



Northern Landscapes Festival

Event Overview

June 1—June 5, 2016

North House Folk School, Grand Marais, MN

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Spring is an explosion of life in the North! Discovering the birds, wildflowers, insects and more of this dynamic and rich northern landscape is the focus of this festival. Participation in the festival is open to anyone interested in hands-on learning and curious about the dynamics of the northern landscape. Field-focused courses form the backbone of the event - please visit North House's website to learn more. In addition, multiple evening and afternoon programs explore the biology, beauty and biodiversity of the North. Pre-registration is required for all courses - evening programs are open to the public. For additional information on the festival, please visit www.northhouse.org or call 218-387-9762.

FESTIVAL COURSES

Starting June 1

- [Master Naturalist: Northwoods and Great Lakes](#)

Starting June 2

- [Wool: The \(Really\) Full Experience - Felting, Spinning & Warp-Weighted Looms](#)

Starting June 3

- [What's This Rock? Unraveling the Geologic Story of Minnesota's North Shore](#)
- [Boreal Birding Workshop](#)
- [Northern Landscapes Photography](#)
- [Birding Basics](#)

Starting June 4

- [Birding By Ear](#)
- [Spring Phenology in the Field: Wildflowers and Beyond](#)
- [Field Botany](#)

Build a Bat House Family Program with the USFS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Thursday, June 2

7:00pm Traditional Craft Presentation: Warp Weighted Looms of the Shetland Isles with International Guest Instructor Elizabeth Johnston

at North House Folk School

Humans have been weaving cloth for thousands of years on a wide-variety of looms. Hear the story of the ancient warp-weighted loom which our ancestors used to weave every type of cloth they needed: clothing, bedding, all types of cloth for the workplace, even ships sails. Have you ever thought how you could hand spin and hand weave enough cloth for your family and more besides? From research in Shetland, Norway and Iceland, visiting guest instructor Elizabeth Johnston will share some of the story of this style of loom, the people who wove on it, and the cloth they produced, - from 3000 years ago to the present day.

Friday, June 3

7:00pm Presentation sponsored by the USFS Gunflint Ranger District: Southern Landscapes

Interlude: Life in a Penguin Colony, with biologist Chris Beal

at North House Folk School

Gunflint Wildlife Biologist Chris Beal recounts his past exploits as a field researcher living in the world's largest continental penguin colony at Punta Tombo, Argentina. He'll present a photo-tour documenting the incredible breeding biology of the Magellanic penguin, as they return from the ocean to lay eggs and raise chicks in a hot scrub desert environment. Revel in the contrast by visiting a landscape vastly different than our own!

Saturday, June 4

Chik-wauk Museum & Nature Center open for self-guided birding at the end of the Gunflint Trail, Museum open 10am-5pm, NEW Nature Center open 11am-4pm

Saturday, June 4

Build a Bat House at North House with the US Forest Service!

Early Bird Session: 9am-10am; Mid-Morning Birds Session: 10:30-11:30am

FREE, pre-registration requested by calling North House at 888.387.9762

Recommended for kids ages 7+ with an adult

Calling all families with mosquitoes in your yards! Encourage our local bats to take up residence NEAR (not in!) your house by building a bat box to install in your yard. We can help our local bats, as well as reduce our mosquito population by providing them with shelter. In this hour-long session, you'll get a chance to help bats by building a bat house that you can take home. You'll also talk with a Forest Service biologist and learn about Minnesota bats, the problems they are facing, and what the Forest Service is doing to help them.

5:30 pm Wood-fired Pizza Potluck at North House; free for Festival Participants

Bring your favorite pizza toppings to share and beverages for this casual, harbor-side pizza potluck as North House Folk School fires up the wood-fired oven and provides the dough. Enjoy good company and good eats! Open to all festival participants and family members.

7:30pm, Featured Presentation: *Painted Land: In Search of the Group of Seven* with Featured Speakers Gary & Joanie McGuffin

at North House Folk School

At this year's Northern Landscapes Festival, we are pleased to welcome back Canadian adventurers, award-winning authors, conservation photographers and film producers, Gary and Joanie McGuffin, for a screening of the hour long documentary, *Painted Land: In Search of the Group of Seven*. One would think The Group of Seven needs no introduction. Their iconic works are known to millions of Canadians, yet few are familiar with the lives of the artists themselves. Why did they choose locations in the remote, rugged wilderness of northern Ontario? Does anyone know precisely where they went?

Past meets present in a film that is evocative in approach, energized by breathtaking cinematography and an uplifting musical score, and offers a new and articulate voice to the artists who were the Group of Seven. *Painted Land* weaves seamlessly the experiences of Lawren Harris, J.E.H. MacDonald, A.Y. Jackson, Frank Johnston, Arthur Lismer, Franklin Carmichael and A.J. Casson – with the adventures of three modern day sleuths. Historian Michael Burtch, and the writer and photographer team of Gary and Joanie McGuffin are determined to track down the precise locations of these famous paintings in Algoma and on the Lake Superior North Shore. Archival film, letters, journals and photographs of the artists – some of which have never been seen in public – take the viewers back in time. This film weaves this history with a modern day adventure, up mountains, down canyon rivers and over portages with our trio as they try to achieve their own personal quest: to actually 'walk in the Group of Seven's footsteps'.

Chik-Wauk Museum & Nature Center on the Gunflint Trail

Open all weekend, June 3-5

Gate opens at 9:30am; Museum open 10am- 5pm daily; NEW Nature Center 11am-4pm daily

Grounds open from sunrise to sunset – park to the side of the gate

Housed in the historic Chik-Wauk Lodge on beautiful Saganaga Lake, 55 miles northwest of Grand Marais, Chik-Wauk Museum and Nature Center presents the Gunflint Trail's cultural and natural history through interpretive and interactive exhibits. The Chik-Wauk grounds covers 50 acres surrounding a bay of Saganaga Lake and offer excellent birding on a network of hiking trails of varying length and difficulty. Free admission to grounds; \$4 per person to visit museum. Call in advance – 218-388-9915 – if you want to reserve a birding backpack (contains binoculars and a bird guide) to use during your visit.

On **Sunday morning at 7am**, North House Instructor Ann Russ will lead a free guided birding hike on the grounds of Chik-Wauk. No reservations necessary, just show up! Park to the side of the gate.