

WOODEN BOAT SHOW 2011 PROGRAM SUMMARY

TRADITIONAL CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Try your hand. Meet the instructors - taste, touch, smell, and witness the techniques and traditions of their respective crafts. No registration required. North House members receive Special Event Pass, for free admission to presentations and workshops. \$5/presentation for non-members. Become a member today, for as little as \$25 and Get the Pass!

Fri, noon | Wood-Fired Bread Baking with the North House Staff

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.

Fri, 1pm | Weaving on the Frame Loom with Traudi Bestler, fibers artist

Over, under, in and out: the mechanics of weaving are same no matter what type of loom is used. A simple rigid heddle frame loom can turn scraps into craft, odds and ends into artwork. Join instructor Traudi Bestler as she demonstrates how she sets up a frame loom, and try a little over, under, in and out yourself.

Fri, 2pm | Timber Carving with Jock Holman, wood-carver

A decoratively carved timber with a hand-hewn look is a classic signature of the northern home. Using gouges, chisels and other hand tools, a simple pine timber can become a striking focal point. Try your hand at creating decorative touches on a pine timber, and feel inspired to carve one for your home.

Fri, 3pm | Traditional Rush Weaving with Cathryn Peters, the Wicker Woman

A seat to sit upon; a place to rest your feet—cattails, a prolific resident of northern wetlands, can provide both. By gathering, drying and hand-twisting these long leaves, you can create a fiber similar to the traditional rush used in seat weaving for centuries. Based on English traditions, but using North American plants, this craft creates a durable and beautiful piece of furniture. Try your hand at weaving a variety of materials, including natural paper fibre and cat-tail.

Fri, 4pm | Birch Bark Canoe Building with Erik Simula, bark canoe builder

A bark canoe made entirely of locally harvested materials can last for years with proper care. Join canoe builder Erik Simula as he performs a bit of routine maintenance on North House's canoe. Using a mixture of spruce resin, bear grease and charcoal, Erik will re-seal the bark seams so that the craft is ready to paddle across the harbor in the boat parade on Sunday. Erik will also discuss the harvest of materials and process for building bark canoes.

Sat, 9am | Building with Stone with David Abazs, farmer, builder, and designer

There is a new resident on campus—a brand new wood-fired oven now graces the eastern wall of our blue building. Lend a hand as we use local field stone to accentuate the block the oven is built on, visually tying the oven to our rocky harbor home. Instructor

David Abazs will demonstrate the techniques used for exterior stone-work, and you can select the perfect stone to leave your mark on the heart of campus.

Sat, 10am | Wooden Boat Walking Tour with John Beltman, builder of classic wooden boats

Wood-canvas canoes, wooden rowing prams, skin-on-frame kayaks and umiaks, sail craft – take this walking tour of the wooden boats on display and meet the builders. Traditional work boat builder and instructor, John Beltman, leads this guided tour, introducing you to the 50 plus wooden boats in the Waterfront Wooden Boat Display.

Sat, 11am | Blacksmithing with Robert Schulz, traditional blacksmith

The clang of the hammer and the roar of the forge will ring out in the new Blacksmithing Shop as traditional blacksmith and instructor Robert Schulz loads the coal and pounds the iron. Get up close and personal with this fascinating craft, and try the tongs, anvils and hammer for yourself. Robert will have samples from his just completed class, Light Your Way Into Blacksmithing, available to see.

Sat, 1pm | Carving the Noggin—the Original Travel Mug with Jon Strom, wood carver

When the fur trade was in full swing, Lake Superior and the lakes inland from the North Shore were traditional travel routes paddled by cargo haulers of that bygone era. The voyageur's colorful lifestyle was also a lifestyle of utility and hard work, making light of the heavy loads they had to carry. The noggin, a wooden vessel, doubled as a bowl and cup - small, light and carved from the very woods in which they made their living. Join Jon as he creates the original travel mug.

Sat, 2pm | Double Warp Band Weaves: the "Meeting of the Three Tribes" with Larry Schmitt, Fiber Artist

Traditional craft can reveal much about our own forgotten past. The intricate and colorful band weaving often now found on Norwegian ski sweaters and high end active wear was once done by hand, using small looms. This weave prospered in a culturally diverse area above of the Arctic Circle called the “meeting of the three tribes” and today bears testimony to innovation and ingenuity at the periphery of our world. Join instructor Larry Schmitt for a taste of the history and technique of double warp band weaving as found in the course Woven, Decorative Bands.

