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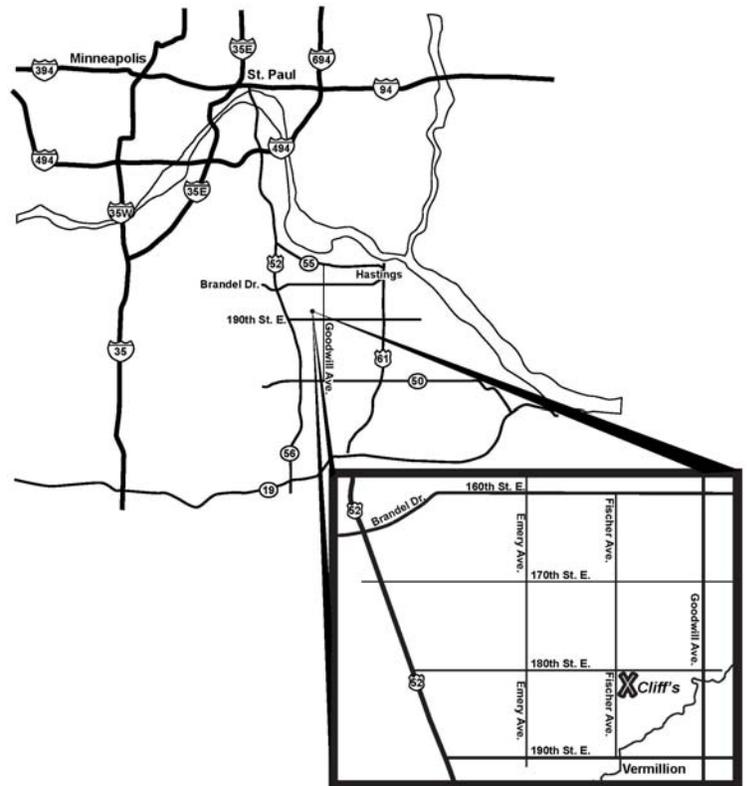
Plan now to join our TGoM family for the June 11 membership meeting: 'Come on down!'

Host Cliff Larsen promises great demonstrations, great food, and even greater networking as he invites The Guild of Metalsmiths to his farm just north of Vermillion, MN (*see map lower right*) on Wednesday, June 11. Meet there at 6:30 pm for our great potluck--bring a dish to pass. Cliff and sous chef Peter will be cooking the ever popular "pepper poppers" and something else good on the grill. Then kick back after the 7:00 pm business meeting and enjoy three 20-minute demonstrations by three of our own metal smiths. You'll watch and learn as:

- ✂ Don Hogenson, veteran blacksmith and TGoM member, shows us how to forge handles for roasting sticks
- ✂ Dave Gavin demonstrates his unique talent in creating Mokume from coins
- ✂ Bob Brown works up a stylized oak leaf

Cliff says his place has plenty of room for overnight camping. Come on into the property to park. Not necessary for anyone to park on the road. Cliff's address is 18190 Fischer Ave, Hastings, MN 55033. Call him at 651-437-2124 if you're lost or have questions.

Map to Cliff Larsen's farm



Time's a wastin':

Forge a tool for TGoM's 'Iron in the Hat' before June 11 membership meeting

Folks,

I would like to invite and encourage you to participate in the Guild of Metalsmiths' Iron in the Hat.

How it will run: Everyone who wants to participate will make something in the chosen theme: A TOOL! **You will have from now until the June 11 membership meeting to work on it.** At that point everyone who has entered has their name put in a hat. Person A gets Person B's item. B gets C's. All the way until A gets Z's. You don't have to make it to the June meeting to participate, just let me know you are "in" and send a photo along of your finished piece so people can see what you made.



Iron in the Hat

The subject is tools. Any kind of tool you want to make. Hammers, tongs, struck tools, guillotine tools, scrolling forks, etc. It can be forged, fabricated, cast, ground, whittled or made in any other manner. You can choose to either make something you have never done before and have been looking for an excuse to try or go for something you are comfortable making and try to outdo yourself. You don't have to make everything from scratch, repurposing an existing tool is acceptable, but keep in mind that part of the purpose of this it to get people to stretch their abilities and creativity.

