

The Forum

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Schedule change for December Guild meeting

The Christmas meeting is just around the corner, folks. This year it's a little earlier than we're used to. Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 2nd.

As in the past, the meeting will be held at the Czecho Slovakian Protective Society (CSPS) Hall in downtown St. Paul. Address is 385 Michigan Street, on the corner of 7th Street, Michigan Street, and Western Avenue.

Please bring some snacks and treats for the co-mingling time before the business meeting, and a dish for the potluck dinner after the business meeting.

Hope to see you there!

Set up starts at 12:00, so if you can help, come early to the Glockenspiel next door at 11:00 for a little holiday cheer before we begin to set up.

Remember also to bring your show and tell items, even if you've brought them in the past. The table should overflow with our talented art.

— *Tom Phelps, December meeting champion*

Reminder: anyone wishing to contribute to the management of The Guild, or to change its direction should speak up and volunteer to run for office. Volunteers make it work; whining just takes time from the group.

I suspect somehow the November board meeting will deal with reports from the nomination committee, and input from the membership is to be encouraged. Call a board member! Tell them what you are thinking! Their names are listed in *The Metalsmith* or on our website:

www.metalsmith.org

— *Herb Fick*

Forum deadline for December: Monday, Nov. 19, 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, Nov. 19, 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:

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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

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Oxy Fuel Welding Workshop

When: Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 5 & 6, 2008
9 to 4 pm each day

Reg. fee: \$60

Instructors: Myron Hanson and Bill Krawczewski et al

Where: Myron Hanson's Studio, Eagan, MN (map
next page)

This course covers oxy fuel welding with an introduction to cutting and straightening. You should bring normal gear and safety equipment, and each student will be contacted on what else to bring.

The class runs two days and is limited to six participants. Send your registration as soon as possible. Cost is \$60 for the two-day class.

Meals are available in the area, or bring a sack lunch.

If you have questions, call Jim Moenck, 651-735-4461, or email jrmoenck@yahoo.com

This is a Guild-sponsored class.



Register now!

Fill out the form on next page. Send your registration with check for \$60 made out to The Guild of Metalsmiths to:

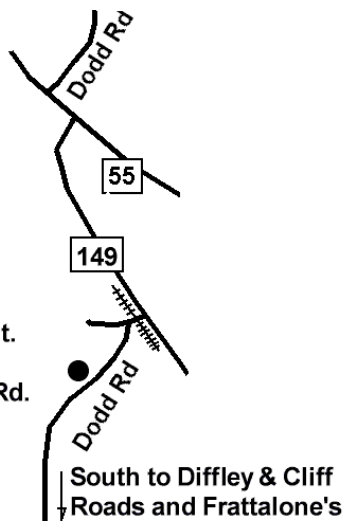
**Jim Moenck
661 Dorland Rd S
Maplewood MN 55119**

Oxy Fuel Welding Workshop Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 5 & 6, 2008

① Myron Hanson

Take I 494 to Dodd Rd/ MN 149 exit and go South, turn left onto MN 55 and turn right back onto MN 149. Continue South to the sign that says Dodd Road and points right. Turn right, cross the tracks and make an immediate left turn onto Dodd Road. Myron's house is about .7 mi on the right. Coming North on Dodd Rd from Cliff Rd its about 1.8 mi (~.75 mi North of Diffley Rd.

4015 Dodd Rd
Eagan, MN 55123-1612
Home phone: 651-454-3984



Send your registration for this Oxy Fuel Welding Workshop with check for \$60 made out to The Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Jim Moenck
661 Dorland Rd S
Maplewood MN 55119

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Making the Yellow Lady Slipper

When: Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 12 & 13, 2008
Class starts at 9 am each day

Where: Myron Hanson's studio, Eagan MN
(Map on previous page)

Fee: \$40

Class size: Maximum 6 students

Instructor: Bill Krawczeski,

Description: Master blacksmith Bill Krawczeski will teach you how he makes the yellow lady slipper. This is a two-day class. On the first day you will make each individual piece for your yellow lady slipper. Day two you will learn how to assemble these parts into a work of art. At the end of this class, you should take home a completed yellow lady slipper and all the parts for a second yellow lady slipper.

Safety Equipment: Safety glasses and earplugs, gloves, apron, cotton clothing, leather shoes

Other Equipment: You will be sent a list of chisels along with individual drawings and dimensions for each one. These tools will be used to make the various components for your flower. If you have time and are able, make your own set and bring them with you to class. If you cannot make them prior to class, there will be tools that you may borrow during class.

Lunch arrangements: Bring your own lunch with you, or visit one of the fast food restaurants close by. You will have approximately one hour for lunch.

This is a Guild-sponsored class.

Fill out the form on next page. Send your registration with check for \$40 made out to The Guild of Metalsmiths to:

**Jim Moenck
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Making the yellow lady slipper

Register for this class now! You'll not be sorry! Join one of the most talented blacksmiths in the upper Midwest, Bill Krawczeski, as he instructs you in the fine art of creating a piece that will end up looking similar to the photo at right.



