

# The Forum



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## Your next challenge: Forge a tool for TGoM's 'Iron in the Hat'

Folks,

I would like to invite and encourage you to participate in the Guild of Metalsmiths' Iron in the Hat. After soliciting ideas from a number of members on the subject and organization, this is what the event is going to look like.

**How it will run:** Everyone who wants to participate will make something in the chosen theme.

**You will have from now until the June 11 membership**

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

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

The other purpose is for people to feed, vampire like, off each other's creativity and ability. To that end I would encourage people to get together to work on their projects. Now that the glaciers have pretty much receded this spring, I'll host a weekend out at my place for anyone who wants to come out to western Siberia.

I am excited to see what people come up with.

- Martin Pansch

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

## Madness Competition/Challenge

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

Large or small, made of metal, and able to hold a piece of meat (from a Vienna sausage to a large roast) is all that is required.

Judging rules will be the same as last year's competition with the bottle openers: highest bid wins.

All entries will be auctioned off. Any Guild member can join in the fun.

You can even join just so you can enter.

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

- Derrick Phillips



## Iron in the Hat

## Next TGoM membership meeting April 9 might be unique!

Join your fellow Guild of Metalsmith friends on Wednesday, April 9. Nick Heinen will host us at his workshop at 220 Monroe St., North Hudson, Wisconsin 54016 (map below).

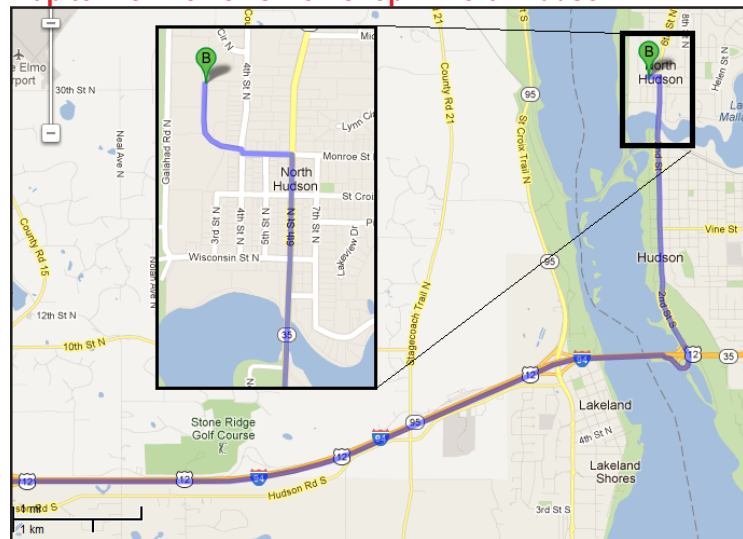
We'll join in our traditional potluck supper, get brought up to speed on our usual organizational business, and see what everyone has brought to "show 'n tell."

We're still hoping the plan for a program during this meeting will be a unique experience for all of us, no matter what age, level of interest, gender, or even place of residence. Nick says his shop is across the street from a gentleman named Lee Gihlike, who hand-builds restoration frames and motors for German turn-of-the-century racing cars. This man has invited us to join him in a tour of his shop, provided he's able to be there! He's not certain even yet, but he may be out of the country on April 9. Be sure to circle April 9 on your calendar.

If Mr. Gihlike is not available, Nick says his forge will be hot, and demonstrations of works in progress will surely fill the spotlight for the evening.

Plan to meet at Nick's shop on Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 pm for potluck (bring a dish to pass), then business meeting at 7 pm, followed closely by show 'n tell, and then the rest we'll play by ear!

## Map to Nick Heinen's workshop in North Hudson WI



## Teaser for June membership meeting!

We will meet at Cliff Larsen's shop just outside Vermillion MN with our usual networking, great show and tell, and fabulous food. Cliff is organizing several demonstrations from fellow Guild members, so stay tuned.



## 'Guild gear' is here!

The Guild has opened a "store" on Café Press, a website where we set up our logo to be printed on shirts, mugs, glasses, and other goods for purchase. It allows us to make Guild merchandise available to the membership without the major outlay of cash and volunteer effort needed to sell them in a more traditional way.



