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Meet at Arms & Armor workshop for TGoM's next meeting Wednesday, April 8



Please join us on April 8 at Arms and Armor (their workshop) at 1101 Northeast Stinson Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN 55413 (map below). Christopher Poor and his artisans are always great hosts, and though we have been there before, it is always good to see what weapons and armor they are working on currently. Visit their website at http://armor.com/index.html

For this meeting, the Program Committee would like members of the Guild to bring items of Unknown and Known origin or construction to be discussed "Antique Road Show" style. Members can bring their items up and say something about them, or if it is an item of

unknown construction, ask for comments from the group.

As always, potluck dinner starts at 6:30 pm, with the business meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. Don't forget to bring your show & tell items. Sharing items and possible demonstrations should commence around 8:00 pm.

Rob Murray is the champion for this meeting, and if you have any questions, please give him a call at 651-357-5154.

Iron in the Hat item exchange – June 2015 edition – Barbeque/Fire pit tools!



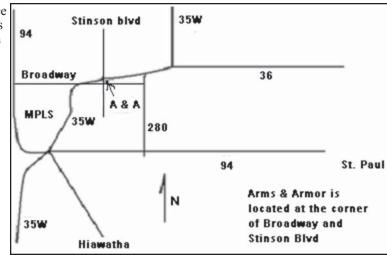
In a celebration of the impending season of warmth and outdoor activities, the theme for the next Iron in the Hat exchange will be Barbeque/Fire pit tools. This can include anything you can think of that one might use when either grilling or sitting around the fire in the backyard enjoying the evening under a protective layer of DEET. Possible items include, but are not limited to:

- · Fleshforks
- · Spatulas
- · Steak turners
- · Fire pokers
- · Tongs (for food, not steel)
- · Marshmallow spitjack rotisseries
- · Anything else you can think of.

For those of you who missed the last few Iron in the Hats, the rules are simple: if you want to participate, you make an item of the given theme (see above) and bring it with you to the June meeting (10 June 2015 at Chateau La Leprechaun in Vermillion, MN. See the website or Forums for more details). Everyone participating gets their names drawn from a hat. Someone goes home with your item and you go home with some else's.

So let your imagination run free and try something you have never attempted before. The point of the exercise it to give people an excuse to make something and to forge bonds between fellow Guilders. Any questions, comments, or peals of derisive laughter, my phone and email are always open.

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



First ever Beginning Blacksmithing D Class finishes up!

The inaugural session of the newest Beginners Class D section is now in the books. The first ever was held at the "Pounded Treasures Smithy" owned by Larry Wasmund in rural Cleveland MN.

Just to get the feel of how things would go, I started a class of two with just myself teaching. Things worked very well and the D section class will become an annual offering for 6-7 students in South Central Minnesota starting this next winter. Watch for the ads for the beginner's class and other offerings.

Thanks to my students and newest Guild Members Luke Kline and Sara Mullerleile.

— Larry Wasmund



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Our neighborhood of smiths

The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM)

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

Vice-President: Rick Wessling rgwessling@gmail.com

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

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, <u>CharleyRB@charter.net</u>, 218-428-7906 Dave Hanson, Vice-President, <u>Daveforge1@aol.com</u>, 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. 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 ken@kensiron.com **Brian Johnson** 16777 Co Rd 75 NW Clearwater MN 55367 320-558-6898

New Members, April 2015

Gavin Hitt, Mounds View, MN Devin Zerger, Eagan, MN Mike Bauman, Rogers, MN Jeff Perrella, Anoka, MN

Minneapolis Institute of Art features 'The Habsburgs'

A special exhibit opened February 15 at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, titled "The Habsburgs: Rarely Seen Masterpieces from Europe's Greatest Dynasty". I am sure members of the Guild will find many of the works of interest which, I expect, will include paintings, sculpture, armor, weapons and opulent objects of all sorts.

http://new.artsmia.org/the-habsburgs/

— Carl Engstrom

Canlron X

Canada's national blacksmithing conference, CanIRON X, is taking place this summer from July 2-5 on beautiful Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia, Canada. . Check it out online: http://canironx.ca/

For Sale

Introducing FORGE-APRONS, the stylish blacksmith apron that can be custom-sized, personalized or customized. We offer three designs: the original 36" bib-style, the short 24" bib with a reduced torso for petite smiths, and the lap apron. All three designs can be made longer, wider



or shorter, have pockets added, be personalized with your name or shop name and customized with your own logo or image. Plus, they ship FREE via Priority Mail in the US. Visit http://www.FORGE-APRONS.com to see and learn more about them.

