

The Forum

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Linders Specialty Co. to host February 13 TGoM membership meeting

Join us on February 13 at Linders Specialty Co., 432 Atwater St. St Paul, MN 55117 (see map below). Linders specializes in custom fabrication and has the ability to roll and bend BIG STUFF! We'll be treated to shop tours and a CNC plasma cutting demo. TGoM President Al Olson says: "To me, the coolest part of this business is the large scale of projects they can do."

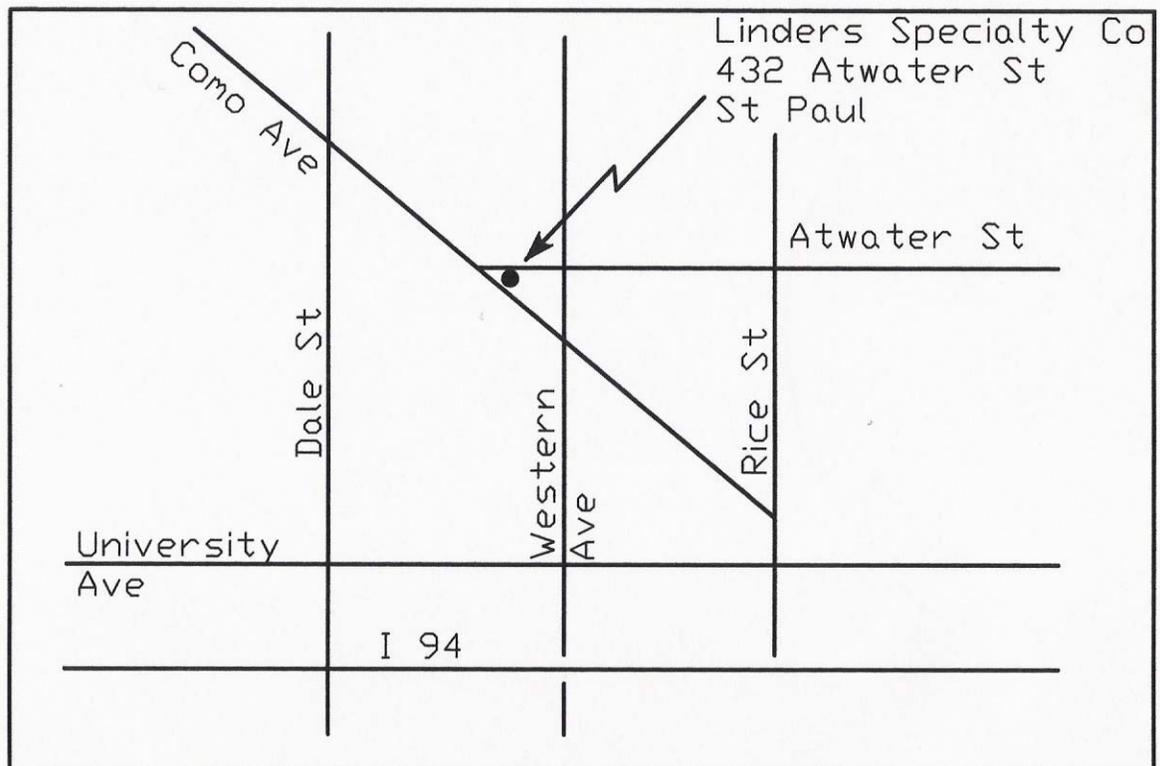
The company has been a long-time supporter of TGoM and our Fall Conference silent auction. They've donated tons of steel, so let's try to attend this meeting to help recognize the folks and offer our thanks for their contributions in person.

As always, potluck dinner starts at 6:30 pm, with the business meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. Don't forget to bring your show & tell items.

Pictured are some of the projects created by Linders. At right is a rolling beam. At left are large-scale sculptures. These and other images can be seen on the Linders website:

<http://www.lscmetalfab.com>.

Champion for this meeting is John McDonald.



