

Winterer's Gathering & arctic film festival



November 21-24, 2013

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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

This component of the festival is an opportunity for winter campers to set up their shelter on campus and share information 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 out of doors and cook over an open fire as a community. Participants bring their own food and slow roast over the fire. We'll also enjoy a short outdoor film. (no registration required)

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 donation for the band at the door.)

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:

Probing the Mysteries of Shackleton's "Endurance"

Expedition with Paul Schurke / Saturday, 7:30pm

It's considered the greatest survival tale in polar expedition history. In 1914, British explorer Ernest Shackleton sailed to Antarctica with 27 men in hopes of traversing the continent. After his ship was crushed by ice, the team was propelled into a 20-month nightmare of cold and near starvation. In the end, Shackleton brought his entire team home alive. Last fall, Ely adventurer Paul Schurke retraced that South Georgia route on a ski mountaineering trek that followed Shackleton's diary notes. Paul, who operates Wintergreen Dogsled Lodge in Ely and co-led the 1986 North Pole expedition with Will Steger, will explore this and other mysteries of the Shackleton trek.

Featured Film: Inuk

(2012, Mike Magidson, Greenland, 90 min)

Saturday, 9 pm

In Greenland's capital, sixteen year old Inuk lives a troubled life with his alcoholic mother and violent step-father. Inuk is sent North to a children's home on a tiny island in the middle of the arctic sea-ice. There, Inuk meets Ikuma, a local polar bear hunter who has his own share of problems. The children's home's warm-hearted director, Aviaaja, asks Ikuma to take Inuk on his annual seal-hunting trip. She is certain that despite the risks of such a long and dangerous voyage, Inuk will learn that he has a valiant past and a hopeful future. Created as an original road-movie on the sea-ice, "Inuk" is both an authentic story of Greenland today, a country torn between tradition and modernity, and a universal story about the quest for identity, transmission and rebirth after the deepest of wounds.

schedule of events

	featured programs	film	seminar	course
fri am		9 am - Vanishing Point (82 min)		Nov 20-21 / Crooked Knife: Craft Your Own
				Nov 21-22 / Foot Felting: Slippers or Winter Boot Liners
		11:30 am - Metamorphosis of the Rorbu (34 min)	Noon - Greeting the Nishiyu Walkers with Garrett Conover	Nov 22 - 23 / Nature's Insulator: Sew Your Own Wool Blanket Shirt
				Nov 22 / Winter Provisioning: Bannock and Beyond
fri pm		1 pm - North of the Sun (46 min)		Nov 22 / Snowwalker's Companion: Wilderness Travel Seminar
		3 pm - Craft in America: Holiday (55 min)	2 pm - Castles in Winter: Keeping Comfortable Medieval Style with Graham Riley	
		5:30 pm - Outdoor Film Screening of Norwegian Shorts		Nov 22-24 / Carving the Cree Hunter's Shovel
	5:30 pm - Dinner On A Stick	8 pm - Cold Love (75 min) / Q&A to follow with Lonnie Dupre	4 pm - Fat Tire Biking for Winter Lovers with Chris Gibbs	Nov 22-23 / Carry Your Fuel: Craft a Steambent Firewood Carrier
	7 pm - Snowshoe Shuffle Community Contra Dance	9:30 pm - Dead River Rough Cut (60 min)		
sat am		9 am - No Horizon Anymore (58 min)	10 am - Wilderness Winter Survival with David Cronenwett	Nov 22 - Staying Alive in the Woods: Intro to Northern Wilderness Survival
	10:30 am - Great Gear & Ski Swap		11 am - Winter Camp Tent Tour with Jackson Sneve & Kurt Buetow	
		11 am - Journey to the Source of the Lena (45 min)		Drop-In Skill Share Demos Saturday, November 23 / Free to Event Pass Holders or \$5 for individual sessions. • 2 pm: Friction Fire Starting with Ian Andrus • 3 pm: Making a Pattern of your Foot with Mike Loeffler • 4 pm: Make A Tip-Up for Ice Fishing with Jay Arrowsmith Decoux
sat pm	6 pm - The Deep-Freeze Chili Feed (\$10 per person)	1 pm - Crossing the Ice (44 min)	Noon - Life Lessons from the Iditarod with Cindy Gallea	
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sun am		9 am - Norse: An Arctic Mystery (51 min)		Nov 23-24 / Tracking the Muse: A Writer's Workshop for the Cold Season
		11 am - Wolves Unleashed (90 min)	10 am - Winter Photography on the Icy Shores with Bryan Hansel	Nov 23-24 / Salumi: Traditional Dry Curing Methods
				Nov 22 / Telling Tails: The History of Dogs & the Art of Animal Storytelling
				Nov 24 / Northern Bushcraft: In the Field