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 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 | TBD

Fri, 3pm | Bending Ribs and Shaping Lives; Brian Thorkildson, Boatbuilding Instructor Urban Boatbuilders

A pile of wood undergoes a dramatic transformation as a wooden boat is built, but at Urban Boatbuilders, the lives of the builders can change just as much. Urban Boatbuilders is a youth service agency in St. Paul that works with at-risk youth, engaging them in the

positive activity of using and building wooden boats. Brian Thorkildson, an instructor at UBB, has seen numerous changes in the youth he has worked with building canoes, prams and a 22' Umiak. Come hear the stories of these youth and the boats they build, and find out how bending ribs can shape a young person's life.

Fri, 4pm | Escaping the Rat Race: One Family's Journey on a Sail Boat: Katya and Mark Gordon

Mark and Katya Gordon, owners of Amicus Adventure Sailing, lived aboard their steel sailboat, Amicus, for over a year while they sailed to the Bahamas and back with their two young daughters, ages 2 and 4. Since then they have lived in Two Harbors, MN, bought a larger boat, and are passionate about taking others sailing. The Gordons will tell stories of what they learned about living the simple life while embracing a sense of adventure. Presentation includes pictures of their trip and tips for families looking to get off the beaten path and live their priorities as fully as possible.

Sat, 9am | 1007 Lakes and One County: Paddling Itasca with Mary the Kayak Lady

A firm believer that you don't have to leave your backyard to find something worth exploring, Mary **Shideler** spent 15 seasons paddling all 1007 lakes in Itasca County, MN in her Pygmy GoldenEye-13 Stitch-n-Glue wooden kayak. She'll share stories of her encounters with wildlife, weather, and the scenic lake country of Minnesota from her memoir, *The Kayak Lady*, along with inspiration to undertake a journey of your own.

Sat, 10am | Lake Superior: Facts, Figures and Myths: Captain Matthew Brown

Captain Matthew Brown has spent years sailing and exploring the Big Lake, and knows Superior and her many moods from a sailor's perspective. Matthew will discuss maritime history and mythology of Lake Superior, including commercial fishing, shipping, and the many shipwrecks that color the history of the lake. Join him for tales of the boats and folks that have sailed, paddled, and lived along the waters and shores of Lake Superior.

Sat, 11am | Names and Stories: The Lakes of the BWCAW and Quetico with Calvin Ottertail

Sat, 1pm | TBD

Sat, 2pm | BWCA Wilderness Q & A with Bill Hansen

Bill Hansen, owner of Sawbill Canoe Outfitters, has lived and breathed the BWCA Wilderness for the last 55 years. He has canoed the wilderness in birch bark, wood and canvas, aluminum and Kevlar canoes. In addition to helping thousands of wilderness canoeists, he has been active in the politics and policy side of wilderness and received the Wilderness Society's Environmental Hero Award. Ask Bill about canoe design, wilderness history, fishing tips, natural history, policy or anything else canoe country related. Everything but his favorite fishing hole is fair game!

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Sun, 12:30 pm

The Harbor: Looking Back, Sailing Forward

A COMMUNITY OF CRAFTERS

Friday-Saturday, June 17-18

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.

Traditional Boatbuilding	John Beltman
Birch Bark Canoe Building	Erik Simula
The Ropework: A History of Maritime Ropemaking	Dick Enstad
Knitting	Kate Hartman
Spinning	Allen Holzhueter
Natural Plant Dyes	Karen Rognsvoog
Fiber Arts	Larry Schmitt
Weaving	Traudi Bestler
Timber Carving	Jock Holmen
Natural Rush Seat Weaving	Catherine Peters
Stone Building	David Abazs
Blacksmithing	Robert Schulz
Wood Carving	Jon Strom
Basketry	Tina Fung Holder

ON THE HARBOR GAMES - TRADITIONAL LACROSSE, A GAME CALLED KUBB & DEAD FISH POLO

Fri, 5-8pm

Just as the Harborside BBQ kicks off and the live WTIP Radio broadcast from the harbor is underway, the Harbor Games begin! This year's On The Harbor Games include an introduction the traditional game Kubb, tied to the maritime boatbuilding traditions of Scandinavia. Teams of 5 will be gathered to "toss Kubb sticks" throughout the evening. We'll play on the water, with canoes and paddles, tossing "the dead fish" (really a sponge) into the opponents open canoe, using only your canoe paddle. Hone in on your paddling skills while having a laugh! No registration required. Just come on down to the harbor.

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 14th 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, 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 15 min at the close of the Live Auction

Live Auction with John Kruesel, auctioneer & dad of NHFS sailing intern Lucy- Sat, kicks off at 3pm

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.

GET THE PASS^{††}

North House members receive a special event pass, allowing free admission to the speakers and workshops throughout the weekend.

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