'Guild gear' is here!

Have you found your wardrobe woefully bereft of hammer or anvil-themed shirts? Have you been sipping a mug of your favorite French Roast coffee and thought, "You know, this would taste a lot better if my mug had the logo of my favorite metalworking 501C3 organization?" Well, friends, now you can do something about it.

The Guild has opened a "store" on Café Press, a website where you can set up your logo to be printed on shirts, mugs, glasses, and other goods for purchase. It allows us to make Guild merchandise available to the membership without the major outlay of cash and volunteer effort needed to sell them in a more traditional way. The Guild gets a small amount of money on each item, but mostly it is a way to make things readily available. There are currently two images available. One is our tried and true Guild logo with an improved, slightly rounded peen. The other is an anvil-in-an-anvil (double anvil) design made and donated by Chris Rand. Going forward, if people come up with additional original designs they would like to see available, it will be easy to add to the store. Here's the link to the online store:

<http://www.cafepress.com/TheGuildofMetalsmiths>



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Badger Blacksmiths meetings

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715-557-5236

jtweet01@yahoo.com

Newsletter editor: John Grump

715-835-0894

johngrump@att.net

Lake Superior Metalsmiths

Lake Superior Metalsmiths (LSM) meet the fourth Saturday of the month. Potluck at noon with meeting to follow.

Contacts are:

Charley Brown, President, CharleyRB@charter.net, 218-428-7906

Dave Hanson, Vice-President, Daveforge1@aol.com, 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

2013 NMM Conference is April 27 & 28. Demonstrators are Karl Andersen and Doug Swenson.

Central Minnesota Blacksmiths (CMB)

Meet on the first Monday of each month. Potluck followed by demo. Locations are different every month so please call or write for info

Contacts are:

President: Ken Zitur

1-320-746-2557

ken@kensiron.com

Brian Johnson

16777 Co Rd 75 NW

Clearwater MN 55367

1-320-558-6898

New Members, February 2013

Larry Hilton

Carey Netherton, Minneapolis, MN

Nathan Krummel

Mike Anderson, Pipestone, MN

Sara Axtell, St Paul, MN

Matt Seveland, Minnetonka, MN

Christina Dodge

Steve Mitton, Jordan, MN

Justin Brach, Stillwater, MN

For Sale: National Stove Works, Model 500, with owners manual (1990s)

Large wood burning heating stove, overall length 45", overall height 42 1/2", width 24 1/2". Accepts logs 29" long, Chimney 8" dia. Weight 450+ lbs. "Thermo control". 2 sections of 8" x 24" heavy stove pipe and 2 adjustable elbows included. The stove is used, but has been used very little. It is almost like new. Asking \$500.

Curt and Erna Engstrom, bbuzz4u@mvtvwireless.com



Treadle hammer kit for sale

I purchased a treadle hammer kit from Discount Steel last year. Health issues prevented me from assembling the machine. My condition is chronic so I must dispose of the kit. The kit is complete w/plans & parts list. I invested \$350.00 & am willing to let it go for a reasonable offer. Interested individuals can contact via email leaving phone number: gwsetterholm@msn.com.

Jerry Setterholm

Winch for sale

Reconditioned Warn MB-3 winch with new roller fair lead, new 40 foot remote switch, and new mount. \$800. Call Richard Seaberg at 612-247-2475.

TGoM's website is tool to keep informed!

The Guild of Metalsmiths maintains our own website, a fact that most of you already know. As we go more and more paperless, we'll use our website as a tool to help our members and the rest of the world keep informed on activities, educational opportunities, and all the information we can pile into the pages. Please take advantage of this technology to spread the word about "TGoM!"

