

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS –

PROGRAM SUMMARY

13TH ANNUAL WOODEN BOAT SHOW & SUMMER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL – JUNE 18-20, 2010

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*events subject to change

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

- noon-7pm - Waterfront Wooden Boat Display
- noon – 5pm - Wooden Boat Speaker Series (see schedule below)
- noon-5pm - Community of Crafters - From A Common Source Project
- 5-7pm - Opening Ceremony - Harborside Barbecue (\$5-\$10 at the door)
- 5-7pm - Live “On Campus” Radio - WTIP ‘Roadhouse’ Show
- 5-8pm - On The Harbor Games - Traditional LaCrosse, A Game Called Kubb & Dead Fish Polo
- 7-8pm - Family Dance – Contra Dance
- 8pm - Community Contra Dance with Over The Waterfall and special guest callers, Jim and Carol of *FriendsOnTheRange* (\$5/donation at the door)



SATURDAY, JUNE 19

- 9am – 5pm - Waterfront Wooden Boat Display
- 9am - 5pm - Community of Crafters - From A Common Source Project
- 10am – 3pm - Wooden Boat Speaker Series (see schedule below)
- 10am - Silent Auction/Buy It Now It Opens – Boats-to-Tools Auction
- Noon – 1pm - Lake Superior Chowder Experience (\$10 at the door)
- 1pm - Featured Guest Program – *50 Years Plus Packing & Planning for the BWCAW*
- 3pm - Live Auction Starts – Boats-to-Tools Auction
- 5pm - Wooden Boat Show Film Screening – “This Is Canoeing” (Justine Curjenben)
- 8pm - Summer Solstice Pageant (featuring Good Harbor Hill Players & GAMEPALAJ)

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

- 9am – 3pm - Waterfront Wooden Boat Display
- 11am - Steam-Bent Brunch (\$15 person, reservations recommended)
- 12:30pm - Keynote Presentation & Annual Membership Meeting
- 2pm - Closing Ceremony - Wooden Boat Parade On The Harbor
Followed by Small Boat Regatta On The Harbor

LAKE SUPERIOR SAILING ON THE 50' SCHOONER HJØRDIS*

Summer Solstice Schooner Sails

Saturday - 9am; 10am; 11am; noon; 1pm; 2pm; 3pm; 4pm

Enjoy a 1-hour sail in the Grand Marais harbor aboard the 50' schooner Hjordis. Raise and set sails...see the Sawtooth Mountains from a different perspective. Reservations please. Maximum of 6 participants. \$25 per person per sail. Advanced reservations recommended.

Lake Superior Schooner Adventure

Sunday - 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 3pm or 5 pm

Set the sails and head out of the Grand Marais harbor onto the Big Lake for a 2-hr sail aboard the 50' schooner Hjordis. Get a sense for the power of sail while learning a bit about the ecology, geology and history of the largest freshwater lake in the world.

Reservations please. Maximum of 6 participants. \$45 for adults. \$35 for kids.

TRADITIONAL CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Try your hand. Meet the instructors - taste, touch, smell, and witness the techniques and traditions of their respective crafts. No registration required. North House members receive Special Event Pass, for free admission to presentations and workshops.

\$5/presentation for non-members. Become a member today, for as little as \$25 and Get The Pass!

Fri, noon

Wood-Fired Bread Baking

with Amy James, wood-fired baking instructor

Crispy crusts and steaming hot doughs. It's the stuff only a wood-fired masonry oven can provide. Discover the baking techniques used in a wood-fired oven and taste some of the results in this workshop set on the North House harbor – the ideal setting to inspire you to maybe build one of your own.

Fri, 1pm

Fly Fishing - From the Setup To The Cast

with David Asproth and Reuben Swenson

Landing a fly gracefully on a quiet inland lake or gently on a rushing river is an experience everyone should have. Here's your chance. Dave will also include some pointers about which flies, where and when to cast them.

