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The Forum

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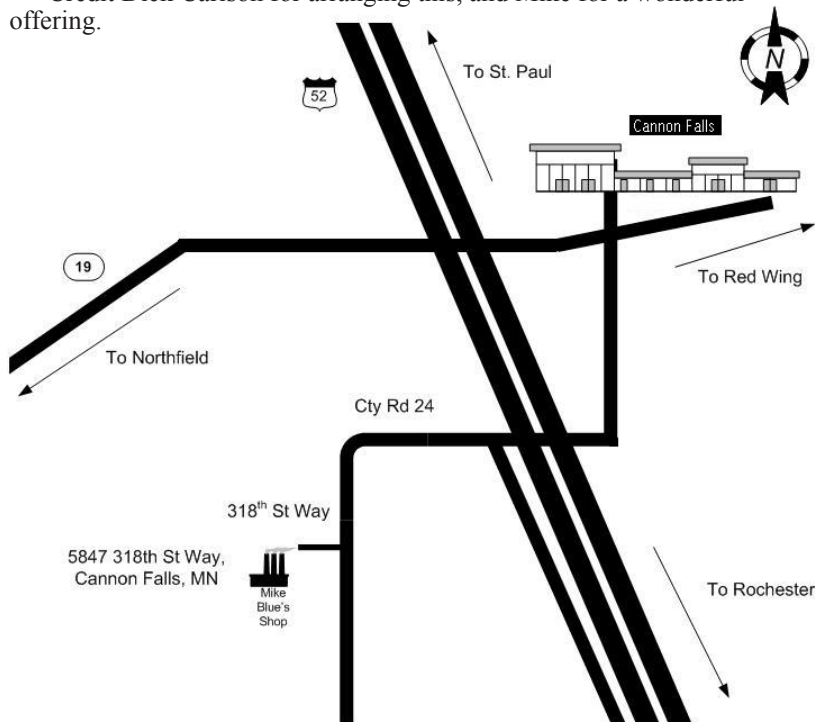
June 14 Guild meeting to be double feature

Mike Blue has offered to do a demonstration. Mike is a master blade smith, who has many times hosted workshops on the preparation of pattern welded steel (Damascus) blades and assembly and fitting of fine folding knives. Come see what he chooses to show.

We also have Mike Heintz of Century Industrial Sales offering a presentation on abrasives. Watch for the signs starting at HiWay 52 and county road 24 in Cannon Falls. Come early, help set up for the potluck. Bring a dish to pass, please.

Stay late, help clean up. Bring your "show and tell". Beginners, bring something to show from the classes. Bring your husband, wife, or SO and let Mike show them what you could use if you had the room. (new power hammer, rolling mill, heat treatment facility, specialty grinders, and a wonderful assortment of the tools you would dream of having for the preparation of fine cutlery)

Credit Dick Carlson for arranging this, and Mike for a wonderful offering.



Forum deadline for July: Monday, June 19, 2006

The deadline for The Forum is always the third Monday of the month. If you have activities that will be occurring in the next few months and wish to have them published in the next Forum, please send them by Monday, June 19, 2006 to **Georgia Myers**, editor, by e-mail to:

forum@metalsmith.org

(e-mails will be forwarded to Georgia Myers), or to

gmyers@rconnect.com

or mail them to:

Georgia Myers
313 Dakota St
Lake City MN 55041



The Guild of Metalsmiths, St. Paul, MN, publishes the GoM Forum monthly. It is intended as a tool to further our educational mission, to keep members up to date on current happenings, to publicize projects and workshops, a place for all members to express their opinions, concerns, learn more about each other—in short, to help us run our organization.

For address change, or to submit comments, please mail to:
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Guild educational grants

There is grant money available for Guild members to study intermediate and advanced metalworking techniques.

The Guild educational grant program is designed to bring new skills into the metalworking community. Participants are given money to pay for a portion of their expenses and are expected to learn some new or poorly understood skill, and then to share what they have learned with other members and the public through an article in our quarterly magazine, “The Metalsmith.” They’re also expected to lead a workshop on the topic (or other educational service approved by the board).

Application forms are available from the president or treasurer at a regular meeting, or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

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Advance notice for August 9 Guild meeting!

Here's another reason to keep your calendar up to date. Be sure to mark this date on it, as you won't want to miss out!