<http://www.metalsmith.org>

ABANA Convention News

To help celebrate ABANA's 40th Anniversary, the first ABANA Convention will be held at the Historic Westville Village in Lumpkin, Georgia and at the Convention Center in Columbus, Georgia on March 15-17, 2013. Details here:

<http://www.abana.org/Conventions/2013Convention.shtml>

Note: This information is provided as a service for our members. Members may submit items for sale and upcoming events that are considered relevant to our group, and they will be published as space permits. The Guild of Metalsmiths is not responsible for these items or events.

Intermediate Level Blacksmithing Class

Dates: Feb. 2, Feb. 16, March 2, 2013 (3-part class)
Lead Instructor: David Mariette
Location: MN School of Horseshoeing, Anoka, MN (map below)
Cost: \$150 per student

Class Description: We will produce a small grill, making use of techniques congruent with the ABANA National Curriculum

- Layout.
- Forging to dimension
- Forge Welding
- Collars, mortise and tenon
- Compound Scrolls

The grill design is not yet finalized. The challenge will be to design a grill that most will produce in three days and be in keeping with the National Curriculum recently adopted by ABANA.

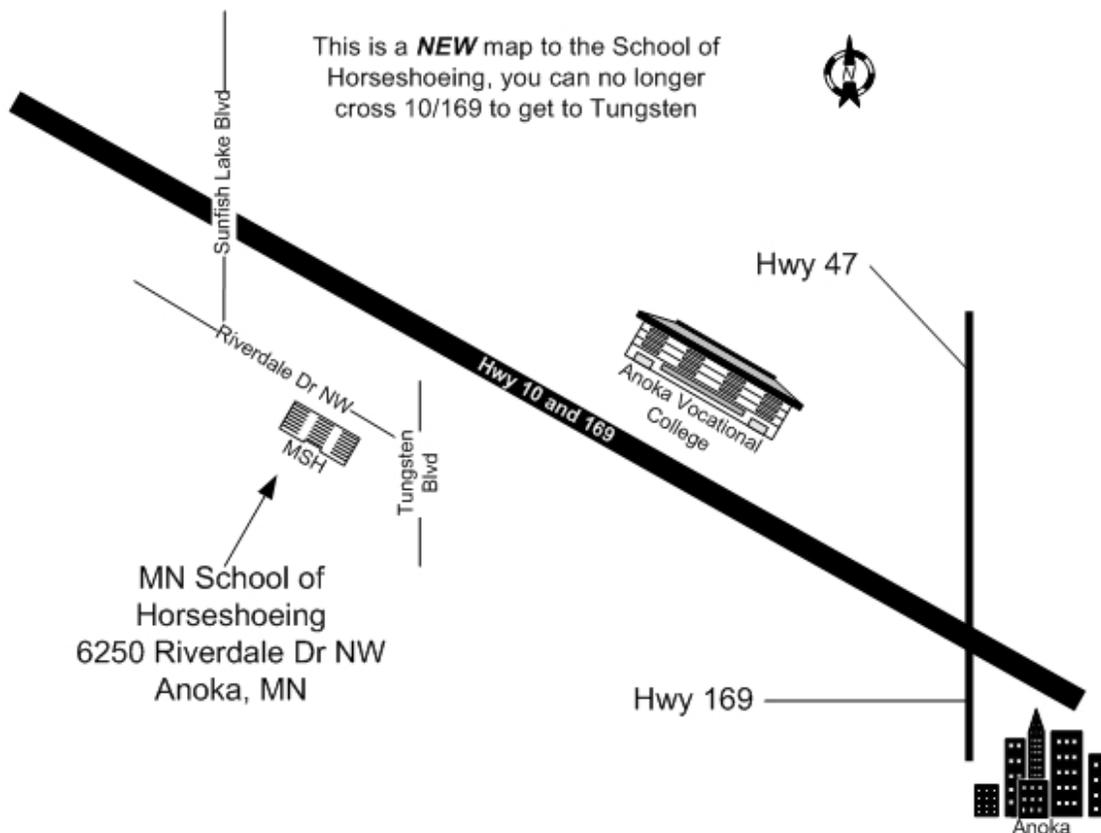
This class will not be a beginner level class. Students enrolling in this class should have completed beginner level classes and have acquired some skills through independent practice. It will be fast moving, and will challenge everyone--even the instructor!