Fri, 2pm

Lathe Turning – From Bowls To Legs, Tradition to Contemporary

with John Beltman, spring-pole lathe instructor, and Jim Sannerud, power lathe instructor

Turning wood – here's your chance to learn all about the differences between a spring-pole lathe (a traditional foot-powered lathe) and a power lathe. Both essentially accomplish the same task, making square wood uniformly round with purpose. They turn out bowls, they turn out legs, but both provide unique benefits to the wood turner. Plus, it's kind of like a magic show. In celebration of "From a Common Source Project," both instructors will demonstrate turning with black ash, a northern tree species cherished for chair legs by wood turners.

Fri, 3pm

Black Ash Basketry – Pounding, Peeling, Shaping

with Dennis Chilcote, basket maker

Most notable as the go-to source for canoe pack baskets, black ash's durability is unmatched. But how does it make such strong, yet pretty baskets? Dennis will introduce the process of preparing black ash splint for basket making, no easy task. The challenges facing black ash by the emerald ash borer are more prevalent than ever, putting the craft of black ash basketry at risk. Increase your awareness and appreciation for basketry and respect for this delicate craft as Dennis leads this workshop in celebration of "From a Common Source Project."

Fri, 4pm

Spin Your Fibers, Knit Your Fibers

with Allen Holzheuter and Kate Hartman, knitting instructors extraordinaire

The creation of yarns begins with spinning. For hundreds of years the spinning wheel has been the essential tool for spinning. Try your hand on a few different spinning wheels. After the yarn is spun, knitting is one of crafts utilizing the yarn for creating all sorts of wearable items. Allen and Kate will have a few projects started, you're welcome to pick up the needles and they'll show you where to start.

Sat, 9am

The Crooked Knife – Carving A Paddle, The Traditional Way

with Mike Schelmeske, woodcarving instructor

Discover this most traditional hand tool used in the early production of birch bark canoes and canoe paddles. Mike will present an introduction to the varied styles of the crooked knife while also demonstrating their uses and techniques. This is your chance to learn to carve a paddle...the traditional way. In celebration of "From a Common Source Project," Mike will feature black ash, a northern hardwood that lends itself to a beautiful wood grain and strength suitable for a canoe paddle.

Sat, 10am

Wooden Boat Walking Tour

with John Beltman, builder of classic wooden boats

Wood-canvas canoes, wooden rowing prams, skin-on-frame kayaks and umiaks, sail craft – take this walking tour of the wooden boats on display and meet the builders. Traditional work boat builder and instructor, John Beltman, leads this guided tour, introducing you to the 50 plus wooden boats in the Waterfront Wooden Boat Display. In celebration of "From a Common Source Project," John Beltman will point out the varied uses of hardwoods used in boatbuilding, and what boats use black ash, a northern native tree species in their construction.

Sat, 11am

Connections: Scandinavian Folklore and Textiles

with Larry Schmitt, fiber artist

A look at places where folklore and traditional textiles intersect: Bregdet band and juletråddukke, the mitten as rite of passage, and band weaving as a means of individual expression. These and other braids and embellishments drawn from old Scandinavian textiles are simple and portable projects perfect for children or adults – with many ideas for introducing traditional craft into the classroom for educators. Discover them for yourself!

Sat, 1pm

A Tale of Two Tellers - Midsummer Storytelling Session

with Terry O'Brien and Rose Arrowsmith-Decoux

Entertain. Learn to entertain. Tell a story. Share a story. It all begins around the canvas tent as two storytellers welcome you to be whisked away with a series of stories told by Terry O'Brien and Rose Arrowsmith Decoux.

Sat, 2pm

Steam Bending – Working With the Wood Grain

with Erik Simula, snowshoe instructor

Fire, water, wood and steam - part mystery, part science, steam bending wood is a daunting, often mystifying experience. Boatbuilders rely on it. Snowshoes are made with it. Traditional woodworkers reference it. Working with a traditional steambox set-up, Erik will teach you the steps of steam bending by bending a pair of wooden ash frames for snowshoes. Witness a bit of magic for yourself as the wood grain stretches without breaking. In celebration of "From a Common Source Project," Erik will work with black ash, a northern hardwood that is traditional to many northern cultures who relied upon snowshoes.

