

The Forum

February 2018



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February 14, 2018 Guild Meeting at CAFAC



Reserve Valentine's Day for the upcoming TGoM membership meeting to be held at CAFAC!

The location for the Wednesday, February 14 Guild of Metalsmiths membership meeting is at Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center (CAFAC), 3749 Chicago Ave. Minneapolis, MN.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm sharp with our potluck. Please bring a dish to pass. After that the business meeting will commence, followed by show and tell, and then a demonstration to pay special tribute to John Adams, who passed away at his home unexpectedly on January 2, 2018.

In memoriam of longtime Guild member John Adams, Dave Mariette and Myron Hanson will conduct a demonstration of forging a variation of what has come to be referred to as a Fredericks Cross. Members that have a tapmark are encouraged to bring it, and tap the back side of the cross as a personal tribute to John. The cross will be presented to John's family, who will be in attendance at the meeting.

NOTE: For this meeting we encourage all to utilize onstreet parking on Chicago Avenue north of 39th Street to help facilitate a drop-off area for those members that will require additional accessibility. This includes drop-off of equipment, potluck, large show-n-tell items. Volunteer valets will be on hand to receive items being dropped off.

Jim Ricci is the location champion, and anyone can call or email him with questions, cell 612-247-1525, email jedricci@gmail.com

Map to Chicago Ave Fire Arts Center (CAFAC) Address 3749 Chicago Ave. Minneapolis, MN



Guild member passed January 18

We received notice from John Grump, Badger Blacksmith member, that Emil Wampfler, 85, had passed away on January 18, 2018. His funeral was on January 24 in Rice Lake, WI. Emil was a long-time member of The Guild of Metalsmiths and the Badger Blacksmiths.

They will be missed...

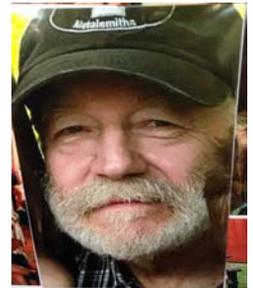
The Guild of Metalsmiths recently lost long-time members John Adams and Corky Kittelson. Their obituaries are listed below, and on page 5 you will find special tributes to each of them.

John L. Adams

John L. Adams, 69, of Rochester, MN died Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at his residence.

John Lee Adams was born May 14th, 1948 to Harry and Evelyn (Kolbet) Adams in New Hampton, IA. He graduated from LeRoy High School in 1966 and attended vocational school in Austin for welding and graduated the two year program in 1968. On July 13th, 1968 he married Carol Schumacher in Spring Valley, MN. The couple moved to Rochester in 1973, and he worked for Welborn Welding in Rochester from 1969 until 1976. John opened his own welding shop Rochester Welding, North Star Aluminum in 1976 that still runs today. John started doing blacksmithing as a hobby in 1978. John and Carol bought the historic Tunnel Mill in 1982. He continued his hobby of blacksmithing and traditional iron work also offering classes for blacksmiths and crafters at the Mill over the last 15 years. John was a man of wisdom and an artist always reading and looking for a way to better his craft. John was a family man always thriving in the great outdoors and loved giving hayrides to his family and grandkids along with enjoying many more activities at the Mill.

John is survived by his wife, Carol; two daughters Lorelei (Todd) Blohm of Saint Paul, MN and Shannon (Chris) Staab of Zumbrota, MN; and six grandchildren, Claudia, Noah, Cooper, Ian, Sylvie, and Quinten. He was preceded in death by his parents.



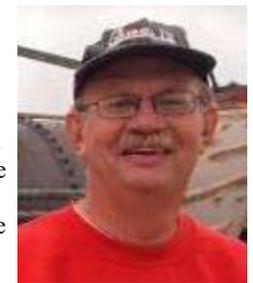
John Adams

Corky Kittelson

Cordell Owen "Corky" Kittelson, 72, St. Paul, Minnesota, peacefully passed away Friday, January 19, 2018 at the Good Samaritan Home in Inver Grove Heights, MN after a 6 year long courageous battle with cancer. He was the son of Oscar and Viola Kittelson of Norwegian Grove Township. He lived his life to the fullest during those years.