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

Send registration, including check payable to "Guild of Metalsmiths" for \$150, to:

David Mariette
4020 160th Street East
Rosemount, MN 55068

Be sure to include your address, email, and phone number so we can contact you.



Congratulations on your achievement, 'B' Class, Beginning Blacksmiths!

The folks pictured at right just "graduated" from the 2012-2013 Beginning Blacksmithing "B" class sponsored by The Guild of Metalsmiths. This is a very special achievement and just another remarkable accomplishment by our volunteer instructors to further TGoM's mission.

Thank you to all involved. The "C" Class is scheduled to begin February 9 and finishes March 23.



Newly trained blacksmiths: Brad Klatt , Noah Klatt , Ellen Monzo, Glen Monzo, Camryn Monzo, Rebecca Watry , Joan Peterson, Warren Peterson, Erik Watry, Jack Jepsen DeSpiegelaere. Not pictured Larry Hilton

Struck Tools Workshop

Date Saturday, April 6, 2013

Instructor: Jim Scott

Class size: 8

Time 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Cost: \$50

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map pg 3)

The day will include: **preparing a punch, a slitting chisel and a drift.** These are normal length (6 to 8 inches) hand held tools without handles. We will be hand forging as individuals. We will heat treat using oil. Material used will be GM automotive coil spring stock, presumed to be 5160 alloy.

You will need: **your pet hammer, a second hammer for striking tools, hearing and eye protection and proper clothing.**

Many of the Guild members have participated in the beginning blacksmith classes. I (Herb) believe a valuable opportunity for follow on training is the preparation and restoration of tools. Blacksmiths need basic comfort with restoring and heat treating struck tools. For background, go to the meetings and ask those who have participated in the past Jim Scott classes. They will be quite enthusiastic. Jim will offer this comfort in a one day workshop at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing on April 6, 2013. The stock and expertise is supplied by Jim. Arrangements made by Herb Fick.

Wrap your contact information in a check for \$50 written to The Guild of Metalsmiths. Send the package to:

Herb Fick
519 East Eighth Street
Northfield, MN 55057-2508

Contact Herb:

herb@phyque.com

507 663 0569

507 649 1611 (cell)

Acceptance priority for the class is determined by postmark. **Because we ask Jim to travel considerable distance to offer this class, early registration is encouraged.**



Warming by the forge...

The Leprechaun has finally woke up after his long winter's sleep! It has been too long since I have talked to you. A lot has happened: the Fall Conference with Bob Patrick, our Christmas party, I took over the coffee wagon for 2013, and a lot of new smiths have joined our bunch of merry smiths. I do hope that you become active and attend as many meetings as you can.

My shop is now up and running thanks to Al Olson's many hours of work. Lou Groth also helped a lot. Now I will extend an open invitation to all that, like Myron Hanson's shop, the door is always open. Derrick and Steve liked the power hammer. Daniel stopped by, and when he gets done fixing his house, plans to be back. Like I said, the door is open now.

Lou and I will be going to New Mexico for a meeting with their SWABA group in Albuquerque, then on to Arizona with their group of smiths. I will be letting you know what they are doing. You know, the best secret of the blacksmith is that we love to tell what we do and how to do it, so stay warm by the forge.

— Cliff the cook

Guillotine Tool Workshop

Date: April 20, 2013
Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Instructors: Martin Pansch blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com
Jim Moenck jrmoenck@yahoo.com
Cost: \$75
Class size: Maximum 10, minimum 8 students
Location: Marty Hicks shop (Hixwerks), 2223 Stewart Ave, St. Paul MN 55116

In this workshop we will build one of the handiest tools in your tool box, a Guillotine similar to the one pictured. Some of the parts will be pre-cut for easier assembly. A stem will be furnished for mounting in the hardie hole in your anvil, so you will need to let us know prior to class what size of hardie your anvil has. Guillotines typically have several dies. We will furnish stock for 2 sets of dies and instruct you on making and heat treating your two sets so you will have the knowledge to make more sets in your own shop for whatever applications you need. Each participant will take home a finished tool with two sets of dies.