WOODEN BOAT SPEAKER SERIES

Watch, listen, be inspired. The adventurous and spirited journeys of sailors, boat builders and canoeists converge for two days of inspirational presentations. North House members receive Special Event Pass, for free admission to presentations and workshops. \$5/presentation for non-members. Become a member today, for as little as \$25 and Get The Pass!

Fri, 3pm

"The Anatomy of the Birch Bark Canoe – Beyond Birch Bark"

with Erik Simula, birch bark canoe historian and Grand Portage National Monument interpreter

The intrigue of building a birch bark canoe lies in the fact that all the necessary materials can be sustainably harvested from a healthy boreal forest: birch bark, cedar, spruce root, spruce gum, pine pitch and black ash. This presentation will unfurl the anatomy of the birch bark canoe, introducing not only the process of canoe construction of a 12' Ojibwe hunting canoe, but also the process of

harvesting the materials – a seasonal exercise in patience, knowledge and respect. In celebration of “From a Common Source Project,” Erik will highlight the varied uses of black ash, a northern hardwood tree species that might traditionally be used for canoe thwarts and wooden pegs.

Fri, 4pm

Creating the Book: PADDLE NORTH-Canoeing The Boundary Waters and Quetico Wilderness

with Layne Kennedy

Magazine photographer (Smithsonian, National Geographic, Traveler, Islands, Backpacker) Layne Kennedy presents his latest project, photography from an elegant and beautifully informative book on a special wilderness – the Boundary Waters and Quetico country. It is filled with details, textures and spirit. Author Greg Breining has tied it all together with his thoughtful essays. Nothing would please Layne more than finding there might be readers who have paddled this wilderness for 30 years or more who will retrieve something from this project that ignites a spirit within them. Don't miss this one.

Sat, 9am

Canoe the Heart Expedition 2009: Three Weeks, 320 miles, Nine People, One Big Canoe

with Paul Danicic, Friends of the Boundary Waters and Tim Cochrane, Grand Portage National Monument

The Heart of the Continent Partnership is a Canadian/American coalition of land managers and local stakeholders working together on cross-border projects that promote the economic, cultural and natural health of the lakes, forests and communities on the Ontario/Minnesota border. In 2009, HOCP organized the Canoe the Heart of the Continent Centennial Canoe voyage. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of Superior National Forest and Quetico Provincial Park, a diverse team of paddlers took a 26-foot canoe from Atikokan to International Falls to Ely to Grand Marais to Thunder Bay/Fort William. The journey included 60 different paddlers from two countries. The expedition helped draw attention to the fact that the lakes, forests and communities of this beautiful cross-border region form an interconnected whole. The two week trip, with local celebrations in small towns along the way, highlighted the unique character of many of the communities that border the public lands.

Sat, 10am

Traditions of Maritime Ropemaking

with Dick Enstad, maritime ropemaking historian

This slide presentation traces the historic developments of mechanical innovation in rope making as well as the changes in selection of natural fibers used in the industry. Dick will also present a demonstration of a rope making machine that was used in the Titanic Exhibit at the Science Museum of Minnesota in St. Paul.

Sat, 11am

Arrowhead Journey - A 1,000-mile Birch Bark Canoe Voyage

with Erik Simula, birch bark canoe builder and

From April 22 – August 7, 2009, Erik, along with his dog, Kitigan, paddled a 1,000-mile route from Grand Portage to Duluth, the Mississippi River, the US-Canadian Border, and back to Lake Superior, encircling the Arrowhead Region of Northeast Minnesota. The 45-pound, 14-foot birch bark canoe used on the voyage was hand-built in the high-end Ojibwe-Anishinaabe old tribal form. Join Erik, Kitigan and the birch bark canoe for this slide presentation.

