

The Forum

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See you at the April Guild meeting April 11 at historic Fort Snelling

Plan now for the April 11th Guild Meeting at historic Fort Snelling. This is a Guild-sponsored event. For directions, call 612-726-1171 (recorded message has directions)

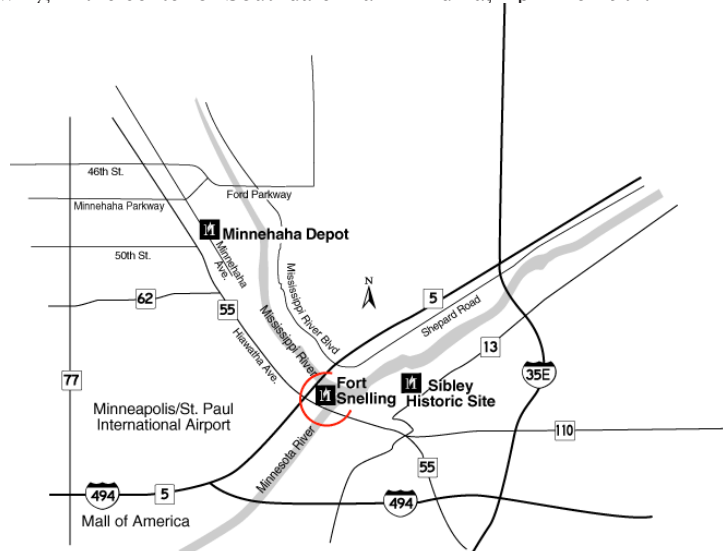
Potluck starts at 6:30 PM, and the meeting will start at 7 PM.

Historic Fort Snelling will host the April 11 Guild meeting. Both the Clockmakers Guild and the Woodworkers Guild are invited.

The meeting will be held at the History Center Auditorium.

John Yust will be giving a slide presentation on European architectural Ironwork.

Circle the date on your calendar and don't forget to bring your Show-and-Tell items. This is a great opportunity for the metalsmiths, clock makers, and woodworkers to get together and share their knowledge and expertise. **Special note:** The Woodworkers' Guild has a big annual public showing in the center of Southdale Mall in Edina, April 26-29th.



Forum deadline for May: Monday, April 16, 2007

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, April 16, 2007 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:
The GoM Forum*

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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:

The Guild of Metalsmiths

PO Box 11423

St. Paul MN 55111

Final request: coffee crew needed to continue Guild potlucks

All right, now, this is the last article I'm writing about our search for a coffee crew.

Remember, members, if no one volunteers for this position, there will be no reason to have "pot luck dinner at 6:30" written in "The Forum" for the next meeting.

Now this may read like I'm yelling, but truly, I'm begging. I picture in my mind the way our meetings go. I can see the conversations in the long line, the hellos and "good to see you tonight." I see people smiling.

So, folks, if you want to see, "pot luck at 6:30," we have to do something. A new member of the program committee, Nick Heinen is going to "temporarily" take this position. Thank him at the next meeting.

Remember, more than one person can organize and take on this important contribution.

Tom Phelps
Board of Directors
Program Committee
T-Shirt Guy

Long-term planning committee charged to update GoM bylaws

The Long-term Planning Committee has been charged by the Guild of Metalsmiths Board of Directors to update the GoM bylaws if and as needed.

The committee is looking for Guild members who are interested in participating in this task. This is to be a single-purpose membership to this committee, not a long-term obligation.

The intent is to do this work electronically because of commute distances. However, non-computing members who have an interest in helping would be welcomed and accommodated.

It is desired to have the group established and work under way by the end of April, 2008.

If you wish to help on this project, please contact Gary Myers at gmyers@rconnect.com, or by mail at 413 Dakota St, Lake City, MN 55041.

For those Guild members who are concerned about specific points but do not want to work on the whole project, your input is also needed. Please send your comments to the above locations.

Let's accomplish change by being involved. Volunteer!

— Gary Myers, Long-term Planning Committee Chair

AGENDA – THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, March 14, 20 07

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Roll Call – Attendants are Herman, Fick, Hanson, Moriarty, Barr, Phelps, Myers, Moenck, Frattalone, and Sigurdson. Guest Hammer.