The Guild gets a small amount of money on each item, but mostly it is a way to make things readily available. There are currently two images available. One is our tried and true Guild logo with an improved, slightly rounded peen. The other is an anvil-in-anvil (double anvil) design made and donated by Chris Rand. Going forward, if people come up with additional original designs they would like to see available, it will be easy to add to the store. Here's the link to the online store:

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

## Struck Tools Workshop is full!

Date: Saturday, April 12 2014  
Instructor: Jim Scott

## Our neighborhood of smiths

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## Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information is as follows:

President: Jim Tweet  
715-557-5236

[jtweet01@yahoo.com](mailto:jtweet01@yahoo.com)

Newsletter editor: John Grump  
715-835-0894

[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

1-320-746-2557

[ken@kensiron.com](mailto:ken@kensiron.com)

Brian Johnson

16777 Co Rd 75 NW

Clearwater MN 55367

1-320-558-6898

## New Members, April 2014

Dawn Samples, Minneapolis, MN

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

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

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

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

— Martin Pansch, TGoM President

## Congratulations, 2014 Beginning Blacksmithing 'C' Class!



From left to right: Bob Brown, Derrick Phillips, Noah Mincheff, Evan Binkley, George Auel, Dennis Covington, Tom Gervais, Gene Thoma, Trevor Caron, Tom Steinke, Wendy Anderson, Larry Sorensen, Reilly Dillon, Herb Fick (kneeling)

Not pictured: Roland Sigurdson (photographer)

2014 Guest Instructors (not pictured): Don Hammer, Larry Wasmund, Bill Krawczeski

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

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

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

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

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

# Build a Gas Forge

Saturday, April 19, 2014, 9 am to 4 pm

Instructor: Jim Moenck, 715-483-5054

Cost: \$175

Class size: minimum 6, maximum 8 with waiting list

Location: Jim Moenck's shop: 2078 120<sup>th</sup> Ave, Dresser, WI 54009

[jrmoenck@yahoo.com](mailto:jrmoenck@yahoo.com)



This is a one day workshop in 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 for durability. 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 sits in a saddle, and it bolted to it for stability. This forge is a simple, economical forge that is easy to transport and fun to use.

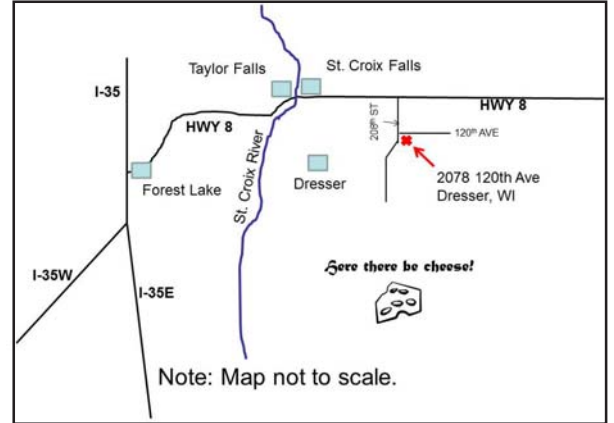
**Tools and Equipment** or other items participants are to bring to the class: Minimal tooling will be required. Students will be contacted prior to class if they need to bring any tools.

**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.

**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 for this class, send your contact information and a check written to "Guild of Metalsmiths" for \$175 to:

Jim Moenck  
2078 120th Ave  
Dresser WI 54009



Acceptance priority is determined by postmark.

## 2014 TGoM Demo Calendar

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



## Poor Man's (or Woman's) Coal Forge Workshop

Saturday, April 26, 2014, starting at 9 am

Instructor: Martin Pansch, (612) 599-4762

[blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com](mailto:blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com)

Cost: \$35

Class size: maximum 6 students

Location: Pansch Farm (map below)

It doesn't take much to make a decent coal forge if you know what you are doing. If you have some tools, a little know how and a nose for scrounging stuff you can make one for almost nothing. Sadly, most people just getting into blacksmithing often lack at least one of those.

This workshop will provide students access to experienced smiths for guidance and the required tools for forge making. The main goal is for all participants to leave with a functioning coal forge so for the sake of time students might not get to do all their own work on the forge (i.e. weld, cutting, etc) but participants will get a chance to learn and do plenty.

There are no skill prerequisites for this class but as with all Guild classes 1) It is open to all but Guild members take priority over non-Guild people and 2) minors (people under 18) are required to have a parent present with them during the class. So, if you are new to smithing and forge-less, sign up and come on out. We'll have a good time, make some forges, and learn from each other.

