

WINTERER'S GATHERING

& arctic film fest

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Welcome!

The Winterer's Gathering & Arctic Film Festival is a multi-day educational event that celebrates the crafts, customs, landscape, history and stories of winter travel and traditional life ways in the north. Winter travel enthusiasts and northern culture admirers merge on the North House campus for winter travel seminars, courses and workshops complemented by inspiring thought-provoking international films about arctic life.

The Winterers—or Les Hivernants, as the early North American Voyageurs referred to them—were brave, experienced individuals who signed on after the summer's end to work at winter outposts scattered throughout the 'interior' of North America. In respect for the skills, traditions and spirit of this devoted group, the annual Winterer's Gathering happens each year at the North House Folk School campus on the shore of Lake Superior.



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weekend highlights

Harbor Side Winter Tent Camp / All Weekend

An opportunity for winter campers to set up their shelter and share info and ideas about winter camping. \$8/night (non-electric) \$15/night (electric). Reservations through Grand Marais Rec Park 800-998-0959.

Open Fire Dinner On A Stick / Friday, 5:30pm

Gather around a bonfire and cook over an open fire as a community. Participants bring their own food. We'll also enjoy a short outdoor film. (free)



Snowshoe Shuffle Contra Dance /

Friday, 7pm

Don your winter wardrobe and warm up at this friendly community contra dance. Dances are called and instructed

by the music ensemble, "Over The Waterfall." The dance takes place in the timbered woodshop. (\$5/person for the band at the door/free to passholders)

The Great Gear & Ski Swap / Sat, 10:30am – 11:30am

Bring your outdoor equipment to sell, or get some great bargains. From skis to canvas tents, winter boots to down jackets. (Items in swap must be registered, registration forms available online and on campus.) Co-hosted with the North Superior Ski & Run Club.

The Deep Freeze Chili Feed / Saturday, 6pm

Grab your bowl for this traditional winter favorite: chili & freshly baked cornbread. Hot chili (your choice: vegetarian or meat) is cooked up in the kettle and eaten in the warm banquet hall by the woodstove. (\$10/person, paid at the door)



Featured Presentation: Qajaqtuqtut:

Kayaking Southern Baffin Island in

Traditional Boats with Eric McNair

Landry & Katherine Breen / Saturday, 7:30pm (doors open at 7 pm)

For thousands of years, traditional Inuit-style sea kayaks have navigated the frigid waters of the Arctic Ocean. The design of these boats reflects generations of native knowledge, experience and craft, using the materials available to produce a boat perfectly suited to the landscape. To celebrate these remarkable kayaks and to play a role in ensuring the survival of this ancient knowledge, adventurers Eric McNair Landry & Katherine Breen, along with Sarah McNair & Eric Boomer, hand-crafted four traditional sea kayaks, with the help of native youth. In 2013, they paddled them 600 miles across southern Baffin Island, retracing a historical migration route. The team named their expedition "Qajaqtuqtut," Inuktitut for "they kayak." Hear their stories and see images of their trip as Eric and Katherine join us as Featured Speakers at the 2014 Winterer's Gathering.

Featured Film: Lost in the Barrens

Saturday, 9 pm / (1990, Michael Scott, US, 91 min)

When Jamie's trust fund runs out, he must live with his Uncle Angus, in the Canadian wilderness. A carless accident makes Jamie and a native boy, Awasis realize that their disobedience could cost them their lives in Manitoba's dreaded Barrens. A loyal friendship is sparked as they begin to see their vast cultural differences in a different light. But will that light burn brightly enough to lead them safely home? Based on the novel by Farley Mowat.

