



WOODCARVER'S WEEK

Let the woodchips fly! Our first ever Woodcarver's Week is off and running. For the first time ever, we're introducing a week devoted solely to woodworking in its many forms.

Classes kick off on Wednesday and continue throughout the week. On Saturday, during the "Carver's Conference" all students will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of mini-courses and excursions or simply hang out and carve with fellow enthusiasts. Coursework will resume on Sunday. Registration for any of the two or three day Woodcarver's Week courses also includes participation in Saturday mini courses and excursions.

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COURSEWORK

- Bowl Carving with Axe, Adze and Gouge
- Wooden Bowl Turning: Norwegian Ale Bowls
- Spoon Carving Tutorial I
- Letters, Numbers & More: Incise Carving
- Filling the Handmade Toy Box: Carving Simple Wooden Toys
- Automata: Making Wood Move
- Kind & Snarly Nordic Dragons: Carving in Relief and in the Round
- Spoon Carving Tutorial II

CARVER'S CONFERENCE

As a special feature of this weekend, all classes will take a break on Saturday to allow everyone to participate in mini-courses, excursions and open shop. Participation is included in the tuition for all other carving courses (materials fees may apply). Registration is limited to one session per student; as additional spaces become available, registration will be made available on a first-come first served basis. Non-enrolled students may participate in the Open Shop, mini workshops and excursions for \$25. Call 218.387.9762 to register.

Field Trip to Grand Portage National Monument

If you haven't ever been to Grand Portage National Monument, you're in for something special. The visitor center display includes a wonderful exhibit of artifacts found at Grand Portage and in the surrounding areas. North House has arranged for a curator to meet with the group to answer questions and discuss and show wood working tools specific to the area during the 18th century. Hosted by Fred Livesay. Participants will meet at 8:30am to arrange car-pooling and return to campus by 1 pm.

Winter Woods Walk

Enjoy a snowy walk on nearby forested land with forester and craftsman Mike Schelmeske. Learn how to spot your next carving project while it's still on the tree, and the basics of identifying and harvesting wood for various uses. Participants will meet at 9am to arrange carpooling and return to campus by noon. Dress to be outdoors, winter boots or snow-shoes and a folding saw are highly recommended.

Skimming the Surface: Milk Paint Basics with Jim Sannerud

Got milk (paint)? Add color and creativity to any project without using toxic and petroleum-derived products (no cow required). Learn how to prepare, mix your own colors and apply milk paint. Milk paint is one of the most ancient forms of paint known. Milk protein, also known as casein, and crushed limestone are mixed to form a very strong binder. Clay is added for body and earth pigments are added for color. The paints are made in powder form to avoid adding chemical preservatives. The instructor will provide a sample board and paints to work with, or bring a project you'd like to experiment on. \$10 materials fee. 9am-1pm at NHFS

Make Your Own Wooden Hook Knife Sheath with Mike Loeffler

This simple wooden sheath will help keep your hook knife razor sharp and make your carving much more enjoyable. We will cut out our pieces and assemble them carefully to ensure that the cover stays tightly shut. We will also take a look at a few other simple wooden sheaths that may inspire further projects at home. 2-4pm, \$5 materials fee

Sheaths from Birch Bark with Ian Andrus

Extremely effective sheaths to protect your carving tools can be made from just a few materials harvested from the boreal forest: birch bark and spruce root. Ian Andrus will teach a simple folded sheath design suitable for knives, chisels or other tools in need of protection. 2-4pm, \$5 materials fee

Sharpening Techniques Tutorial with Dennis Chilcote

The importance of sharpening skills can hardly be over-stated when it comes to having an enjoyable carving experience. Dennis Chilcote, long-time sharpening instructor at North House, will delve deep into the nuances of sharpening tools used for wood carving. Bring your tools for hands-on practice and instruction. 2-4pm, \$5 materials fee

Open Shop

We'll be making woodchips all day in the Blue Building. Enjoy the camaraderie of working with other carvers, ask questions and drink coffee. No reservations required, 8am-5pm

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Join wood enthusiasts to celebrate the joy of craft & community. No registration required. Open to enrolled students and their guests.

Open Shop | Wednesday, 3/5, 7-9 pm

The woodstove will be warm and the company will be good. Join other students and instructors for an informal gathering in the woodshop. Bring a carving project and enjoy good conversation and camaraderie as we kick off the event.

Mini Film Festival | Thursday, 3/6, 6-9 pm

We'll screen a variety of short films, documentaries and other interesting tidbits related to wood culture around the world (we'll even leave a few lights on so you can carve if you want). Have a suggestion? Please let us know.

Open Shop and Pie Social, | Friday, 3/7, 7-9 pm

Again, gather around and share in the company of fellow carving enthusiasts. North House will provide pie, coffee and tea to fuel the conversation. Bring your own project to keep your hands busy when not eating pie.

Wood-Fired Pizza Potluck, Show & Share to follow

Saturday, 3/8, 5:30 pm

The classic North House student gathering makes a rare winter appearance! We'll be firing up the brick oven and making a whole lotta pizza dough. You provide the toppings; if everyone brings a topping or two, we'll have a great smorgasbord of options. After, all participants are invited to share their work with the group in a casual format. Photos welcome (up to 5) and can be projected. Please bring your photos on a USB drive.

Soup Potluck at Lunch | Sunday, 3/9, noon

Enjoy one final gathering before the weekend wraps up. North House will make a big pot of soup, please bring a simple accompaniment to share.