Vanishing Point

Friday, 9am / (2012, Stephen A. Smith & Julia Szucs, Canada, 82 min)

"As the world melts under our feet, we must find the best way for our journey." Navarana is a Polar Eskimo elder who lives in the most remote corner of the planet, the northwest tip of Greenland. She is connected by blood to a group of Canadian Inuit because of a shaman's migration journey across the frozen Arctic in the 1860s. Today her people in Greenland proudly maintain and covet age-old customs, but Navarana wonders what life is like for her distant cousins in Canada. She discovers that while these two isolated groups of Inuit share much, they also present strikingly different lifestyles and practices.

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Metamorphosis of the Rorbu

Friday, 11:30 am / (2010, Karin Pennanen, Norway, 34 min)

This film is a visual essay about cultural change, and a tribute to a bygone generation's knowledge and interaction in the world. In this film 4 Lofoten fishermen visit an old fisherman's cabin in Lofoten, Norway that has remained untouched since 1963. The four fishermen breathe life into the objects in the film. *In Norwegian with English subtitles.*

North of the Sun

Friday, 1pm / (2012, Inge Wegge & Jørn Nyseth Ranum, Norway, 46 min)

Inge Wegge (25) and Jørn Ranum (22) spent nine months of cold, Norwegian winter in the isolated and uninhabited bay of a remote, arctic island by the coast of northern Norway. There they built a cabin out of driftwood and other cast-off materials that washed up on shore, and ate expired food the stores would otherwise have thrown away. But the boys brought with them two items of utmost importance: Their surfboards - perhaps their biggest motivation for the arctic adventure. Because the remote bay holds a well-kept secret; some of the world's finest surfing waves. *In Norwegian with English subtitles.*

Craft in America: HOLIDAY

Friday, 3 pm / (2013, PBS, 55 min)

Sneak Peek! The Peabody award winning PBS Series Craft in America celebrates the handmade, objects rooted in tradition, heritage and rituals. North House's own Harley Refsal is featured in an upcoming episode, which will be available for viewing on PBS stations around the nation on December 20, 2013. Get a preview here, courtesy of PBS and Harley. Craft in America: Holiday celebrates some of our most important cultural and religious customs and leads viewers directly to their own creativity.

Outdoor Film Screening

Friday, 5:30 pm / Norwegian Shorts:

- **On Thin Ice 2** (2011, Tor Eckhoff, Norway, 2 min)
- **Basic Needs- Extreme Happiness** (2012, Aleksander Gamme, Norway, 4 min)

Cold Love

Friday 8pm / (2013, Lonnie Dupre & Beau Larson, US, 75 min)

Q&A with the filmmaker to follow

Cold Love reveals our planet's breathtaking world of ice and snow, and the need to keep these frozen regions healthy in order for our planet to survive. No one knows this more intimately than the explorers and adventurers who travel the frozen terrain. Find out why Polar explorers and mountain climbers remove themselves from civilized life to explore the frozen remoteness of our planet in *Cold Love*, which reveals the dramatic beauty and life-giving forces of our earth's frozen places.