Cordell Kittelson was born November 19, 1945 in Pelican Rapids, MN. He graduated from Pelican Rapids High School in 1963. In 1965 he was drafted into the U.S. Army. After basic training he went to Signal School in Fort Hood, Texas, received a security clearance, and was sent to Camp Vayama in Sattahip, Thailand. After the Army he attended school at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. He ended up working for the Chemistry, Physics and Space Science, building instrumentation and supporting the various groups in a wide variety of companies, the last being Teradyne which is a Boston-based company.

("Corky" continued on page 5)



Corky Kittelson

Beginners Blacksmithing Projects Classes 2017/2018

Registration is open for the 1 day Projects Class

Feb 4 Cleveland (map page 2)

Feb 10 MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 8)

Feb 17 MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 8)

- ◆ This is a continuation of the level 1 and level 2 beginners classes.
- ◆ This one-day class will use all the skills learned in the previous classes to build a project they will take home. Students with prior experience can judge their proficiency when taking this class.
- ◆ The projects include : set of forge tools(rake, poker, shovel, water can), wall sponce or tongs,

Cost: (covers everything you need, the facility, coal and metal)

\$60 members, \$65 non member

Minors (under 18) can share a forge with a guardian for an additional \$10 /day

Location: The classes are held either at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing, 6250 Riverdale Dr NW, just off Hwy 10 in Anoka near the Anoka Vocational College or in Cleveland, MN near Mankato.

To sign up for the one day Projects class,

Choose the date you would like (with an alternate).

Choose a project you would like to build (see above)

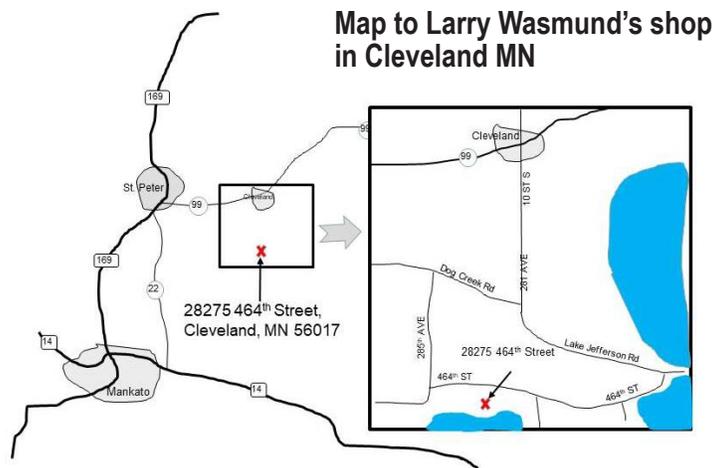
Send a check made out to **The Guild of Metalsmiths** to:

Gordon Barr

11021 27th Ave

Burnsville, MN 55337

agbarr@aol.com



Note: Map not to scale.

Update: Beginners Blacksmithing Classes 2017/2018 are done!

Zombie Killer/Chopping Knife Class IS FULL!

Saturday and Sunday, February 24 & 25, 2018, 8:30 am to 5 pm

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)

There is a waiting list for this class. Contact Paul Widenhoefer with questions: pwidenhoefer@gmail.com



Future Class Teasers...details coming in March but mark your calendar now!

Wire Inlay Class

When: Saturday, April 14

Where: Jackson Street Roundhouse.

What: The class will focus on wire inlay into mild steel. The technique can be used to add decorative elements to many of your projects.

Wheat Stalk Class

When: Saturday, April 14

Where: Dave Gavin's place in Beldenville WI

What: Learn to make wheat stalks w/leaves as elements of a sculpture.

Joinery Fundamentals Class (Intermediate level)

When: May 19 and 20, 2018

Where: TBA

What: Focus on punch and drift and joinery techniques found in Mark Aspery's book one, *Mastering the Fundamentals of Blacksmithing*.

April Guild Meeting Teaser...

The April 11 Guild meeting will be held at Mississippi Welding in Hudson, Wisconsin. Jesse Gavin is champion for this meeting. Full details will be shared in the March Forum.

Guillotine-Making Class

Saturday, March 10, 2018, Location: Larry Wasmund's shop, Cleveland MN-map page 2

Cost: \$110 per student

Instructors: Larry Wasmund and others Maximum students: 7; minimum students: 4

Students in this class will construct a guillotine style tool for fullering opposing faces of a piece of stock. The final design is still in the works and will be shown on the website and in the February and March Forums. The project will use little or no forging and will involve drilling, tapping and welding.