The other purpose is for people to feed, vampire like, off each other's creativity and ability. To that end I would encourage people to get together to work on their projects. Now that the glaciers have pretty much receded this spring, **I'm hosting an informal hammer-in Saturday, May 10**, out at my place for anyone who wants to come out to western Siberia.

I am excited to see what people come up with.

- Martin Pansch

blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com 612-599-4762

Sad news...

It is with extreme shock and sadness that we share the news that our friend, colleague, mentor, and fellow TGoM member Roland Sigurdson suddenly passed away Wednesday morning, April 30, 2014. As soon as they are known, memorial service details will be sent to TGoM via the Bellows. We extend our sincere, heart-felt sympathy and love to Roland's family, especially his wife, Stacy, and his two-year-old daughter, Natalie. Rest in peace, friend.

'Guild gear' is here!

The Guild has opened a "store" on Café Press, a website where we set up our 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-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

Our contact information is as follows:

President: Jim Tweet
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 meets the first Monday of the month at Lake Itasca

Region Pioneer Farmers (LIRPF) show grounds, 1/4 mile east of the north entrance to Itasca State Park.

Contact Keith Johnson for monthly specifics at keith@greatriverforge.com. The NMM's website is www.nmmmetalsmiths.org

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

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, May 2014

Chris Brown, Ramsey, MN

Gene Bartle

'Your Junk' needed for 'Found Art' at the Madness!

Yes, the Madness is still about five months away, but this activity seems to get more popular every year. If you didn't see all the folks out there enjoying it last year, it was like a swarm of metal hungry piranha. More piranha, er, people means more materials needed.

I would encourage you to keep an extra 5 gallon bucket around the shop just for those interesting little bits that are too good to recycle. **If we start saving bits and pieces now**, there will be less of a mad dash in September to find stuff to fill the trailer.

If people have a tiny shop and can't waste space storing it between now and then, let me know. We'll figure out some place to store it and some way to get it there.

— Martin Pansch, TGoM President

Madness Competition/Challenge

It's time to get thinking/working! Its only 4 and 1/2 months away. What am I talking about, you ask? Why, the next Madness competition, of course: **"Meat Forks!"**

Large or small, made of metal, and able to hold a piece of meat (from a Vienna sausage to a large roast) is all that is required. Judging rules will be the same as last year's competition with the bottle openers: highest bid wins. All entries will be auctioned off.

Work, Plan, Scheme. We all look forward to see what shows up. Most of all, have fun!

— Derrick Phillips



The Guild of Metalsmiths is an affiliate of
ABANA: Artist Blacksmiths Association of North America

The ABANA 2014 Conference will held at the Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington, Delaware August 13-16, 2014

Registration Fees:

ABANA Members - \$175

Late Registration - \$225 after 1 Jul 2014

Non-Members - \$225

Late Registration - \$275 after 1 Jul 2014

Family Members - \$40 each for Spouse, and Children 12- 17,
Children Under 12 Free

Follow this link to the ABANA website for full details:

<http://www.abana.org/Conferences/2014/Conference.shtml>

TGoM can now accept Paypal and most major credit cards for annual dues payment

Mike Frattalone and Darryl Ponder have worked together to add a "Buy Now" button to the "Membership" page of our main website. See: <http://www.metalsmith.org/membership/>

This means the Guild can now accept Paypal and most major credit cards, in addition to paper checks, for the payment of annual dues. This should make it more convenient for members to pay dues.

