

The Forum

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Seasons Greetings!

Meet your Guild friends for our annual meeting Dec. 14

See you Sunday, December 14, 2008 annual Guild of Metalsmiths meeting at CSPA Hall at 383 Michigan Street in St. Paul. Tom Phelps will once again welcome members who are willing to help set up for this annual meeting at 11 am at the CSPA Hall. Meet Tom at the Glockenspiel Restaurant, just downstairs from the hall, at 11, and have your first libation provided by Tom just for pitching in on the setup upstairs!

The meeting begins at 2 pm after appetizers, and a gala potluck follows. Of course, it's always delicious with all the great cooks we have in the Guild of Metalsmiths. Don't forget to bring any and all the projects you've been working on during the past year. Show and Tell is a great way to share your growing skills and inspire fellow smiths. An auction is anticipated. See you there!

Here's an informative and historic note about our annual meeting place:

The historic Cesko-Slovanský Podporující i Spolek (C.S.P.S.) Hall at 383 Michigan Street in Saint Paul was constructed in 1887, and is the focal point for American Sokol, a group which grew out of an international movement founded in 1862 by Dr. Miroslav Tyrš. It is a social, cultural, educational and gymnastic organization. The hall was declared a National and State Historic Site in 1977, placed on the National Register of Historic Sites, and is the longest serving Czech-Slovak cultural center in the United States.

Forum deadline for January: Monday, Dec. 15, 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, Dec. 15, 2008 to Georgia Myers, editor, by e-mail to:

forum@metalsmith.org
(e-mails will be forwarded to Georgia Myers), or to gldmyers@embarqmail.com or mail them to:

Georgia Myers
413 W 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



‘The Forum’ is online

To read an electronic (PDF) version of *The Forum* each month, go to our website, www.metalsmith.org.

Four-Inch Knife-Making Workshop

Date: Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009

Time: 8 am to 5 pm

Cost: \$45 per student

Class limit: 10 students

Instructor: Mike Blue

Location: Mike Blue's shop near Cannon Falls MN

**Address: 5847 318th St Way
Cannon Falls, MN 55009
(map on next page)**

This will be a one day class taught by Mike Blue at his shop. The class will encompass assembling a basic folding knife, about three inches, including filing, riveting, etc.

This will be a simple slip joint knife. The majority of work will get the action to work successfully. The blade will be finished to the level the student has time for and the critical finishing of the action done to form the working knife. Any general finishing will be completed with the final polishing etc. to be completed at leisure at home.

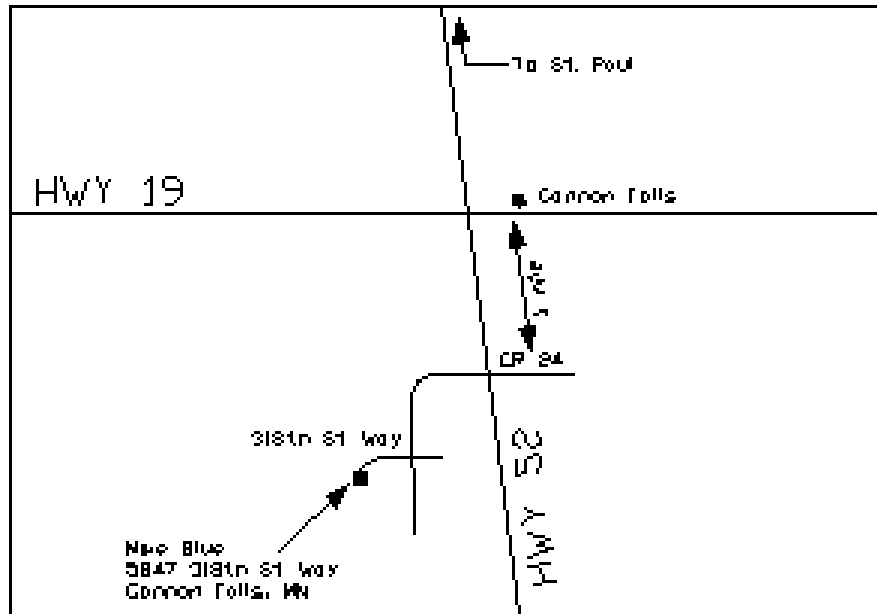
Lunch can be had locally. Coffee, water, juice etc. will be available during class.

Please bring standard safety equipment--eye protection, gloves, etc. There won't be a lot of forging done at this class--mainly filing, drilling, and grinding.



**To register for this Knife-Making
Workshop, fill out the registration
form on the next page.**

Map (below) to Mike Blue's workshop near Cannon Falls for the January 31 Knife-Making Workshop



Register for "Knife-Making Workshop." Fill out form below and mail, along with check for \$45 made out to "Guild of Metalsmiths" to:

**David Mariette
4020 160th St E
Rosemount MN 55371**

Contact David Mariette with questions at 651-437-1332 or email david_mariette@anvildancr.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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....