Tools and Equipment: All equipment will be provided

Safety Equipment – Cotton Clothing, Gloves, Hearing protection, safety Glasses.

Lunch arrangements: Bring a bag lunch or travel to Cleveland.

To register for this class, send a check for \$110 made out to “Guild of Metalsmiths” and your contact info to:

Larry Wasmund
28275 464th Street
Cleveland MN. 56017

Acceptance for this class will be prioritized by postmark.



Bolt Jaw Tongs Class - 3/4" or 1 1/4"

Saturday, March 17, Start 8 am, end 5:00 pm MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)

Cost: \$75 per student

Max 8 students, minimum 5 students

Instructor: Dave Gavin

Class to teach the process of making Bolt Jaw Tongs. Using 1/2" x 3/4" stock to hold 1 1/4" square or round stock. There will be substantial amounts of drawing out the reins by hand. This is the tong size required to hold the parent material for making one of the anvil blocks (see photo). The anvil blocks will be taught in a future intermediate level class. Alternatively – the student might choose to make a 3/4" Bolt Jaw Tongs – this size of tongs is used in the intermediate level class to make the slot punches.

Required tools: leg vise, hand files, hot cut, hammers, round hole punch, 1.5" round mandrel, grinder w/ grinder wheel, cut off wheel and sanding wheels, & other favorite tools.

Optional tools (bring if you have them): touch mark, 3/8" rivet tools, anvil block – flat, set hammers, striking hammer.

Lunch: bring your own or go out.

Safety Equipment: cotton clothing, gloves, hearing protection, safety glasses, leather shoes/boots

To register for this class, send a check for \$75 made out to “Guild of Metalsmiths” and your contact info to:

Jesse Gavin
N8214 330th street
Spring Valley WI 54767 Call Jesse with questions at: 715-808-5891

Acceptance for this class will be prioritized by postmark.



Tool Box Class

Date and Time: 24-25 March 2018, Start time 9:00am both days

Cost: \$100 per student Class size: Max students 8, Min students 6

Instructors: Tom Sanders 507-822-2792 thomsanders51@gmail.com

Martin Pansch 612-599-4762 blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)

This class will focus on the hardware needed to equip a wooden tool box. Parts include hinges, bale handles with plates and cotter pins, a hasp and staple and, of course, nails. The first day of class students will concentrate on making welded butterfly hinges and hasps. The second day of the class students will be taken through forging bale handles, plates, cotter pins and nails. This is a class for those with solid intermediate level skills. Students should be familiar with forge welding, have good hammer control and be able to control where they spread their steel. Demonstration will be for basic functional hardware designs but students may choose to more decorative styles as their abilities and tolerance for risk allow.

Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class. Your favorite blacksmithing hammer, tongs for handling 1/8" flat stock, 1/2", 3/8", an 1/4" square and round stock, a selection of files (a 1/4" to 1/2" square bastard is handy), about 1/2" wide cold chisel, 3/16" round or square punch, hacksaw, wire brush, and any other tools you think might be useful.

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

Other Equipment: Flux, drifts, nail headers, and hinge bending jigs will be provided.

Lunch Arrangements: Either bring a bag lunch with you or money to dine at some of the fine eating establishments in the area.

To register for this class, send a check for \$100 made out to “Guild of Metalsmiths” and your contact info to:

Martin Pansch
201 Nevada Street
Northfield, MN 55057

Contact Martin with questions at: (612) 599-4762 or blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com

Acceptance for class will be prioritized by postmark.



Struck Tools Workshop

Date Saturday, 31 March 2018

Time 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Instructor: Jim Scott

Cost: \$60

Class size: 8 max, 5 minimum

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing

The day will include:

Prepare a punch, a slitting chisel and a drift using approximately 5/8 inch round stock. We will fabricate normal length (6 to 8 inches) hand held tools without handles. We will heat treat using oil. We will have trainers who offer all kinds of help including striking. 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 forging hammer, a second hammer for striking tools, hearing and eye protection and proper clothing (Tongs if you have them). A variety of Guild hammers will be available for your trial.

This workshop is a valuable opportunity for practical hands-on training in the preparation and restoration of tools. Blacksmiths need basic comfort with techniques used when restoring and heat treating tools. We will focus on the use of color and on the use of oil to determine grain size, hardness and temper.