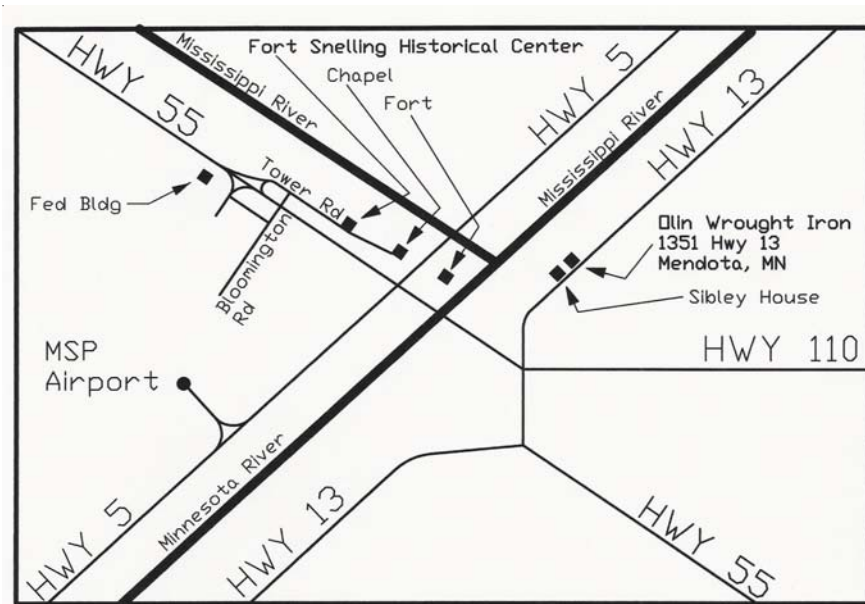
On August 9 the Guild of Metalsmiths will meet at Dave Olin's shop in Mendota. See map below.

Demonstrating at this meeting will be Tom Latane, who show us methods for chasing and hot forging.

Also remember that the August meeting traditionally includes a sweet corn boil along with our potluck. Bring a dish to pass, come early or stay late and help set up or tear down the tables.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

This is a Guild-sponsored event.



The Publicity Committee would like some help

Recently the primary focus of the Publicity Committee has been centered on three primary areas, a quarterly skills publication (Metalsmith), a monthly announcements publication (The Forum), and a website (www.metalsmith.org).

As the new chairman of the Publicity Committee, I would like to add a new task - Publicity! Many people in our communities have never heard of our wonderful organization and all of the opportunities we provide for people to come and learn more about this craft we have all learned to appreciate. It has been suggested that we try to change this by trying to get more information into the general press (local and metro newspapers, radio, TV) about our events to let more people know about us. This is not a one-person task however, people are needed with writing skills, photography skills, video smarts, computer skills, web page writers, and just plain fresh ideas. This will not be a major commitment of time but would rather be an expression of creative skills.

We have not defined all of the things that this new function will be, I am hoping to have the group define itself. If you have skills that fit with our needs, please contact me and I will include you in the next meeting.

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New Members

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Paul Branch
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New Richmond, WI 54017-
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Much thanks to Guild member Gordon Barr for keeping track of all our new members and address changes. Be sure to enter these in your Guild directory.

Trip Hammer Tooling, Techniques and Rebuilding,

A Guild Video Review

by Pete Stanaitis

If you want to know how to use, tool up or rebuild a trip hammer, then either one or both of this two-tape set is for you. Taped in May of 1995 at Rochester Welding in Rochester, MN, Master of the power hammer, Bob Bergman, gave a star performance. During that one day workshop he demonstrated the making and use of many tools for the power hammer and also managed the rebuilding of a 25# Little Giant.

We separated the tooling activity from the rebuilding activity and produced two separate tapes, each about 2 hours in length.

The Tooling and techniques tape is number T21A.

The Rebuilding tape is number T21B.

If you want to learn more about snappers, hacks, flatters, flat dies and more, then rent T21A. If your trip hammer clutch slips or your hammer doesn't hit very hard, rent T21B. If you are seriously thinking about getting a trip hammer or just recently made the "buy", then you ought to rent them both!

AGENDA – THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS – 10 MAY 2006

Board of Directors, Regular Meeting Held at the home of: Myron Hanson, 4015 Dodd Rd., Eagan, MN 55123

CALL TO ORDER: 7:15 by Al Olson

Attendants-Olson, Fick, Mariette, Herman, Frattalone, Myers, Hanson and Beck.

AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING’S MINUTES:

Motion by Beck, second by Hanson Unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee-Mike Frattalone

Checking account including 10K CD	19,002.75 (down 4152 from 5-11-05)
Remaining Grant funding	7,075.00
Discretionary fund balance	11,927.75
Major expenses since last board meeting on 3-15-06:	
Forum printing and mailing	909
Workshops and plaques	2,514
Grant (Heather Young)	750
Metalsmith	1,152
Internet	132
Memorials, flowers	122
Misc.	36
Total Expenses	5,615
Total Deposits	4,833

Members 307(down 30 from 5-11-05)
Coal estimate 16.2 tons remaining

Education Committee-Jim Moenck

Education Committee Meeting Minutes, May 3, 2006

The Education Committee of the Guild of Metalsmiths was called to order at 7:05 P.M. on May 3, 2006. Members present were: Al Olson, Gordon Barr, Guy Paton, Herb Fick, Jesse Gavin, Joy Virden, Rich Herman and Jim Moenck. Minutes from March 3, 2006 meeting reviewed and approved.

Unfinished business

Jim Moenck inquired if anyone has had a response from ABANA regarding our suggestion that they have a meeting at their conference for the Education chairpersons this summer. No one has heard of any response from ABANA, so it appears no formal conference will be held for any exchange between clubs to see how they structure their educational format for learning.

The class schedule for 2006 – 2007 was reviewed, nothing was added.

Three additional opportunities for classes were presented, and agreed that they should be pursued. They are as follows:

- * Kirsten Skiles to present a chasing and repousse’ class
- * Dave Mariette to present a Smart Forging class
- * Judith Kjenstad to present a scrolling class based on rosemailing

Jim Moenck will make contacts and get more information to present at the next Ed Com meeting.

New Business

Discussion was heard regarding the Guild buying some “ENTER AT OWN RISK” signs. These could be used at classes, to make students more aware on the possible dangers when the practice blacksmithing. J Moenck will

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explore cost of signs through avenues at work, as will Herb Fick through his son who makes signs.

The designated contact person has been changed on the website to reflect that Gordon Barr is our go-to person. Don Halverson is in the process of transferring the information he has to Gordon Barr.

Discussion was heard regarding class pricing. What is the basic for the cost of a class? New instructors have asked this question, and it was decided we should have some guidelines for how much we charge. J Moenck will do some fixed costs and various scenarios that we could use for a guide, and present them at the next meeting for discussion.

Discussion was heard regarding how we find or recruit new instructors for classes. The following ideas were suggested:

- Utilize teachers from the Basics classes.
- Bring in professionals
- Ask former instructors and assistant instructors from previous classes
- Create a roster of all past teachers and the classes they taught, for reference purposes

The committee discussed having a “standard” form to read prior to each class. This could aid in the “liability issue” as well as give an instructor a basic guide, and could include safety as well. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

J Moenck questioned who has the achievement plaques for the Guild. Gordon Barr has just received a supply of plaques, and will store them for the Guild. Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

Note: Frattalone wants checks forwarded to him earlier. Folk want their check to clear the bank

Program Committee- Myron Hanson

Regarding Guild meeting on 14 June 2006, Dick Carlson is taking over responsibility for the event. Mike Blue has agreed to host the meeting. Mike Blue told me he would do a little demo. Mike Hientz of Century Industrial Sales will give a presentation on abrasives. Herb will get a map and some words on the program to the Forum and the Bellows

For the Guild meeting on 9 August 2006, Mike Frattalone is point man Olin has accepted, Carlson does corn, Latane’ for demo (arrangements by Pete Stanaitis). Need sound, table, and chairs.

For the Guild meeting on 11 October 2006, Herb Fick is the lead. He has visited with Bruce Kivisto, General Manger of Chukar, a small service company using water jet equipment to cut parts from rubber, foam, stone, stainless, and concrete using very high pressure and lower water volume. One objective is to cut parts for “smithin’ magician”s. Have examples to choose from including, tom Phelps design, John Adams design, Bob Johnson’s kit built design, and Rich Herman’s tool. Herb hopes to have steel and a pattern ready for a demo cut at the meeting. The parts to be used in a group build of the tool.