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

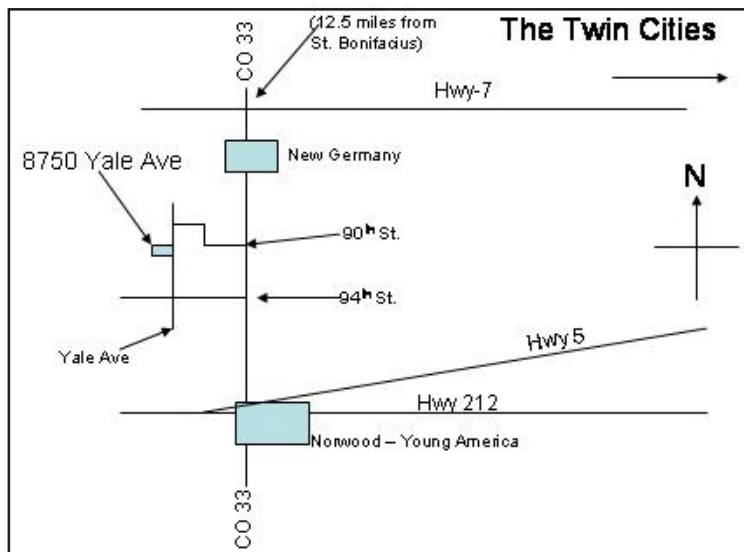
**Special Instructions:** A list of parts to scrounge for will be sent to the people who sign up for the class. Whether you score a lot of stuffs or come up dry won't prevent you from taking this workshop.

**Lunch Arrangements:** I'll have some burgers and brats to throw on the grill. If you have special dietary needs or are a picky eater you might want to bring your own food. There really isn't anything close by to grab lunch at.

To register for this class, send your contact info and a check written to The Guild of Metalsmiths for \$35 to:

Martin Pansch  
8750 Yale Avenue  
Young America, MN 55397

**Acceptance priority determined by postmark.**



## Bronze Pour: Bronze Casting, Pattern, and Mold Making

Saturday, April 5th, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Pattern Making Workshop.

Saturday & Sunday, April 26th & 27th. 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Mold Making.

Saturday May 3rd. 1:00 pm - Evening. The Pour. Instructors: Marty Hicks and Don Halverson

Cost: \$120

Class size: 12

Location: Marty's (HIXWERX) Workshop, 2223 Stewart Ave, St. Paul, MN

Participants will be given masonite and plasticine clay to create their artwork, from which a mold will be made. **If you have something else that you'd like to cast we can negotiate.**

Everyone is welcome to the pattern making workshop which will give you an idea of what's possible to cast. We'll look at examples and talk about ways of creating a pattern to get a successful casting. We'll also give an overview of mold making including sprue and vent systems.

Mixing non-toxic, binded sand, we'll make two-part (cope and drag) molds, and cut sprues and vents. We'll be casting "Everdur"<sup>TM</sup>, a silicon bronze excellent for artwork and taking a patina.

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

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

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

Send your contact information and a check for \$120 made out to:

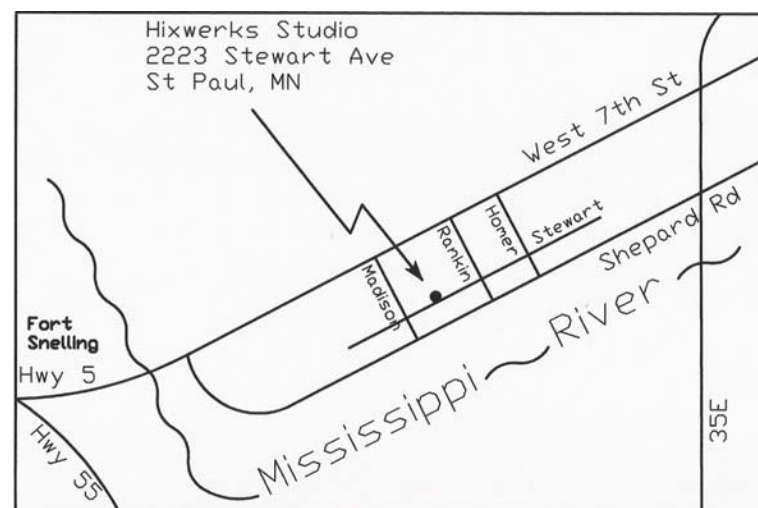
Marty Hicks  
2223 Stewart Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55116

Contact Marty:

[marty@hixwerx.com](mailto:marty@hixwerx.com)

651-492-0899

**Acceptance priority determined by postmark.**



# Hammer Making Workshop

Saturday, May 3, 9 am to 4:30 pm

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing

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

Cost: \$45

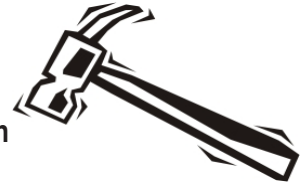
Class size: 8 students

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

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

Jim Moenck  
2078 120th Ave  
Dresser, WI 54009.