Let us know if you are short on physical strength and we will accommodate you with smaller stock and/or striking help. Bill the Welder© is offering to help, along with others.

For background, go to the past February meeting and ask those who have participated in the past Jim Scott classes. They are enthusiastic and often offer to help with the workshops. **NOTE: The Guild gave Jim a partial grant to take a tool making workshop. This is something like his fifteenth payback workshop.**

I'll bring some rolls, we will offer coffee. Lunch is brown bag or local lunch counters. Early registration really helps us plan. So far the total registered is none! Background study materials will be forwarded after registration.

To register for this workshop simply forward your interest, a check for \$60 made out to "Guild of Metalsmiths" and your complete contact info to:

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

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

Acceptance priority for this class is determined by postmark.

If you're willing to tell us you'll sign up for this class, it's a whole lot easier to plan the effort of those volunteering to set up the workshop.



Our neighborhood of smiths

The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM)

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President: Martin Pansch
blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com
612-599-4762

ViP: Paul Widenhoefer
pwidenhoefer@gmail.com

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

Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information is as follows:

President: Don Hogenson
715-265-4701

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, VP, duluthblacksmith@yahoo.com 218-391-4466

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
320-746-8161
mail@kensiron.com

Brian Johnson
16777 Co Rd 75 NW
Clearwater MN 55367
320-558-6898

Northern Minnesota Blacksmiths

The NMM meet the first Monday of the month at Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers Show grounds (LIRPF), 1/4 mile east of the north entrance to Itasca State Park.

Contact Keith Johnson for monthly specifics at
keith@greatriverforge.com

Their website is www.nmmetalsmiths.org

Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center (CAFAC)

Quarterly blacksmithing classes, exhibits, and open house events
www.cafac.org email info@cafac.org

Tunnel Mill Crafts

Blacksmith shop, traditional iron work, classes
4505 Highway 63 North, Rochester MN 55906
507-289-4189 or 507-289-5246

jc-adams@msn.com <http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com>

You are invited...



Sunday, February 18 in honor of Corky Kittelson at The Celtic Junction Art Center, 836 Prior Avenue N, St. Paul MN

"The Parting Glass: A tribute to Corky Kittelson in the style of the Cafe Extempore and Monday Night Square Dancing."

The Parting Glass is an Irish tune that a lot of people know...

<https://soundcloud.com/appalachian-media-works/rosanne-cash-the-parting-glass>

This special tribute honors three important communities in Corky's life: The Guild of Metalsmiths, traditional music centered around the Coffeehouse Extempore where Corky served on the board for six years, and the dancing community, especially Monday Night Square Dance where many of us, including Corky, got our start dancing.

12:00 - 2:00 Potluck social focused on the Guild

2:00 - 4:00 Concert featuring many of the musicians who performed at the Extemp and who loved Corky

4:00 - 6:00 Cajun and square dancing

- We will have some refreshments, but if folks want to bring beverages to share, that would be much appreciated.

- We will have a donation box at the door to help defray costs of renting the hall.

We've had discussions about soliciting memorial donations for the Guild and the dance community. Suggestions are welcome. Contact John Yust with questions and to volunteer your help.

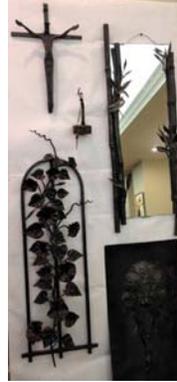
'Corky' (continued from page 1)

During his working life he was involved in a number of non-profit organizations. These include the Coffee House Extempore' a full-time venue for folk music, where he was on the board of directors for six years. Other organizations were the Guild of Metalsmiths, the state affiliate of the Artist Blacksmiths' Association of North America, and Tapestry of Folk Dance Center. Corky loved to travel. He went to Europe, East Asia, Canada, and the Caribbean and 49 of the United States. His goal was to be able to travel to all 50, but he was not able to get to Alaska. He especially enjoyed North Carolina at the Campbell Folk School and areas of Appalachia. He also attended the famous "Woodstock concert" in New York in 1969. His last trip in the spring of 2017 was to Chaco Canyon in New Mexico and the surrounding state area. Although a difficult trip, he was determined to go.

