

Winter Instructor Update: Jan 2013

*****News to Note*****

Scheduling:

It's happening: we're finalizing the schedule for 2013, and scheduling into 2014 for those so inclined. If we haven't already scheduled your 2013 dates, please get in touch soon, and I can send course profiles your way and get some dates onto our calendar. We're especially in need of July & August coursework for 2013. Please drop us an email, phone call, visit or letter to schedule before **FEB 5, 2013**. Thanks! Spring/Summer Catalog should be in your mailbox around March 1.

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In an effort to "train the elephants," we are getting into the habit of opening most of our courses for registration on March 1 (last year, we had over 50 registrations that day!). However, that seems pretty distant right now, and so we opened a handful of courses on January 1 and will add another 20 or so on February 1, with the bulk of courses available for registration on March 1.

New Email List-Serv

We'll soon be converting our instructor email list to a new platform that will allow us to use photos and other functionalities. Watch for an email from Vertical Response asking you to confirm that you'd like be part of the group; please say yes!

Big Website change: Tools Tab!

We're performing a small make-over on our website that will be up and running by March 1, and hopefully sooner. Now, a tab labeled "tools" will appear on each course page, allowing students to know ahead of time what they will need to bring to class, and making it easy to refer back to as the course gets closer. For now, we will still send a confirmation packet including the required tools, optional tools and recommended reading lists to all students, as we currently do. We recognize that some of the information you provide students in these lists is proprietary information in some sense and so we will only list the REQUIRED tools on the website.

Instructor Retreat Invitation/RSVP

An invitation to attend the first-ever Instructor Retreat, April 11-13, 2013 is included in this update. We very much hope as many folks as possible will attend. Please call or email with questions, otherwise, RSVP by March 13 please. Hope to see you there!

Craft on the Commons

We're going to give an instructor-in-residence program a try this summer as a way of making the story of craft highly visible on campus without necessarily inviting all of Grand Marais in the summer into the classroom. We're imagining these will be 3-5 days in length, or longer if your schedule allows. We would like them to bridge weekends, since that is when campus sees the most traffic. Details are still coming together, but it will include an opportunity to teach a mini-class, great views of Lake Superior and good company. If you're interested, please let us know. It's a great way to spend time on campus!

Annual Instructor Gathering at Wooden Boat Show: June 23, 2013 9:00: Mark Your Calendars!