

THE FORUM

A Publication of THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS

APRIL 12 MEETING IN HUDSON, WI ON MAKING ANIMAL HEADS!

The Guild of Metalsmith (TGoM) members and guests will meet on Wednesday, April 12 in Hudson, Wisconsin.

Nick Heinen will host us at his workshop at **220 Monroe St., North Hudson, WI 54016** (map below).

The usual agenda will be followed by a program/demo focused on learning basic blacksmithing techniques through the creation of whimsical animal heads - Larry Wasmund and Guild friends will demonstrate.

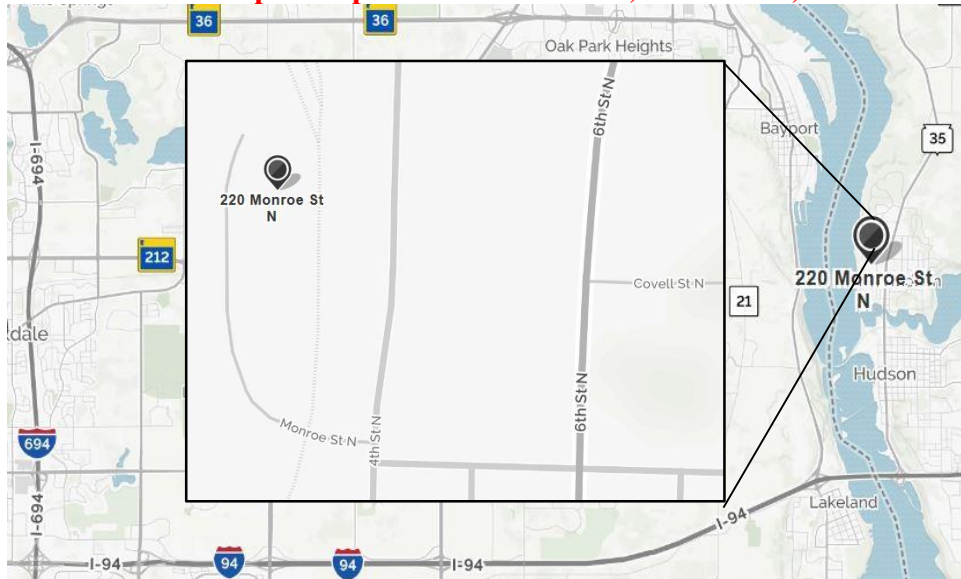
TGoM's publication, **THE IRON MENAGERIE** which provides step-by-step photographed instructions for animal heads (similar to those that will be demonstrated) will be on sale during

the meeting. If you already own a copy, you might want to bring it along (but put your name on it as they all look alike). Pete Stanaitis, and Bob and Mary Fredell will be displaying some of their completed animal heads for more intimate viewing.

Nick says his forge will be hot, and the demonstrations along with works in progress will surely fill the spotlight for this special spring evening.

Plan to meet at Nick's shop on Wednesday, April 12 by 6:30pm for the potluck (bring a dish to pass); then the business meeting and "show 'n tell" of members' creations will begin before 7pm, followed closely by the demonstrations!

Nick Heinen's shop for April: 220 Monroe St., N. Hudson, WI 54016



NEWS BITES:

HELP! A clean-up session is being planned at Nick's before the April 12 meeting! Currently looking at **Sunday, April 9**. Grace is working to confirm details and timing, and should know more after 3/15. If able to help, please contact Grace Sheely: 952-451-6014 gracesheely@gmail.com

BRONZE POUR: **Marty Hicks** is planning a bronze pour this Spring. Mold-making and pour dates TBD. Cost TBD. Please contact Marty as soon as possible if interested: 612-492-0899 marty@hixwerx.com

REMINDER: It is time to start work on your **Candle Holder** for the Fall Conference Contest! Big prizes available!

DEMO OPPORTUNITY: The Jackson Street Roundhouse will be open Wednesdays and Saturdays 10 – 4 for the winter, until May. We now have a second forge setup **INSIDE**. People that would like to work in the blacksmith shop these days are welcome to drop by. You can enter through the back gate. Any questions, call Gordon Barr 612-242-5827

IF THE FORUM LOOKS DIFFERENT THIS MONTH... that's because **Peter Bettenberg** (TGoM Communications/Publicity Chairperson) served as the guest editor for this issue. Georgia will be back next month!