Surviving family members include siblings Carla (Wallace) Tweeton (Fergus Falls, MN), Howard (Cheryl) Kittelson, (Pelican Rapids, MN), Kathryn (Greg) Gilstrap (West Fargo, ND), and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral was Friday, January 26, 2018 at North Immanuel Lutheran Church in Pelican Rapids, MN. Burial was in West North Immanuel Cemetery in rural Pelican Rapids.

Memories from John's forge



Photos of John Adams' anvil, hammers, tools, hawks, and special artwork.



Photos taken by Beth Olson at the visitation in Rochester, Minnesota on January 5, 2018



The poem below came to mind at John Adams' memorial.

I take no credit for the idea behind the poem, but I did compose it after hearing a pastor comment about importance of "The Dash" in the tombstone date:

The Dash

(The born "—" died dash in the tombstone date)

The date I was born, dash, the date of my death;
This tombstone record says I've no time left.
I had nothing to do with the date I was born.
That was the task of two others I've known.
I may have helped with that terminal date—
Not enough exercise or something I ate.

But the dash, yes, the dash, my whole life is there,
From first breath to last step, but where oh where
Is it written upon that cold planted stone
That I did have a very full life of my own.

The dash, the dash, so small and so plain,
Says little at all of the pleasures or pains
Or successes or failures that do befall
All who are human, both big ones and small

So to you whose dash is not yet completed,
Don't carry on with the thought you're defeated.
Get out there and DO and record as you go
So YOUR dash will be longer than just to and fro.

Sheran and I will continue to miss John for a long time to come

— Pete Stanaitis

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.

Tunnel Mill Crafts 2018 Classes

We are located in southern Minnesota near Spring Valley

Bench Vise, Part 2, Tom Latane', May 4, 5, 6, 2018

Students continue work on a bench vise with three inch wide jaws.

Peter Ross will teach two 3-day classes:

May 14, 15, 16, 2018 -Tools

This first session will cover hand tools, such as socket chisels, draw knives or other hand tools,

May 18, 19, 21, 2018- Hinges

This second session will concentrate on hinges.

Master of Repousse and Chasing, Douglas Pryor, June 1, 2, 3, 2018:

In this 3 day workshop we'll be exploring the plasticity of sheet metal (copper and steel) through material appropriation using raising and chasing.

Make Damascus, Ric Furrer, August 17, 18, and 19, 2018 (tentative date):

Ric Furrer will return to show us more Damascus. We have and will continue using the \$500# Little Giant Hammer.. Check out Ric Furrer at <http://www.doorcountyforgeworks.com/>

Hack Saw Class, Tom Latane', October 12, 13 & 14, 2018

Students will construct a hacksaw based on seventeenth century examples.

Registration details at: <http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com/> Email jc-adams@msn.com, or call 507-289-4189, Carol Adams.



New classes at Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center (CAFAC)

CAFAC: 3749 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis MN 55407 612-294-0400 info@cafac.org www.cafac.org

Get a Handle On It: Forging a Rustic Thumb Latch

Prerequisite: Some forging experience, such as our Blacksmithing Basics 1 class, is needed to be successful in this class.

Instructor: Mike Fasold

5 weeks: Mondays, 2/12 - 3/12, 6 to 9 p.m.

Fee: \$195 (\$150 tuition + \$45 materials) Go to www.cafac.org to register..

Hold Your Fire: Forging a Cresset

Prerequisite: This workshop is intended for experienced blacksmiths who have been through our Blacksmithing Basics 1 class at least.

Instructor: Tom Latané

Dates: Friday - Sunday, 3/16 - 3/18 (Friday, 6 to 9 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m)

Fee: \$395, includes all materials and lunch on Saturday & Sunday. Go to www.cafac.org to register or contact us at info@cafac.org

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Raspberry Island Folk School 2018 Classes

Gary and Janet Hill are the only human residents of Raspberry Island on beautiful, historic Big Sandy Lake, about 2 1/4 hours straight north of the Twin Cities. They will offer workshops in blacksmithing, knife making, spoon carving, painting and more in the spring and summer of 2018. See details at <https://raspberrylislandfolkschool.blogspot.com/>

Door Knocker Scroll, Tom Latane', May 22, 23, 24.

Students will learn a number of decorative techniques to apply to a basic scroll shaped door knocker.

