

Winterer's Gathering & arctic film festival

November 15-18, 2012

North House Folk School
on the harbor in grand marais, mn



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

This component of the festival is an opportunity for winter campers to set up their shelter on campus and share information 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 out of doors and cook over an open fire as a community. Participants bring their own food and slow roast over the fire. We'll also enjoy a short outdoor film. (no registration required)

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 donation for the band at the door.)

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.) Co-hosted with the North Superior Ski & Run Club.

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:

Arctic Homeboy Stories with Seth Kantner

Saturday, 7:30 pm

Raised on the tundra, north of the Arctic circle in northern Alaska, Seth Kantner says "My memory begins under snow." He had an early and longstanding respect for the old Inupiaq ways, cold nights on caribou hides, swimming in the ice floes for wounded waterfowl, and fur-clad trappers stopping with their dog teams for visits. As the years have passed, Seth has watched Alaska change. His is a voice on the brink of the past and the present, expressing reverence for the old ways and the simple and stark realities of northern life, now made more complex by the advent of "modern convenience." Seth and will share stories and photos of growing up in a sod igloo, traveling by ski and dogsled and a life in the arctic frontier.

Featured Film:

The Happy People: A Year in the Taiga

(2011, Dmitry Vasyukov, Germany 94 min)

Saturday, 9 pm

Legendary producer Werner Herzog teams with director Dmitry Vasyukov for this observant look at life along the river Yenisei in northern Russia, where the industrious inhabitants of a rural village truly live off the land. With virtually no interference from the modern world — and no taxes or government to regulate their behavior — the happy residents of Bakhta preserve their increasingly rare society. The camera follows the protagonists in the village over a period of a year. The natives, whose daily routines have barely changed over the last centuries, keep living according to their own cultural traditions. The expressive pictures are accompanied by original quotes from the villagers.

schedule of events

	featured programs	film	seminar	course
fri am		<p>9 am - The Tundra Book: A Tale of Yukvukai, The Little Rock (105 min)</p> <p>11 am - A Year in the Arctic Wild (58 min)</p>	<p>Noon - Skin Clothing Throughout the Ages with Johnny Rock</p>	<p>Nov 14-15 - Crooked Knife: Craft Your Own</p> <p>Nov 15-16 - Traveling By Pencil Writing Workshop with Seth Kantner</p> <p>Nov 16 - Bushcooker Trail Stove: Craft Your Own</p>
fri pm	<p>5:30 pm - Dinner On A Stick</p> <p>7 pm - Snowshoe Shuffle Community Contra Dance</p>	<p>1 pm - Wild Scandinavia: Finland (52 min)</p> <p>3 pm - Arctic Hip Hop (47 min)</p> <p>4 pm - Smokin' Fish (81 min)</p> <p>5:30 pm - The Owl & The Lemming (5 min)</p> <p>8 pm - People of a Feather (90 min)</p> <p>9:30 pm - Cold (19 min)</p>	<p>2 pm - World on Thin Ice with Lonnie Dupre</p>	<p>Nov 16 - Staying Alive in the Woods: Intro to Northern Wilderness Survival</p> <p>Nov 16-17 - Carry Your Fuel: Craft a Steambent Firewood Carrier</p> <p>Nov 16-18 - Carving the Cree Hunter's Shovel</p>
sat am	<p>10:30 am - Great Gear & Ski Swap</p>	<p>9 am - The Old Whetstone (44 min)</p> <p>11 am - Last Dogs of Winter (97 min)</p>	<p>10 am - Chasing Caribou with Julie Buckles</p> <p>11 am - Winter Camp Tent Tour with Jackson Sneve & Kurt Buetow</p> <p>1 pm - Tools for the Winter Walker with David Cronenwett</p>	<p>Nov 17 - Photography Workshop with Seth Kantner</p>
sat pm	<p>6 pm - The Deep-Freeze Chili Feed (\$10 per person)</p> <p>7:30 pm - Featured Presentation: Arctic Homeboy Stories with Seth Kantner</p> <p>9 pm - Featured Film: The Happy People: A Year in the Taiga</p>	<p>3pm - Wild Bill's Run (60 min)</p> <p>9 pm - The Happy People (94 min)</p>	<p>2 pm - Nadaam: The Monogolian Festival with Jim Dahn</p> <p>4 pm - Arctic Film Festival Film-maker Discussion/Q&A with <i>Wild Bill's Run</i> director Mike Schultz</p> <p>7:30 pm - Feat. Presentation: Arctic Homeboy Stories with Seth Kantner</p>	
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Internationally recognized, award-winning films that draw on the culture, landscape and lifestyles across northern cultures and circumpolar Arctic region. Free admission, popcorn for sale.

The Tundra Book: A Tale of Vukvukai, the Little Rock

(2011, Aleksei Vakhrushev, Russia, 105 min) / Friday, 9 am
A rare and stunning documentary about the lives of the Chukchi people who inhabit a remote Russian peninsula in the Arctic Circle, leaving them virtually isolated from modern life. Vukvukai, the Little Rock, is a reindeer herder and is known in his community as a true man of the tundra whose life is inseparable from the reindeer. His story and that of the Chukchi is one of a nonstop struggle for survival. The film presents a glimpse into a land, culture, and people that few have ever dared to capture, since it is so remote. For now, the nomadic Chukchi culture remains virtually intact away from the influx of modernity.

