



WOOD WEEK

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Let the woodchips fly! Back by popular demand, our third Wood Week is on the books for early March 2016, and we're excited to welcoming woodcarvers and woodworkers of all sorts back to campus.

Classes will kick off on Tuesday and continue throughout the week. On Saturday, all students will have the opportunity to mix and mingle with other carvers & instructors and options to choose from a variety of mini-courses on sharpening, adding simple decorative details, turning an idea into a pattern, using the scraper and more or simply hang out and carve with fellow enthusiasts. Coursework will resume on Sunday. Registration for any of the two or three day Wood Week courses also includes participation in Saturday mini courses and excursions.



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COURSEWORK

- Scandinavian Style Flat-Plane Figure Carving
- Wooden Bowl Turning: Norwegian Ale Bowls
- Nordic Relief Carving: From The Acanthus Plant to Dragon Motifs
- Krympburkar: Scandanavian-Style Shrink Boxes
- Wooden Spoon Carving Traditions
- Norwegian Knifemaking: Crafting the Everyday 'Hverdags' Knife
- Embellishment Techniques for Wood
- Marking Time: Making a Norwegian Primstav Calendar Stick
- Saving Face: Carving Facial Details

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 and open shop. Participation in the Carver's Conference Day is included in the tuition for all other carving courses (some materials fees may apply). Registration is limited to one session per student; we recommend registering in advance of the weekend, as space is limited. As additional spaces become available, additional registration will be made available on a first-come first served basis. To register call 218-387-9762.

MORNING SESSIONS (10 am-noon):

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. *10 am-noon, \$5 materials fee*

Repurposing Old Tools with Mike Schelmeske

Beautiful, functional knives from cast-off industrial hacksaw blades or files? Awls and marlinespikes from old farm implements? Learn the art of thrifty slight-of-hand with a lifelong student of craft and longtime North House instructor Mike Schelmeske. Mike will bring in a collection of his own found objects, discuss what to look for, where to find it, and how to start forging at home. *10 am-noon, \$5 materials fee*

Customize Your Mora Knife with Paul Linden

The Mora #120 slojd knife is a very popular choice for beginner and veteran wood carvers—you simply cannot get a better bang for your buck. Learn how to customize the shape and color of the handle or split it off and add a new one of special wood and a shape. Paint, dye, or stain the wood handle and apply a protective finish. We will also discuss altering the shape of the blades. We'll also weave a simple custom-fitted birch bark sheath. Knives available for purchase in the school store or bring your own. *10 am-noon, \$5 materials fee*

AFTERNOON SESSIONS:

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Spinning Yarns: Carve a Nøstepinne with Harley Refsal

Three crafts intersect in this session: carving, spinning, and storytelling. Learn about the rich history of the Norwegian yarn winder from an emeritus professor of Scandinavian folk art and celebrated carver Harley Refsal while whittling your own. Nøstepinner are both elegant in their design and utility, and culturally rich as a time-honored courting gift. Students will carve one from basswood and add embellishments to the handle, including a ball-in-cage trick if desired. *1-4 pm, \$5 materials fee*

Bottom's Up: Kuksa Carving Tutorial with Alex Yerks

For thousands of years before the era of Starbucks and disposable cups, the indigenous Saami people carved their own drinking vessels from birch burls. Lightweight and portable, the kuksa is sturdy enough to travel with you and hold whichever drink suits the occasion. In this session, learn the steps of carving a kuksa, including design elements functional and decorative. Participants will rough out their own project from a birch piece (not a burl) and – like your coffee – take it “to-go.” Recommended tools: spoon knife, hook knife, or bent gouge. *2-4 pm, \$10 materials fee*

ALL DAY

Open Shop We'll be making woodchips all day in the Blue Building. Enjoy the camaraderie of working with other carvers. *8am-5pm*

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

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

Presentation: Authentic Craft and Disney: Rebuilding the Norway Pavilion at EPCOT | Thursday, March 3, 7 pm

The Experimental Prototype City of Tomorrow (EPCOT) is a city/theme park dreamed up by Walt Disney and built in the 1980s as an exposition of world cultures. A corner of this popular tourist destination is dedicated to Scandinavia. NH instructors Else Bigton and Phil Odden worked on the original project 25 years ago, and have spent this winter on a rebuild to reflect the popular Disney movie ‘Frozen.’ Phil and Else will discuss their projects, inspiration and skill needed to make it happen.

Tour of Hedstrom's Mill | Friday, March 4, 8 am

Meet at North House before class and head up to tour the 100+ year-old Hedstrom Lumber Company. Located just 15 minutes up the Gunflint Trail Hedstrom has been an icon of Cook County since 1914 and produces 15 million board feet of lumber. Hear about local lore and see band saws in action. Space limited; reservation required.

Open Shop and Pie Social | Friday, March 4, 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. North House will provide pie, coffee and tea to fuel the conversation. Bring a project to keep your hands busy when not eating pie!

Wood-Fired Pizza Potluck/Show & Share | Sat, March 5, 5:30 pm

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 20) and can be projected. Please bring your photos on a USB drive.

TO SIGN UP

For more info or to register for coursework visit northhouse.org or call 888-387-9762. Carver's Conference sessions are free and open ONLY to students enrolled in Wood Week coursework. If you're already enrolled in a course, please sign up by contacting North House via phone.