. It could be done in combination with a weekend trip up here as well, were you to extend it into the week.

### February

February is a great time for coursework, and the number of students who brave the winter months has been steadily growing. The 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> marks the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **Northern Fiber Retreat**.

### March

The first weekend in March we will host the **Timber Framer's Guild Regional Meeting**. Campus will be devoted to this gathering, with relevant coursework leading in and out of the weekend. During the third weekend, we will be experimenting with some con-current 4 day courses in an effort to allow students to build community across disciplines and provide an in-depth experience for those interested. However, that leaves 3 other weekends open for a variety of courses! Last year, we had a very strong March, with registration across all of the weekends.

### April

**Mark your calendars! 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Instructor Retreat: April 11-14!** As discussed at our Instructor Gathering recently, we think it would be fun and beneficial to gather as a community of instructors. There will be instructor-only courses (with little or no tuition) on Thurs-Fri leading into the weekend for those who would like to participate, as well as a social gathering on Friday night, activities all day on Saturday and Sunday morning. Please plan to come for as much as you can. More formal invitation and schedule coming later this winter. Ideas are welcome! **Service Learning & Volunteer Weekend: April 19-21**

### May

The **Northern Sustainability Symposium** will be **May 3-5**. We're looking forward to building the solid momentum of this event in its 4<sup>th</sup> year. Ideas? Please share! Otherwise, plenty of space for coursework this month.

### June

The **Northern Landscapes & Boreal Birding Festival** will likely be May 30-June 2. The **Wooden Boat Show** will happen June 20-23.