

# The Forum



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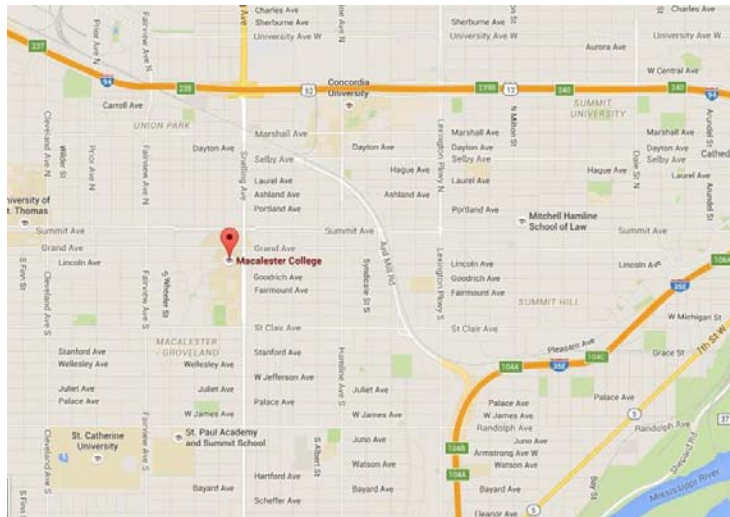
## Macalester College is site for February 10, 2016 TGoM Meeting

I hope you all can make it out to the The Guild of Metalsmiths February 10 meeting at Macalester College. Please note that there was going to be a Stainless Steel TIG Welding Demo, but that has now been changed to a Bronze Pour. A Bronze Pour sounds great to me, so I'm not complaining. The Bronze Pour is going to be taking place at 7:00 so we are going to have to start the potluck right at 6:30 if not a little bit before. In other words, don't be late. I believe we will be having the business meeting after the pour. I want to thank Nick Heinen for being the champion for this event. Thanks, Nick!

Macalester College is a mile south of I94 off of Snelling Avenue. At the intersection of Snelling Ave S and Grand Ave, go west on Grand for two blocks to S Macalester St, go south (left) on Macalester St. Go 3 blocks and take a right into the parking lot. You will see a large blue dust collection device attached to the building where the event is taking place.

If you have questions about this meeting, please contact Nick Heinen, the meeting champion, at: 612-910-6716

— Mark Lockwood, Program Committee Chair



**Macalester College, 1600 Grand Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105**

## This issue of *The Forum* is chuck-full of class opportunities!

Check the pages of this issue of *The Forum* to see what classes you are interested in signing up for during the month of April There are many!

## Help! New Coffee Mess Volunteer Needed!

Fellow Guild member Cliff Larsen has volunteered his time and lots of energy to handle the "coffee mess" for the past couple of years. Cliff would like to retire from that job! Without this volunteer position, we would have no coffee, no coffee pots, no coffee cups, no plates, knives, forks, spoons, no napkins, and no serving utensils, along with countless other items that Cliff has added to the "coffee mess" over his years in charge.

It's time for someone else to step up and take over for Cliff. Please call Guild President Martin Pansch at 612-599-4762 if you're willing to take this volunteer task on for your Guild. The other choice is for all of us to bring our own stuff.



## 2016 Fall Conference plans already getting underway!

Folks, It was decided by a member vote at the December Guild meeting/Christmas Party that the contest for next year's Fall Conference will be a 'Letter Opener'. We are giving you plenty of time to come up with something beautiful and useful, so get those creative juices flowing and make a letter opener for the 2016 Fall Conference!

The letter openers can be made with any metal working process (forging, casting, welding, machining, etc) but they have to be able to open letters. All openers will be auctioned off, with the proceeds going to the Guild. The winners of the contest are determined by which items earn the most in the auction, first place being the biggest earner, etc. First place wins \$100, second place \$60, \$40 for third.

— Mark Lockwood, Program Committee Chair



This is an example of a forged letter opener borrowed with permission from the website <http://www.byhammerbyhand.com/> in Mahopac, NY. We extend our sincere gratitude to the folks who own and maintain that website. To see further examples, follow the link above.