AMENDMENT / APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES:

Motion by...Moenck...to approve the minutes. Barr and Phelps second

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee-Mike Frattalone

3-14—7 Financial Reports

Discretionary Funds	\$12,453.05
Remaining Grant	\$7,075.00
Cert. Of Deposit	\$10,246.88
Cash Total	\$19,528.05 (down \$1,952 from 1 year ago)
Expenses	\$2,256.00
Deposits	\$4,113.00

Major Expenses Were:

Forum	\$927
Workshops	\$720
Mn Sales & Use Tax	\$609

Membership count 320 (Down 10 From 1 Year Ago)

50 members are due to renew

Estimated tons of coal remaining is 19.9 Tons

Three Page summary by Frattalone from last meeting discussing where the Menagerie funds belong. Frattalone wants to not make the change. He put workshop coal into education

Education Committee-Jim Moenck

The Education Committee for the Guild of Metalsmiths met on February 21, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. The minutes from the January 17th meeting were read and approved. The remaining classes for 2007 were reviewed. No additional classes will be scheduled.

The committee discussed how to keep students active after completing the Basics classes. Everyone agreed that the mentor program is a vital part of keeping new, and current, members active in the Guild. Expect to see more of this program in the future.

Scheduling for 2007/2008 has begun. The dates for the Basics classes were set, as well as the date for the instructor's workshop. Possible classes were determined and will be scheduled as we get instructors to teach them. Schedule will be posted in June.

Program Committee- Myron Hanson

Tom Phelps did do again an article or the Forum soliciting a guardian for the coffee. No takers yet.

Meetings

Feb 14, 2007

Champion: Al Olson.Thanks to Al

April 11 2007

Champion: John McDonald, will prepare publicity and get it to Moriarty.

Location: Fort Snelling.

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John has made the contact and did lock in the day. The contact is Kevin Milo. Wood will talk to the clock guild. Olson will talk to the Wood Workers Guild. Format of extended show and tell. We will be graced by a presentation by John Yust who will also act as Master of Ceremonies for the program.

June 13 2007

Champion: Dick Carlson - North Oaks blacksmith shop (Carl Nordquist) June is accepted. See if Ed Committee will help coordinate a treadle hammer demo for this event.

August 8 meeting

Tom Phelps is the champion. Tom will contact Dave Olin. The committee would like to do a presentation on design. Possible presenters are Marcia, Curt Engstrom, Tom Latane, or Gene Olson/Chris Wilson. Get the maps in.

Madness/Fall Conference: Sept 21, 22 and 23 2007.

Demonstrators for conference: Jay Close: Traditional blacksmith recommend by Bob Fredell and Pete Stanaitis. Bob Fredell will meet and pick up Close. We need a host or we will need to put him in hotel. Howard Clark: Knifemaker Clark is not available. Pete will book him for 19, 20 and 21 Sept 2008. Pete has a budget to make that arrangement. John Moriarty contacted Japhth Howard and has an agreement with him. Marty Hicks will put together a single page flyer to post at events this spring by the next meeting. Rich Herman suggested having Martin Pansch (a member of the GoM) bring his trebuchet to the Madness. There are several issues relative to getting permission from the Bauer's, researching liability issues, and the fact that Martin is in the Reserves and is subject to call-up at any time and may not be available next fall. Tentative approval was given for this. The Raffle was discussed for the Fall Conference. Last year we cleared \$516 from the raffle and it may not be enough to justify the effort. Tom Phelps will bring up 30th anniversary activities for the madness. Best of Metalsmith again? Verbal history?

New Business (program committee).

John Yust brought up the possibility of doing a demonstration at a blacksmith shop at St. Croix State Park at some time in the future. The local park rangers have suggested setting up a weekend display at the park. Need to get the remaining lighting purchased for the gallery. Rich Herman will put together a proposal for the board. There is a recommendation for the Education Committee to have another workshop to produce a Gate or other large item that would be auctioned at the fall conference. The item may be designed by John Yust. Would be nice to have it ready in time to display at the 2008 NMM conference. Next Program committee meeting is 15 March at the Hanson Conference Center.

Publicity Committee- Rich Herman

Rich Herman has not had an opportunity to transfer the committee to the new chairman, Roland Sigurdson. Roland will take Rich's responsibilities for the next Forum. Publicity is working on the next issue of the Metalsmith. Rich will do a president's message. He wants to work the conference into the message.

LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE: Gary Myers, Chair

Tasks are: Bylaws update (volunteers have come forward)

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Board meeting minutes from page 7

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Don Hammer describes some thoughts his Mentoring and Outreach Proposals. Don wanted the sheets he handed out last meeting. He suggests that his effort be a special project under the Board and the board agrees. He also suggests as part of the outreach that we develop a new membership category to cater to students. Notes from the group: Rich gets a lot of requests from the scout council. Barr does a lot of merit badge work in metal work. Motion by Fick to establish a Mentoring and Outreach Project coordinator reporting to the President under the direction of Don. Second by Moriarty and accepted.