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

Lunch Arrangements: Bring your own lunch with you. We will take a break at noon and eat at the shop.

To register for this class, send your check for \$75 made out to Guild of Metalsmiths to:

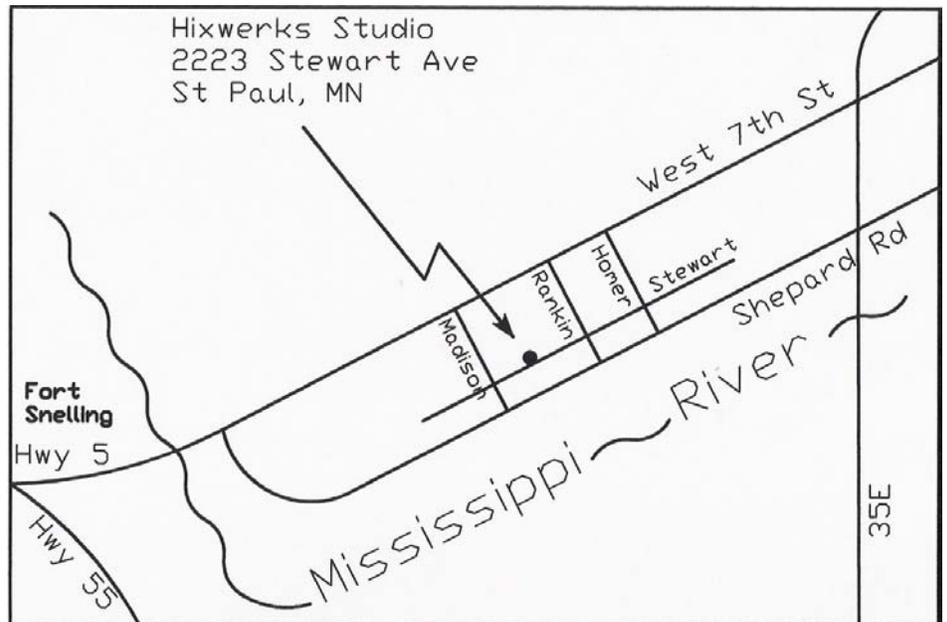
Jim Moenck
661 Dorland Road S
Maplewood, MN 55119

Be sure to include your address, email, and phone number so we can contact you.

Manager for this class is Jim Moenck:

jrmoenck@yahoo.com

651-735-4461



THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors Minutes – Jan 9, 2013

Held At: Danish American Center, 3030 West River Parkway, Minneapolis

Call to Order: 7:12 pm by Al Olson

Members in attendance: Olson, Frattalone, Ponder, Barr, Pansch, Wessling, Moenck, Wasmund, Gavin

Missing: Hicks, Lindholm

Amendment/Approval of previous meeting's minutes: Motion to accept by Moenck, second by Ponder.

Motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Chair-Frattalone

Checking/Savings 39,319 (up 8,374 from 1-11-12)

Remaining Grants 5,334 (same as last year)

Discretionary Fund Balance 33,985 (up 8,374 from 1-11-12)

Expenses since last board meeting on 11-14-12:

Forums 3ea. 190

Metalsmith 1,829

Workshops 912

Meetings 276

Sympathy cards / Awards 247

Address Corrections 1

Dues Overpayment 15

Trailer Tabs 21

Total Expenses 3,491

Total Deposits 4,211

Members 294 (down 1 from 1-11-12)

Coal 12.6 Tons of 24.3 Tons remaining

Frattalone reviewed financial 2012 Year End Summary with the board.