For the Guild meeting on 9 December 2006, Christmas Party at CSPS Hall Tom Phelps lead person, bring our sound system, set up starts at noon. First round on Tom at 11:00 am

Review of Fall conference features:

Clay Spencer: Clay started blacksmithing in 1987 in a class with Jim Batson and continued with many other classes, including traditional joinery

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techniques under Francis Whitaker. When Francis stopped teaching at John C. Campbell Folk School, he asked Clay to take over his classes. Clay continues to teach, leads workshops and demonstrates blacksmithing all over the US. He redesigned the treadle hammer twice and led workshops to build them. He is now leading workshops to build 50 lb. Tire Hammers. Clay was active in the Alabama forge council and served as writer and Editor of "The Bituminous Bits" and won ABANA's first Joe Humble newsletter Editor of the Year, 1994 Award. He served on the ABANA board for several years and received the Alex Bealer Award (ABANA's highest award) and Life Membership in ABANA in 1997. He is also lifetime member of the Alabama Forge Council and Blacksmith Association of Missouri.

Rauno Lehtonen: (Excerpted by Fick for brevity)

Rauno's career started in 1977 when he went to the agricultural-Blacksmith/Equine College in Finland. After two years he worked as a Farrier. In 1980 he worked as a blacksmith at a stonecutters smithy. In 1982 he rented an old cow house and started a smithy. At the end of the 1980's he was heavily involved in association activities and formed relationships abroad, first in Germany, then Sweden, Estonia, and other Baltic states. In 1989 he participated in the first International Blacksmiths' Congress in England. You are encouraged to visit his website: <http://www.rautionaika.fi/>

Publicity Committee- Rich Herman: No report

Long Term Planning Committee- No meeting since last Board Meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Beck has a request from the Cowboy group looking for demonstrators at Dundas. The group wants some traditional joinery and parts for a stage-coach they are restoring. 10-11 June at the Rice County Steam and Gas Engine power show ground. Bob Beck will arrange stock and coal. There is apparently a good party in the evening.

Signage for Education: Rich Herman Moves to allocate \$80 for signage for classes on the theme "Enter At Your Own Risk" and/or "Safety Glasses Required" and/or "Hearing Protection Needed In This Area". Use the Guild logo. It is a Guild of Metalsmiths sign to be used at classes at discretion of the instructor.

Task to Herb Fick. He will try to get customs signs made by Big Print, Minneapolis. Myron also wants a couple which will help defray expenses.

Gallery lighting: Full system estimated at \$1500. The task group has some fear of doing it wrong. The task group wants to build system for the short wall to try out the concept. Rich offered a motion requesting \$350 to buy enough for the task group to do the short south wall of the gallery. Motion accepted unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We have new membership cards. Al showed a sample.

Next Program Committee meeting May 19th

Next Education Committee meeting June 7th.

Next Board meeting is at Myron's house, July 19th. **This is a change!!!!**

Next Forum deadline is May 15th.

John Deere days at the Minnesota Zoo on 22 and 23 July.

Holtz Farm in Eagan needs demonstrators on 21 May.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:51

Blacksmith help needed June 10 & 11

The Wild West Roundup Program Officer has asked for some help in the blacksmith shop at the Rice County Steam and Gas Engines Grounds, south of Dundas, MN on June 10th and 11th. (3 miles south of Northfield, on Hwy 3).

The blacksmith shop can hold 4 or 5 smiths if they work together. The goal is to help put back together a mud wagon style stagecoach. You will need to bring your own hand tools.

If you come in 1800's type dress clothing, the Roundup will give you a free meal. If you can play a musical instrument like guitar or banjo, bring it along. After the grounds are closed for the day, there's a get together at the bonfire.

Please call Robert Beck (aka Billy Jack) at 763-588-2079 after 7pm for more information.



The Hammer Making Class at Flint Rock Ridge Forge on April 22, 2006 was a great success. Instructors were Dick Carlson, Myron Hanson, Bob Johnson, Bob Beck, and Bill Krawczeski. The students were William Allshouse, Paul Widenhoefer, Eric Turner, Henry Votel, Randolph Tuttle, Jaack Boespflug, Chris Bull, and Sarah Delany. (*Not necessarily in order.*)

THE FORGERY SCHOOL OF BLACKSMITHING

We are excited to announce the opening of our new facility located off of Historic Route 66 in Moriarty, New Mexico. Week long (6 day) classes begin in July.

