

The Forum

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The Guild of Metalsmiths' highest honor goes to Jim Moenck for 2014

Congratulations to Jim Moenck, who on December 14, 2014 received the Juare-Hubler Award honoring him for his selfless contributions to the ongoing mission of The Guild of Metalsmiths.

President Martin Pansch announced the recipient of the award at the December TGoM meeting, even though Jim was absent due to personal reasons.

Jim joined TGoM in 1998, has spent 12 years as a board member, many of those as Education Committee chair, has taught 14 classes, has shared his knowledge of blacksmithing selflessly with new and existing members, and has been champion for many meetings and events through his years with the Guild.

Because Jim was absent from the December meeting, President Pansch felt it would be important to share Jim's award with him before he heard about it "second-hand," so he drove to the new Moenck home in eastern Wisconsin to present Jim with his plaque soon after the meeting was over on Sunday night.

After receiving the plaque, Jim said, "Thank you so much for going out of your way to deliver it Sunday night. I can't tell you how much that meant to me. You are a good friend indeed."

President's Award goes to two integral members of The Guild of Metalsmiths

While neither recipient of TGoM's "President's Award" were able to attend the December meeting to accept their plaques of honor, Claudette Krawczeski and Irma Carlson were nonetheless justifiably deserving of recognition for their outstanding contributions made in support of the Guild and its membership. As the plaque says, "Not all great works are wrought in iron."

Who among us doesn't miss their presence at meetings when they have to be absent? We have grown so used to depending on their organizational talents that we sometimes find ourselves rushing around in attempts to substitute their skills with our own. Claudette and Irma, we thank you both for your many years of support to the Guild. We wouldn't be the same without you two!



Guild of Metalsmiths President Martin Pansch (left) presents Jim Moenck with the honorable Juare-Hubler Award plaque that includes (this year) a copper hammer forged by Marty Hicks. (Photo by MaryAnn Moenck)

"For all you have given of yourself, both in time and knowledge, for your many years of service to the organization, and for your enthusiasm for the craft of blacksmithing, the membership of the Guild of Metalsmiths present to you this, the highest honor to be given by the Guild, now, and to others in the future in your name."

The Guild of Metalsmiths



2015 TGoM Board of Directors

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Gordon Barr (membership Services chair)



Our neighborhood of smiths

The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM)

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).

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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
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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.nmmetalsmiths.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

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TGoM now accepts 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>

New Members, January 2015

Rick Marnholtz, Cambridge, MN
Gabe Crowder, Stanley, ND
Gregg Severson, Prior Lake, MN
Carter Dummmler, Anoka, MN
Will Brown, Superior, WI
Susan Benus, St Louis Park, MN

Thank you...

Thank you for all the thoughts, cards, prayers, and flowers we received when our son passed away on Thanksgiving day.

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.*

Dick and Irma Carlson

Spring Bronze Pour

Marty Hicks announces that there will be a bronze pour in the spring. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

Note from Beth Olson posted in the bellows...

Saw an article in the *Highland Villager* newspaper with a familiar looking oak leaf and acorn clock -- yup, it is Susan Wood's!

From the Landmark Center's website:

"An exhibition featuring three unique approaches to kinetic artwork will open Jan. 2 in Landmark Center's North Gallery. Artists Cecilia Schiller, Rachel Johnson and Susan Wood, will have works featured in the exhibition with their unique perspectives on 'art that moves.'" <http://www.landmarkcenter.org/PDF/All%20Geared%20Up%20Release%20-%2020121514%20FINAL.pdf>

And another flyer I found:

<https://sewardarts.files.wordpress.com/2014/12/all-g geared-up.jpg>

Update your 'Guild gear'!

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 items readily available. Items you can order range from multiple shirt styles and mugs all the way to field bags, water bottles, and even pajamas! Online store link:

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



February 11 TGoM meeting to be at Mississippi Welders Supply Company in Red Wing MN

Please join us on February 11 at Mississippi Welders Supply Company, 5211 Moundview Drive, Red Wing, MN 55066. The facility is right off Highway 61 just northwest of the city of Red Wing.

The people at Mississippi Welders are excited about the meeting and will have their welders and plasma cutters out for display. They will also be doing a demonstration on torch use and answering any questions you may have about their equipment.

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.