— James Patton, FORGE-APRONS.com

TGoM now accepts Paypal and most major credit cards for annual dues payment

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

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

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

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

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

Quarters Mokume Class – Intermediate Students needed! Students needed! Saturday, April 18, 2015

9:00am - 4:00pm

Instructors: Jesse and Dave Gavin

Cost: \$65

Class size: minimum 6, maximum 8

Location: Gavin farm, N6768 720th St, Beldenvillw WI (see map below)

Materials will be provided

Tools needed: Gas forge, vise, anvil, grinder and sanding discs, tongs – pick up, and for thin stock (less than 1/8'), hammer. If you don't have all of these tools, contact Dave or Jesse. Students will start off making a flat blank, progressing to a bowl. Time permitting; students will make a second blank to make a bracelet

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

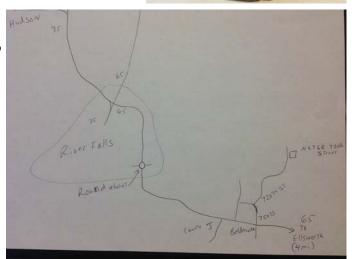
To register, send a check payable to The Guild of Metalsmiths for \$65 to:

Jesse Gavin N8214 330th Street Spring Valley, WI 54767

Acceptance priority is determined by postmark.

For more info, contact: Dave Gavin 715 821 9950

Jesse Gavin 715 808 5891 or jagavin6273@hotmail.com



Hammer Making Workshop

Saturday, May 2, 9 am to 4:30

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7) Instructors: Martin Pansch. Derrick Phillips, Steven Olivo, Rob Murray, Jim Moenck, Bob

Brown Cost: \$50

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 \$50 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 email Jim at <u>irmoenck@yahoo.com</u>.

Acceptance priority is determined by postmark.

Struck Tools Workshop IS FULL!

Saturday, April 11 2015

Poor Man's (or Woman's) Coal Forge Class IS FULL Saturday, April 25

It's time again for...

TGOM Spring 2015 Hammer-In June 12, 13, 14 at Nowthen

7:30-11:00pm on the evening of Friday, June12 and all day June 13 and June 14 from 8am till 4:00 pm at Nowthen Blacksmith Shop.

- Camping on-site is available Friday night and Saturday night on primitive sites
- Five forges are open for use
- Coal will be provide
- Beginners welcome
- Port-a-potties on site

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 of all things spiky from nails to RR spikes. If you have some cool techniques or designs related to working with spikes you would like to demo, or if you have any questions about the Hammer-in, contact: Larry Wasmund at 507-469-0205 or Poundedtreasures@gmail.com

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There is no charge to participate in this event. The Nowthen Power Show grounds are located at 7415 Old Viking Blvd, Nowthen, Minnesota. See map on page 5.

Bronze Casting, Pattern, & Mold Making Classes

Saturday, May 16, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm:

Pattern Making Workshop.

Saturday & Sunday, May 30 & 31. 9:00 am to 4:30 pm:

Mold Making

Saturday June 6. 3:00 pm - Evening: The Pour

Instructors: Hicks, Bettenberg, Brockman, Halvorson

Cost: \$120 Class size: 12

Location: Marty's (HIXWERX) Workshop, 2223 Stewart Ave,

St. Paul, MN 55116

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.

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Saturday May 16 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.

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

Send your check for \$120 made out to "The Guild of Metalsmiths" and your contact information to:

Marty Hicks Contact Marty:
2223 Stewart Ave. marty@hixwerx.com
St. Paul, MN 55116 651 492 0899
Acceptance priority for the class is determined by postmark.

