

The Forum

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Summer summary...

With summer firmly in our grip, aren't we happy to know there's a variety of gatherings to attend that are related to metalsmithing? Below is a summary of most of them.

Little Log House Antique Power Show

On July 25, 26, and 27, take a look at a time in history when steam and gasoline engines began making their mark on our society. The blacksmith shop at Little Log House is staffed with Guild members and led by smithing veteran Dick Carlson. Learn and share what you learn! Visit their website at <http://www.littleloghouseshow.com/>

Almelund Threshing Show

The 52nd annual Almelund Threshing Show is coming up on August 8, 9, and 10. Join champion Carl Nordquist in the blacksmith shop. This year's show features International Harvester equipment. Visit their website at <http://www.almelundthreshingco.org/> for details.

Rose City

Also on August 8, 9, and 10, visit Dave Mariette in the blacksmith shop at Rose City. We don't have a lot of details on this, but check with Dave.

Nowthen Threshing Show

For the past 30 years The Guild of Metalsmiths has been demonstrating at the Nowthen Threshing show. Once again we will be at the show on August 15, 16, 17, 2008. All members of The Guild, of all levels of experience, are invited to come demonstrate, socialize, and see the threshing show. Five work stations are available; bring your own hand tools. You may sign up at the August Guild meeting and receive passes to get in free. If you will not be at the August meeting, contact Bob Fredell, 763-389-5119 or bfredell@msn.com to have a pass and map mailed to you. Visit their website at <http://www.nowthenthreshing.com/>

Minnesota State Fair

Of course, there's the blacksmith shop at the Minnesota State Fair from August 21 to Sept. 1. You're sure to learn lots of stuff by listening and watching the smiths.

**Hope your summer is
going well!**

Forum deadline for August: Monday, July 21, 2008

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, July 21, 2008 to Georgia Myers, editor, by e-mail to:

forum@metalsmith.org

(e-mails will be forwarded to Georgia Myers), or 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
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August 13 Guild meeting is social event of the summer!

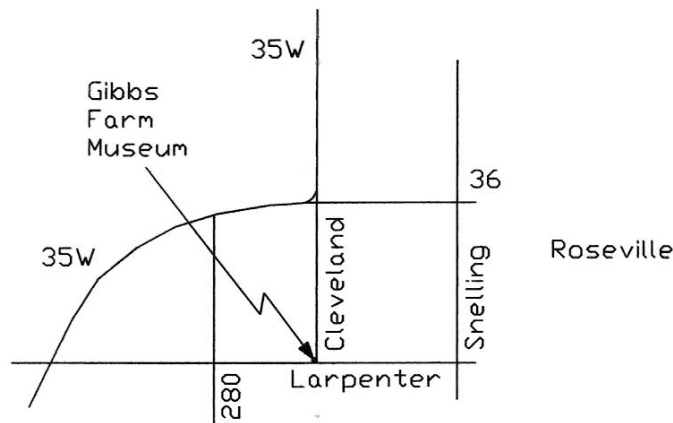
Plan now to attend the August 13 Guild meeting to be held at Gibbs Farm Museum (map below). The museum is the former home of Herman and Jane Gibbs, and their farmhouse, built in 1849 on the site, still stands.

The Gibbs Museum represents an important period in United States history: 1835-1900. The Gibbs Farm is owned and operated by the Ramsey County Historical Society and is located just north of the state fairgrounds at 2097 West Larpenteur Avenue (enter the parking lot via Cleveland). Visit their web page at <http://www.rchs.com/gbbsfm2.htm> to learn more about the Gibbs family and their association with the Dakotah people. Visitors can observe a native prairie, a Dakotah medicine garden, and traditional Dakotah and pioneer crop gardens.

Come to the Guild meeting and stroll the grounds of the museum. Relax in the meeting hall and enjoy corn on the cob and potluck as you socialize with your fellow Guild members and families. Don't forget your show and tell items.

According to Al Olson, GOM is working with the Gibbs Farm Museum to build a blacksmith shop for public demonstrating. They're open from May 1 to October 31, and demonstrators could work on anything they choose.

This is something to look forward to. See you there!



Their website
www.rchs.com/gbbsfm2.htm

Treadle hammer build this fall or next spring - who's interested?