A TASTE OF BLACKSMITHING *NEW CLASS!*

Saturday, April 8, 9:00am to 3:30pm
Location: MN School of Horseshoeing
Instructors: TBD

Class fee:
\$40 members,
\$50 non-members

Minimum students: 5
Lunch Arrangements: students should provide their own lunches, or fast food is available nearby.

Have you ever thought of being a metalsmith and bending, twisting, and pounding a special treasure? The Guild of Metalsmiths is now offering a one-day “taste” of the craft.

Please wear cotton clothing and bring safety glasses, hearing protection, and leather gloves. The Guild will supply all tools and materials for the day.

We will begin with covering the most important safety practices, move into the art of fire control, hammer accuracy, and then onto several basic procedures of metal work. **While not intended to replace the Guild’s 4-day Beginner’s Class**, this offering allows those intrigued by blacksmithing to experience it firsthand before deciding to pursue the craft.

Everyone will take home samples of tapers, twists, and bends, as well as a functioning Drive Hook (“J” Hook).

To register, make a check out to “The Guild of Metalsmiths” and mail, along with your contact info, to:

Christina Dodge
17645 Baugh St NW
Ramsey, MN 55303

Acceptance priority determined by postmark.

MAKING A BLACKSMITH’S HAMMER

Saturday, May 6, 9:00am to 4:30pm
Location: MN School of Horseshoeing
Instructors: Jim Moenck, Pansch, Phillips, Olivo, Murray, Brown
Cost: \$50 per student
Maximum students: 8
Minimum students: 6

This class will teach you the skills you need to make a hammer. With this knowledge you will then be able to expand your tool chest with other handled tools. All handled tools such as top fullers, punches and flatters start with this same process. We will begin with a piece of steel, punch the eye, shape both striking ends, heat treat and put the handle on. You will go home with your own hammer. There will be an assortment of weights to choose from so that you can make a hammer that fits you and your needs.

Safety Equipment: The normal safety equipment is required. Wear cotton clothing, leather boots above the ankle, pants that fit over the top of your boots. Eye protection and ear protection is mandatory. Gloves for

protection from the heat while punching may be useful. A leather apron is encouraged for extra protection.

Tools & Equipment: Bring your favorite hammers with you to class, one for striking hot metal, one for striking punches and drifts, and a sledge for striking if you have one. All other tools will be furnished.

Lunch arrangements: We will take a break at noon for lunch. Bring your own bag lunch or eat out at one of the local establishments.

To register: This class fills up fast. Students will be accepted in the order of contact. Email is fine, but your **check for \$50 made out to “The Guild of Metalsmiths”** is needed to reserve your spot in class. Send your check and your **complete contact info** to Jim Moenck at the address below:

Jim Moenck
2078 120th Ave
Dresser, WI 54009
jrmoenck@yahoo.com

Acceptance for this class is determined by postmark.

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

We are located in southern Minnesota. Tunnel Mill was an old water-powered mill. Built in 1869. Retired in the late 1920's. Located on Bear Creek north of Spring Valley, MN. Wooded 50 acres with a stream that runs through it. Now, it's a place for crafts people and friends to congregate, relax and learn some of our forgotten crafts.

2017 Classes

Tom Latane´, April 14-16, 2017

Ward Box with complex configuration and fitting a key bit to the wards. A future class will address the creation of a lock.

Tom Latane´, May 4-6, 2017

Bench Vise, picture and info to follow. 1 of 2. Second class Spring 2018.

David E Cargo, May 13, 2017

Portable Bread Oven class.

Douglas Pryor, June 2-4, 2017

Master of Repoussé and Chasing - Check out his incredible work on his website or you-tube.

Gypsy Wagon class, June 10, 2017

Details TBD

Ric Furrer, August 2017 - date to be finalized soon.