## 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. 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). To check your membership expiration date, see the mailing label on your latest copy of "Metalsmith."

President: Martin Pansch      Vice-President: Rick Wessling  
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612-599-4762      612-875-4420

Our website is: <http://www.metalsmith.org>

### Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information is as follows:

President: Jared Riesenweber      Newsletter editor: John Grump  
715-983-5637      715-835-0894  
[tudweber@hotmail.com](mailto:tudweber@hotmail.com)      [johngrump@att.net](mailto: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](mailto:CharleyRB@charter.net), 218-428-7906  
Dave Hanson, Vice-President, [Daveforge1@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:keith@greatriverforge.com). The NMM's website is [www.nmmetalsmiths.org](http://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

President: Ken Zitur      Brian Johnson  
320-746-8161      16777 Co Rd 75 NW  
[ken@kensiron.com](mailto:ken@kensiron.com)      Clearwater MN 55367  
320-558-6898

### Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center (CAFAC)

Quarterly blacksmithing classes and open house events  
[www.cafac.org](http://www.cafac.org) email: [info@cafac.org](mailto:info@cafac.org)

## 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>

## New Members February 2016

Joshua Newcomb, South St Paul, MN  
Taylor Dabrowski, Eau Claire, WI  
Seth Merritt, Riceville, IA  
Dakotah Knox, Princeton, MN  
Owen Rasmussen, MoundsView, MN  
Kevin Riddle, Eagle Rock, VA  
Steffin Griswold, Robbinsdale, MN  
Rebecca Hrobak, Minneapolis, MN

## Guild member passes

Bill Tanneberg, 76, of North Freedom, Wisconsin passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Nov. 23, 2015, at his residence. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015, at the Rago-Baldwin Funeral Home in Baraboo, WI. Burial was in Sauk Prairie Cemetery in Prairie Du Sac, WI.

Bill was a longtime member of The Guild of Metalsmiths. His wife, Deanna, preceded him in death.

An excerpt from Bill's obituary states, "In his spare time, he had become an expert blacksmith where he designed and fabricated metal artwork. He also was an airplane pilot and began constructing his own plane from scratch in his garage. He was truly a unique person with a mechanical ability to create just about anything with metal and hard work."

## Thank you

Dick and Irma Carlson wish to sincerely thank Guild members for their cards, condolences, and support following the passing of Dick's oldest brother, Leonard (Boomer) Carlson on January 7, 2016.

## For sale

- 84lb Vulcan anvil in good condition (one 1" chip on one edge). \$175
- One medium duty coal forge with free turning crank blower and hood. Small part of clinker breaker missing but repairable. \$200
- One small rivet forge with small, exposed gear hand crank blower. Blower stiff, needs cleaning. Haven't trouble shot it yet. \$125

Photos available upon request. Will be posted on web forum too.

Martin: 612-599-4762, [blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com](mailto:blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com)

## TGoM now accepts Paypal and most major credit cards

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>

The information also shows on the address label of your quarterly "Metalsmith" issue.

# Struck Tools Workshop

**Date:** Saturday, 9 April 2016 **Time:** 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Instructor:** Jim Scott

**Cost:** \$50

**Class size:** 8 max, 5 minimum

**Location:** MN School of Horseshoeing

**The day will include:** Preparing a punch, a slitting chisel and a drift using approximately 5/8 inch stock. We will fabricate 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. Students should have completed the Beginning Blacksmithing course or have suitable background experience.

**You will need:** your pet hammer, a second hammer for striking tools, hearing and eye protection and proper clothing (Tongs if you have them). A variety of hammers will be available for trials.

This workshop is a valuable opportunity for practical hands-on training in the preparation and restoration of tools. Blacksmiths need basic comfort with techniques for restoring and heat treating tools. We will focus on the use of color and the basic techniques used in heat treating. Let us know if you are short on physical strength, and we will accommodate you with smaller stock and/or striking help.

For background, go to the February meeting and ask those who have participated in past Jim Scott classes. They are enthusiastic and often offer to help with the workshops. Jim has offered this training very successfully for many years. Jim offers this in a one day workshop at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing on April 9 2016.

