

WOODEN BOATS ON THE WATER: WOODEN BOAT DISPLAY

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Wooden boat builders and enthusiasts from across the Midwest are invited to display their crafts on campus throughout the weekend. Admire the work of others, get your questions answered and perhaps feel inspired to build one of your own.

Friday, 6pm-8pm: Small Boat Regatta & Boat Parade

Perhaps a Wooden Boat Flash Mob on the Grand Marais harbor would be a more appropriate title; let's get on the water. Bring your boat down to campus and enjoy a paddle or a row about with other boat enthusiasts. Or, show up a bit early and hop in one of ours. North House is home to an abundance of boats & helpful people. Put on a life jacket and get on board! At 6:30 pm, we'll parade by an appreciative audience gathered on the North House dock, and then gather in the harbor to enjoy one of the longest evenings of the year with other boat enthusiasts.

WOODEN BOAT SPEAKER SERIES

Watch, listen, be inspired. The adventurous and spirited journeys of sailors, boat builders and canoeists converge for two days of inspirational presentations. North House members receive Special Event Pass, for free/reduced admission to presentations and workshops. \$5/presentation for non-members. Become a member today, for as little as \$25 and Get The Pass!

Fri, 2 pm / Exploring the Mississippi by Kayak: Itasca to Grand Rapids with John and Marsha Soucheray

The siren song of the Mississippi has called explorers, adventurers and paddling enthusiasts for centuries. John and Marsha Soucheray answered that call during the summer of 2011, starting at the head waters in Lake Itasca. In their hand-built Chesapeake Light kayaks, they explored some of the more remote and undeveloped sections of this hard-workin' river. Be inspired to answer the call of the mighty ole' Miss on an adventure of your own.

Fri, 3pm / Restoring an Ojibwe Birch Bark Canoe with Bob Diebel

A remarkable thing about a canoe is that the basic shape has remained unchanged for thousands of years. An Ojibwe canoe maker from a thousand years ago would instantly recognize the modern Kevlar canoe as close kin to his craft, although he would be mystified by the materials from which it was made. Only a few of the old canoes are still around and through them we can appreciate the amazing achievement that was the development of the birch bark canoe, made from materials available in the northern forest. Journey back in time with Bob Diebel as he tells the tale of restoring an 1870s Ojibwe birch bark canoe. This rare canoe has been owned by Bob's wife's family since around 1880 when Lynne's great-grandfather purchased three birch bark canoes from Minnesota Ojibwe. For many years, the family paddled all three on Cedar Lake in Southern Minnesota. In the 1950s, one was donated to a museum. In 2008, Bob and Lynne brought the remaining two to Wisconsin, one for restoration using traditional methods and materials, and the other simply for cleaning. Bob will talk about the history of the canoes, the restoration process, and the eventual decision to donate them to the Minnesota Historical Museum. Bob is an amateur boat builder, mechanical engineer and co-author of Paddling Northern Minnesota and Paddling Southern Minnesota. He is also becoming skilled at digging and splitting spruce roots.

Fri, 4pm / Ways of Knowing; Craft Education in Japan with Featured Instructor Douglas Brooks

Our notions of teaching and learning are so deeply ingrained that we rarely give much thought to how we learn and teach craft. Teaching strategies vary worldwide: in the West, craft education closely mirrors the structure we find in our schools. In the Scandinavian folk school model (which inspires North House), education is centered on the hands, the heart and the mind. In Japan,

the model for craft education is rooted in long and arduous apprenticeships, which are similar to Buddhist monastic training. Wooden Boat Show Featured speaker and boat builder Douglas Brooks has experienced the Japanese style of teaching firsthand, while he apprenticed with five boat builders in Japan between 1996-2010. Brooks will share his thoughts on the Japanese style of teaching, its implications for the craft traditions of Japan, and the larger questions of how we keep cultural traditions alive the world over.

Sat, 2pm | Boat Building Traditions of Japan with Featured Instructor Douglas Brooks

When people think about Japan, they usually have in their minds images of manga and anime, busy urban centers, and an economy based on innovations in electronics. Most people do not know that there is also a “second Japan” wherein lies a rich history of traditional arts and crafts, many of which are fast disappearing. Douglas Brooks has apprenticed with five different boatbuilders in Japan since 1996. In this slide talk he will share his experiences with traditional crafts drawn from over a dozen trips to Japan since 1990.