Sat, 1pm

50 Years Plus Packing and Planning For the BWCAW

with Bob O'Hara

Meet Bob O'Hara, a Minnesota canoeist who has created a legacy through 52 consecutive years of paddling the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. According to Bob, there is no perfect paddle, no perfect campsite, no perfect canoe. Each season, each route and each require a different approach. Bob will orientate you to all the glories the BWCAW has to offer in this 'what to bring,' 'how to plan' and 'where to go' presentation.

Sat, 2pm

The Arrowhead – A Lake Superior Portfolio

with Grand Marais based photographer, Nathanael Kuenzli

Craig Blacklock writes "For Kuenzli, the landscape of the Arrowhead is not a vacation escape, it does not serve as metaphor, nor as an antidote to a different life — it simply exists as his home. Perhaps this is why his photographs of the land are so honest, with no pretense or romanticism." Explore the Arrowhead through Nathanael's lens of his large format view camera as he talks about the process of photographing in his backyard, the North Shore of Lake Superior. Sailors, canoeists, fly fishermen and boaters will appreciate a fresh, yet inspiring and familiar look at the Arrowhead.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Sun, 12:30 pm

"From the Stern of My Canoe - Seeing the Culture and Landscapes of the Far North – The Bob O'Hara Legacy"

Some canoeists travel to the far north in search of isolated wilderness and return to regale their friends with tales of grueling portages and gnarly whitewater. O'Hara revels in a different kind of wilderness travel. He flies the native flag from his canoe to signal respect to any Inuit travelers he meets, and his tales most often focus on the friendships he has formed over the years. When he looks back on his first Arctic trip down the Thelon River, a true adventure that left his group nearly out of food and ice bound for several days, he speaks less of brushes with starvation and more about the joy he found at the end, meeting members of the Inuit community at Baker Lake. They sat together in a circle, and as they got to know each other, O'Hara shared the few rations that remained from his trip: a bag of hard candy and tobacco. The gesture of friendship created a place for him in their community, and it set the tone for his future visits. And over the 40 plus years of canoeing the Far North, his friendships have resulted in a unique understanding of Inuit culture and history. For all the talk that O'Hara is a good talker, he is also a great listener. It is this knowledge he likes to share with fellow canoeists. And it is this knowledge that he will present in an intriguing, equally inspiring story in this multi-screen slide show.

FEATURED GUEST –

Bob O’Hara

Bob O’Hara may be the most well-traveled Arctic canoeist of the last generation. It is noted that O’Hara has paddled the equivalent of the earth’s circumference, all in frigid far-north waters. As a canoeist, he has paddled 27 “far north” rivers, many of them above the Arctic Circle and many of them two or more times. Some canoeists travel to the far north in search of isolated wilderness and return to regale their friends with tales of grueling portages and gnarly whitewater. O’Hara revels in a different kind of wilderness travel. He flies the native flag from his canoe to signal respect to any Inuit travelers he meets, and his tales most often focus on the friendships he has formed over the years. O’Hara simply belongs in a canoe, perhaps more at home on the water than he is on the land. The Arctic gave him that lifestyle, and the Inuit people a family. The tundra gave him a home.

A COMMUNITY OF CRAFTERS – FEATURING ‘FROM A COMMON SOURCE’ PROJECT

Friday-Saturday, June 18-19

Witness skilled traditional craft artisans as they join as a community over the weekend to celebrate the process of craft.

Demonstrators will be on hand Friday-Saturday, welcoming your curiosity, questions and interest. This year, a number of demonstrators will be working with a common resource - the black ash tree. Black ash is a northern native hardwood species central to numerous northern craft traditions. The project sheds light on the fate of this northern tree species as it is susceptible to the encroaching threat of the emerald ash borer.