The stock and expertise is supplied by Jim. Arrangements made by Herb Fick.

**To register for this workshop, simply wrap your complete contact information in a check for \$50 written to The Guild of Metalsmiths and send to:**

Herb Fick

519 East Eighth Street

Northfield, MN 55057-2508

Questions? Contact Herb: [herb@phyque.com](mailto:herb@phyque.com) 507 663 0569 507 649 1611 (cell)

I'll bring some rolls, we will offer coffee, and lunch is brown bag or local lunch counters. We ask Jim to travel considerable distance to offer this class. Early registration really helps us plan.

**Acceptance priority is determined by postmark.**



# Build a Gas Forge

**Date:** Saturday, April 16, 2016 **Time:** 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (or when done)

**Instructor:** Jim Moenck

**Cost:** : \$180.00 - \$200.00 Note: the price may change slightly when the final costs come in. Steel has not gone up, and I'm picking up the parts for the burner next week and won't know the cost of them until I do. Final price will be determined in the March issue of the Forum, and/or by contact with registered members.

**Class size:** 8 max, 6 minimum. Waiting list after that with priority by receipt of registration

**Location:** Jim Moenck's shop, 2078 120<sup>th</sup> Ave., Dresser, WI 54009 (map below)

This is a one day workshop during which we will make a venturi burner style gas forge. The forge will be a single burner model. The body will be approximately 10" diameter by 12" deep, made from a round steel tube. This forge will be insulated with a 1" blanket of ceramic fiber, coated with a cementitious finish by participants at home after the class. Fire brick will be used for the floor and sliding doors on each end, making it possible to pass the stock through, to heat the center of a work piece. The forge is fastened to a saddle, and can be bolted to a table surface for stability. Most of the fabrication for these forges will be done prior to class by the instructor. This forge is a simple, economical forge that is easy to transport and fun to use.

**Tools and Equipment:** Minimal tooling will be required. Students will be contacted prior to class if they need to bring any tools.

**Safety Equipment:** Safety glasses & ear plugs are mandatory. Other safety equipment includes: a respirator if you have one, cotton clothing, gloves, leather apron, and leather boots or shoes that come up over your ankle. If you do not have a respirator, 3M masks will be provided.

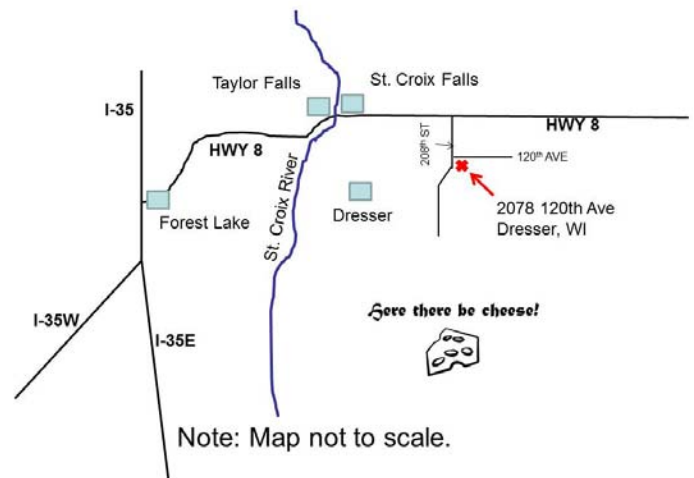
**Lunch Arrangements:** Bring your own lunch, or eat at a local establishment. There are several spots to eat east of Menards on Hwy 8. There is a microwave in the shop you can use to warm up food if you would like to. Bring your own beverages to stay hydrated during the day (non-alcoholic, of course).

**To register:** Send name, address, phone, & email to: Jim Moenck  
2078 120<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Dresser, WI 54009

Questions: Phone 715-483-5054 Email: [jrmoenck@yahoo.com](mailto:jrmoenck@yahoo.com)

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## Map to Jim Moenck's shop



Note: Map not to scale.