John McDonald is the champion for this meeting, and if you have any questions, please give him a call at 651-269-6944

— Mark Lockwood, Program Committee Chairman



Handled Struck Tools Class 2014



Another successful handled struck tools class passed into Guild history. Students, some shown here with their tool creations, were Larry Franke, Erik Maisch, Zane Redfern-Hall, Joni Redfern-Hall, Dan Osadchuk, Larry Wasmund, Richard Zielike, and James Ricci. We had six instructors, including Dave and Jesse Gavin, Herb Fick, George Auel, Wayne Olson, and Bob Brown.

December 2014 TGoM meeting full of pleasant, festive surprises!

Ornamental 'Iron in the Hat' was a big hit!



What seems to be a popular new feature this year has been TGoM's "Iron in the Heat" event. In June we held our first one in awhile, and participants seemed interested enough that President Martin Pansch invited all members to again participate in another event. This time, though, it would be to create a holiday ornament. Over a dozen diverse and absolutely unique holiday ornaments showed up on the table, with just a couple of them appearing in the photo above. Maybe next year the creators of these ornaments could bring extras that could be auctioned off to the membership at the meeting. What do you think?



'Show n tell' festive items

At the December TGoM meeting, Gordon Barr was happy to share his holiday "canes" forged at the Jackson Street Roundhouse as part of their holiday demonstrations for the public. In Gordon's right hand is a representative small cane that smiths at the roundhouse forged and gave out as gifts to spectators at the forge.

TGoM blacksmiths are always welcome to stop by the roundhouse especially on weekends to help out at the forge and demonstrate to the public the unique and growing craft of metalsmithing. Contact Gordon at agbarr@aol.com for details.

Royal Order of Klondike Kates appear just for us!

Two members of The Royal Order of Klondike Kates brought a flamboyant element of festivity to our meeting on December 14 when they appeared at our party and sang a few boisterous holiday carols. Of course, they invited a couple of specific members to join them.



Bob Johnson had no idea what he was getting into when he decided to attend the December meeting at the CSPS Hall! Klondike Kate helped him get into the holiday spirit with an engaging number!

No surprise here! Myron Hanson and Bob Beck proudly wore their bright red smooches bestowed upon their happy faces by the two "Kates" who appeared at our party.



Innovative plaque is fitting for long-time TGoM treasurer

When asked who created the recognition plaque for Mike Frattalone, TGoM President Martin Pansch shared a link to our web forum where he recorded the process, for it was he who created both the idea and the plaque itself. It's truly a work of art.

This link will tell you the entire story:

<http://www.metalsmith.org/phpbb/viewtopic.php?f=48&t=422&sid=2c3114db86179469a928486a13609731>

If you don't have access to a computer, this is Martin's story:

"So there I was, in a tight spot. Mike was retiring from his Treasurer gig after 27. I had told the Board and Officers that I would take care of an award for him. As usual I wait until last minute. I ordered the wooden and writing part of a plaque from Crown Trophy. I had ordered a small brass abacus from eBay and asked Gretta at Crown to leave enough space at the side for a 6" x 2" abacus. I picked the plaque up the Thursday before the Guild party. When I got home I discovered there was a miscommunication and they had left enough space for something 6" wide versus just 2". There was just too much dead space around the abacus to look good. My brain spun trying to figure out what to do. Some sort of metal "matting" to frame the abacus and take up space? I tried a few pieces of paper of different sizes and didn't get anything I liked. I turned the abacus at an angle and thought it looked better but I really needed something across to balance it out, but what?

"Concentrating on what makes Mike 27 years special, and what lead to the abacus idea in the first place I determined it had to be a feather quill. A quick search confirmed that nothing matching what I needed existed in the area and I would have to make something. A little Google Image searching gave me some feature ideas but nothing I could shamelessly copy so I had to draw something. Took me three tries to get something I both liked and was the right scale.

"The tough part done I just had to translate the paper drawing into bronze. I took it out to the shop, traced it out on some silicon bronze sheet I had (pausing several times to thaw the Sharpie).