Sat, 3pm | Port Huron to Home Kayak Expedition with Bryan Hansel

During the spring and early summer of 2011, Bryan Hansel kayaked from Port Huron, Michigan to Grand Marais, Minnesota. His journey took 45 days, and he covered 800 miles. On the trip, he traversed the two largest Great Lakes, averaged 22 miles a day, paddled in waves taller than a refrigerator, visited Isle Royale and even ordered pizza delivered to his tent. Bryan will present slides and talk about his adventure.

Sat, 4pm | Paul La Plante: A North Shore Mackinaw Boat with David Cooper

In 1999, North House Folk School and Grand Portage National Monument collaborated in the re-construction of a 19' Great Lakes Mackinaw boat. Named for Grand Portage boat builder Paul La Plante, the boat was a labor of love for the many North House staff, students, and volunteers who worked on it. This presentation will look at the construction and sailing of the Paul La Plante, and will provide an opportunity to examine the La Plante dockside.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Sun, 12:00 pm | Boats & Stories of Isle Royale with Howard Sivertson, Gene Skadberg and Tim Cochrane

Join local residents Howard Sivertson and Gene Skadberg as they share their memories of life on Isle Royale. Growing up in a maritime culture in which boats were cars, the lake was the road and fish were (nearly always) on the menu, Howard and Gene's experiences are a window into a world centered around boats. As fishermen on Isle Royale, boats were transportation, a work platform, their safety net, their largest investment, and fishermen were known by their boats. Accompanied by historian Tim Cochrane, Gene and Howard will reflect on the characters and lore of island life in days gone by. One story will likely lead to another and their will be plenty of images from their private collections to spur the imagination. It's a slice of local history not to be missed, and great way to wrap up your Wooden Boat Show weekend.

A COMMUNITY OF CRAFTERS

Friday-Saturday, June 22-23

Witness skilled traditional craft artisans as they join as a community over the weekend to celebrate the process of craft.

Demonstrators will be on hand Friday-Saturday, welcoming your curiosity, questions and interest.

Karen Rognvoog

Natural Plant Dyes

Robert Schulz

Blacksmithing

Jon Strom	Scandinavian Bowl Carving
Roger Abrahamson	Spring Pole Lathe Turning
Cathryn Peters	Seat Caning and Antler Basketry
Elise Kylo	Wool Felting
Jarrold Stonedahl	Traditional Craft
Jock Holmen	Timber Carving
Tina Fung-Holder	Basketry
Janis Reuter	Wool Preparation
Traudi Bestler	Rug Braiding

FEATURED CRAFT: WOODEN BOATS

Carvel? Lapstrake? Scribing? See the boat builders of North House in action as they work on skiffs, canoes, and bark boats on Saturday. Professional builders will be demonstrating the building process on several different boats. See the tools at work in capable hands, and join in for scheduled small talks and demonstrations of specific aspects of the building process.

John Beltman: Susan Skiff

Erik Simula: Birch Bark Canoe

- 10am Steambending Wood with Erik Simula
- 11 am Wooden Boat Walking Tour with John Beltman
- 2 pm Pitching the Canoe with Erik Simula
- 3 pm Scribing Ribs: The Art of Fitting Irregular Pieces with John Beltman

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

HARBOR-SIDE BBQ

Fri, 5-7 pm (\$5-\$10)

Brats anyone? Kick-off your Wooden Boat Show weekend with the taste of summer on the harbor. Brought to you by the Cook County Lions, the BBQ features traditional summer fare (brats and burgers). This year, pull up a seat at the picnic table for stories, music and good company.

COMMUNITY CONTRA DANCE WITH OVER THE WATERFALL

Fri, 7-8pm (Family Dance) & 8-10pm (Community Dance)

North House's boatbuilding workshop converts into a traditional community contra dance on Friday night, welcoming families for the first hour to learn traditional dances with their children. Soon after, dancers fill the floor, as Over the Waterfall strikes up reels, jigs, and the occasional polka. \$5 donations welcome at the door.

LAKE SUPERIOR CHOWDER EXPERIENCE

Sat, noon -1pm

Pick up your bowls early for 15th annual Lake Superior Chowder Experience – a festival highlight that brings the many chowders of dozens of North Shore restaurants for you to taste. Smoky steelhead, salsa corn, walleye and clam, and pig ear garnish were just a few

of the interpretations area restaurants took last year. Combined with freshly baked breads from North House's wood-fired oven, this is a North Shore culinary event not to be missed.

