

Looking Ahead...2013-14 at North House

September 12-15 Unplugged XII

For the third year, we are excited to welcome Mountain Stage Radio back to campus. I have several slots open for mini-courses on Friday and Saturday, as well as space for demonstrators and craft sales in our **Folk Artisan Assembly & Marketplace**. Let me know soon if you're interested!

October

October is rapidly becoming a busy month here on campus: some of the summer tourism has slowed, but the Shore is still a nice place to be. **October 18-20** will be the 3rd **Learning Together: Family & Intergenerational Weekend**. If you've got a family-oriented class up your sleeve, let us know.

November

We have a few openings for coursework in November. **November 21-24 is Winterer's Gathering & Arctic Film Festival**. We wind down the season with one last big hurrah. Films, seminars, featured guest speaker, tent camp, and of course, a great selection of coursework are in the works. *Openings for courses!*

December/January

We typically only offer courses on the first weekend of December, often with a "holiday" theme. Let us know if you have ideas. Last year, we had some success with an offering during the week between Christmas and New Year's, as families often have that time off from school. If you want to try an offering, we'd be happy to welcome you. This year, we'll continue the **Winter Woodstove Series**, multi-evening courses for locals (either on consecutive nights or once/twice a week). If this sounds fun, please let me know. It could be done in combination with a weekend trip up here as well, were you to extend it into the week.

February

February is a great time for coursework, and the number of students who brave the winter months has been steadily growing. In 2013, we had more students attend courses in Feb than in August! The 13th-16th marks the 4th Annual **Northern Fiber Retreat**. Lots of space for courses throughout the month!

March

The sun starts to return in March and it's a lovely time to be here. New this year, we're going to try a thematic weekend March 7-9 highlighting our woodcarving coursework (clever name still in the works). Calling all woodcarvers, please come up for a weekend with diverse offerings, community meals and presentations. All other weekends are wide-open, please plan to bring your cross country skis and come on up.

April

Mark your calendars! 2nd Annual Instructor Retreat: April 11-13! As discussed at our Instructor Gathering recently, we had such a nice time in 2013 that we'd like to make it happen again. This year will involve a few large group projects: building of new spring pole lathes, tool storage in the Red Building and possibly a large felting project for instructors only are some of the ideas in the works. We'll also have space for continued conversations, and community meals. Reduced price/free lodging options will be available again too: please plan to come for as much as you can: no expertise in any of the project areas is required, as we'll have plenty for everyone to do. More formal invitation and schedule coming later this winter. Ideas are welcome! **Service Learning & Volunteer Weekend: April 18-20.**

May

The **Northern Sustainability Symposium** will be **May 1-4** and will highlight our growing foods curriculum. Plenty of openings throughout the rest of the month, also a time of growing enrollment.

June

The **Northern Landscapes Festival** will be May 29-June 1. Coursework regarding the sustainability of the northern forest (esp. the birch tree), the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act and more geology are in the works: IDEAS welcome! The **Wooden Boat Show** will happen June 20-22. Demonstrators & coursework welcome!