Book Library:

Rich will contact Gavin to see where it is going. Moriarty will talk about the problem with the /St Paul Public library.

Coffee Crew: Tom has a couple of members who have come forward. Not real progress yet. He will try to separate the tasks of coffee preparation from plates and silver ware and if there are no takers, the coffee will have to stop. He will publish again in the next Forum.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tool donations received. Three items are available to the Guild. Tig, Mig, and Plasma cutter. All three are large old and heavy. They could be sold or used. Moriarty believe they could be used at Nowthen. Moriarty moves that he see if they can be kept at Nowthen for further disposition. Seconded and accepted. Funding for addition to lights for gallery. Herman wants to buy lighting equivalent to what we did last year to double gallery lighting. Hanson moves to authorize Rich to spend up to \$400 on gallery lighting. Second Sigurdson and accepted by the board.

Directory:

Barr says it is time to gather all remaining loose copies and prepare to reorder. It will be a \$1500 to do what we did last time. He will gather the facts about a cheaper printed version for the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Program Com meeting is 7 PM 16 March 2007 at Hanson Conference Center

Next Ed Com meeting is 6:30 22 March at Moenck's

Next Membership meeting is at Fort Snelling 11 April 2007

Next Board meeting is at Myron's house, 6:30 9 May 2007

Next Forum deadline is March 19th

Long Term Planning will become an e-mail effort. (See bylaws).

ADJOURNMENT: Sigurdson moves to adjourn at 9:12

News from Tunnel Mill...



As you are reading this, classes are probably under way with Tom Latane' and our Chest Making Workshop.

Everything is set for Kirsten Skiles High Relief Chasing class on May 3, 4, & 5th..

June 16th, we have Nathan Robertson teaching a hammer making workshop.

Everyone will leave class with a new hammer!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

June 23 & 24th, we have Roger Degner scheduled for a Basic Rotcroft Style Copper Vessel Class. Students will make three vessels; two straight and one tapered, from 2" copper pipe.

Class size for each is 8 students. We do still have openings in both Nathan's and Roger's class, call for information.

Carol 507-289-4189 or e-mail jc-adams@msn.com.
(Not Guild-sponsored events)

ATTENTION ALL GUILD MEMBERS!!!

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MAKE PLANS TO SET ASIDE SOME TIME THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH, 2007.

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR A WEEKEND OF BLACKSMITHING AT THE NOWTHEN SHOW GROUNDS BLACKSMITH SHOP.

EVENTS TENTATIVELY PLANNED ARE:

- POWER HAMMER SEMINAR (SAFETY AND SOME HANDS ON TIME)
- GAS FORGE SEMINAR
- OPEN FORGE TIME
- TAILGATING
- AND????

SURE TO BE A GOOD TIME TO MEET WITH OTHER SMITHS AND EXCHANGE IDEAS, TO BOTH TEACH AND LEARN. BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR MORE UPDATES AS WE GET CLOSER TO JUNE.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS YOU MAY CONTACT:
BRYAN STECKMAN AT 763-521-6917

NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please look at the date by your name on your address label of this issue of The Forum. If that date has come and gone, it's time to renew your membership. For example, if it says "2006, Dec" your membership has expired.

New Members for April

Barry Tumberg
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New York Mills, MN 56567
218-385-2458

Drake Wills
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Chaska, MN 55318

Mark & Matt Reyer
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North Branch, MN 55056
763-464-1830

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320-983-2714
jlbech@frontiernet.net

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Roland Sigurdson
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Minneapolis, MN 55441-4854

Jesse Gavin
W11502 Rapp Rd
Lodi, WI 53555

Please write these changes into your copy of the Guild directory.

Opportunity for artistic expression...

Dear Artists:

The UMD (University of Minnesota-Duluth) sports stadium is to be re-outfitted with a new fence. To design and appoint this fence we would like to have something akin to artistic grillwork installed at the top of a select sections along the fence line to illustrate UMD icons appropriate to field sports.