"I quickly cut it out with the Beverly sheer using a hand sheer and a small chisel to clean out some of the hard to reach corners. I taped the pattern to the bronze and used a small center punch to mark out the border of the quill and other features. I gave the bronze a quick anneal and got to work. Well, I got to work after heating my pitch from 40 degree shop room temp to something resembling pliable. Once the bronze was seated in the pitch face down I pushed the quill out using several different sized repousse tools to accommodate the tapering width. After pushing it out from the back I popped the feather off the pitch, re-annealed it, and put it back in the pitch face up. I smoothed out any bumps in the raised quill with my repousse flatter tool.

"After getting the bumps knocked out, more or less, I was ready to start working on the vanes. I started trying to keep the lines all straight, parallel, and equidistant from each other but it didn't look right. Maybe it would have in the end if I kept it up but I didn't have the time to take the chance. I started making them a little more random. A couple times the feather came loose from the pitch and I took the opportunity to re-anneal, straighten it, and reset in the pitch. At the widest part of the vane I needed three hits with my widest repousse tool to make a line from quill to edge. If I do it again I might try making a special tool like a file makers chisel but with a repousse friendly edge. Might be quicker though it might just mess it up faster too. After lining both sides of the quill I cut out the two little parts in the vanes. I started trying this with a jeweler's saw but I couldn't keep the cut straight enough, it wanted to follow a line I had hammered in. Instead I broke out my thin chisel used for undercutting wire inlay grooves. A little tapping on it with a tiny hammer and I cut out two little wedges of bronze. I cleaned the cut up with a little 220 grit sandpaper. Then using a small hammer and the anvil I rolled



27 years of Mike's gig as TGoM's treasurer ends

Nostalgia reigned supreme when it was announced that Mike Frattalone was retiring from his 27-year stint as treasurer for The Guild of Metalsmiths. Mike has been our loyal "bean counter" for so long, it's difficult to remember who had the post before he did!

No one asked Mike to try and tally the numbers of hours he's spent keeping close watch on TGoM funds, but watch them he has! And he's done it accurately all these years with a simple legal tablet. So it seemed logical and accurate to bestow upon Mike a plaque of recognition that featured, appropriately, a feather quill pen and an abacus!

Thank you, Mike, for all your years of loyalty and service to The Guild of Metalsmiths.



the non-vaned part of the quill into a tube. I ground/filed the end into a writing tip and used the jeweler's saw to cut the little slit for holding ink. On further reflection that cut was a little narrow but I didn't have any 32 tpi hacksaw bladed and was really worried about messing it up at this point. I hit it with some 220 grit sandpaper to brighten the high points.

"After this all that was left was to solder 2 little 1/8" thick brazing rod pins to the back so I could mount it on to the plaque. I just drilled holes at the appropriate locations and lightly tapped the rods into place. Both the abacus and feather are held in with friction fit pins, no glue. (Picture on next post. 5 Image limit don'tchaknow).

"It turned out okay all things considered. Better than the abacus alone I think. I would have liked more time to mess with it but Mike seemed to like it and that is the important thing.

Thanks for everything Mike!"

THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors – November 12, 2014

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

Call to Order: 7:08 pm by Martin Pansch

Members in attendance: Barr, Frattalone, Gavin, Hicks, Lockwood, Ponder, Murray, Pansch, Wasmund, Wessling. Missing: Moenck

Approval of previous meeting's minutes: Motion to accept by Ponder, and second by Gavin. Motion passes. 6-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Frattalone reviewed TGOM Financial Report

Checking/savings	\$ 50055.00	
Pay pal acct	\$ 6,000.00	
Pay Pal to be transferred	\$ 297.00	
Sub Total	\$ 56352.00	(up \$11385.00 from 11-13-13)
Remaining grants	\$ 8,140.00	(up \$2806.00 from 11-13-13)
Discretionary fund balance	\$ 48,212.00	(up \$8,579.00 from 11-13-13)
Expenses since last board meeting on 9/10/14		
Fall Conference	\$8,864.00	
Workshops	\$ 2,687.00	
Grant to Marty Hicks	\$ 345.00	
Office Supplies	\$ 9.00	
Liability Insurance	\$ 428.00	
Forums (2ea)	\$ 78.00	
Meetings	\$ 176.00	
Address Corrections	\$ 10.00	
Sympathy Card	\$ 5.00	
Post Office Box rent	\$ 62.00	
Total Expenses	\$12,664.00	
Total Income	\$20,634.00	

Members 306 (up 20 from 11-13-13)

Coal 13.2 Tons of 24.7 Tons remaining

Membership Services Committee: Chair Barr

v Membership directory to be saved to Cloud storage .