A Year in the Arctic Wild

(2010, Svante Lysén, Sweden, 57 min) / Friday, 10 am
The film "A Year In The Arctic Wild" is about two men who leaving civilization for over a year, to settle in the inner parts of the giant isolated Scoresbysunds fjorden in eastern Greenland. We follow them as they create their lives in the wilderness. We also take part in their fantastic experiences in the arctic nature, which includes impressive meetings with the wildlife during the four seasons.

Wild Scandinavia: Finland

(2011, Oliver Goetzl & Ivo Nörenber, Sweden, 52 min) / Friday, 1 pm
Close to the Russian border, Finland is still home to rare animals. This film shows animal behavior from various species that has never been filmed before. From the first shots of a lynx in the Finnish wilderness to brilliant highspeed shots of goldeneye chicks jumping out of their tree nest, *Wild Scandinavia – Finland* gives us numerous insights to the lives of wild forest reindeer, endangered saimaa seals, and more against the backdrop of the aurora borealis.

Arctic Hip Hop

(2007, Randy Kelly, Canada, 43 min) / Friday, 3 pm
Capitalizing on the popularity of Hip Hop, Social Worker and longtime B-boy Stephen Leafloor has been bringing positive Hip Hop workshops to the north, this time to the remote Hamlet of Cambridge Bay, Nunavut. While dancing to the beat, kids are encouraged to blend their rich, ancient culture with a modern one. Between back spins and body-waves, they discuss bullying, body image and suicide. Five days later they emerge not only better dancers, but more confident kids, who have a clearer idea of how to balance their cultural identity with modern times.

Smokin' Fish

(2011, Luke Griswold Tergis & Corey Mann, US, 81 min) / Friday, 4 pm
Cory Mann is a quirky Tlingit businessman hustling to make a dollar in Juneau Alaska. He gets hungry for smoked salmon, nostalgic for his childhood, and decides to spend a summer smoking fish at his family's traditional fish camp. The unusual story of his life and the untold history of his people interweave with the process of preparing traditional food as he struggles to pay his bills, keep the IRS off his back, and keep his business afloat. By turns tragic, bizarre, or just plain ridiculous, *Smokin' Fish*, tells the story of one man's attempts to navigate the messy zone of collision between the modern world and an ancient culture.

The Owl & The Lemming

(1971, Co Hoedeman, Canada, 6 min) / Friday, 5:30 pm
The owl and the lemmings in this animated film are short-legged, plumply stuffed puppets made of sealskin by Inuit artists. The accompanying song and voices are Inuktitut, although the legend is narrated in English.

People of a Feather

(2011, Joel Heath & Sanikiluaq, Canada, 90 min) / Friday, 8 pm
Featuring groundbreaking footage from seven winters in the Arctic, *People of a Feather* takes you through time into the world of Inuit on the Belcher Islands in Hudson Bay. Connecting past, present and future is a unique cultural relationship with the eider duck. Eider down, the warmest feather in the world, allows both Inuit and bird to survive harsh Arctic winters. Recreations of traditional life are juxtaposed with modern life in Sanikiluaq, as both people and eiders face the challenges posed by changing sea ice and ocean currents disrupted by the massive hydroelectric dams powering eastern North America.

COLD

(2011, Anson Fogel, Colorado, 19 min) *language advisory / Friday, 9:30 pm
Experience Gasherbrum II in the middle of a deep, dark winter, as seen from the raw, honest perspective of alpinist and photographer Cory Richards. The film deftly captures the interweaving of pain, doubt, and fear – and reveals a harrowing descent that amplifies the isolation and exposure. "Best adventure film of the year" Outside Magazine

The Old Whetstone

(2003, Hjalmtyr Heiddal, Iceland, 44 min) / Saturday, 9 am
Arne Arneshreppur, in the northern part of Iceland, has been an isolated area for centuries. The farmers lived off the land and from the sea: farming, fishing and utilizing driftwood to build their houses. One after another the farms were left at the mercy of the elements, but Peter Gudmundsson is doing what his forefathers did, collecting driftwood, selling eiderdown and hunting seals. The old whetstone is used by the fifth generation of settlers as Peter's son now helps with the seal hunt.

The Last Dogs of Winter

(2011, Costa Botes, US, 97 min) / Saturday, 11 am
The Canadian Eskimo Dog, or *qimmiq*, is a disappearing breed: the rarest registered variety of dog in the world. They were once a critical part of Inuit life, but in modern days their population was reduced to less than a hundred. Churchill, Manitoba, in Canada's frozen north, is home to the unconventional Brian Ladoon, founder of a sanctuary for these tough Arctic canines. Discover Ladoon's determination in the face of adversity: community disapproval, debt, roaming polar bears and the logistics of caring for canines in the brutal Canadian winter.