Traditional Boatbuilding	John Beltman
Black Ash Basketry	Dennis Chilcote
Scandinavian Woodcarving	Tom Dengler
Maritime Ropemaking	Dick Enstad
Knot Tying	Ted Gephart
Timber Framing	Peter Henrikson
Knitting	Kate Hartman
Spinning	Allen Holzhueter
Wood-Fired Baking	Amy James
Spoon Carving	Fred Livesay
Natural Plant Dyes	Karen Rognsvoog
Shaker Boxes	Bob Ristow
Fiber Arts	Larry Schmitt
Birch Bark Canoe Building	Erik Simula

ON THE HARBOR GAMES - TRADITIONAL LACROSSE, A GAME CALLED KUBB & DEAD FISH POLO

Fri, 5-8pm

Just as the Harborside BBQ kicks off and the live WTIP Radio broadcast from the harbor is underway, the Harbor Games begin! This year's On The Harbor Games include an introduction to the traditional game of lacrosse, complete with hand carved wooden sticks and leather balls. Historical re-enactor, Isaac Walters, will be on hand introducing the traditions and nature of the game, a few good anecdotes, and allow folks a chance to try their hand at it. Meanwhile, we'll be introduced to another traditional game, this one coming from across the sea and tied to the maritime boatbuilding traditions of Scandinavia – Kubb. Teams of 5 will be gathered to “toss Kubb sticks” throughout the evening. If that's not enough, we'll play on the water, with canoes and paddles, tossing “the dead fish” (really a sponge) into the opponents open canoe, using only your canoe paddle. Hone in on your paddling skills while having a laugh! No registration required. Just come on down to the harbor.

COMMUNITY CONTRA DANCE WITH OVER THE WATERFALL AND SPECIAL GUEST CALLERS, JIM AND CAROL OF FRIENDSONTHERANGE

Fri, 7-8pm (Family Dance) 8-10pm (Community Dance)

North House's boatbuilding workshop converts into a traditional community contra dance on Friday night, welcoming families for the first hour to learn traditional dances with their children. Soon after, dancers fill the floor, as Over the Waterfall accompanies guest callers, Jim and Carol of FriendsOnTheRange. \$5 donations welcome at the door.

LAKE SUPERIOR CHOWDER EXPERIENCE

Sat, noon -1pm

Pick up your bowls early for 12th annual Lake Superior Chowder Experience – a festival highlight that brings the many chowders of dozens of North Shore restaurants for you to taste. Smoky steelhead, salsa corn, walleye and clam, were just a few of the interpretations area restaurants took last year. Combined with freshly baked breads from North House's wood-fired oven, a North Shore culinary event not to be missed.

BOATS-TO-TOOLS AUCTION

“Buy It Now” – Sat, 10am-5pm

Silent Auction – Sat, 10am until 15 min at the close of the Live Auction

Live Auction - Sat, kicks off at 3pm

Spring cleaning? Discovered some useful tools collecting dust? Got a fishing boat or canoe that's just sitting in your backyard? Looking for that boat to get you out on the water? How about a student built timber frame or wood-fired bread oven? The Boats-to-Tools auction brings surprises, a big crowd and hundreds of items to place bids on.

WOODEN BOAT FILM SCREENING

Sat, 5-6:30pm

This Is Canoeing (Justine Curgenvén)

“THIS IS CANOEING” is a celebration of canoeing, showcasing single-blade paddlers in their pursuit of remote wilderness journeys or challenging white water. Multi-award winning film maker, Justine Curgenvén captures the essence of canoeing in a series of short

films. From open canoe slalom races to 1,000 mile birchbark expeditions, Justine provides insights into the diversity of the craft of the paddle and the influential people who tell it's story. The film features past Wooden Boat Show featured guest, Becky Mason as well as North House Folk School's birch bark canoe instructor, Erik Simula. A portion of the film soundtrack was done by local musician, Rick Skoog.

GET THE PASS^{††}

North House members receive a special event pass, allowing free admission to the speakers and workshops throughout the weekend. \$5/presentation or workshop for non-members. Become a North Hosue Folk School member today, Get The Pass!