American Style Hatchet Class

Date and Time: May 30-31, Start time 9:00am

Location: Pansch Farm (map page 4)

Class size: Maximum students: 8 Minimum students: 4

Instructor: Tom Sanders

Cost: \$110

In this class students will be learning to make an American style hatchet. This style is more efficient in use than the European style that preceded it and is one of the first occurrences of American technological innovation. We will be working in teams and striking for each other, 2 people per forge and anvil. Tom Sanders will be teaching this class. He has been making axes and teaching people how to strike for more years than he would probably care to admit. This class is an intermediate level of difficulty. Prospective students should have a mastery of the



basics and be able to forge heavy stock to dimension and forge weld with confidence. It is a two day class and out in the sticks (relatively speaking) so students are welcome to spend Saturday night if they don't want to commute home. There are a few places to sleep inside and plenty of places to pitch a tent. So join a handful of your fellow Guilders for a weekend in the country filled with hot metal, good food and fellowship.

An email with further coordinating instructions will be sent out to students who sign up.

Bring: Your favorite forging hammer, tongs for large flat and bar stock, hot rasp, wire brush, flux, striking sledge hammer, flatter, and top fullers. If you lack any of the striking tools, we should have a few sets to share.

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

Lunch Arrangements: I'll have some burgers and brats to throw on the grill. If you have special dietary needs you might want to bring your own food. There really isn't anything close by to grab lunch at. I'll plan something for dinner and breakfast for those staying the night as well.

To register for this 2-day class, send a check for \$110 made out to Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Martin Pansch 8750 Yale Avenue Young America, MN 55397

Acceptance priority is determined by postmark.

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

The Guild of Metalsmiths, Board of Directors - March 11, 2015

Held At: Danish American Center, 3030 West River Parkway, Minneapolis. Call to Order:7:08 pm by Martin Pansch. Members in attendance: Barr, Sheely, Gavin, Hicks, Lockwood, Moenck, Murray, Pansch, Wasmund, Phillips, Wessling. Visitor: Mike Frattalone. Approval of previous meeting's minutes: Motion to accept passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer Report:	14-Jan-15	11-Mar-15
Current Members 332		
Paid Memberships	23	32
Paid Paypal	15	16
Paid Checks	8	16
CASH ASSETS		
Wells Fargo Checking Balance	\$ 47,299.00	\$ 21,370.81
Wells Fargo Savings Balance		\$ 24,198.49
SUBTOTAL		\$ 45,569.30
Wells Fargo Paypal Checking	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,391.45
Paypal Balance	\$ 816.00	\$ 175.20
Outstanding Checks		\$ 400.00
Sub-total Cash	\$ 54,115.00	\$ 52,735.95
Grants Reserve Funding	\$ 8,140.36	\$ 8,140.36
Total Cash Assets	\$ 45,974.64	\$ 44,595.59
REVENUE		
Deposits Bank	\$ 2,016.00	\$ 1,100.18
Deposits Paypal	\$ 640.45	\$ 751.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 2,656.45	\$ 1,851.18
EXPENSES	11/12 - 01/14	
Workshops	\$ 1,246.00	\$ 400.00
Metalsmith	\$ 2,052.00	\$ 2,055.68
Forums - 2 each	\$ 81.00	\$ 65.00
Awards & Memorials	\$ 428.00	\$ 179.12
Meetings	\$ 352.00	\$ 230.00
Office Supplies/Postage	\$ 89.00	\$ 5.46
Dues Overpayment	\$ 5.00	\$ -
Trailer Tabs	\$ 21.00	\$ -
Website Fees	\$ -	\$ 149.40
Sales Taxes	\$ -	\$ 146.00
Total Expenses	\$ 4,274.00	\$ 3,230.66
Net Loss/Gain	\$ (1,617.55)	\$ (1,379.48)

Membership Services Committee: Chair Barr. Nothing is specifically new, running about 330 members

Education Committee report: Chair - Wasmund, Vice Chair-Moenck The calendar year is almost full, Mr. Wasmund is working on trying to expand teaching opportunities to the southwest abit. More info will come later in the year as time allows.

Program Committee: Chair-Lockwood, Vice Chair-Murray -Mr. Lockwood restated the meeting schedule for year- April @ Arms and Armor, June @ Cliffs, August @ Dan Pate's. Fall conference is getting finalized, Lucian Avery and Tim Cisneros are the demonstrators we are hoping to get, one of which will do a pre-conference class. A good discussion was had regarding the Iron in the hat concept and how to best fit it in

Communications Committee: Chair-Hicks, Vice Chair- Vacant - Mr. Pansch is working with Herb Fick Jr. about setting up introduction/demonstration kits (banners, 3-ring binders with write-ups and

photos). Michele Brennan is looking into ways we might put together custom t-shirts or other SWAG item for our fall conference possibly as part of the sign up for the conference, and will be submitting information as she can put it together.