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



## THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors - March 12, 2014

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

Call to Order: 7:05 pm by Martin Pansch Members in attendance: Barr, Frattalone, Hicks, Lockwood, Ponder, Murray, Pansch, Wasmund, Wessling. Missing: Gavin, Moenck

Amendment/Approval of previous meeting's minutes: Motion to accept by Lockwood, second by Murray. Motion passes.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Frattalone reviewed financial 2013 Year End Summary with the board.

Checking/Savings	40,928
PayPal Account	1,500
PayPal to be transferred	<u>2,014</u>

Total 44,543

Remaining Grants 7742

Discretionary Fund Balance 36,801

Expenses since last board meeting on 11-13-13:

Metalsmith 2020

Forum 142

Meetings

Workshops 1042

Total Expenses 4210

Total Months Deposits 2224

Members 335 (up 28 from 3-11-13)

Coal 18.6 Tons of  
24.7 Tons rem.

**Membership Services Committee: Chair Barr:** Nothing new to report from the membership.

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

- ◆ Committee met 3/4/14 basic recurring Classes were plugged into calendar for 2014-2015.
- ◆ New classes being discussed include a Machining class on lathe and milling, Joinery, Welding, and Grinder build.
- ◆ Upcoming classes **30-60 days out** Beginners C' last week, Struck Tools, Propane Forge, Hammer Class, Poor man's Forge.
- ◆ Bronze pour Mold making and pour this April and May.

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

- ◆ General membership meeting: April 9 2104 Nick Heinen
- ◆ June at Cliff Larson's
- ◆ August 6<sup>th</sup> Corn Feed at Dan Pate's (note special date of August 6)

- ◆ October Jackson Street Round House
- ◆ December Christmas Party at CSPS ( date December 14)
- ◆ Two demonstrators set for the conference:
- ◆ Gordon Williams will demo and conduct Pre-Conference class Contract to be signed within days
- ◆ Ernie Dorrill is the other demonstrator Contract will be signed within days.
- ◆ Dick Carlson and Myron Hanson are in negotiations with the Little log House Owners to extend our contract for an additional 5-10

### Publicity Committee: Chair-Ponder

- ◆ PayPal usage for paying membership dues continues to climb and feedback from members about the convenience has been very positive. At the one year anniversary there have been 100 Members dues paid by PayPal.
- ◆ The Forum and Metalsmiths were both published and distributed with Georgia and Beth doing their usual great job.
- ◆ A total of 1815 unique visitors hit our web site over the last month and averaged 65 per day, this included both new and returning guest and registered user
- ◆ We need to find more ways to get good articles for the Metalsmith.

**Long Term Planning Committee: Chair-Wessling, Vice Chair-vacant** Wessling and Pansch are working on a presentation

### NEW BUSINESS:

The board heard discussion on creating a \$100.00 discretionary fund for repairs of guild equipment. Motion was made by Hicks 2nd by Lockwood, Motion Passed

Several opportunities have arisen for demonstrations by groups and organization far reaching across the state. Requests have been accompanied with offers of expenses reimbursed. The board will give thought on this and re-evaluate this issue again next meeting.

### Taskers

- ◆ The Board needs to create a property inventory of guild assets. Members instructed to gather information on guild owned assets. What, where, under whose control, and where is it stored, etc.
- ◆ Looking for assistant Web Master, search for volunteers of young computer-inclined minds.
- ◆ Board to write out a minimum qualification guideline for grant recipients

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** 10:05 pm, Motion by Lockwood, second Hicks, adjourned without dissent.

## Warming by the forge...



The February program committee meeting was delayed due to weather issues, so it didn't make the deadline for the March "Forum," but have it we did. As may be written about elsewhere in this Forum, the April meeting will be held at Nick Heinen's shop. One of the shop neighbors might just give us a tour of their shop as well, but that's not for sure. The June meeting at Cliff's should be grand, the ever popular corn feed in August is getting figured out as we dream of warm summer days. The Fall Conference planning is well underway, all those pesky/delightful details still being figured out. One thought of note, and it is a bit of a repeat, what would you the quiet majority of our membership, like to see for family activities? Like all such questions if you have any thoughts/ideas for this please share them. Plans seem to be going smoothly even though I don't feel this winter is.