Register for "Making the Yellow Lady Slipper." Fill out form below and mail, along with check for \$40 made out to "Guild of Metalsmiths" to:

Jim Moenck
661 Dorland Rd S
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For questions, call Jim at 651-735-4461 or email jrmoenck@yahoo.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Miscellaneous class updates

- The “Chasing and Repousse” class to be taught by Kirsten Skiles on Dec 15 & 16 is full.
- All “Beginning Blacksmithing” workshops are full, but organizer Gordon Barr is taking names for waiting lists for sessions B and C. Please call him at 952-894-4821 or email him at Agbarr@aol.com

Those dates are:

B Class

Jan 5

Jan 19

Feb 2

Feb 16

C Class

Feb 2

Mar 8

Mar 22

Apr 5

Herb Fick reports that a successful session was held to bring new instructors up to speed for working with the Basics Class. New Blacksmiths: Your staff is prepared! Come and enjoy!

‘The Heron’



Using scraps from the “found art” hay wagon, Joe Kramolisch created the magical piece in this photo that stands about five feet tall! This was just one of the highlights of this year’s Fall Conference—truly a product of “The Madness!”

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Attention, Smithin' Magician door prize winners!

A notice for those lucky enough to have won a Smithin' Magician as a door prize. I've gotten a bit better at the assembly with each one offered as a door prize. I was down to one left, and it was, by golly, going to be mine.

Al Olson has now come up with enough tool steel to continue the program, assuming there are still a few members who would not turn one down. The first ones were all water Jet cut last October courtesy of Jet Edge (who incidentally has done some contract cutting for my son, and quite nicely too). Al is now involved in cutting the new stock at Myron's so now consider Myron as contributing a saw blade.

Now be aware that the S-7 tool blanks supplied are not just a simple piece of steel. They are supplied annealed. Do all the shaping you need and then, if you choose, harden by raising to a very high heat (Ask Pete Stanaitis about color, but it is more than beyond magnetic). Then air quench.

I am not recommending that the average newcomer try annealing for later shaping with saws and cutting tools, but the heat treating recipes to use are those for S-7. Try not to harden the battering end. Think Jack Hammer bit blanks.

Remember that plain carbon steel is often used in these tools. You might want to start by building a couple of sample tools as trial pieces.

— *Herb Fick*

NOTE: go to <http://www.metalsmith.org/pub/mtlsmith/V16.4/magi.html> for details on the "smithin' magician" if you have questions about it.

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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Badger Blacksmiths meetings

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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 Minnesota Blacksmiths

Monday, November 12

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

320-656-9988 New shop tour

Saturday, December 8

Ken Zitur's Studio, 37634 County Rd. 9, Avon MN

320-746-2557 - CMB Christmas Party

Bronze pour planned for Nov. 10 to dedicate Dave Mariette's new shop!

Short notice but I will be having a bronze pour. It looks like it is going to happen Saturday, November 10 God willing and the creek don't rise. Why, you ask? Well, we need to make more hammers for the Juare-Hubler award. We (The Guild) cast a half dozen hammers, or so, about six years ago down at Tunnel Mill. They have all been awarded and we need more.



Also, my new shop is pretty much up and running. The problem is this: I still have a thirty two hundred square foot shop, but only four hundred and fifty square feet of it has a roof. For the most part this event will have to be outside. So, the sooner the better.

Activities to include: Ramming of flasks, heating of forge and bronze, pouring of bronze, and also, as the new smithy will be operational I would be honored if any that attend might step up to the forge and hammer out a leaf and put your mark on it. The leaves will become a part of the smithy. Kind of a symbol of the greater community of blacksmiths. As always a great time to network with other smiths so if you have a project of interest to share, bring it. So, this event will be officially be called a shop dedication, bronze pouring, hammer-ining, hot chocolate drinking et.al. extravaganza.

I will get out more particulars very soon as I put it together. I just wanted to get the invite out there. We may be able to pour some other small pieces if you can bring a pattern. I have silica bronze for pouring but not sure exactly how much so it maybe a case of BYOB if you want to make a small piece. As I said I will provide more information as I get it. The idea is to make the hammers, have some fun, and as usual learn something in the process.

The day should get under way around 1:00 PM. We'll provide chile and hot chocolate. May have some green chile stew also. If other beverages are desired by the participant, they should bring it along. Also, munchies to share would be a good thing to bring. Adult beverages OK but be responsible. Be discreet as there may be kids. Have a DD as necessary. A chair might come in handy.

I hope to start pouring just after dark which will be quite early as we will be off day light savings time.

If you plan to come, please RSVP as soon as possible to Dave Mariette by calling 651-437-1332 or emailing anvildancer@aol.com. The shop is located at 4020 160th St E in Rosemount, MN.

— Dave Mariette

Goings on...



...a calendar of GoM events at a glance

Events in November

- Nov. 10, A Class, Beginning Blacksmithing, Session 2
- Nov. 14, Guild board meeting at Myron Hanson's

Events in December

- Dec. 1, Beginning Blacksmithing, A Class, Session 3
- Dec. 2, Guild annual holiday meeting, CSPA Hall, St. Paul
- Dec. 15, Beginning Blacksmithing, A Class, Session 4

Events in January, 2008

- Jan 5 & 6, Oxy Fuel Welding Workshop, Myron Hanson's Studio in Eagan, MN
- Jan. 5, Beginning Blacksmithing, B class, Session 1
- Jan. 9, Guild board meeting, Myron Hanson's in Eagan.
- Jan. 12 & 13, Making the Yellow Lady Slipper, Myron Hanson's Studio in Eagan.
- Jan. 19, Beginning Blacksmithing, B class, session 2

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