# Flat Bit Tongs Class

**Date and Time:** Sunday, April 17, 2016, Start time 9:00am

**Instructors:** Martin Pansch, Larry Wasmund, Darryl Ponder, Rob Murray, Rick Wessling, Marty Masters

**Cost:** \$40 **Class size:** Maximum students: 10 Minimum: 5

**Location:** Pansch farm (see map)

Tongs, while deceptively simple looking, contain a lot of considerations in making them. They should fit the work, fit your hand, be long enough but not too long, sturdy enough but not too heavy, and constructed in a way that lasts despite heavy use. This class will look at these factors and more as we learn to make tongs using the classic 3-shoulder method. We will be forging flat bit tongs but the majority of the process will transfer to other types (bolt, pick up, box jaw, etc).



Students should have already completed the beginner class or equivalent. Techniques involved will include half-face blows, forging to dimension, drawing, punching and riveting. We might play a little with striking for each other and drawing on the power hammer too.

The goal is for students to leave with the knowledge needed to make any tongs they need in the future with little more than a hammer, anvil, forge and punch. NOTE: This class is on a Sunday, not Saturday.

**Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class.** Your favorite blacksmithing hammer, 1/4 to 3/8" round punch if you have one. Flatters, sledge hammer, and hot rasp may also be used but don't go buy them just for the class.

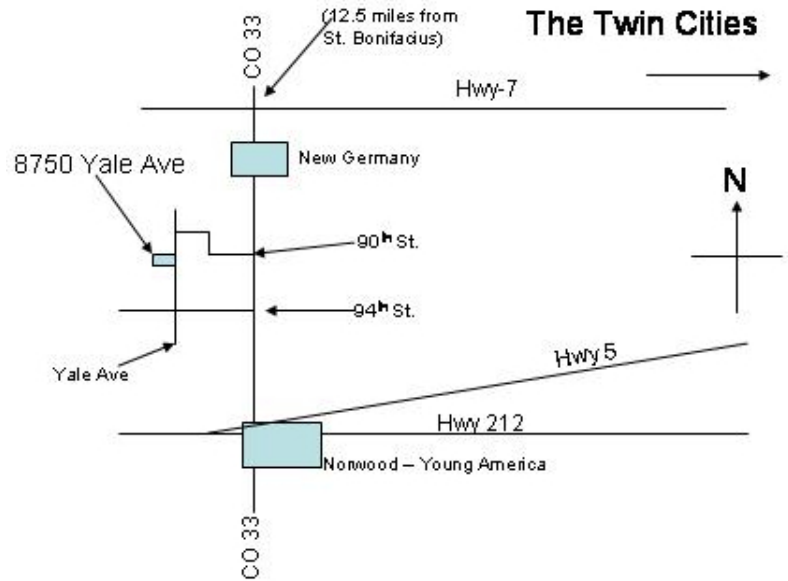
**Safety Equipment** – safety glasses & ear plugs are mandatory. Other safety equipment may include: gloves, leather apron, cotton clothing, leather shoes.

To register for this class, send a check for \$40 made out to The Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Martin Pansch  
8750 Yale Avenue  
Young America, MN 55397

For questions: 612-599-4762 [blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com](mailto:blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com)

Acceptance priority is determined by postmark.



## Bronze Pour April 23

Lost wax bronze casting and primitive (recyclable) mold making demo will be part of this pour. See Bronze Pour Workshop below for more details.



## Bronze Pour Workshop 2016

**Bronze Casting, Pattern, and Mold Making**

1. Saturday, March 26, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Pattern Making Workshop
2. Saturday & Sunday, April 16 & 17, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, Mold Making
3. Saturday April 23, 3:00 pm - Evening: The Pour

**Instructor:** Marty Hicks

**Cost:** \$120

**Class size:** 10

**Location:** HIXWERX Studio

We'll be casting silicon bronze into two-part (cope and drag) sand molds from your pattern. For beginners, a flat-backed clay pattern is recommended. However, if you have something specific that you'd like to cast, let us know.

### Wax Sculpting and Primitive Mold Making Demo

As part of this pour, there will be a demonstration on wax sculpting for lost wax casting, and primitive (recyclable) clay and charcoal mold making using Meso-American methods.