If you have questions as to when your membership expires, that information is listed as part of the membership directory found on the online web forum in the "members only" section. Follow this link to log in:

<http://www.metalsmith.org/phpbb/viewtopic.php?f=143&t=162>

Hammer Making Workshop

Saturday, May 3, 9 am to 4:30 pm Location: MN School of Horseshoeing

Instructors: Martin Pansch, Derrick Phillips, Steven Olivo, Rob Murray, Jim Moenck, Bob Brown

Cost: \$45

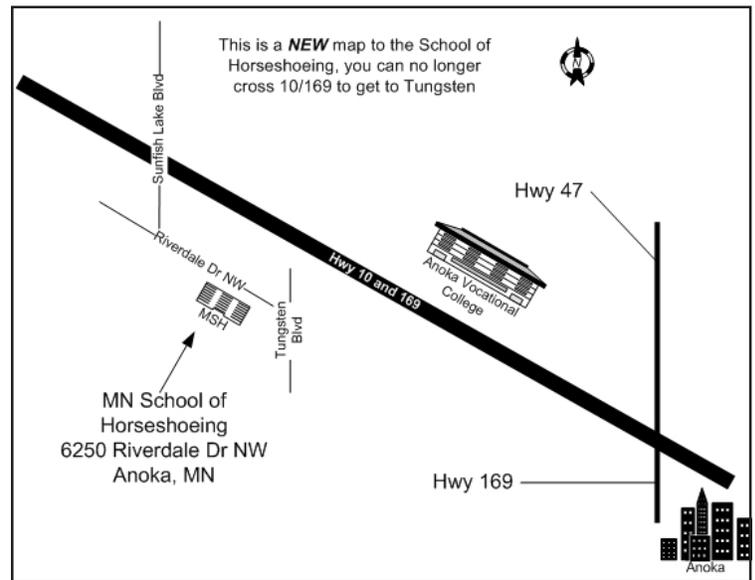
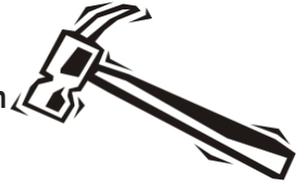
Class size: 8 students

What to bring: Students should bring their own favorite hammer. Safety glasses and ear protection are mandatory. Other safety equipment should include; gloves, leather apron (optional), cotton clothing, leather shoes above the ankle. Bring your own lunch, or eat at one of the local eating establishments.

Register for this class by sending your contact info and a check for \$45 made out to The Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Jim Moenck
2078 120th Ave
Dresser, WI 54009.

Include your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address. If you have any questions, call Jim at 715-483-5054 or e-mail Jim at jrmoenck@yahoo.com.



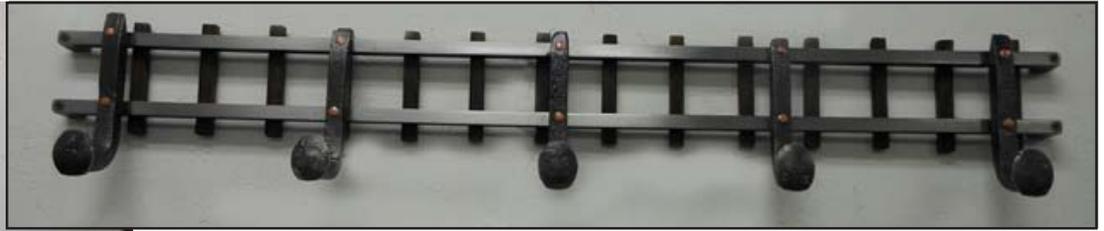
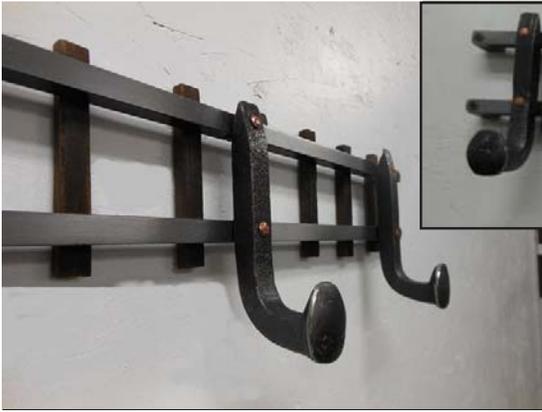
Help needed!

Susan Wood states that the program committee is looking for help from someone with a digital movie camera. One of the fall conference demonstrators may be doing close up work, and we want to be able to project that onto a larger screen. We already have access to a digital projector, but we need the other bits. Anyone who can help can find me at the June meeting, or phone me 612 727 1752.