Will Bill's Run

(2012, Mike Scholtz, Minnesota, 60 min) / Saturday, 3 pm
This is the strange but true story of snowmobiling outlaw Wild Bill Cooper. After attempting to lead an expedition from Minnesota to Moscow across the polar ice, Cooper returned home and embarked upon an audacious life of crime. Part Arctic adventure and part crime caper, *Wild Bill's Run* is an unforgettable ride with a true American folk hero. Followed by a discussion with the film-maker.

Imiquitailaq: Path of the Arctic Tern

(2009, Geoff Green, Canada, 60 min) / Sunday, 9 am
Imiquitailaq chronicles the life-altering journey made by two Inuit teens (Terry Noah and Jason Qaapiq) from Canada's northernmost Arctic community, to the bottom of the world, Antarctica. The journey was the dream of the late Dr. Fritz Koerner (1932-2008), an irreverent and legendary glaciologist. The documentary touches on Fritz's 50 years traveling Pole to Pole studying the ice, and how he wanted the Inuit youth to better understand the impacts of climate change, and inspire everyone protect the poles and the planet.

Arctic Shadows

(2009, Dr. David Gray, Canada, 52 min) / Sunday, 11 am
Arctic Shadows is an exceptionally well-researched documentary film on the Arctic career of Dr. R.M. Anderson, former Chief Biologist of the National Museum of Canada and a world-renowned mammalogist. Woven together by Anderson's own words taken from his extensive diaries and letters and read by a narrator, the film centres on Anderson's three Arctic expeditions: the Stefanson-Anderson Expedition of 1908-1912, the Canadian Arctic Expedition of 1913-1918, and the Eastern Arctic Patrol of 1928.



winter skills seminars | descriptions & times

Events seminars are typically 45 minute demos, talks or clinics that take place throughout the weekend. No registration required – \$5 per seminar at the door, or get an event pass for \$25 (includes admission to all seminars and makes you a North House member).

Skin Clothing Throughout the Ages

with Johnny Rock / Friday, noon

Tanner and skin clothing artist Johnny Rock will speak on bark-tanning and braintanning history and techniques with a focus on clothing from northern climates.

World on Thin Ice - From Greenland to North Pole to Denali

with Lonnie Dupre / Friday, 2 pm

Experience the adventure of polar travel and how climate change is affecting the globe firsthand with a dynamic multimedia presentation from explorer Lonnie Dupre. Lonnie will talk about his expeditions around Greenland, to the North Pole across 600 miles of shifting sea ice and a solo winter climb of Denali aka Mount McKinley, North America's highest peak. Join Lonnie as he shares life on the trail with special emphasis placed on global warming, setting and achieving goals, teamwork and overcoming obstacles. Breathtaking images along with video, Arctic gear and a variety of other props complement the power point presentation. Dupre, who lives in Grand Marais, Minnesota, has over 15,000 miles of Arctic expedition travel by dogsled, ski, on foot, and by kayak. While using non-motorized means of travel, he has lead several Arctic expeditions including treks across the Russian Far East, First west to east winter crossing of Canada's Northwest Passage, and the only circumnavigation of Greenland's 6500-mile coastline by kayak and dog team.

Chasing Caribou

with Julie Buckles / Saturday, 10am

In 2002 Julie Buckles and Charly Ray drove to the end of the road in northern Saskatchewan with their new team of nine sled dogs for a three week exploration of the Canadian Bush in winter. The objective: cross the watershed divide north from Wollaston Lake into the headwaters of the Kazan River. Following native caribou hunter trails packed by snowmobiles, the couple made it some 60 miles north of town before encountering unpacked snow deemed unpassable by the same natives on snowmobiles and so spent the next two weeks following the wide ranging trails made by hunters following the scattered herds of Barren Grounds Caribou which winter in the forests at the edge of treeline. Several encounters with hunters, kill sites, camps, and herds of caribou gave them a glimpse of the timeless connection here between people and animals and winter.

Winter Tent Camp Tour

with Jackson Sneve & Kurt Buetow / Saturday, 11am

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.

Tools for the Winter Walker

with David Cronenwett / Saturday, 1 pm

This seminar will demonstrate the selection, powerful and safe use of the "trifecta" of bush tools, the knife, axe and saw. With these items, a woods-person can create a life in the wilderness. They aid in fire making, shelter building and a multitude of other tasks.

Naadam: The Mongolian Festival

With Jim D.

Instructor J. Naadam is a Mongolian at the traditional festival of Naadam in Mongolia. He'll share photos and stories of his experiences.

Cancelled
Replaced with film *Skiing in the Shadow of Genghis Khan*

Wild Bill's Run: Discussion with the Director

with director Mike Scholtz / Saturday, 4 pm

Fascinated by this bit of Minnesota history, director Mike Scholtz dug deep in to the local history and tells the curious story of Bill Cooper in his film "Wild Bill's Run." A question & answer session follows the 3pm screening of the film.

Get the Pass!

Get your event pass for only \$25.
The pass includes admission to all seminars throughout the weekend and makes you a North House member.



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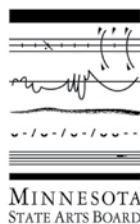
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