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

Check out our website for more information: www.tunnelmillcrafts.com
Contact us for more information: jc-adams@msn.com or 507-289-4189
Hosted by John & Carol Adams



TUNNEL MILL MEETING & POTLUCK: Saturday, June 24

John and Carol Adams have graciously extended an invitation to gather at Tunnel Mill on Saturday June 24th. For those who haven't been there, Tunnel Mill is located 15 miles south of Rochester near Spring Valley, MN and is an historic landmark where many crafts are taught. Visit <http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com/> to learn more about their classes.

The details have not all been figured out but we wanted to get this out to the group so you can put it on your calendar. Events should include a tour of the whole facility, demos by a couple of Tunnel Mill "Regulars", a Potluck, and time to hang out and enjoy the facility. Stay tuned for future updates on time and other details. Hope you can make it!

SANDY LAKE FORGE presents Tom Latane', Kitty Latane', and Kjetil Groven *SUMMER CLASSES!*

The courses will be offered at Sandy Lake Forge on Raspberry Island (12 miles north of McGregor, Minnesota). Pontoon ride to and from the island for all participants, and guest cabin housing on the island or tent space is offered to those from out of the area at no cost on a first-come first-served basis. Breakfast and lunch is provided, evening meals are pot-luck, or bring something to grill. Class size is limited. Contact **Gary Hill** at: [218-851-6085](tel:218-851-6085) or hillx001@umn.edu for more details or questions.

TOM LATANE': TAPERED SOCKET HEWING HATCHET (OR BATTLE AXE) **JUNE 12,13,14**

Tom Latane' will be teaching a three-day class on making a Norse hatchet with tapered socket eye. Students will work in pairs striking for each other to produce an axe with a tapered socket eye for each participant. The design is a modification of a pattern developed by Håvard-Bergland to reproduce a 17th century battle axe belonging to his family. The battle axe would be an alternative option to the hewing hatchet.

The socket will be forged from 3/8" x 4" stock and the forge welded socket will be welded to the blade (1/2" thick) with a high carbon bit welded in place (some experience forge-welding would be helpful). Axes will be pickled in vinegar, filed, and punch decorated (if desired) before hardening and tempering. Course fee: \$225 plus materials fee. Limited to 12 students.



KITTY LATANE': TIN SMITHING **JUNE 12,13,14**

Kitty Latane' will be teaching tin smithing classes on the same dates as Tom's class. Projects will include such things as cookie cutters, cups, ornaments, etc. Course fee: \$75/day (includes all materials and tools. Limited to 6 students.



KJETIL GROVEN: TRADITIONAL NORWEGIAN KNIFE AND SHEATH **AUGUST 11,12,13**

In this three-day class we will forge traditional Norwegian 3-layer knife blades. The blades will be heat treated and ground. Next the blade will be set in a wood handle, shaped and stained. If time allows, a traditional leather sheath will be made, but if not, all the steps to making the sheath will be demonstrated so that students can finish the sheath on their own if needed. Course fee: \$225 plus materials fee. Limited to 12 students.



2017 Classes at MORGAN VALLEY FORGE

The name Howard Clark will sound familiar to most metalsmiths, especially bladesmiths. Howard was a demonstrator at one of TGoM's Fall Conferences a few years back. This master bladesmith has announced his 2017 class schedule on his website, and it's printed in condensed version below. Morgan Valley Forge is located in Runnells, Iowa.

- 1) Each class is limited to four students.
- 2) A down payment of \$200 is required to hold a place in a class.
- 3) There is a welcome dinner provided on Sunday evening prior to the Monday start date.
- 4) On site accommodations are not offered. Please scroll down to the bottom of the class description page for a list of housing options in the area.
- 5) To register for a class email or call **Christine** - christine@mvforge.com - 515.966.2126
- 6) Registration Information required: Name, Mailing Address, Phone Number, Email Address

Place in class is on a first come first served basis. We reserve the right to cancel a registration and return the down payment if a class has filled prior to receiving both full registration information and down payment.