2014 TGoM Demo Calendar

Go to our website to see details on the calendar for each of these events: <http://www.metalsmith.org>

Dates	Event	Location	Guild Champion	Email	Phone	Notes
31 May - 1 June	TC Makers Minne-Fair	Minneapolis, MN	Martin Pansch	blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com	612-599-4762	
15-20 July	Rice County Fair	Faribault, MN	Lou Groth	loug_33@yahoo.com	952-895-1515	
21-27 July 2014	Olmsted County Fair Farm Day	Rochester, MN	John Adams	jc-adams@msn.com	507-289-5246	
23-26 July 2014	Rock County Fair	Luverne, MN	Larry Wasmund	poundedtreasures@Gmail.com	651-322-6626	Wednesday through Saturday.
25-27 July 2014	Little Log House Antique Power show	Hastings, MN	Dick Carlson	Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com	651-437-3329	
1-3 August 2014	Scott-Carver Threshing Show	Jordan, MN	Jerry Felton	eucattleco@frontiernet.net	952-873-6754	
8-10 August 2014	Almelund Threshing Show	Taylor Falls, MN	Roland Sigurdson	Rolandsigurdson@yahoo.com	651-455-1775	
15-17 August 2014	Nowthen Threshing Show	Nowthen, MN	Bob Fredell	bfredell@msn.com	763-389-5119	
15-17 August 2014	Butterfield Threshermen's Assn. Steam & Gas Engine Show	Butterfield, MN	Arden Hanson (casting) Larry Wasmund (smithing)	heinmn@yahoo.com ; poundedtreasures@gmail.com	Arden - 507-279-0443 Larry - 651-322-6626	Blacksmithing and Bronze casting
29-31 August	Rice County Steam and Gas Engine Show	Dundus, MN	Myron Hanson	Yeah, right.	507-362-4653	
30 Aug - 1 Sep	The Landing	Shakopee, MN	Martin Pansch	blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com	612-599-4762	Open for blacksmith demoing most weekends from April to September
5-6 Sep 2014	Lamberton Hot Iron Days	Lamberton, MN	Bob Brown	bbrown474@msn.com	651-457-0086	
13-14 Sep 2014	Laura Ingalls Wilder Days	Pepin, WI	Tom Latane	tlatane@centurytel.net	715-442-2419	Not open to casual demonstration but go and watch Tom.
4-5 and 11-12 Oct 2014	Minnesota Zoo	Anoka, MN	Rick Wessling	rgwessling@gmail.com	612-875-4420	
Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays	Jackson Street Roundhouse	St. Paul, MN	Gordon Barr	agbarr@aol.com	952-894-4821	Year round.



TGoM volunteers build, nurture blacksmith shop at MN Transportation Museum

These pictures are of the coat rack I built for the Minnesota Transportation Museum (Jackson street Roundhouse) blacksmith shop. Nick Heinen and Charlie Bateman did a great job setting up and building the majority of the shop, spending a lot of time on

Wednesdays and Saturdays at the shop as well as time at their own shops building components for the museum blacksmith shop. That included hinges and latches.

I had visited on a few Wednesdays and Saturdays myself as an observer, lending a hand when needed as a grunt. Someone mentioned that a coat rack would be handy, not only for coats but for aprons and other assorted hanging things, and jokingly I was assigned that task. I wanted to contribute, at least in some small way, to the museum blacksmith shop, so I designed the rack to abstractly resemble a length of railroad track on wood ties, using old bent railroad spikes as the hooks. Found a group of 75 spikes on eBay, and 65 of them were usable.

Then one day I sneaked into the shop and hung the rack in an obscure but still accessible location in the shop, but Nick liked it and moved it to a location now visible to the public just inside the viewing window.