A Beginner's Class in Forging Pattern Welded Steel Billets (Damascus), Jeff Harper, June 2 & 3.

This 2-day introductory class will take you through the basics of pattern welded/damascus steel to make either a blade or small tool. Students will go home with a couple billets of their own creation to use in other courses and projects, as well as the knowledge to make more.

Traditional Norwegian Knife and Sheath Making, KJ Groven, June 15,16,17

Acclaimed Norwegian knife-maker Kjetil Groven will be teaching a 3-day class, forging traditional Norwegian 3-layer knife blades. You will heat-treat and grind the blades, then set them in a wood handle that you will shape and stain. If time allows, you will make a traditional leather sheath.

More details will be included in the March Forum.

Contact information: Gary Hill

hillx001@umn.edu

218-851-6085

<https://raspberrylislandfolkschool.blogspot.com/>



Goings on...a listing 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
- Program Comm. meetings are 7 pm the third Thursday of each month. Mark Lockwood is chair: 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 2018

- Feb. 3, Beginners Class, Day 1 Level 2 MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 4, Beginners 1 Day Projects Class, Cleveland MN-(map pg 2)
- Feb. 10, Beginners 1 Day Projects Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 14, Guild membership meeting, Chicago Ave Fire Arts Ctr (CAFAC)
- Feb. 17, Beginners 1 Day Projects Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 24 & 25, Knife Class, MN School of Horseshoeing

Events in March 2018

- March 10, Guillotine-Making Class, Cleveland MN
- March 17, Box Jaw Tongs Class, Beldenville WI (Gavins)
- March 24 & 25, Tool Box Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- March 31, Struck Tools Workshop, MN School of Horseshoeing

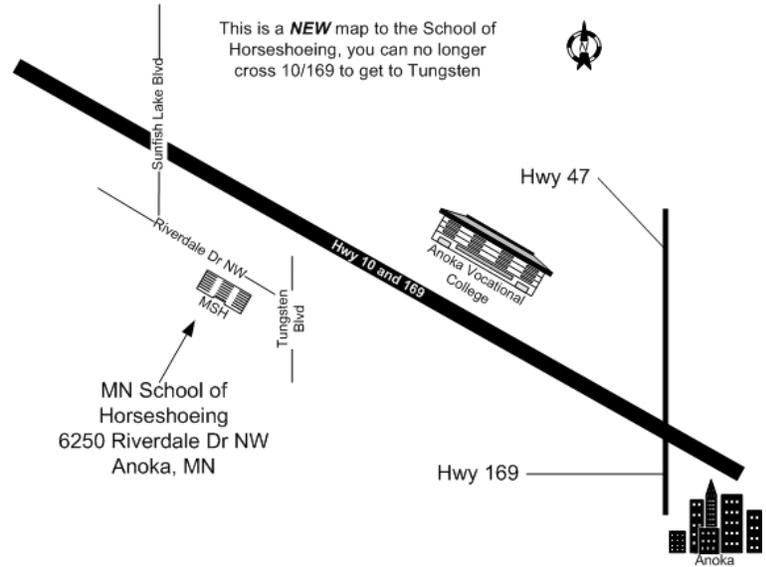
Events in April 2018

- April 11, Guild meeting, Mississippi Welding, Hudson WI
- April 14 Wheat Stalks Class, Beldenville WI (Gavins)
- April 14, Wire Inlay Class, Jackson Street Roundhouse

Events in May, 2018

- May 19 & 20, Joinery Fundamentals, details TBA

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
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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

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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.

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Address Service Requested

If you have items to be included in The Forum, please send them to Georgia Myers, editor, by email to: gldmyers@embarqmail.com by the third Monday of the month, if possible.

The Guild of Metalsmiths on the web

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

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."

February 2018

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

TGoM now accepts Paypal and most major credit cards

The Guild accepts 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.

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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Guild educational grants

There is grant money available for Guild members to study intermediate and advanced metalworking techniques.

The Guild educational grant program is designed to bring new skills into the metalworking community. Participants are given money to pay for a portion of their expenses and are expected to learn some new or poorly understood skill, and then to share what they have learned with other members and the public through an article in our quarterly magazine, "The Metalsmith." They're also expected to lead a workshop on the topic (or other educational service approved by the board).

Application forms are available from the president or treasurer at a regular meeting, or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

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