Membership Services Committee: Chair Barr

Membership is stable. A perpetual 20 people have their spam filters set to bounce the Guild's blanket Forum announcement email. Late dues are always a problem.

Education Committee report: Chair -Pansch, Vice Chair-Moenck

Duggan has a spare fire pot and will replace the bad one as required.

Classes coming soon: Struck Tools (Scott), Intermediate (Mariette), Beginners C (Sigurdson), Knife (Widenhoefer)

Program Committee: Chair-Hicks, Vice Chair-Lindholm

Cliff Larsen has volunteered to bring the coffee mess and meeting trailer to membership meetings. Yeah Leprechaun! Next membership meeting at Linders Specialty Co. (Demo TBD) There are two demonstrators in mind for the conference, awaiting contact and acceptance. The December meeting will be 01 Dec 13, the first Sunday at CSPA.

Publicity Committee: Chair-Ponder, Vice Chair-

Ponder should have admin rights on the website (dashboard), The Bellows Moderator, and fielding web inquiries from public. Jan Forum is out. Dec Metalsmith is work in progress. Ponder seeking website help from membership and volunteers for his committee.

Long Term Planning Committee: Chair-Wessling, Vice Chair-

Define the process of planning utilizing categories of Membership, Financial, and Facilities. The first assignment is to review our mission statement and defining who "we" are. These discussions will continue at every board meeting for approximately one half hour.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Pansch to contact Hans Early-Nelson concerning grant payback particulars and report at the March Meeting
- May be a good idea to ask if students have medical issues that we should know about and who to contact beyond 911. It was decided to ask for emergency contact information from all students
- Ponder considering how to make Groth's Intro to Blacksmithing document available to all via website and the update.

NEW BUSINESS:

Begin video and book library policy discussions. Determined to seek advice from member Gavin as the Official Librarian

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

New management at Jackson Street Roundhouse has expressed some interest in creating a blacksmith shop with the Guild's participation. This will be discussed by the long term planning committee.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:20 pm, Motion by Ponder, second Barr, accepted without dissent.

Goings on...

A calendar of TGoM events at a glance

- Education Committee meeting dates vary. Contact Martin Pansch, chair, for the next meeting.
- Program Committee meetings are the third Thursday of each month.
- All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October, except December for the holiday gathering. For most meetings a potluck meal begins at 6:30 pm and the business meeting begins at 7, with a demonstration or activity starting around 8 (times approximate).
- All board meetings are the second Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Potluck meal begins at 6:30, with meeting starting at 7 pm.



Events in February, 2013

- Feb. 2, Intermediate Blacksmithing class Part I, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 9, Beginning Blacksmithing C1 class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 13, Guild membership meeting, Linders Specialty Co.
- Feb. 16, Intermediate Blacksmithing class Part II, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 23, Beginning Blacksmithing C2 class, MN School of Horseshoeing

Events in March, 2013

- March 2, Intermediate Blacksmithing class Part III, MN School of Horseshoeing
- March 9, Beginning Blacksmithing C3 class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- March 13, Guild board meeting
- March 23, Beginning Blacksmithing C4 class, MN School of Horseshoeing

Events in April, 2013

- April 6, Struck Tools Workshop, MN School of Horseshoeing
- April 10, Guild membership meeting at Arms & Armor. Details TBA.
- April 20, Guillotine Tool Workshop, Hixwerks Shop

ELECTRONIC FORUM

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All memberships are family memberships. Persons of all ages, professionals and hobbyists, are invited to join. We do not sell our mailing list.



Address Service Requested

Your membership expires at the date & month next to your name. Please send your renewal dues to the above address.

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Forum deadline for March 2013: Monday, Feb. 18, 2013

The deadline for content in The Forum is always the third Monday of the month. Please send items for March 2013 by Monday, Feb. 18, 2012 to **Georgia Myers**, editor, by email to:

gldmyers@embarqmail.com

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The Guild of Metalsmiths on the web:

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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:

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