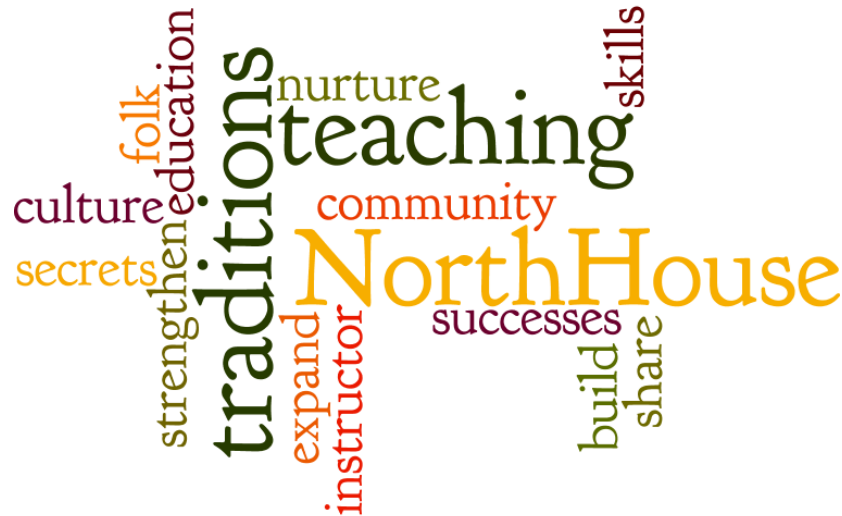


Instructor Retreat 2016: April 6-10, 2016



Why Should you Come? Some Thoughts from 2015 Attendees...

As many of us are at North House for brief periods of intense teaching - we rarely get to know the instructors teaching in the next studio. The Retreat offers many opportunities to meet with other instructors and talk about common interests; find out who is really behind all those interesting course titles.

Instructor Retreat is an opportunity to be a student alongside talented peer instructors, which I think is a rare occurrence.

I enjoy co creating a shared vision that inspires us to share with each other and students, to promote this positive community and the future of craft.

Because it's so supportive to meet like-minded people who are willing to share experiences/knowledge in a really safe, non-competitive way. To feel that you really are part of a team with a common goal...

#10 A chance to 'get away' and renew yourself. #9 Great Food #8 To see old friends (instructors) #7 Great Food #6 Meet new friends (instructors) #5 Great Food #4 Chance to work with your hands, try something new, and produce something fun and/or useful. #3 Great Food #2 To be informed and feel truly a part of 'what makes North House' work so well....Our opinions are requested and valued!! #1 Great Food, Good Beverages, Great Friends, Beautiful Setting, Chance to be creative and create something new!..... There's really no excuse to not come!

This gathering of people adds real richness to my life, and I am grateful to be able to spend time with such an inspired and supportive community of people.

The Retreat is an invaluable opportunity to promote our community and enhance our ability to provide an educational atmosphere

To maintain a connection with the instructor community, to show commitment to the NHFS, to participate in the direction of the school.

This has been an absolutely integral part of my connection to the varied pool of instructors teaching at NHFS, there are many who I had never met before the retreats existed. This is stimulating on many levels as an element of strengthening the community within instructors and enriching our own abilities and effectiveness in the classroom.



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Initial Schedule

Wednesday, April 6

9 am: Welcome! 3 day courses begin

First Impressions: Exterior Door Building with Randy Schnobrich

Black Ash Pack Baskets with Ian Andrus; \$30 materials fee

Thursday, April 7

9am: Welcome! 2 day courses kick off

Custom Leather Sandal Construction with Candace Lacosse; \$80 materials fee

Butchering & Smoking Pork with Eric Edgin; \$50 materials fee

6pm: Potluck Dinner & Evening Entertainment TBD

Friday, April 8

9am: Courses Continue

4:30pm: Official Retreat Kick-Off!

- Welcome and Intros!
- Update on North House overall
- Presentation/Discussion of the Strategic Plan

6pm: Dinner, prepared by Eric Edgin

7pm: Developing a Fellowship/ Apprentice Program at North House

- Setting the Stage: Erin Swenson-Klatt
- Break-out discussion groups

Saturday, April 11

8:30am Coffee's on

9:00-noon **Secrets of the Classroom I: Giving Feedback to Students with Liesl & Erin**

Noon Lunch (NH provides soup, bring an accompaniment)

1:00-3:00 **Secrets of the Classroom II: Building Skills in Students with Liesl & Erin**

3:00-4:30 **Try It sessions Begin (choose one, details forthcoming)**

4:30-5:00 Wrap-Up

5:30 Happy Hour/ Ingredient Chopping

6:00 Pizza Bake!

7:30 pm **Gallery Walk:** bring a few pieces of your recent work to share with the group in this new format that will allow for more conversation and time to socialize. If your work doesn't travel, bring images. We'll provide more specifics closer to the Retreat.

Sunday, April 12

8:30-10:30am: Retreat Wrap-Up: The Way Forward Large Group Discussion

-20th Anniversary Book update

-Other things as they emerge

10:30-11am: Secret Tour and Service Project (optional)

Noon: Retreat concludes; see you again soon!

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I. THE BASICS

All North House instructors are invited to attend an annual gathering at North House, featuring lead in coursework, community gatherings, and abundant opportunities to share ideas, stories and enrich the fabric of folk learning at North House.

Goals

- build instructor community
- nurture folk education traditions
- expand the teaching skills of all instructors
- share teaching secrets & successes
- strengthen the culture & traditions of North House

Coursework begins April 6; the official retreat begins April 8 at 4:30pm and will conclude by noon on Sunday, April 10.