schedule of events

	featured programs	film	seminars	course
fri am		9 am - Netsilik Eskimo Series: At the Winter Sea Ice Camp (137 min)		Nov 18-21 / Forging the Scandinavian Small Forest Axe
				Nov 19-21 / Salumi: Traditional Dry Curing Methods
		Noon - Village at the End of the World (82 min)		Nov 19-21 / Krympburkar: Scandanavian-Style Shrink Boxes
fri pm		1:30 pm - Umiak (31 min)		Nov 20-21 / Foot Felting: Slippers or Winter Boot Liners
			2 pm - A North American Saami Story / Marlene Wisuri & Cari Mayo	Nov 20-21 / Crooked Knife: Craft Your Own
		5:30 pm - Outdoor Film Screening / Two Adventure Shorts	3 pm - Seminar: Making the Attikamek Snowshoe/ Nate Johnson	Nov 20-22 / Nature's Insulator: Sew Your Own Wool Blanket Shirt
	5:30 pm - Dinner On A Stick	7:30 pm - Project Ice (118 min) / Q&A to follow with filmmakers	4 pm - All Things Arctic Trivia Game / Hosted by Lynnanne Vesper	Nov 21 / Cold Injury: It's Not Cool to be Cold
	7 pm - Snowshoe Shuffle Community Contra Dance	9:30 pm - Valhalla (60 min)		Drop-In Skill Share Demos Free to Event Pass Holders or \$5 for individual sessions
sat am		9 am - Family Film: Magic of the Snowy Owl (55 min)		Saturday, November 22
	10:30 am - Great Gear & Ski Swap	10 am - Huldufolk 102 (80 min)	10 am - Family Children's Book Reading: The Best Part of a Sauna / Kelly Dupre	• 2 pm: Fix Your Hole-y Wool Socks / Elise Kyllö
		11:30 am - Herd in Iceland (30 min)	11 am - Winter Camp Tent Tour / Jackson Sneve & Kurt Buetow	• 3 pm: Sharpening Things: How to / Paul Linden
sat pm				• 4 pm: Making Mittens / Kurt Buetow
			Noon - Serum Run '25 - The Great Race Against Death / Jerry Vanek	Sunday, November 23
	6 pm - The Deep-Freeze Chili Feed (\$10 per person)	1 pm - Among the Wild: The Arrowhead 135 (25 min)	2 pm - Gákti: Traditional Sámi Clothing / Marie Kvermno	• 9 am: Meet the Crooked Knife / Nate Johnson
	7:30 pm - Featured Presentation: Across Baffin Island with Eric McNair-Landry & Katherine Breen	4 pm - Portraits of Varangerfjord (14 min) / The Last Shovel-maker (10 min)	7:30 pm (Doors open at 7 pm) - Featured Presentation: Across Baffin Island with Eric McNair-Landry & Katherine Breen	• 10 am: Small Game Snaring / Emily Derke
	9 pm - Featured Film: Lost in the Barrens (93 min)	9 pm - Featured Film: Lost in the Barrens (93 min)		• 11 am: Repurposing Old Tools / Mike Schelmeske
sun am		9 am - Rendezvous with History: A Grand Portage Story (25 min), hosted by Tim Cochrane	10 am - The Gun that Bought the West / Brent Gurtek	Nov 21-22 / Sew a Bag: Sailor's Ditty or Sailcloth
			11 am - Remembering the Folks of the Border Country / Mark Hansen	Nov 22 / Mini Course / Lighten Up: Eating Well on the Trail
		Noon - Cold Love: The Final Cut (70 min)		Nov 22-23 / Pork Butchery for Home Use: Nose to Tail
				Nov 22 / Cold Weather Photography
				Nov 22-23 / Birch Bark Knife Sheaths



Netsilik Eskimo Series: At the Winter Sea Ice Camp

Friday, 9 am / (1967, US, Quentin Brown, 137 min)

Follow the Netsilik Eskimos as they set up a camp during their travels. In four parts, this film tells the story of just a small part of their trek, which includes setting up camp, building igloos, hunting and butchering seals, sharpening tools and performing handwork, and entertainment. All this before they abandon their igloo and continue the trek across the sea ice.

Village at the End of the World

Friday, Noon / (2012, Denmark, David Katznelson/Sarah Gavron, 82 min)

This richly orchestrated documentary film showcases the close-knit lives and livelihoods of the families living in the tiny village of Niaqornat in North West Greenland. A settlement of only 59 people, the area is home to more dogs than humans. It is also an area with no viable method of supporting itself, a fact that the filmmakers explore with detailed compassion. Composing an engaging picture of diverse beliefs, feelings and learning to live with your own situation, the Village at the end of the world is not so far away from any of us.