Down payments are accepted via - Check to Howard Clark, 115 35th Place, Runnells, IA 50237; PayPal to howard@mvforge.com; Credit or Debit card (We will email an invoice to you)

April 24 - 28, 2017 - Narrow Tang Knife Class

Basic Knife Making Class

Beginner to intermediate skill level.

Tuition \$700 per student for the week. Materials Fee \$50.

May 29 - June 2, 2017 - Tanto Class

Beginner to intermediate skill level.

Tuition \$750 per student. Materials Fee \$50.

Sept. 11 - 15, 2017 - Full Tang Kitchen Knife Class

Beginner to intermediate skill level.

Tuition \$700 per student for the week. \$50 Materials fee.

Oct. 9 - 13, 2017 - Understanding the "Ites"

Metallurgy for Blacksmiths.

Intermediate skill level.

Tuition \$1,500 per student for the week. Plus \$100 materials fee.

Visit Howard Clark's website at the link below for full information, including detailed class descriptions:

<http://www.mvforge.com/classes-at-morgan-valley.html>

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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in the directory

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

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.

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 6:30pm 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 7pm 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 7pm.

Events in March 2017

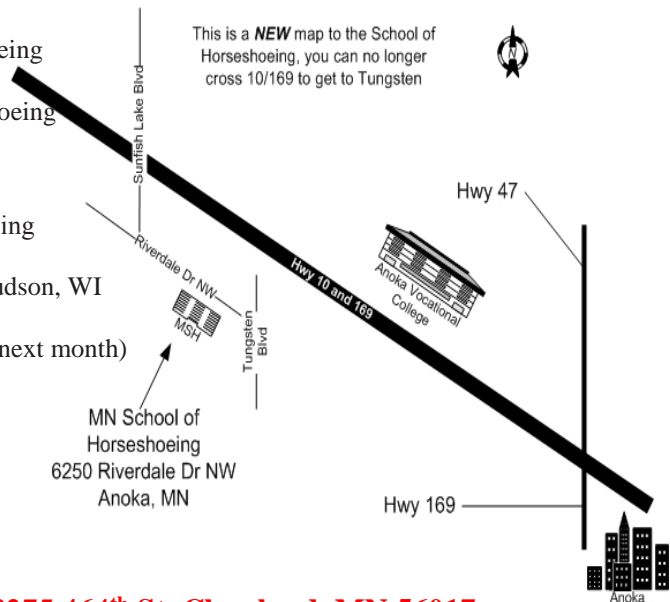
- 3/4, Beginning blacksmithing class C3, MN School of Horseshoeing
- 3/11, Beginning blacksmithing class D3, Cleveland MN
- 3/18, Beginning blacksmithing class C4, MN School of Horseshoeing
- 3/25, Beginning blacksmithing class D4, Cleveland MN