Soon the blacksmith shop will become part of the "museum experience," with visitors learning how blacksmiths contributed to the railroad industry. Learn more about the Minnesota Transportation Museum here: <http://www.mtmuseum.org/>

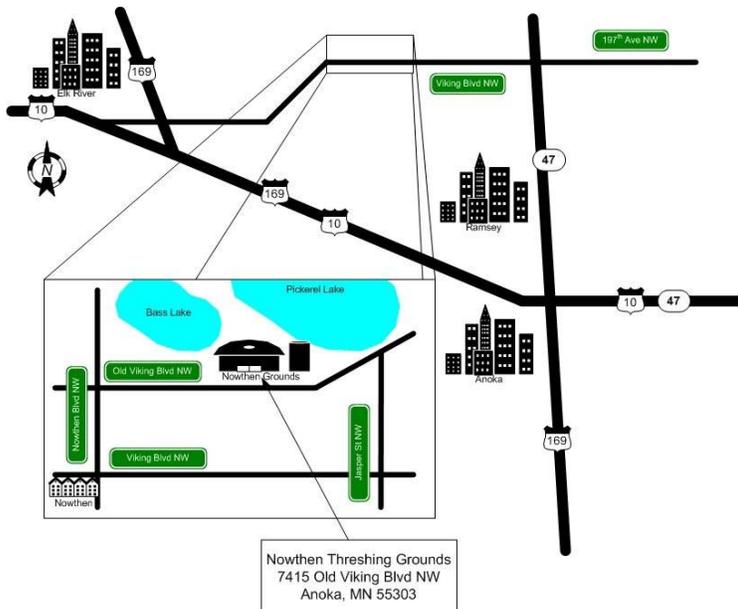
— Lou Groth

Plan now for Spring Hammer-In at Nowthen June 6, 7, 8, 2014

The annual Spring Hammer-in at the Nowthen Historical Power Association Blacksmith Shop is on for this year. Come and hang out with a bunch of your friends, make new friends and share/learn some new skills. Bring your own tools if you have them. Bring your own steel, scrap pieces ok.

This year we will have some demonstrations on making animal heads. If you have some cool techniques or designs related to making animal heads you would like to demo, or if you have any questions about the Hammer-in, contact: Larry Wasmund (507)-469-0205 or Poundedtreasures@gmail.com

Primitive camping onsite is available Friday & Saturday nights. Five forges are open for use. Coal will be provided. Beginners are welcome. Port-a-potties will be on site. There is no charge to participate in this event. The Nowthen Power Show grounds are located at 7415 Old Viking Blvd, Nowthen, Minnesota.



Bronze Pour: Bronze Casting

Saturday May 3rd. 1:00 pm - Evening. The Pour. Instructors: Marty Hicks and Don Halverson Location: Marty's (HIXWERX) Workshop, 2223 Stewart Ave, St. Paul, MN

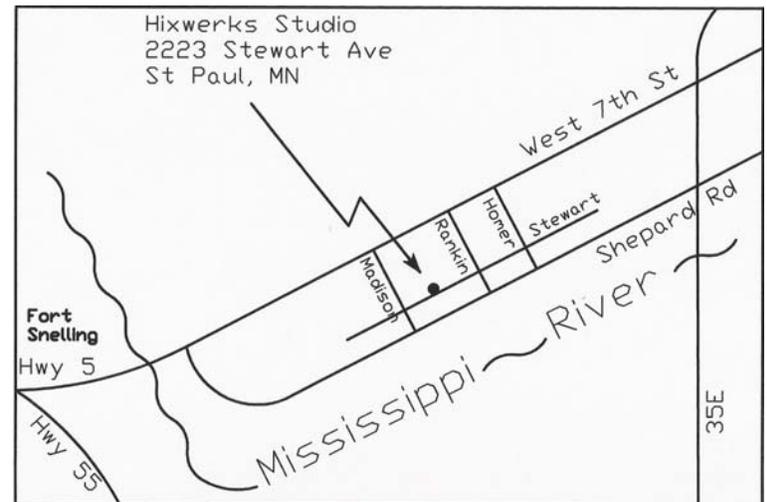
You will need to bring: eye protection, leather gloves, proper clothing, and any tools you have for working the mold.

Everyone is welcome to the pour the evening of May 3, but there is a limit of twelve to cast a piece. Work will start early in the day but we'll light the furnace at 3:30 pm for an evening pour.

Important: Guild members have first dibs on taking this workshop. However, if slots are still open April 26, the workshop will be open to the public. Sign up and get your money in early!