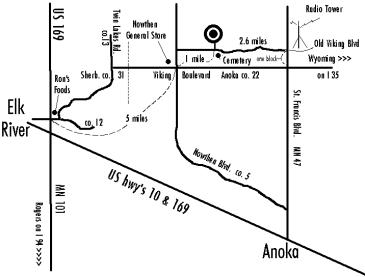
Long Term Planning Committee: Chair-Wessling, Vice Chair- As shown below re: plans being put together for Jackson Street proposal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 2015 committee and board budgets. The various committees put forth budgets based on previous years expenses and with room for cost increases/equip. purchases and a total budget was voted on, and approved. Program committee ~ \$12,000, communication committee \sim \$2,500, Education \sim \$2,500. Proposed budgets did not include recurring fixed costs or expenses where there was immediate return (e.g. most classes). Jackson Street Roundhouse workspace – Proposal for MTMs April Board meeting. The 70% drawings were shown and discussed, it looks great should we be able to make it happen. A few details needed to be finished and if the rough proposal is approved by the MTM then a formal agreement will have to be written up but there are high hopes. Long Range Planning brief - nothing more specific than above. Treasurer hand-off - is in progress, a long list other jobs/projects/tasks that Mike Frattalone also used to do(separate from his role as treasurer) is being put together so that these are not forgotten(and we can be even more impressed by all that he did). Property book format – is being worked on Coal order - is being put together

NEW BUSINESS: \$200 Corporate Membership for Guild members to Jackson Street Roundhouse. This allows Guild members to work at the JSR (MTM-Minnesota Transportation Museum) shop without getting their own \$30 Membership. Gordon Barr moved, Rob Murray seconded, voted on and approved.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:55p.m

Nowthen Threshing Show



2015 Demonstration Calendar

Dates	Event	Location	Guild Champion	Email	Phone	Notes
23-24 May 2014	TC Makers Minne-Fair	Minneapolis, MN	Martin Pansch	blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com	612-599-4762	
21-26 July 2015	Rice County Fair	Faribault, MN	Lou Groth	loug 33@yahoo.com	952-895-1515	
29 July - 1 AUG 2015	Rock County Fair	Luverne, MN	Larry Wasmund	poundedtreasures@Gmail.com	651-322-6626	
	Little Log House Antique					
24-26 July 2015	Power show	Hastings, MN	Dick Carlson	Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com	651-437-3329	
31 July - 2 August 2015	Scott-Carver Threshing Show	Jordan, MN	Jerry Felton	eucattleco@frontiernet.net	952-873-6754	
5-9 August 2015	Carver County Fair	Waconia, MN	Martin Pansch	blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com		
7-9 August 2015	Almelund Threshing Show	Taylors Falls, MN	Jim Moenck	jrmoenck@yahoo.com	651-724-3403	
21-23 August 2015	Nowthen Threshing Show	Nowthen, MN	Bob Fredell	bfredell@msn.com	763-389-5119	
	Butterfield Threshermen's				Arden - 507-279-	
	Assn. Steam & Gas Engine		Arden Hanson (casting)	heinmn@yahoo.com;	0443	
14 16 4 2015	Show	Butterfield, MN	, 0,	poundedtreasures@gmail.com		Blacksmithing and Bronze casting
14-16 August 2015	Snow	butterneia, iviiv	Larry wasmunu (smithing)	poundedtreasures@gmail.com	Larry - 051-522-0020	Full crew but go watch Wyatt, Jim
28-30 August 2015	Pioneer Power Show	Le Seuer, MN	NA	NA	NA	and others demo.
26-30 August 2013	Rice County Steam and Gas	Le Seuer, IVIN	INA	INA .	INA	and others demo.
4-6 September 2015	Engine Show	Dundus, MN	Myron Hanson	yeah. Right.	507-362-4653	
11-12 September 2015	Lamberton Hot Iron Days	Lamberton, MN	Bob Brown	Bbrown474@msn.com	651-457-0086	
11-12 September 2015	Lamberton not from Days	Lamberton, win	DOD BLOWII	bbrown474@msn.com	031-437-0060	
						Not open to casual demonstration but go and watch Tom, Pete, and Gary demo blacksmithing, Kitty
12 & 13 Sep 2015	Laura Ingalls Wilder Days	Pepin, WI	Tom Latane	tlatane@centurytel.net	715-442-2419	demo tin work and Sheri spin wool.
Wednesdays, Saturdays,						Not really a demo. More a standing open forge with an occasional
Sundays	Jackson Street Roundhouse	St. Paul, MN	Gordon Barr	agbarr@aol.com	952-894-4821	visitor.
Most weekends Memorial Day through Labor Day.						
Craft focused weekend 15-			None - Contact site	Rwilliams@threeriversparkdistrict.o		Costume needed (overalls and white
16 August	The Landing	Shakopee, MN	manager Rich Williams	rg	763-694-7784	button up shirt okay).