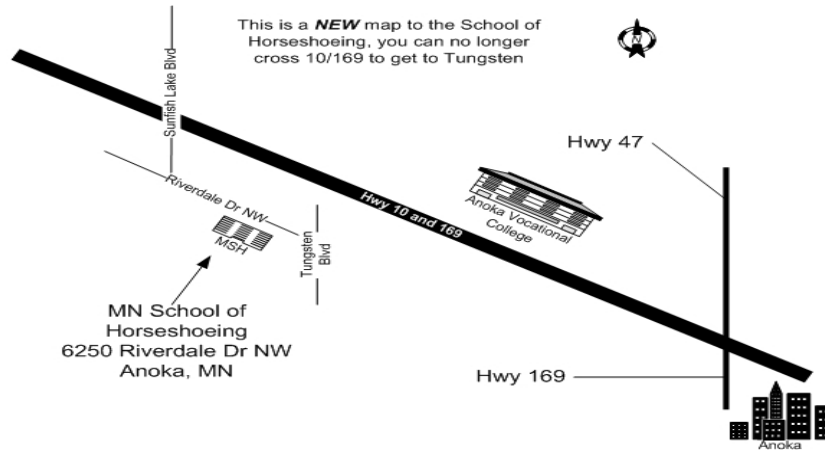
**Register for this unique workshop
by sending in the registration form
on the next page.**

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 equipmen 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:

**Martin Pansch
8750 Yale Avenue
Young America, MN 55397**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Funeral

Guild member Tom Struble passed away Nov. 11, 2008 after losing his struggle with cancer. The funeral was Nov. 15 at Grandstand Funeral home in Lindstrom, MN. Burial was in Grand Rapids.

MEMBER CHANGES

Dick & Irma Carlson
New email:
blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com

Roland Sigurdson
New phone: 651 455 -1775

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.

Friends of The Guild of Metalsmiths

Learn about businesses that have extended discounts to Guild of Metalsmiths members here:
http://www.metalsmith.org/index-discount_v2.htm

Metal meet at Dan Pate's

Dan Pate hosted a Metal meet and several Guild members attended. It was the same weekend as the bronze pour at Dave Mariette's. Herb Fick reports that he remembers that because "Dan just returned my pig roaster. He did a hog stuffed with a ham and a turkey. Very nice indeed."

Minutes

Guild of Metalsmiths board meeting held at the home of: Myron Hanson,
4015 Dodd Rd., Eagan, MN 55123

CALL TO ORDER: 7:09 by Rich

Members in attendance: Herman, Hanson, Frattalone, Sigurdson, Mariette,
Fick, Phelps, Heinen.

Guest: John Yust

Missing: Barr, Myers,

AMENDMENT / APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES:

Fick second by Phelps Motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE

\$11,877 (down 3,486 from 11-14-07)

REMAINING GRANTS 7,075

CASH TOTAL

18,952

EXPENSES SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING ON 9-10-08:

CONFERENCE \$6,530

MEMORIALS 59

BANK DEPOSIT SLIPS 37

HARTFORD INSURANCE 352

10 EA BANQUET TABLES 551

GALLERY LIGHTING/BRACKETS 537

PROGRAM MEETINGS 218

OFFICE SUPPLIES, STAMPS 45

METALSMITH 2,025

FORUMS 2 EA 1,186

VIDIO CAMERA/CONNECTORS 190

TOTAL EXPENSES \$11,730

TOTAL DEPOSITS \$17,138

COAL 16.8 TONS OF 23 TONS REMAINING

MEMBERS 269 (DOWN 11 FROM 11-14-07)

88 people have not renewed.

Education Committee report- Dave Mariette

Met 4 Nov at Mariette's. Dave presented the current class schedule. Tongs workshop is a go. Forge welding has registrations coming in. A, B and C Basics class are full. Animal heads workshop is 9 May. Martin is doing publicity for May animal heads. Darrel Ponder is driving a treadle hammer workshop. (Late March) Martin Pansch scheduled for a home built belt grinder workshop. Forge welding is rescheduled for 28 Feb and 1 March Viking Axe is now 28 March. (Moved from February) Knife class is now 31 January. Hammer in 6 June 2009 Friday night thru Sunday. (Nowthen) Theme is demonstration projects. Bronze pour seemed to be successful

Program Committee- Myron Hanson

December 14 meeting is at CSPS in St Paul. 11 meeting at Glockenspiel for setup. Tom buys the first drink. Noon doors open. Business meeting 5 PM dinner.