Dead River Rough Cut

Friday, 9:30 pm / (2010, Richard Searls & Stu Silverstein, US, 60 min)

Bob Wagg and Walter Lane live in a tarpaper shack, hunting, fishing, trapping and logging with oxen. They prefer the sounds of the birds to the roar of highway traffic, and scorn the money-chasing of city life. Covering a period of four seasons in the

remote backwoods of Maine, Dead River Rough Cut presents a revealing look at an individual way of life. Wagg and Lane earn a living and accept their isolation for the independence it allows them. But not everyone would want to draw water from a hole in the ice. They share their reflections about women, politics, taxes, the lone life and death. *
Language advisory

No Horizon Anymore

Saturday, 9 am / (2012, Keith Remnick, US, 55 min)

From summer to winter and back again, 'No Horizon Anymore,' takes you on a journey few have experienced. Less than 2,000 people have spent the austral winter at the South Pole Station. Here, we follow members of the winterover crew from 2009 as they share their views on the interactions, the people, the environment, and the science that takes place during a busy year. With rare footage of the austral winter at 90 S, this is a must see for polar enthusiasts and adventurers alike.

Journey to the Source of the Lena

Saturday, 11 am / (2010, Vasily Sarana, Russia, 45 min)

The Lena is the greatest river in Russia. At its center, the Lena is 19 miles wide, while its lower delta has 150 branches. Nevertheless, this giant is like any other river in that it begins as a small trickle on the northern slopes of the Baikal Range in southern Siberia. The Lena's upper section boasts a unique natural landscape, which has been strictly protected from human intervention over the past 30 years. Here is the kingdom of the brown bear and ancient Siberian pine groves. The filmmakers lived in the area for several months while making the film. *In Russian with English subtitles.*

Crossing the Ice

Saturday, 1pm / (2012, Cas & Jonsey, Australia, 44 min)

Australian explorers Cas & Jonsey took on audacious challenge – the first ever unsupported trek from the coast of Antarctica to the South Pole and back. Starting with very limited experience they spent months researching, consulting with experts from all round the globe, and rehearsing the skills they would need to survive in the highest, driest, windiest and coldest place on Earth. During the journey they pulled loads that started at 160kg in temperatures as cold as -40 C, battling frostbite, injury, whiteouts, crevasses, gear failure and slow starvation. Their adventure raised the bar of polar exploration globally.

Fifty Lakes, One Island

Sunday, 3pm / (2012, George Desort, US, 60 min)

Q&A with the filmmaker to follow

Fifty Lakes One Island is an exploration—through photography and words—of the inland lakes on Isle Royale, a wilderness island in the northwest waters of Lake Superior. *Fifty Lakes, One Island* differs from the predictable flora and fauna nature documentary in its attempt to discover the power of time alone in the wild. Blending words with images, the film brings the viewer on a transcendental journey through the woods and waters of Isle Royale.

Norse: An Arctic Mystery

Sunday, 9am / (2012, Andrew Gregg, Canada, 51 min)

Dr. Pat Sutherland has been working on the archaeology of the Arctic for more than 30 years. But along the way she started finding artifacts that didn't fit—pieces that weren't made by indigenous hands, but by Norse traders, possibly as far back as a thousand years ago. Is it possible that this is the site of first contact between native North Americans and Europeans? The film follows Sutherland on her exploration including the hard science—using state of the art technology to unlock the hardest kept secrets of Norse arrival on Baffin Island.

Wolves Unleashed

Sunday, 11 am / (2011, Andrew Simpson, Canada, 89 minutes)

This film follows world-renowned animal trainer Andrew Simpson as he travels to the other side of the world to make the biggest wolf film ever attempted. Battling temperatures of -60C the crew and wolves are tested physically and mentally on a daily basis. This film will make people question everything they thought they knew about wolves as they see an animal that is graceful, caring and trusting. **Language Advisory*



winter skills seminars | descriptions & times

Greeting the Nishiyuu Walkers

with Garrett Conover / Friday, noon

In March of 2013, Garrett Conover photographed the arrival of the Nishiyuu Walkers in Ottawa. Started by a 17-year-old Cree youth on snowshoes, who traveled 1600 kilometers to Ottawa, the walk had grown exponentially in numbers, political and symbolic intent. The walk was a show of support for the Idle No More movement of indigenous peoples world-wide and in support of Chief of the Attawapiskat Band, Teresa Spence, who had just started a hunger strike to protest widespread disregard for environmental regulations and the First Nation. This series of images by Garrett Conover highlights the arrival in Ottawa of the Nishiyuu Walkers.

