

Looking Ahead...2012 at North House

February: New Interns Arrive & Northern Fibers Retreat

February 15-19, we will host the second annual Northern Fibers Retreat on campus: two dozen courses scheduled, as well as six others at the Grand Marais Art Colony. The North Shore Music Association will be hosting a concert and dance on campus on Saturday night as well.

April 20-22 Volunteer and Service Learning Weekend: Greening Up Campus!

Most of the construction dust will have settled and it will be time to start the planting. A semi-trailer load of trees, bushes and perennials of all sorts will be arriving on campus, and planting will begin.

May 3-6 Northern Sustainability Symposium: Sustainable Homesteads

Yurts, rocket stoves, seed saving and apple grafting are all ready on the calendar...and Lloyd Kahn!

May 31-June 3 Boreal Birding and Northern Landscapes Festival: A great way to kick off the summer season...learning about the place we call home.

June 21-24 Wooden Boat Show: Whoo-hoo! The biggest party of the year.

We would love to have you demonstrate! Also, there's room for a few more courses during the weeks before and after the big weekend.

***Annual Instructor Gathering: Sunday, June 24: 9 am & Steambent Brunch: 11 am**

July and August

No big special events for North House here, just two months packed with quality courses, pizza bakes, spectacular sunsets, world's best doughnuts, Dockside fish & chips, hikes on Artist's Point and all that summer on the shores of the Big Lake has to offer. *We still have openings to schedule coursework. C'mon up.*

***Scheduling for the Fall-Winter catalog will happen in July too**

September 13-16 Unplugged XI

How do we make our mission shine during Unplugged, an event that has its own distinct feel and loyal fans? In recent years, we've been lucky enough to have a growing number of instructors on campus for the event, to demonstrate, teach mini-courses, and participate in exhibits. We hope to grow that tradition: please consider joining us. We're still shaping the feel of Unplugged XI, but **if you're planning to be here, we want you to be part of the fun.** Like during the Boat Show, we will be allocating campus space primarily to public programs on Saturday, and scheduling coursework leading in and out of the weekend.

Guest Instructor: Norman Kennedy, teaching spinning & demonstrating

October 18-21 Learning Together: Family & Intergenerational Weekend

This is the MN Educators Association state conference weekend (once known as "MEA"), which means that Minnesota school kids get Thurs-Fri off from school. Last year, we hosted a variety of shorter courses for families: mosaics, bread baking, felting, and folk dance to name just a few. We were happy to host 70+ smiling faces on campus, and are planning to do something similar in 2012. Our goal is for the interns to put their new-found programming skills and instincts to work and be the primary drivers of the weekend. Let us know if you'd like to work with families over the weekend, and we'll have Beth, Ian and Candace get in touch.

November 15-18 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.

Openings for courses!