

The Forum

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Upcoming events...

Get your calendar set for these upcoming classes and events.

■ Saturday, December 13, Welding Workshop (all but oxy). Contact Jim Moenck at 651 735 4461 or email jrmoenck@yahoo.com. Or contact Bryan Steckman at 763 521 6917 or 763 551 5332.

■ Sunday, December 14, 2008 annual Guild of Metalsmiths meeting at CSPA Hall in St. Paul. Contact program committee chair Myron Hanson for information at 651 454 3984 or 651 338 0574.

■ Saturday, January 10, 2009, Suffolk Latch Workshop. See pages 5 and 6 for full information and a registration form.

NOTICE: If you have an interest in serving on the Guild's board of directors or you wish to nominate someone, please contact one of the current members (listed below) before November 12. The election of officers and board members takes place at the annual meeting on December 14.

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Forum deadline for December: Monday, Nov. 17, 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, Nov. 17, 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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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
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‘The Forum’ is online

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Suffolk Latch Workshop

Saturday, January 10,
2009

9:00 a.m.

Minnesota School of
Blacksmithing (map on
next page)

Cost: \$40 per student

Instructor: Tom Sanders - 507-822-2792

Thomas.Sanders@MNHS.ORG



The Suffolk latch originated in Suffolk, England in the 16th century and was in common use for several centuries. This door latch is popular again today and its humble design is often used as the basis for highly decorative latches. Come learn how to make a Suffolk latch with Tom Sanders, a veteran of 20 years spent in two different historical blacksmithing shops and owner of a Masters in metallurgical archeology (though he'll tell you he is "just an old country hack").

More details on next page....

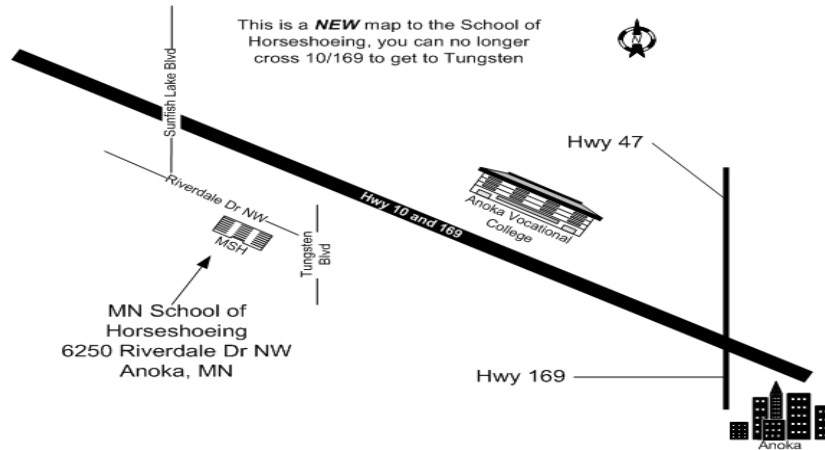
**Register for this unique workshop
by sending in the registration form
on the next page.**

Contact Martin Pansch at 612 599 4762. or email blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com with questions about this Suffolk Latch Workshop.

Safety Equipment – safety glasses & ear plugs are mandatory. Other safety equipment may include: gloves, leather apron, cotton clothing, leather shoes.

Other equipment to bring: Your favorite blacksmithing hammer, tongs for handling ½” square stock and flat stock, files, and any other tools you think might be useful. Appropriate sized punches and drifts will be provided.

Lunch: Either bring a bag lunch with you or money to dine at some of the fine eating establishments in the area.



Register for “Suffolk Latch Workshop.” Fill out form below and mail, along with check for \$40 made out to “Guild of Metalsmiths” to:

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Learn about businesses that have extended discounts to Guild of
Metalsmiths members here:

http://www.metalsmith.org/index-discount_v2.htm

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Successful Tongs workshop reported

Saturday, Oct. 18, we held the Tongs Workshop. Seven students, instructor Bob Johnson and assistant Guy Paton had a great day. Five students completed one set of tongs and two students completed two sets of tongs. All students were happy with the class and results.

Guy R. Paton

Update on Beginning Blacksmith classes

All the classes are filled but if you would like to be on a waiting list, email or call Gordon Barr at agbarr@aol.com and 952-894-4821. You don't have to send money right now.

A knife making workshop originally scheduled for Nov. 22 has been postponed to a later date to be announced.

Notes

Goings on...



...a calendar of TGOM events at a glance

Events in November

- Nov. 12, Guild board meeting at Myron Hanson's in Eagan MN
- Nov. 15, Beginners A Class, 3rd session, MSH
- Nov. 22, 4-inch Folding Knife Workshop - **POSTPONED!!!**

Events in December

- Dec. 6, Beginners A Class, 2nd Session, MSH
- Dec. 14, Membership annual meeting at CSPA Hall in St. Paul.

Events in January, 2009

- 1/3 Beginning Blacksmith class B1 at MSH
- 1/13 Suffolk Latch Workshop at MSH
- 1/14, Guild board meeting at Myron Hanson's in Eagan
- 1/17 Beginning Blacksmith class B2 at MSH
- 1/31 Beginning Blacksmith class B3 at MSH

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

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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 www.nmmetalsmiths.org