Send your contact information and a check for \$120 made out to: Marty Hicks
2223 Stewart Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55116

Contact Marty:
marty@hixwerx.com
651-492-0899





Struck Tool Class 2014

Nine students completed this year's class. Teaching staff was Jim Scott, Bill (the Welder) Krawczeski, and Herb Fick. They're all pictured at left, some proudly holding struck tools they created in the class:

Wendy Anderson, Evan Binkley, Bob Brown, Larry Franke, Noah Mincheff, Dan Osadchuk, AJ Rhoads, Tom Steiner, and Richard (Glenn) Wilson. This is the alphabetical order, not the picture order. Bill is missing from the picture.

Champion Herb Fick says "I think a good time was had by all!"

April 9 membership meeting recap!

If you missed the April 9 membership meeting, below is a pictorial recap of some of the things we enjoyed there. Nick Heinen's studio in North Hudson, Wisconsin was the scene. We thank Nick for hosting and sharing the historic and picturesque setting of his workshop just a block or two from the St. Croix River, along with the beautifully mild and sunny spring day we all enjoyed there.

Lee Gohlike, who hand-builds restoration frames and motors for German turn-of-the-century classic racing cars, has his shop across the street from Nick Heinen's studio. This man invited us to join him in a tour of his shop, and below are a few photos taken by Beth Olson.



Lee Gohlike



At left are photos of a few of the German racing cars Mr. Gohlike restores.



At left is one of the cast engine blocks being worked on in Mr. Gohlike's shop.



This is a car frame in progress.

Show 'n tell at April 9 meeting



Lou Groth shows off one of his inventions while Nick Heinen and Dick Carlson watch closely.



Paul Widenhoefer shares some of his stainless "pain relievers" used to massage areas of the anatomy where pain is prevalent!

Warming by the forge...



The April Program Committee meeting was held as the sun continues to warm us. I hope to see lots of folks at Cliff's shop for the June meeting as he again opens his shop to us. The August corn feed is shaping up, with only a few things to yet be settled.

The biggest part of this month's meeting was continuing to nail down the details needed for the Fall Madness. We do this every year and there are always at least a few significant changes to the process. The planning all seems to be going well and the weather is finally very nice for shop time.

Again, for those involved it's time to start planning or working on your Iron in the hat project, or a project for the Gallery at the Madness (I can never seem to start early enough). May your forges be hot and some sparks be flying.

— Derrick Phillips

Spring Art Tour in Pepin and Pierce Counties, Wisconsin

Spring Tour June 6 - 7 - 8

10am to 5pm

Website: <http://freshart.org/>

The 15th annual Fresh Art Spring Tour is a self-guided road trip to some of the finest studios and galleries in the Lake Pepin and Chippewa River Valley areas of Wisconsin.

Traveling along the river and into the countryside you will discover scenic winding roads and talented artists, yet this event is close by—just 20 minutes from Red Wing, MN, an hour from Hudson, WI, and less than an hour and a half from the Twin Cities.

Contact Kitty Latane' with questions: tclatane@gmail.com

Twin Cities Spring Gathering Saturday, May 17, 2014

This event is related to the NorthHouse Folk School in Grand Marais, MN. Includes a one-day workshop: "A Touch of Tin" taught by Kitty Latane'

** Registration required. Please note that space is limited

** Questions? Please call 218-387-9762 or info@northhouse.org

<http://www.northhouse.org/programs/events/springgathering.htm>

http://www.northhouse.org/programs/events/forms/SG14_Mini%20Course%20Descriptions.pdf



Tunnel Mill is located 85-100 miles south of the Twin Cities in the country five miles north of Spring Valley, MN on County Road 1.

Contact for full class details, costs, and registration:

Carol and John Adams

507-289-4189 or 507-289-5246

Email: jc-adams@msn.com;

Website: www.tunnelmillcrafts.com

Classes at Tunnel Mill for 2014

May 31: Brick Oven Class, David S. Cargo

Learn to build a non-mortared stacked brick oven. This is a hands on class; students will assembly the brick oven (which is approx 3' x 4' wide by 36" tall). It is constructed of 2.5" x 4.5" x 9" bricks.