Events in April 2017

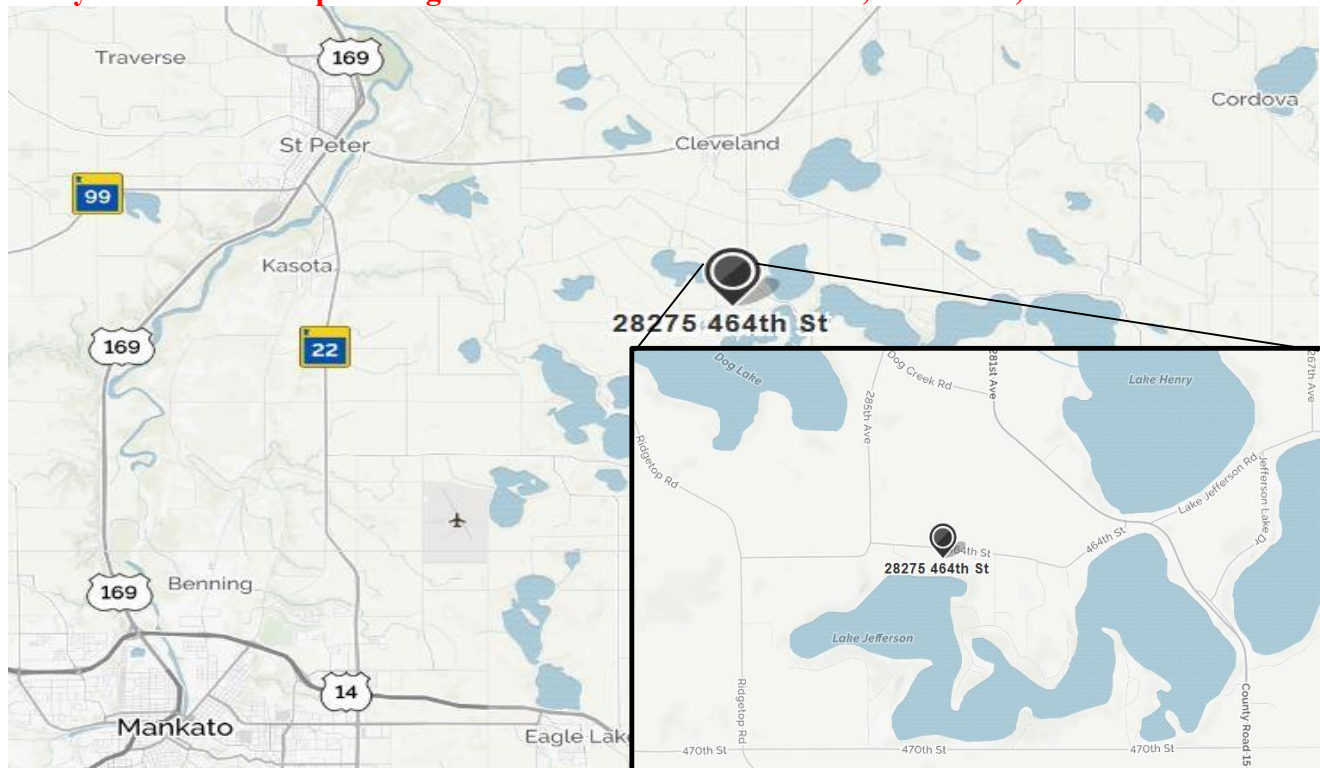
- 4/8, "A Taste of Blacksmithing" class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- 4/9, Tentative Clean-up Day at Nick's shop
- 4/12, Guild membership meeting, Nick Heinen's shop, North Hudson, WI
- 4/14-16, Tom Latane', Ward Box at Tunnel Mill
- 4/15, Candle Holder class, MN School of Horseshoeing (details next month)

Events in May 2017

- 5/4-6, Tom Latane', Bench Vice class (1 of 2) at Tunnel Mill
- 5/6, Hammer-Making class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- 5/13, David E. Cargo, Portable Bread Oven class at Tunnel Mill



Larry Wasmund's shop for Beginners 'D' class: 28275 464th St, Cleveland, MN 56017



Our neighborhood of smiths

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President: Martin Pansch, 612-599-4762

blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com

Vice-President: Rick Wessling, 612-875-4420

rgwessling@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, 218-428-7906

CharleyRB@charter.net

Dave Hanson, Vice-President, 218-721-4572

Daveforge1@aol.com

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

President: Ken Zitur, 320-746-8161 mail@kensiron.com

Brian Johnson, 320-558-6898

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

John & Carol Adams jc-adams@msn.com

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

Mississippi Forge Council newsletter:

<http://www.msforgecouncil.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/UPSET-1-2017-1.pdf>



We are excited to announce our 2017 membership campaign drive and would like to ask for your help in spreading the news. As a gift to a first time member we will award (while supplies last) a copy of Francis Whitaker's book, My Life as an Artist Blacksmith. ABANA is widely recognized as the preeminent organization of blacksmithing in the world. Visit us online at www.abana.org and like us on Facebook and Twitter. You may join ABANA or renew your membership by following this link:

<https://www.abana.org/membership/index.shtml>

Thanks for your support.

Eddie Rainey

ABANA President



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/TheGuildofMetalsmit>

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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."

Address Service Requested

Forum deadline for April issue is Monday, March, 20, 2017.

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

March 2017

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

The Guild of Metalsmiths, St. Paul, MN, publishes TGoM 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:

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