**You will need to bring:** eye protection, leather gloves, and wear proper clothing.

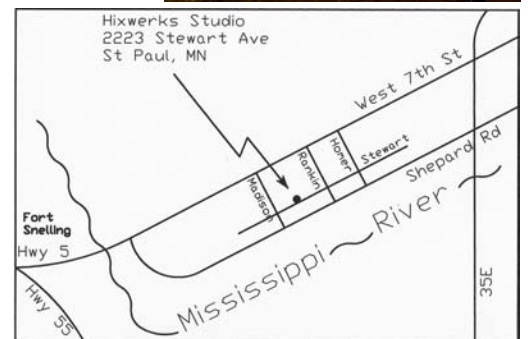
Send your check made out to "The Guild of Metalsmiths" and contact information to:

Marty Hicks  
2223 Stewart Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55116



For questions, contact Marty: [marty@hixwerx.com](mailto:marty@hixwerx.com) or 651-492-0899

Acceptance priority for the class is determined by postmark.



# THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS Board of Directors – January, 13, 2016

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

Call to Order: 7:08 pm by Martin Pansch

Members in attendance: Barr, Bettenberg, Gavin, Lockwood, Murray, Pansch, Philips, Wasmund, Widenhofer. Missing: Sheely, Wessling, Visitor: Mike Frattalone

Approval of previous meeting's minutes: Motion to accept by -Barr, second by-All . Motion passes.

Definition of by-laws was approved by all.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Treasurer Report: Grace Sheely -Absent**

**Membership Services Committee: Chair Barr.**

Looking for a web-savvy assistant

**Education Committee report: Chair -Wasmund, Vice Chair- vacant**

**Revisions to 2015-2016 class calendar:** April 17 tongs class. Hammer class 7 May, June 18 welding class w/Jim Erickson

**2016-2017 calendar:** Discussed classes, such as a forge building class and possible large project builds, such as air hammer, grinder or treadle hammer builds. Also discussed a possible design class. Continued discussion of bringing in an instructor for a class to help develop more advanced skills into our membership with the intent of kick starting our intermediate level classes.

**Program Committee: Chair-Lockwood, Vice Chair-Murray**

February Meeting will be at Macalester College, Nick Heinen-Champion-Proposed demo of stainless steel TIG welding

April Meeting will be at Toll welding in Plymouth. June meeting place undetermined-some possibilities were suggested. Future meeting places also discussed. Fall conference- one demonstrator has been confirmed, one has dropped out-looking for other suitable demonstrator.

**Communications Committee: Chair-Bettenberg, Vice Chair- Vacant**

Brought up ideas for joint events with other groups (Woodworkers Guild, ASDI, ADI). Discussed T-shirt ideas, denim shirt ideas, banners, brochure cost, electronic version of brochure that is easier to print at home, and business card version of brochure.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Coal Management-Decision on having one book to rule them all-better for tracking coal usage. Coal delivered on Sept 16 or 17; date to be set in future to reconcile amount.

## NEW BUSINESS:

2016 Budgets for committees

Discretionary funds to be set in March meeting. Committees will need time to set budgets.

“Sunshine Committee” actions/SOP

Frattalone brought in amounts spent for the last 15 years. Discussed using Red Cross guidelines to determine amount spent on gifts. Sub-committee to draw up guidelines.

Committee position descriptions/elevator pitch for volunteers: Committees to develop duty descriptions for various volunteer positions to facilitate describing to potential volunteers what they would actually be doing.

Guest instructor/Intermediate primer class

Discussed having Mark Aspery teach a subsidized class for 8 students to enlarge intermediate level skill personnel who would then promise to help teach later. Possible time frame of 2017. Students would need to submit applications.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

Board reviewed MOA regarding Guild foundry equipment.

Board discussed renewing Guild's corporate membership at Jackson Street Roundhouse. Wasmund moved to vote, Barr seconded motion. Vote passed.

Phillips to review survey of lapsed members.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:04pm

Submitted by Paul Widenhofer, Recorder

## Ticklers for Upcoming Classes

(details to be announced in March Forum)

### Copper Jewelry Class

Learn the basics of making copper jewelry. Come to the Jackson Street Roundhouse on Saturday, April 9. See the March Forum for details.