The new shop can accommodate up to twelve students with at least two instructors at all times to insure individual attention. Each student will have a complete forge, anvil, vice and tooling setup with all materials supplied.

The Forgery School of Blacksmithing was founded in 1986 by Robb Gunter. He taught for twelve years before taking a few years off to complete a large out of state commission. In 2003 his sons, Chad and Brad, started construction on a new facility which is now home to the new Forgery School of Blacksmithing.

The Gunter family is two generations of professional blacksmiths each specializing in their own areas of expertise; all combined to give the student the best possible learning experience.

There is a convenient variety of lodging and restaurant options within three miles of the shop.

For more information or class schedules please contact:

Chad Gunter: (505) 270-1007

Or

Brad Gunter: (505) 205-9815

Our neighborhood of smiths

Check this page every month to see what's going on with our neighboring colleagues, and read about activities in their smithing groups.

UMBA

Visit <http://www.umbaonline.org/events.html>

UMBA library www.umbaonline.org, 135 DVD-Rs \$5 each \$2 postage lifetime rental

Central Minnesota Blacksmiths meeting schedule

Monday 6/5 Jeff Anshus' Studio, 7567 Acorn NW,
Royalton, MN, 320-584-0021

Sat 7/8 Jeremy Knippel's Studio, 30488 Co Rd 3,
Merrifield, MN, 218-765-4171

Mon 8/7 Ken Zitur's Studio, 37634 Co Rd 9, Avon, MN 320-746-2557

Mon 9/11 Brian Johnson's Studio, 16777 Co Rd 75 NW,
Clearwater, MN, 320-558-6898

Mon 10/2 Al Garber's Studio, 2566 90th St NE,
Monticello, MN, 763-295-4632

Mon 11/13 Russ Karasch's Studio, 640 Chinook Av SW,
Avon, MN, 320-356-7125

Sat 12/9 Ken Zitur's Studio, 37634 Co Rd 9, Avon, MN 320-746-2557

Badger Blacksmiths meetings

For information, call Don Hogenson at 715-265-4701 or email Richard Prigge at rcprigg@centurytel.net

Lake Superior Metalsmiths

Lake Superior Metalsmiths (LSM) meet the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. from May through September. The meetings are potluck at 6:00 p.m. at Dave Hanson's house, 5873 Taft Road, Duluth, Minnesota, 218-721-4572.

Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths

The NMM meetings are the first Monday of the month. Often, but not always, at Keith Johnson's shop in Bemidji. Contact Keith for monthly specifics at keith@greatriverforge.com

Central Texas Blacksmiths

To read their online newsletters, go to <http://balconesforge.org/newsletters/feb06/feb06.pdf> If that does not work, then just head to www.balconesforge.org and the newsletter section is easy to find.

Goings on...



Events in June

- June 14, Guild membership meeting, Mike Blue's studio
- June 24 & 25, Metalsmith Weekend at MN Historical Society's Forest History Center in Grand Rapids.

Events in July

- July 5-8, ABANA Conference, Seattle WA
- July 17, Guild board of directors meeting (THIS IS A CHANGE!!)

Events in August

- Aug. 5 & 6, Hammer-In at John Deere Historic Site, Grand Detour Illinois
- Aug. 9, Guild membership meeting, Dave Olin's shop in Mendota

Events in September

- Sept. 15, 16, 17, GOM Fall Conference, Little Log House

Events in October

- Sept. 30, Oct. 1, Tunnel Mill annual get-together
- Oct 12, 13, 14, Tom Latane workshop

Metalsmith Weekend

The MN Historical Society's Forest History Center in Grand Rapids will hold its Metalsmith Weekend on Saturday, June 24th, 10-5 and Sunday, June 25th, 12-5. They are looking for a variety of demonstrators. Camping is possible. Sales are possible. Contact Manager Ed Nelson 218-327-4482 2609, Co Rd 76 Grand Rapids, MN 55744 for more information. Contact their blacksmith Bill Carpenter for questions about what's already in the shop to use at 218-326-2163. They have coal.

FRIENDS OF THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS

The Guild of Metalsmiths is a 501C3 charitable trust, making all contributions or donations tax deductible. If you would like to join our list of "friends, please contact our president, Al Olson.

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