BOATS-TO-TOOLS AUCTION

"Buy It Now" – Sat, 10am-5pm

Silent Auction – Sat, 10am until the close of the Live Auction (anticipated, 1:30- 1:45)

Live Auction with John Kruesel, auctioneer - Sat, kicks off at 1pm

Spring cleaning? Discovered some useful tools collecting dust? Got a fishing boat or canoe that's just sitting in your backyard?

Looking for that boat to get you out on the water? How about a student built timber frame or wood-fired bread oven? The Boats-to-Tools auction brings surprises, a big crowd and hundreds of items to place bids on.

Auction Sneak Peak: Friday, 7-8 pm, North House Members/Event Pass Holders

New this year! See what goes on behind the scenes, and get first dibs on Buy-It-Now table. Start planning your bids for the morning!

LAKE SUPERIOR SAILING ON THE 50' SCHOONER HJØRDIS*

Summer Solstice Schooner Sails

Saturday - 9am; 10am; 11am; noon; 1pm; 2pm; 3pm; 4pm

Enjoy a 1-hour sail in the Grand Marais harbor aboard the 50' schooner Hjordis. Raise and set sails...see the Sawtooth Mountains from a different perspective. Reservations please. Maximum of 6 participants. \$25 per person per sail. Advanced reservations recommended.

LEARN TOGETHER: COURSEWORK : COME EARLY, STAY LATE

Starting Tuesday, June 19

Old- Fashioned Rug Hooking, 3 day class

Lofting for Boat Builders, 3 day class

Birch Bark Canoes, 4 day class

Starting Wednesday, June 20

Scandinavian Flat Plane Figure Carving, 3 day class

Blacksmithing Joinery Techniques, 3 day class

Starting Thursday, June 21

Craft of Sail, 1 day class

Flatbreads Bakery, 1 day class (FULL)

Lake Superior Coastal Navigation, 1 day class

Starting Friday, June 22

Ropework: Knot Tying Workshop, 1 day class

Wooly Birds: Intro to Felting, ½ day class

Pizza Peels: Carve Your Own, 1 day class

Tied Up in Knots: The Nautical Doormat, 1 day class

Starting Monday, June 25

Sausages for the Summer Grill, 1 day class

Help Yourself to Knitting, 2 day class

Spinning Fibers on a Wheel, 2 day class

Bowl Carving with Axe, Adze & Gouge, 3 day class

Scandinavian Style Flat Plane Carving: Continuation, 3 day class

Paint, Oil & Finishing Touches: Fundamentals of Wooden Boat Building II, 3 day class

Bags & Baskets: Braiding Beyond Rugs, 3 day class

ELEMENTS OF NORTH HOUSE: BREAD, BOATS & TIMBERS MINI-COURSES

Saturday, June 23: 10am & 3 pm

We're returning to our roots for our 15th Wooden Boat Show and celebrating some of the most elemental aspects of our identity: bread, timbers and boats. Participate in a 1.5 hour hands-on mini-course: knead the dough, pound the pegs, row the boat. Pre-registration required, space is limited. Please **call to register** (888-387-9762) \$10 non-members/ \$5 members/ Event Pass holders.

Bread in the Oven: Simple Wood-Fired Artisan Bread Baking

Crispy crusts and steaming hot dough. It's the stuff only a wood-fired masonry oven can provide. Discover the baking techniques used in a wood-fired oven and taste some of the results in this workshop set on the North House harbor – the ideal setting to inspire you to maybe build one of your own.

Timbers on Campus: Raise a Timber Frame

Always been curious about timber-framing? This ancient and beautiful style of building is a hallmark of the North House campus. Here's your chance to experience a frame-raising first-hand. Working with a group of students, you'll raise North House's Teaching Frame, a small timber frame designed to teach the basics of mortise and tenon joinery, and allow first-hand experience in the joy of a community working together.

Boats on the Harbor: Row, Row, Row the Batteau

Wooden Boat Show celebrates the rich heritage of wooden boats in the harbors of Lake Superior. Get on board our beautifully restored bateau (baa-TOH), once the workhorse of the logging industry on the North Shore. Learn how to row, and immerse in the logging history of the North Shore through stories and photos.

GET THE PASS^{††}

North House members receive a special event pass, allowing free/reduced admission to the speakers and workshops throughout the weekend. \$5/presentation or workshop for non-members. Elements workshops \$10 for non members, \$5 for members. Become a North House Folk School member today, Get The Pass!