Feb 11 meeting is at the bicycle machine shop “high wheelers club” Crystal area. Champion is Beck.

Demonstrators for 2009 conference are Mark Aspry and Mike Garret. Rich and Al Lindholm are working on the demonstrator contracts. Herb will contact Anvils ring and Hammer’s Blow for announcement. They are starting with an UMBA example.

There is a concern in the board that the committee reports are taking far to much time. We ask that committee chairs reference the reports in the Forum and suggest that questions be asked off line.

January 15 is the next program committee meeting.

Publicity Committee- Roland Sigurdson

Forum is out. We do need committees to get their reports in promptly. Chris is still working on the digital Metalsmith.

Long Term Planning Committee - Gary Myers

The new bylaws are approved by the membership. The new trailer has difficulty with registration. Gary is working on it

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Who is looking for new board members? Board candidates can be Roland, Gordon, Phelps and Myers have declined. Al Lindholm and Darryl Ponder have agreed. Dave Upgren is interested. For VP we want to consider Pete Stanaitis. Rich will run for president for another year. Mike Frattalone will consider running again. Recorder if Al moves to board. Cliff Asmuth could be interested. Frattalone has a list of folk to contact.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is a thought of having a mini conference (Special event) in June.

There was a Bill Callaway example in the past.

John Yust has a concept of sign making for blacksmiths.

Table until next board meeting.

Rental on the MN School of HS is now \$100 and needs to be priced into the classes. John Yust wants to address the group. He reports as a new board member of ABANA. The finances of ABANA are difficult. Membership in ABANA is way down. 4500 members down to about 3000. ABANA needs seed money to build the next conference. John is at the meeting to ask for \$1000 for ABANA to fund operation. Other board members are asking their affiliates for money also. Should this be grant money is a question. This is seen as an educational opportunity. The next national conference is in Memphis. ABANA also needs sponsors for events at the national convention in Memphis. They are considering asking for \$205 to \$235 for early registration. Camping will be available. They are budgeting for 600 to 800 registrations. The ABANA auction will be public this time.

November Guild board meeting minutes (continued from previous page)

The amendment is to call the donation a grant from the GRANT FUND
The motion is that the Guild give a \$1000 support grant to ABANA to use at their discretion. Motion carried without dissent. Are thank you letters being sent properly to meeting hosts? (Herb) Rich will be deal with it. Review finance policy concerning requiring receipts for expenses submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MAIL REVIEW: Aspen insurance associates (Benchmarkinsuraance.com) has a new insurance benefit that is available to the affiliates to offer a comprehensive policy on business liability and business property to the affiliate member. The information is not particularly complete, but looks attractive. Herb will take the letter to Prior Lake agency for comments.

AJOURNMENT: 945 PM Motion by Phelps, accepted without dissent.

News from Tunnel Mill...



We are working on our new class schedule for 2009.

◆ At this time we have a class planned with Tom Latane on the candle holder (see photo), with a date yet to be set.

Adjustable Forged Candlestand

Class will cover the traditional skills involved in constructiong an adjustable tabletop candle holder. Students will begin by forge welding the tripod base and forming penny feet. the vertical staff will be tenoned into the center of the tripod. Mortise and tenon joinery will also be used to assemble the frame holding the springs which hold the crossarm in place. Candle cups and drip saucers will be forged. Decorative filing will be demonstrated as well as a decorative finial to inspire students who wish to carry the project beyond forging and assembly.



- ◆ Kirsten Skiles will be back with repousse and a leaf workshop.
- ◆ We will be offering copper with Roger Degner: vases, boxes, bowls, and/or plates.
- ◆ Nathan Robertson will teach a hammer workshop, possibly including making a drift. You will leave with an intact heat treated hammer. You choose the hammer, maybe even a repousse hammer.
- ◆ We are also talking to Peter Ross about a workshop or two in June or July.
- ◆ We are planning to host Bill Fiorini with a continuation of his first jewelry class. We now have most of the tools needed and some of the information.

Please contact us to get more information and to be included on an email or mailing list.

Tunnel Mill Blacksmiths: John or Carol Adams

507-289-4189

507-289-5246

507-378-4983

Goings on...



...a calendar of TGOM events at a glance

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
- 1/31 Four-inch knife-making workshop at Mike Blue's shop

Events in February, 2009

- Feb. 11 Guild membership meeting at Crystal bike shop TBA
- Feb. 14 Beginning Blacksmith class B4 at MSH
- Feb. 21 Beginning Blacksmith class C1 at MSH
- Feb. 28 Forge Welding Class-TBA

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Badger Blacksmiths meetings

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715-222-9239

pbranch@frontiernet.net

Tobias Talsma

715 294-24707

tobyforge@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 www.nmmetalsmiths.org