Umiak Skin Boat

Friday, 1:30 pm / (2008, Canada, Jobie Weetaluktuk, 31 min)

A group of Inuit elders in Inukjuak, Quebec decide one summer to build the first traditional seal skin boat their community has seen in over 50 years. Once an essential vessel for travel and for hunting large prey like bowhead whales, the umiak has been replaced in modern times by canoes powered with out-board motors. Over the course of working together on the boat, the elders recount astonishing stories of survival, and of dangers both natural and man-made.

Outdoor Film Screening: Two Adventure Shorts

Friday, 5:30 pm

Project Ice

Friday 7:30 pm /

(2014, US, William Kleinert/Leslie Johnson, 118 min)

Formed by ice, filled by ice, often covered by ice, the Great Lakes encapsulate human exploration, migration, development and where we're headed. PROJECT ICE views North America's fresh water inland ocean through the prism of ice, from the crossroads of history, science and climate change. We will be joined by Bill Kleinert, director of the film. He will introduce the film and answer questions following.

Valhalla

Friday, 9:30 pm / (2013, US, Sweetgrass Productions, 60 min)

The weightlessness of youth: every breath radiates opportunity and hope; every sense thrives on the wealth of the present; everything whispers of brilliance and awe. When you've seen the season's first great snow through the eyes of a child—you've known true happiness. Weaving narrative-driven style with award-winning, face-melting backcountry ski and snowboard cinematography; Valhalla is a vivid explosion of color, character, snow, and nostalgic soul.

Magic of the Snowy Owl

Saturday, 9 am / (2012, US, Fergus Beeley, Matt Hamilton, 55 min)

Filmmakers take us deep into the snowy owl's tundra home on the North Slope of Alaska to observe the daily struggles involved in raising a family of helpless owlets until they're able to fly. Featured on PBS's nature series.

Huldúfólk 102

Saturday, 10 am / (2006, Iceland, Nisha Inalsingh, 80 min)

Beneath the quiet veneer of Iceland lies an invisible nation of Hidden People. This fascinating phenomenon, rarely discussed with outsiders, not only pervades Icelandic culture, but also impacts its infrastructure (e.g., road construction and buildings).

Delving further into the stories of the hidden people, it is impossible not to consider the impact of the geographic position and isolation of this mysterious, celestial island of Iceland.

Herd in Iceland

Saturday 11:30 am / (2013, US, Lindsay Blatt & Paul Taggart, 29 min)

For over 1,000 years, Icelandic law has made it illegal to import horses onto the island. For that reason, Icelandic horses are a pure breed, isolated by oceanic borders. During the summer months, the horses live a remote and wild existence, grazing in the highlands and raising their young. Every September, they are rounded up by local farmers and directed across the rugged terrain to reunite with their owners.

Among the Wild: The Arrowhead 135

Saturday, 1 pm / (2014, US, Brenda Piekarski, 25 min)

On January 28, 2013, athletes set out to race the Arrowhead 135 Ultra, traveling 135 miles across the frozen and remote wilderness of northern Minnesota by either bike, ski or foot. Fully self-supported, athletes were given 60 hours to complete the course and only three checkpoints along the way. Follow three who racers had very different and unique experiences a long the way.

Portraits of Varangerfjord

Saturday, 4 pm / (2013, Norway, Egil Pedersen, 14 min)

The film portraits several people with a strong connection to nature, old Sami traditions and the small community they live in in Northern Norway.

The Last Shovel Maker

Saturday, 4:15 pm / (2006, US, Jack Ofield, 10 min)

Harvey Ward, age 87, carves beautiful grained shovels with a double edged axe.

FEATURED FILM Saturday, 7:30 pm / Info on back cover**Rendezvous with History: A Grand Portage Story**

Sunday, 9 am / (2013, 25 minutes)

Hosted by Tim Cochrane, Superintendent of the Grand Portage National Monument, Q & A to follow

Histories and accounts of the North American fur trade are full of amazing tales of trade with Native American tribes, adventurous exploits of voyageurs, the rise and fall of magnificent fortunes and grand explorations resulting in the opening of a continent. Much of this history unfolded at Grand Portage.