I have been asked by Rich and Dave to coordinate a treadle hammer build for the Guild. The general idea is to conduct a build sometime this Fall or next Spring.

Right now I want to gauge the level of interest that exists within the Guild by creating a sign up list consisting of people that would like to build a treadle hammer and those that would volunteer to help the group with a such a build. Right now there are three of us interested in building a treadle hammer: Darryl Ponder, Al Olsen, and Bob Brown.

If you are interested in joining the build or are willing to volunteer some time, materials or shop space to help out the build, please contact me by email at darrylponder@earthlink.net or call me at (952) 401-3266.

Best regards,

Darryl Ponder

Demonstrators needed for Rice County Fair July 15-20

Hi,

I'm checking to see if you would be able to demonstrate your blacksmithing at the Rice County Fair this year. The fair runs July 15 - 20. I understand that Don Hammer who had the anvil and forge, I think, last year has moved out of the area.

Herb Fick gave me some names but neither are able this year. In other words, as of now I don't have anyone to demo for sure.

I guess at this point I'm wondering if some of you could get together and decide if any of you are able to help this year and then set up a schedule that works for whoever is available. That is what happened last year and it was great.

I know it is a lot to ask but I'm hoping you see each other and maybe could talk it over.

People really enjoyed the blacksmiths last year and I've been asked if you'll be back. I really hope something will work out. Last year we had people demonstrating Fri., Sat., and Sun., but we'll appreciate anytime that works for you all.

Thanks for any help that you can give us.

Pat Chappuie

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News from Tunnel Mill...

We've had a good spring and summer is flying.

KIRSTEN SKILES will teach a class on leaves, texturing, raising and veining...tentative date September 11, 12 & 13th.

For more information email

jc-adams@msn.com or call 507-289-4189.



TOM LATANE' ...CHASED DOOR KNOCKER CLASS—October 9, 10, & 11th, 2008

The students in this class will forge a door knocker in the form of an “s” scroll with a hinge mortisen into the upper back. The top of the scroll will be in the form of a grotesque, dragon, or human head. The lower scroll will be chased with the form of a stylized acanthus leaf.

There could be simple escutcheons around the pivot and the strike or the back plate could be a larger rectangle with chased borders.

There will be hot forging and modeling as well as cold chasing.

Students may spend time making a number of chasing tools.

email jc-adams@msn.com or call to register or for more information. 507-289-4189

Tunnel Mill Annual Fall Gathering...October 4th & 5th, 2008. Workshop, Friday, October 3.

Call or email for more information.

John or Carol Adams

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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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

June passing...

Deanna Tannenberg passed away June 6th at Baraboo, WI after a lengthy illness. She is survived by husband of 42 years, Bill Tannenberg. Deanna was a past editor of the UMBA newsletter.

Updates for Guild of Metalsmiths membership directory

Please add these to your guild directory.

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Goings on...



...a calendar of GoM events at a glance

Events in July

- July 9, Guild Board meeting at Myron Hanson's
- July 15-20, Rice County Fair, Faribault MN--demonstrators needed
- July 25, 26, 27, Little Log House Power Show, Hastings (Carlson)

Events in August

- Aug. 13, Guild membership meeting Gibbs Farm Corn Feed
- Aug. 8, 9, 10, Almelund Threshing Show (Nordquist)
- Aug. 8, 9, 10, Rose City (Mariette)
- Aug. 16 & 17, Nowthen Threshing Show (Fredell)
- Aug. 21-Sept. 1, MN State Fair

Events in September

- Sept. 10 Guild Board meeting at Myron Hanson's
- Sept. 19, 20, 21, The Madness at Little Log House in Hastings!

Events in October

- Oct. 4 & 5, Tunnel Mill Annual Fall Gathering
- Oct. 8, Guild membership meeting at Machacek in Northfield

Mark your calendars! 'The Madness' is soon upon us!

Please mark your calendars for The Guild of Metalsmith's 2008 Fall Conference (aka The Madness). The dates are September 19, 20, and 21 (Fri, Sat, & Sun). We will once again gather at the Little Log House Power Show Grounds near Hastings, MN.

Watch for more information on this year's fantastic demonstrators and registration forms in upcoming editions of "The Forum" and "The Metalsmith."

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