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;

Website: www.tunnelmillcrafts.com

Classes at Tunnel Mill for 2015

Review: the coffee mill class held by Tom Latane' in 2014 turned out to be a well attended and popular class. Students were happy with their time spent. In 2015 we look forward to new classes by familiar instructors. Tom will be teaching another class in May, but that is still being worked out. Also in 2015 we hope to put on another gypsy wagon workshop. Watch for more on that.

Crab-Style Lock, Peter Ross, June 15-19: Students will make a "Crab" lock based on an antique example originally made in Pennsylvania just after the Revolutionary war. This type was typically used inside a blanket chest with hinged lid. The lock involves a number of processes and uses a variety of skills and offers the opportunity for a variety of decoration and embellishment.



Crab Lock

Starting with a finished key (either made by each student in advance or provided at the beginning of class), we will cover the basic layout, warding systems, making the parts, fitting, assembly and final tuning. This will involve forging the moving parts, including the spring, filing and fitting, and the common methods of hand production and assembling. Students will also be expected to make their own small punches and other simple tools.

The emphasis will be on historic methods (simple hand tools) in both the forging and bench skills. We will also cover typical file decoration typically used in the late 18th century. Students should expect to spend more time at the bench than at the anvil on this project. Those who choose may use wrought iron.

Don't miss the opportunity to take a class from Peter Ross in your vicinity. Five-day class, room and board included, \$675.00.

Note: This information 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.

Goings on...

A calendar of TGoM events at a glance

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- 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 April, 2015

- April 8, Guild membership meeting at Arms & Armor workshop
- April 11, Struck Tools Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- April 18, Mokume Class, Gavin farm in Wisconsin
- April 25, Poor Man's Forge, Pansch farm, CLASS FULL!

Events in May, 2015

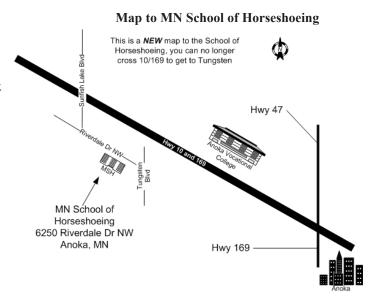
- May 2, Hammer Making Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- May 13, Guild board meeting
- May 16, Spring Bronze Pour: Pattern-Making Workshop, Hixwerx Studio
- May 30-31, American Style Hatchet Class, Pansch farm
- May 30-31, Bronze Pour: Mold Making, Hixwerx Studio

Events in June, 2015

The Guild of Metalsmiths

PO Box 11423

- June 6, Spring Bronze Pour: The Pour, Hixwerx Studio
- June 6, Gas Forge Class, more details upcoming
- June 10, Guild membership meeting at Cliff Larsen's farm
- June 12, 13, 14, Spring Hammer-In at Nowthen



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in the Directory

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.

List Me

in the directory

St. Paul MN 55111	but don't list address - phones: home - work - fax - cell - email - web page (circle items above you DO NOT want published)
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.

ELECTRONIC FORUM

We do not sell our mailing list.

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.



Address Service Requested

Forum deadline for May, 2015: Monday, April 20, 2015.

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

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."**

April 2015

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

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