### Hammer Making Class

Mark your calendar for May 7 for TGoM's next hammer making class. See the March Forum for details.

# Bell class - plus a knot class primer

Date: Saturday, April 30, Time: 8:00 am setup (or earlier) & start at 8:30 am. Plan on a long day.

Instructors: Jesse and Dave Gavin

Location: Dave Gavin's shop,  
N6768 720th street,  
Beldenville WI 54003 (map below)

Cost: \$60 Class size: 8 students max.

Goal of this class is to create a bell from the clanger on up to the handle. Students will have the opportunity to choose from 3 handle types - over hand knot, square knot, or one of their own design. You will learn how to forge pipe, use a treadle hammer, tie a knot in round stock, and have fun with your fellow blacksmiths.

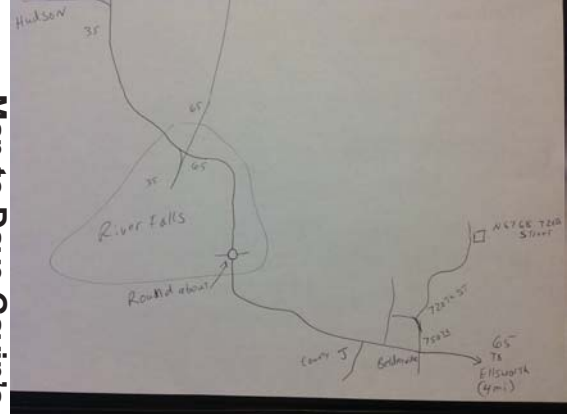
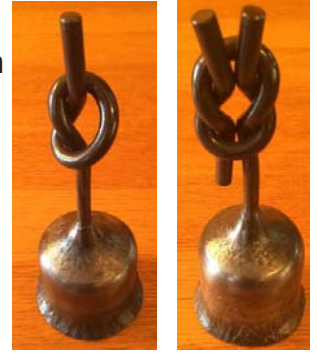
Tools: gas forge and propane, anvil, vise, grinder (sanding discs and cutoff wheel), tongs - various, and a guillotine fuller with top and bottom dies. Skill level - beyond the basics

To register, send checks for \$60 made out to The Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Jesse Gavin  
N8214 330th Street  
Spring Valley WI 54767

Contact for questions: [jagavin6273@hotmail.com](mailto:jagavin6273@hotmail.com) or at 715-808-5891 if you plan on taking the class and don't have all the tools.

Acceptance priority is determined by postmark.



Map to Dave Gavin's

Note: The information below is provided as a service for TGoM 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.

## 2016 Blacksmithing Class Schedule for Ken's Custom Iron

Ken and MaryLou Zitur  
37634 Co. Rd. 9, Avon, MN 56310  
Contact: 320-746-8161 • 320-291-2075 • Email  
[ken@kensiron.com](mailto:ken@kensiron.com) Visit: [www.kensiron.com](http://www.kensiron.com)

**February 20th – Heat Treating Small Hand Tools Class**  
Class is from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and cost is \$75.

**February 27th – Tong Making Class**  
Class is from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and cost is \$75.

**March 12-13th – Beginner Blacksmithing Class**  
Class is from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day. Cost is \$125.

**March 19th – Ram's Head Class**  
Class is from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and cost is \$75.

Each class has a limit on the number of students. Please contact us today to reserve your spot! Send your name, address, phone number, email address, and a check for the class you're interested in.



### Community Education Classes Being Held at Tunnel Mill

Link for info and registration for these Rochester, Mn Community Education classes:  
<https://rochester.thatscommunityed.com/courses/all?category=adult-enrichment&page=3&sort=name>

**Taught by John Adams**

**Blacksmith Beginning: Three classes:**

April 11, 18 and 25, 2016, 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

April 12, 19 and 26, 2016, 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

May 14, 2016, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Blacksmithing II:**

May 3, 10 and 17, 2016, 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

**Taught by David S. Cargo**

**Brick Oven**

May 7, 2016, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

### Tunnel Mill class being taught at Tunnel Mill

**Taught by Tom Latane'**

**Hand Forged Coffee Mill**

May 20, 21 and 22, 2016

This class will be the final session for the construction of a coffee mill similar to the one the Patient Order of Meticulous Metalsmiths made at the 2014 ABANA conference.