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

v Committee to meet 1st Wednesday of month at the Jackson Street RH 6:30 Pot luck, members needed

v Upcoming classes **30-60 days out**: Handled Struck tools, Beginners 'B',

v There will be a new date for the tongs class and gas welding Class TBD ASAP

Program Committee: Chair-Lockwood

v General membership meeting locations currently under discussion

Ø December Christmas Party at CSPS (date December 14)

Ø Possible locations for 2015 General membership meetings include: Linder's, Toll Welding, Mississippi Welding (Red Wing), Center for the Arts, St Paul Brass & Foundry

v Started discussions on demonstrators for the 2015 conference.

v Possible idea of small group off month field trips?

Publicity Committee: Chair-Ponder

v Demonstration & Advertising Kits and materials are being delayed until after the holidays.

v The next group of the Metalsmith books will be started to put online

v It would be very time consuming and expensive to place the video library on the website.

v The Forum and Metalsmith were both published and distributed with Georgia and Beth doing their usual great jobs.

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

v Gathering information on current and expected committee staffing levels

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

v Arden Hanson's casting trailer discussion. No vote at this time Larry Wasmund will become Arden's board contact

v Juare-Hubler Award recipient has been determined by vote 6-0

v Still collecting info on items which are owned by TGoM for the Property Book

v Jackson Street Roundhouse space. New director has been named and starting work next week. Committee will wait 2-3 months before approaching for contracted space. Still need to fill the slots with demonstrators to show the JSRH Board that we can fill the extra space.

NEW BUSINESS:

v The board discussed possible candidates for the 2015 BOD

v Other positions needing filled are the publicity chair/vise chair and additional committee members.

v Stacy Sigurdson needs some help with home repairs. A list will be put together and a work day may be requested in near future,

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None. **ADJOURNMENT:** 10:05 pm

Goings on...

A calendar of TGoM events at a glance

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- Education Committee meeting dates vary. Contact Larry Wasmund, chair, for the next meeting.
- Program Committee meetings are the third Thursday of each month. Mark Lockwood 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 January, 2015

- Jan. 3, Beginning Blacksmithing B1, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Jan. 10, Beginning Blacksmithing B2, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Jan. 14, Guild board meeting
- Jan. 17, Beginning Blacksmithing B3, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Jan. 24, Beginning Blacksmithing B4, MN School of Horseshoeing

Events in February, 2015

- Feb. 7, Beginning Blacksmithing C1, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 11, Guild membership meeting, Mississippi Welding Supply, Red Wing
- Feb. 21, Beginning Blacksmithing C2, MN School of Horseshoeing

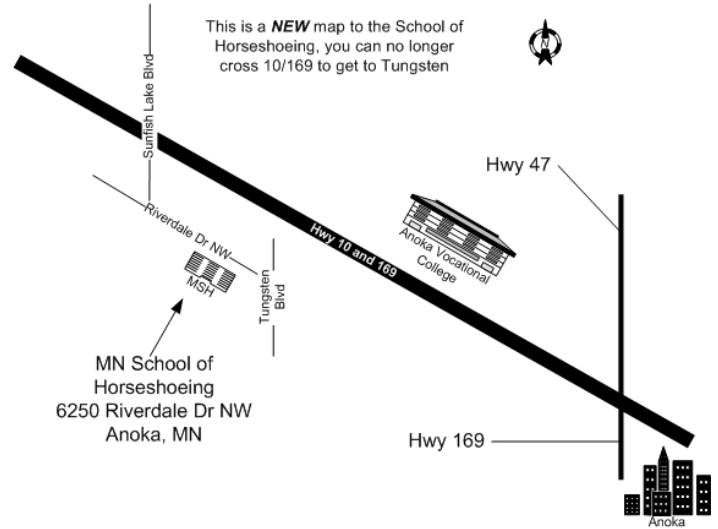
Events in March, 2015

- March 7, Beginning Blacksmithing C3, MN School of Horseshoeing
- March 21, Beginning Blacksmithing C4, MN School of Horseshoeing

Events in April, 2015

- April 8, Guild membership meeting TBA
- April 25, Poor Man's Forge, Pansch farm

Map to MN School of Horseshoeing



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January 2015

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

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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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