I ask that you might suggest an artist most fitting for such an idea, and/or to present proposals of your own. If you have interest, please contact me as soon as you can and we may discuss the idea further in terms of time-frame, costs, and materials.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ken Bloom, Director
Tweed Museum of Art
University of Minnesota - Duluth
1201 Ordean Ct., Duluth, MN 55812
o:218.726.8751 | c: 218.341.1655
f: 218.726.8503
www.d.umn.edu/tma/

2007 schedule for Central Minnesota Blacksmiths

Monday April 2nd

Rome Hutchings Studio-13633 Ferman Av. NW, Clearwater
MN

763-878-1694 – Forge Welding Demo

Monday May 12th & 13th

Jeremy Knippel's Studio 30488 Cty. Rd. 3, Merrifield MN
218-765-4171 – Weekend event & BBQ

Monday June 4th

Jeff Anshus Studio-7567 Acorn NW, Royalton MN
320-584-0021 - Basic Heat Treating Demo

Saturday July 7th

Ken Zitur's Studio-37634 Cty. Rd. 9, Avon MN
320-746-2557 – Riveting & Collaring Demo

Monday August 6th

Russ Karasch's Studio-640 Chinook Ave. SW, Avon MN
320-356-7125 – Russ always comes up with something
interesting

Monday September 10th

Bill / Kathy Studio- 251 Central Avenue South, Watkins
(320) 764-2315-Bill will be giving a tour of his shop

Monday October 1st

Brian Johnson's Studio-16777 Cty. Rd. 75 NW, Clearwater MN
320-558-6898 Heat Coloring Demo

Monday November 12th

Stewart Schwinghammer's Studio-22601 Fairfield Rd., St.
Cloud MN

320-656-9988 – New Shop Tour

Saturday December 8th

Ken Zitur's Studio-37634 Cty. Rd. 9, Avon MN
320-746-2557 – CMB Christmas Party

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.

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Central Minnesota Blacksmiths meeting schedule

Monticello, MN, 763-295-4632

See page 15 for updated 2007 schedule

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 Saturday of the month at noon from October through April. The meetings are potluck at noon 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. The Northern Minn. Metalsmith's website is up again, different name, www.nmmetalsmiths.org

Central Texas Blacksmiths

To read their online newsletter, go to

<http://balconesforge.org/newsletters/feb07/feb07.pdf>

If that does not work, then just head to www.balconesforge.org .

Northwest Ohio Blacksmiths

21st annual hammer-in May 4, 5, 6 at Auglaize Village, historic reproduction village near Defiance, OH. Contact Roger King rking@eng.utoledo.edu

Indiana Blacksmith Association

IBA annual conference June 1-3 at the Tipton Coounty Fairgrounds, Tipton Indiana. Demonstrators will be Steve Keesler, Bladesmith; Steve Williamson, Blacksmith; Clifton Ralph, Powerhammer; Kurt Feherenbach and Steve Parker assisting Clifton.

Goings on...



Events in April, 2007

- Apr. 11, Guild membership meeting, Ft. Snelling, Details Page 3
- April 14, Basics C4 class (Guild-sponsored event)
- April 19, 20, 21, Chest Making Class at Tunnel Mill, first part of class taught by Tom Latane (not Guild-sponsored)
- Apr. 21 & 22, Basic Joinery, MN School of Horseshoeing-FULL!
- April 27, 28, 29, NMM Spring Conference

Events in May

- May 3, 4, 5, High Relief Chasing Class, Kirsten Stiles, Tunnel Mill
- May 9, Guild Board meeting, Myron Hanson's

Events in June

- June 8, 9, 10, hammer-in at Nowthen show grounds. Featured event: Treadle Hammer Demo (Guild-sponsored event)
- June 13, Guild membership meeting at North Oaks Blacksmith Shop. (Guild-sponsored event)
- June 16, Nathan Robertson teaching hammer-making workshop at Tunnel Mill (not Guild-sponsored)
- June 23 & 24, Roger Degner teaching Basic Roycroft Style Copper Vessel Class (not Guild-sponsored)

Events in July

- July 11, Guild Board meeting at Myron Hanson's
- July 27, 28, 29, Little Log House Power Show

Preview of the 2007 Madness!!

Guild of Metalsmiths annual Fall Conference set for Sept. 21, 22, 23

Nationally known demonstrators Jay Close and Japhth Howard will be there! Mark your calendars now!

 The logo for CANIRON VI features the word "CANIRON" in a bold, sans-serif font with a red maple leaf above the letter "A". To the right of "CANIRON" is the Roman numeral "VI" in a larger, stylized font. Below the text are three horizontal lines of varying lengths, resembling a stylized anvil or a set of rails.	<p>June 29-July 02, 2007 Victoria B.C Canada Vancouver Island Blacksmiths Assoc www.caniron.ca www.viblacksmiths.com</p>
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