Cold Love: The Final Cut

Sunday, Noon / (2014, Lonnie Dupre, US, 72 min)

This adventure film reveals our planet's breathtaking world of ice and snow. Earth's frozen places are its thermostat, regulating the planet's temperature and providing a stable environment for every other part of our world. When viewed close up, both their majesty and their fragility are clear for all to see. And in the seeing, we can't help but be inspired to love and protect.



Warmly dressed participants enjoy the outdoor film screening.



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A North American Saami Story

Marlene Wisuri & Cari Mayo / Friday, 2 pm

In 2011 the Sami Cultural Center of North America was started to found a place for Sami and Sami North American cultural research, education, and outreach. Two of the Cultural Center's elders and current leaders will share the history of the North American Sami community and the birth of the Cultural Center.

Making the Attikamek Snowshoe

Nate Johnson / Friday, 3pm

Inspired by Henri Vaillancourt's book and travels with northern native people, Nate Johnson went through the long process of replicating the intricately crafted and woven snowshoes once common in snow country. He'll bring his snowshoes, the tools he used, and talk through the process of making them—from carving frames from the tree to processing hides to lacing.

All Things Arctic Trivia Game

Hosted by LynnAnne Vesper / Friday, 4 pm

Always looking for the perfect opportunity to show off your knowledge of historical arctic expeditions? Are you the life of every party with your fun facts on frostbite? Get ready to show off your skills in our first ever trivia session.

Family Children's Book Reading: The Best Part of a Sauna

with Kelly Dupre / Saturday, 10am

Join artist Kelly Dupre for a show and tell program and reading of her latest book "The Best Part of a Sauna." Learn the safe way to start a fire and then make your very own fire starter mobile. You can hang it inside or out for as long as you wish, then use it to start a fire in your wood stove or while camping.

Winter Tent Camp Tour

Jackson Sneve & Kurt Buetow / Saturday, 11am

Step inside and meet the campers who find comfort in twenty-below temps and see why they love to winter camp. This tour includes a walk-through of the many winter shelters that show up during the gathering. From canvas wall tents to circular yurts you'll learn what works (and what doesn't!) from each camper.

Serum Run '25 - The Great Race Against Death

Dr. Jerry Vanek / Saturday, Noon

In 1925, a diphtheria epidemic threatened icebound Nome, Alaska. Twenty Alaskan mushers relayed life-saving diphtheria antitoxin across 650 miles of wilderness through blizzards in temperatures down to -60. From 1997-2011, the original route was re-enacted numerous times. Dr. Jerry Vanek will recount the original relay race and contrast it with modern reenactments.

Gákti: Traditional Sámi Clothing

Marie Kvernmo / Saturday, 2pm

Marie Kvernmo is a visiting artist and scholar from Sámiiland. She will present on gákti, the traditional Sámi clothing worn throughout Norway, Sweden, Finland and the Kola Peninsula in Russia for both ceremonial and practical purposes. Don't miss this rare opportunity to experience Sámi culture first-hand.

FEATURED SPEAKERS Saturday, 7:30 pm / Info on back cover

The Gun that Bought the West

Brent Gurtek / Sunday, 10am

For nearly three centuries firearms were an important barter commodity in the North American fur trade. Join gunsmithing instructor Brent Gurtek for a presentation on the Northwest Trade Gun and how became it the "gold standard" of the fur trade firearms—respected and sought after by all in the trade.

Remembering the Folks of the Border Country

Mark Hansen / Sunday, 11am

Mark Hansen will present a slide show of the people he met in his early years in Cook County. Their lives and the country they inhabited left a deep impression on a younger man with a keen interest in the lake country of Minnesota and Ontario.

Skill Share Demonstrations

In these short intensive sessions focus on particular skills that come in handy for winter campers, DIY enthusiasts, and people who just plain like to make stuff. Dress for a partially heated environment, meet in the Blacksmith Shop. Free to Event Pass Holders, \$5 for individual sessions. Materials fee may apply.

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Gathering in Nov). Sign up for a pass AND automatically become a North House member! Cost: Individual Pass: \$25, Family Pass: \$50. Watch for the event pass icon throughout the program for your benefits!

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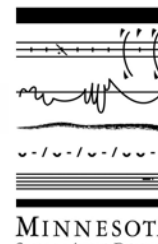
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