North House will provide lodging as needed, some meals, and tuition-free coursework. A small travel stipend is available by request.

Spouses are welcome to attend the full group gatherings on Friday and Saturday night. If space is available in pre-retreat coursework, they may also register for those courses. This will be determined 2 weeks before the retreat.

II. PRE-RETREAT COURSEWORK: Timing varies, see descriptions

Tuition paid by North House; Materials fees paid by participants directly to instructor (cash or check). Please register on the attached RSVP form.

<i>Building Exterior Doors</i>	<i>Randy Schnobrich</i>	<i>April 6-8</i>	<i>no materials fee</i>
<i>Black Ash Pack Baskets</i>	<i>Ian Andrus</i>	<i>April 6-8</i>	<i>\$30 materials fee</i>
<i>Pork Butchery & Smoking</i>	<i>Eric Edgin</i>	<i>April 7-8</i>	<i>\$50 materials fee</i>
<i>Custom Leather Sandals</i>	<i>Candace Lacosse</i>	<i>April 7-8</i>	<i>\$80 materials fee</i>

Coursework Descriptions: All courses start at 9am. Courses will end by 4:00 on Friday.

April 6-8 First Impressions: Building Exterior Doors for North House with Randy Schnobrich

We could use your help with a big project: we're in need of new exterior doors on several of our buildings (anyone who has wrestled with the Fish House door knows this is true!). You only have one chance to make a solid first impression (and goodness knows the importance of preventing cold drafts). So, building new front doors, both beautiful and functional, for North House's campus is nothing short of serious business. This session of this course will build four exterior doors (we need thirteen total!) with large windows that will welcome students and visitors alike. No experience needed, students can participate in 1, 2, or 3 days.

April 6-8 Black Ash Pack Basketry with Ian Andrus: \$30 materials fee

The black ash pack basket: It's beautiful, highly functional and can be made using simple materials. The first part of the class will be spent preparing black ash splint for your basket by pounding a

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locally harvested log. Next, you'll weave the basket and finish it with a rim, handle, runners, straps and harness, using a free form weaving technique. The finished basket will stand 16"-18" high, and be perfect for forages in the woods, excursions to the grocery store, canoe camping, ice fishing, or bigger adventures further afield. It's a classic project you'll enjoy for years to come.

April 7-8 Pork Butchery & Smoking with Eric Edgin: \$50 materials fee

Ever wanted to go whole hog? In this class, we will spend a day learning and discussing the anatomy, cuts, and corresponding cooking methods of pigs. On Day 2, we will use this knowledge to break down a pig together as a class using the traditional American style of butchering, which notably includes boston butt, picnic butt, ham, side, jowl, blade steak, etc. We will then prepare our cuts and enjoy a sumptuous meal we create as a class that you can re-create at home, honoring the pig by eating every last bit, nose to tail. Students will also go home with pork cuts and sample preparations.

April 7-8 Custom Leather Sandals with Candace Lacosse: \$80 materials fee

A pair of sandals that fits just right is a highly prized possession – and all the better if they are attractive and one-of-a-kind. Create a pair of custom hand-stitched leather sandals to enjoy for years to come. Students will begin by making a duct-tape cast of each foot, then spend some time sketching ideas and discussing execution, working from a few basic designs the instructor will provide. Students will then hand cut and hand stitch their sandals, adding a leather sole with a waffle tap for traction and waterproofing. The course will include learning skills that may be applicable to a number of various other leatherworking projects.

III. LODGING

North House will assist with provide free/ discounted lodging for instructors. This may be on campus, as a guest in a private home or in a lodging establishment. We'll do our best; please let us know your preferences on the RSVP form.

IV. TRAVEL

We are happy to help coordinate car-pooling if we can. Let us know your plans on the attached form and we'll try to connect you with other folks traveling your way. North House has a limited amount of funds to assist with travel expenses. If a small honorarium would make this trip possible for you, please don't hesitate to ask.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

Meals

- Friday dinner: provided by North House
- Saturday lunch: Soup Potluck
- Saturday pizza dough, please bring toppings and more!

Try-It sessions!

On Saturday afternoon, we'll host several 2 hour workshops. This is your chance to experience being a beginner student at something entirely new. Options and sign-ups to come when we have a good sense of who is all coming to the Retreat. Stay tuned!

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RSVP FORM

[RSVP ONLINE HERE \(preferred\)](#)

Or submit this form via mail or email

I. THE BASICS

Name: _____

Guests attending: _____

Anticipated Arrival Date: _____

Anticipated Departure Date: _____

II. PRE-RETREAT COURSEWORK

<i>Building Exterior Doors</i>	<i>Randy Schnobrich</i>	<i>April 6-8</i>	<i>how many days?</i>
<i>Black Ash Pack Basket</i>	<i>Ian Andrus</i>	<i>April 6-8</i>	<i>\$30 materials fee</i>
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Please register me for the following: _____

III. LODGING

☐ I will take care of my own lodging ☐ Please help me find free/discounted lodging.

Comments:

IV. TRAVEL

☐ Yes, add my name to the list to be circulated to other instructors who will be attending.

Traveling from: _____

Leaving on: _____ Returning on: _____

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You can print, fill out and mail or scan this form OR email your answers to the questions OR give me a call. Thanks! PO Box 759 Grand Marais, MN 55604; jfrost@northhouse.org; 218.387.9762

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