The March program committee meeting was held happily without any weather issues. I hope to see lots of folks at Nick's shop for April's meeting as I think he has a great shop space. The biggest part of this month's Program Committee meeting was starting to again nail down the details needed for the Fall Madness. We do this every year and there are always at least a few significant changes to the process. The planning all seems to be going well and the weather is finally starting to (a bit back and forth) improve so those of us with 2 or 3 season shops may get going again. For those involved it may be getting to time to start planning or working on your Iron in the hat project, or a project for the Gallery at the Madness( I can never seem to start early enough). May your forges be hot and sparks be flying.

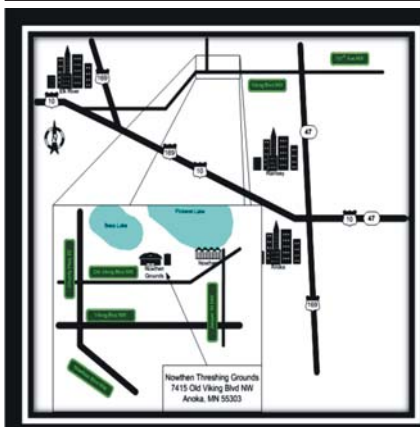
— Derrick Phillips

## Spring Hammer-In to be at Nowthen blacksmith shop June 6, 7, 8, 2014

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

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

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



## News from Tunnel Mill

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

Contact for full class details, costs, and registration:

Carol and John Adams

507-289-4189 or 507-289-5246

Email: [jc-adams@msn.com](mailto:jc-adams@msn.com);

Website: [www.tunnelmillcrafts.com](http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com)

## Classes at Tunnel Mill for 2014

### April 11, 12, 13: Wire Inlay in Steel, Tom Latane'

Students will start by forging a simple article to be decorated with wire inlay - a medieval key or Viking style sword hilt. While the scale is being pickled from the forging, tools will be forged for chasing the grooves that receive the wire. Demonstrations will show flush wire inlay; raised wire inlay; twisted wire inlay; inlaying of dots. After practicing a bit on scrap steel, students will decorate their forgings.

### April 11: Beginning Tinwork, Kitty Latane'

In this class students will have the opportunity to make a variety of traditional items such as cups, candleholders and cookie cutters using tinplate shaped with stakes and mallets. Skills learned include cutting a pattern, wiring an edge, setting down a seam and soldering.

### April 12 & 13: Punched Tin Lantern Class, Kitty Latane'

Students will start with a flat sheet of tinplate, trace and cut out a pattern, punch holes in a decorative design, bend and assemble pieces to make a traditional "barn" lantern. Lantern measures approximately 12" tall by 6" diameter. You will each leave with a tin lantern. Check out Tom & Kitty Latane's website, <http://www.spaco.org/latane/TCLatane.htm>

### May 31: Brick Oven Class, David S. Cargo

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

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

Email: [jc-adams@msn.com](mailto:jc-adams@msn.com)

Phone: 507 289-4189 or 507 289-5246 Check out their website at <http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com>





# Goings on...

## A calendar of TGoM events at a glance

- All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October, except December 14 for this year's holiday gathering. For these meetings a potluck meal begins at 6:30 pm and the business meeting begins at 7, with a demonstration or activity starting around 8 (times approximate).
- Education Committee meeting dates vary. Contact Larry Wasmund, chair, for the next meeting.
- Program Committee meetings are the third Thursday of each month. Marty Hicks is chair.
- All board meetings are the second Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Potluck meal begins at 6:30, with meeting starting at 7 pm.



### Events in April, 2014

- April 9, Guild membership meeting, Nick Heinen's workshop, 220 Monroe St, North Hudson, WI 54016
- April 12, Struck Tools Workshop, MN School of Horseshoeing - CLASS IS FULL!
- April 19, Gas Forge Class, Jim Moenck's new shop, 2078 120<sup>th</sup> Ave., Dresser, WI 54009
- April 26, Poor Man's Coal Forge Workshop, Pansch Farm

### Events in May, 2014

- May 3, Hammer Making Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- May 14, Guild Board meeting
- May 31-June 1, TC Makers Minne-Fair, Mpls, MN

### Events in June, 2014

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

### Events in July, 2014

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

## Important schedule change from TGoM's Program Committee

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

— Marty Hicks, Program Chair

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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).

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