Castles in Winter, Keeping Comfortable Medieval Style

with Graham Riley / Friday, 2 pm

A life of splendor, wealth and romance has always been depicted in stories such as those of King Arthur and other medieval period films. However, according to history and records, living in a medieval castle was far from easy! Discover all of the foul facts about dark knights and dingy castles during the wet and cold winter season – including things typically not covered by history teachers like dungeons, castle toilets and the appalling behavior of Prince Edmund and his fellow knights.

Fat Tire Biking for Winter Lovers

with Chris Gibbs / Friday, 4 pm

Snowshoes, and skis are not the only ways to travel through the winter woods. Plenty of people are turning to two wheels as a means of winter locomotion: fat tire biking opens up a whole new way to explore winter landscapes. Chris Gibbs, photographer, explorer and fat tire biking enthusiast will introduce the fat tire bike and related equipment and lead a discussion about what these bikes can do and where you can take them.

Winter Wilderness Survival

with David Cronenwett / Saturday, 10 am

Join bushcraft and outdoor survival instructor David Cronenwett for a presentation on the basics of winter survival. He'll address the causes of potential survival situations, problems specific to the winter environment and offer an overview of "survivor psychology," tools, gear and techniques useful for the winter traveler. David will also cover some of the problems associated with GPS-based technology in the backcountry.

Winter Tent Camp Tour

with Jackson Sneve & Kurt Buetow / Saturday, 11 am

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 expedition-grade nylon, circular yurts to lean-tos, you'll learn what works (and what doesn't!) from each camper.

Life Lessons From the Iditarod

with Cindy Gallea / Saturday, noon

Cindy will share tales of her adventures running Alaska's Iditarod. Interspersed will be reflections on life lessons the Iditarod race and her dogs have taught her. Pictures from the trail will be included. There will be opportunities for questions. Cindy has run the Iditarod 11 times and has finished 10 times. She is currently training for the 2014 Iditarod.

Ice Safety: No Laughing Matter

with LynnAnne Vesper / Saturday, 2 pm

Q: How do you know if the ice is safe? A: You send someone heavier than you across first. A few years ago, LynnAnne took a Grumman canoe ("my heavy, dumb friend") on a quest to find a better answer to the ice safety question. She traveled in the Boundary Waters for two weeks as the ice went out. If you don't like crowds or bugs, maybe a trip like this one could be for you. LynnAnne will share ice safety insights gained from her ice-out travels and many winters of guiding dogsled camping trips in the BWCA.

Skill Share Demonstrations

In these short intensive sessions, join NH intern alumni, instructors and extended community members to focus on 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, held in the Blacksmith Shop. Free to Event Pass Holders, \$5 for individual sessions.

Saturday, November 23

- 2 pm: Friction Fire Starting with Ian Andrus
- 3 pm: Making a Pattern of your Foot with Mike Loeffler
- 4 pm: Make Your Own Tip-Ups for Ice Fishing with Jay Arrowsmith Decoux

Winter Photography on the Icy Shore of Lake Superior

with Bryan Hansel / Sunday, 10 am

Join award-winning photographer and North House instructor Bryan Hansel on a photographic journey of the icy shoreline of Lake Superior. During the presentation, Hansel will show you the specialized equipment used stay out of the freezing cold water while balancing on ice sheets, he'll talk about keeping your camera running when the temps drop below freezing and he'll give you tips about how to make a compelling winter photo of the big lake.

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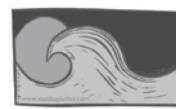
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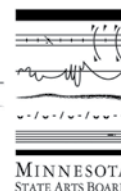
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