June 7 & 8: Forge a Viking-Style Axe, John Adams

Students will start with a billet of steel, approximately 1/2" x 2" x 10". We will forge this billet to shape, fold and weld in a steel bit for the cutting edge. Then we will harden and temper. You will shape the eye for the handle and finish the axe. This will all be done in a coal fired forge. Handle will also be furnished. *Prior experience needed; we suggest having had some blacksmithing experience or having taken the beginning blacksmithing class.

June 21: Exploring Gypsy Wagons, John & Carol Adams

We will explore the construction of the Vardo or Gypsy wagon, a horse drawn wagon used by the English Roma people (Gypsies). John has constructed 2 beautiful Gypsy wagons to date, and is currently working on numbers 3 & 4. Join us for a day of exploring Gypsy Wagon design options and construction techniques.



August 22, 23, 24: Making Damascus (layered steel), Ric Furrer, Door County metalsmith

We have invited master metalsmith and sword smith Ric Furrer to come to Tunnel Mill to help us create the damascus steel of the early eastern world. Recently Ric did a Nova presentation "Recreating the Viking Sword". Check out Ric Furrer at

<http://www.doorcountyforgeworks.com/> Watch the video at <http://www.youtube.com/user/RicFurrer>

Registration for these classes is open. To read full details, costs, and how to register, contact Carol and John Adams:

Email: jc-adams@msn.com Phone: 507 289-4189 or 507 289-5246 Check out the website at <http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com>

Goings on...

A calendar of TGoM events at a glance

- All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October, except December 14 for this year's holiday gathering. For these 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).
- Education Committee meeting dates vary. Contact Larry Wasmund, chair, for the next meeting.
- Program Committee meetings are the third Thursday of each month. Marty Hicks is chair.
- 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 May, 2014

- May 3, Hammer Making Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- May 10, Informal Hammer-In, Martin Pansch farm
- May 14, Guild Board meeting
- May 31-June 1, TC Makers Minne-Fair, Mpls, MN

Events in June, 2014

- June 6, 7, & 8, Spring Hammer-In, Nowthen.
- June 11, Guild membership meeting, Cliff Larsen's farm

Events in July, 2014

- July 9, Guild board meeting
- July 15-20, Rice County Fair, Faribault, MN
- July 21-27, Olmsted County History Center Farm Day, Rochester, MN
- July 23-26, Rock County Fair, Luverne, MN
- July 25-27, Little Log House Antique Power Show, Hastings

Events in August, 2014

- Aug. 6, Membership meeting (corn feed), Dan Pate's farm
- Aug 1-3, Scott/Carver Threshing Show, Contact Jerry Felton
- Aug 8-10, Almelund, Contact Roland Sigurdson

More Events in August

- Aug 13-16, ABANA Conference, Harrington, DE
- Aug 15-17, Nowthen Show, Contact Bob Fredell
- Aug 15-17, Butterfield Show, Contact Larry Wasmund
- Aug 29-31, Rice County Show, Contact Myron Hanson
- Aug 30-Sept 1, The Landing, Contact Martin Pansch

Important schedule change from TGoM's Program Committee

Because the ABANA Conference comes when our normal membership meeting would be in August, we have changed the date of the Corn Feed to August 6th. Mark your calendars. The venue will remain the same: Dan Pate's farm. Thanks,

— Marty Hicks, Program Chair

Join The Guild of Metalsmiths

Send \$30 dues to the address below. Please circle if you want to be listed in our membership directory and/or check items you don't want listed.

The Guild of Metalsmiths
PO Box 11423
St. Paul MN 55111

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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.

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Forum deadline for June, 2014: Monday, May 19, 2014

The deadline for content in The Forum is always the third Monday of the month. Please send items to **Georgia Myers**, editor, by email to: gldmyers@embarqmail.com

The Guild of Metalsmiths on the web
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Looking for something? Try the search engine. On our home page, at the top of the right sidebar, enter your query and click on "Search."

May 2014

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

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.

Information in this publication 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.

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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