To register: [jc-adams@msn.com](mailto:jc-adams@msn.com), or call 507-289-4189 John or Carol Adams.



### Upcoming Classes at Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center

Check out some of the CAFAC education offerings here: [www.cafac.org](http://www.cafac.org)

**CAFAC**  
3749 Chicago Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
612.294.0400  
[info@cafac.org](mailto:info@cafac.org)



# Goings on...

## A calendar of TGoM events at a glance

- All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October. Date for December will be announced. 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 Comm. meets first Wednesday of each month. Contact Larry Wasmund, chair: [poundedtreasures@gmail.com](mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com)
- Program Comm. meetings are 7 pm the third Thursday of each month. Mark Lockwood is chair: [mark.lockwood@daikinapplied.com](mailto:mark.lockwood@daikinapplied.com)
- 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, 2016

- Feb. 6, 20, Beginning Blacksmithing C1, C2, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 10, Guild membership meeting, Macalester College
- Feb 13, 27, Beginning Blacksmithing D1, D2, Larry Wasmund's shop

### Events in March, 2016

- March 5, 19, Beginning Blacksmithing C3, C4, MN School of Horseshoeing
- March 16, Guild board meeting
- March 12, 26, Beginning Blacksmithing D3, D4, Larry Wasmund's shop
- March 26, Pattern Making Workshop as part of April 23 Bronze Pour

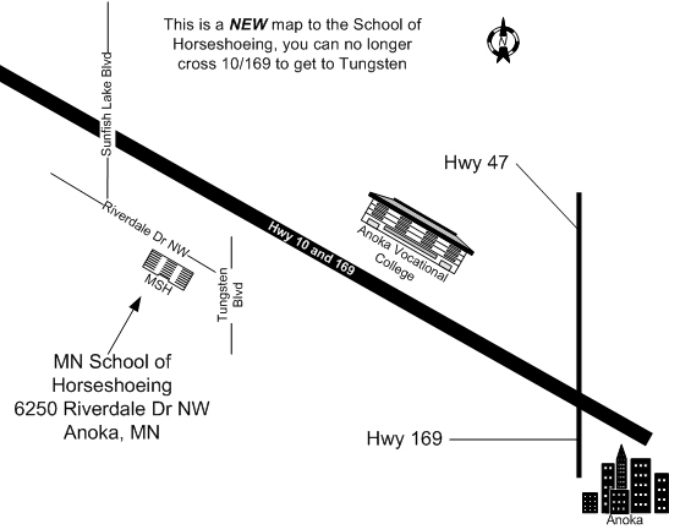
### Events in April, 2016

- Apr 9, Struck Tools Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Apr. 9, Copper Jewelry Class, Jackson St Roundhouse
- Apr. 13, Guild membership meeting, Toll Gas & Welding, Plymouth
- April 16, Gas Forge Workshop, MN School of Horseshoeing
- April 17, Flat Bit Tongs Class, Pansch farm
- April 16 & 17 Mold making as part of April 23 Bronze Pour
- April 23, Bronze Pour & Primitive Mold Making, Hixwerx Studio
- April 30, Bell Class, Dave Gavin's shop

### Events in May, 2016

- May 7, Hammer class, details TBA
- May 18, Guild board meeting

### Map to MN School of Horseshoeing



## 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

**List Me**  
in the directory  
but don't list  
address - phones: home - work - fax - cell - email - web page  
(circle items above you DO NOT want published)

**Don't List Me**  
in the Directory

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### ELECTRONIC FORUM

If you have not been receiving an email notification that The Forum is available, please verify that we have your correct email address. Contact Gordon Barr at [agbarr@aol.com](mailto:agbarr@aol.com).



Address Service Requested

**Forum deadline for March, 2016: Monday,  
February 15, 2016.**

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](mailto:gldmyers@embarqmail.com)

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Visit our website at <http://www.metalsmith.org>

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**February 2016**

Your membership expiration date will show on the address label of your quarterly Metalsmith magazine.

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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.

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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.

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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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