

The Forum

April 2016



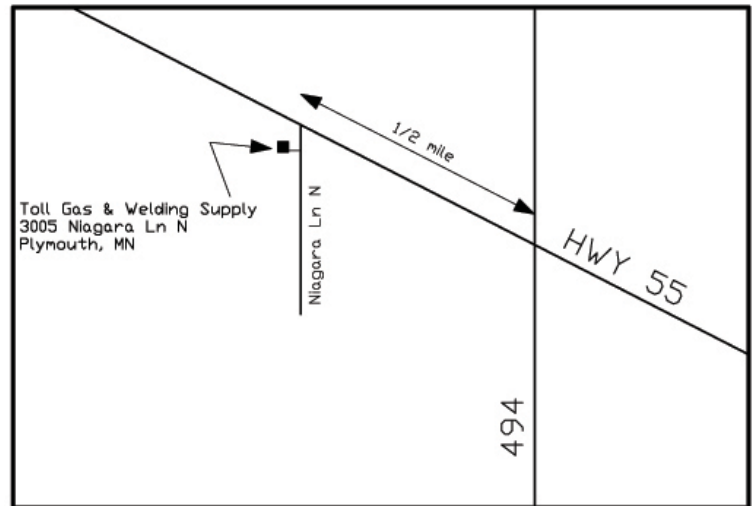
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Next TGoM membership meeting Wednesday, April 13 at Toll Gas & Welding, Plymouth

The next Guild of Metalsmiths membership meeting will be held at Toll Gas and Welding at 3005 Niagara Ln N in Plymouth (map at right) on Wednesday, April 13. Guild member and Toll employee Bryan Steckmann promises that staff will be on hand to show off all their new welding “toys,” as well as having tables of items available for purchase.

Plan now to attend this next meeting. Potluck begins at 6:30 pm, followed by the business meeting, show and tell, and then the opportunity to browse through the welding equipment onsite and schmooz with Toll employees!

If you have questions, please contact **meeting champion John McDonald** at 651-437-5347. See you then!



2016 Beginning Blacksmithing C Class



These students attended basic class on Feb. 6, Feb. 20, March 5, and March 19.

Left to right: Julia Froemke, Sidney Froemke, Joe Hamel, Scot Stephenson, Jeff Perrella, Nicholas Davies, and Ben Smith

Instructors: (back row) Larry Sorenson, camera shy Don Hammer, Herb Fick, Derrick Phillips; (kneeling) Bob Brown; (end) Tom Gervais; (not pictured) Larry Wasmund, Rob Murray, Stephen Olivo.

Help! New Coffee Mess Volunteer Needed!

It's time for someone else to step up and take over for Cliff Larsen. Please call Guild President Martin Pansch at 612-599-4762 if you're willing to take this volunteer task on for your Guild. Cliff would like to retire from this job!

2016 Beginning Blacksmithing D Class



These students & instructors attended basic class on Feb 13, Feb 27, March 12, and March 26. Left to right: Paul Widenhaefer, Jon Menner Bob Brown, Sophia Huf, AL Huf, Adam Robrahn, Robert Alberts, Garrett Alberts.

The D session of the beginner's classes was enjoyed by all. We trained students from Woodbury, Rochester, Lakeville, and Austin. We were filled with a class of eight students, but at the last minute three of them had conflicts, causing rescheduling. The five remaining were exposed to many different instructors and all did a great job.

As the host I wish to send a special thanks to all my helpers. Thank you to Sara Mullerleile, and Adam Robrahn for assisting week one; Adam Robrahn, Herb Rick, Bob Brown, Steven Olivo, for week two; Adam, Bob, Herb and Wayne Olson for week three; and Adam, Bob and Paul Widenhoefer for week four. Also a special thank you to Al Huf for his assistance.

The class was a fun time for all the students and instructors. The students earned their certificates and as the Education Committee Chairman, I presented Adam a certificate for completion of his Associate instructor requirements. This class has given me the confidence and desire to continue to offer classes in my shop. I will continue to expand my shop and improve the ventilation. If enough interest is shown I may offer additional classes in the future.

Thank you., Larry Wasmund

Our neighborhood of smiths

The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM)

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President: Martin Pansch Vice-President: Rick Wessling

blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com rgwessling@gmail.com

612-599-4762 612-875-4420

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

Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information is as follows:

President: Jared Riesenweber Newsletter editor: John Grump

715-983-5637 715-835-0894

tudweber@hotmail.com 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, Vice-President, 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. The NMM's website is www.nmmetalsmiths.org

NMM Conference April 23-24. Demonstrators are Bob Brown and Curtis Olson. Register by April 12.

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

Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center (CAFAC)

Quarterly blacksmithing classes and open house events

www.cafac.org email: info@cafac.org

Update your 'Guild gear'!

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

The Guild gets a small amount of money on each item, but mostly it is a way to make items readily available. Items you can order range from multiple shirt styles and mugs all the way to field bags, water bottles, and even pajamas! Online store link:

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



New Members for April 2016

Lloyd Brown, Mazeppa MN

Kassouni Haig, Grand Rapids, MN

Matt Raske, Monticello, MN

Allen Hochhauser, Cambridge, MN

For Sale:

Lincoln stick welder - \$200

Baldor 2HP 1PH grinder on stand - \$2500

25lb transitional style Little Giant - \$2000

50lb late model Little Giant - \$3500

100lb BRAND NEW in the original shipping crate Little Giant - \$7500

Edwards #5 Shear - \$300

Medea gas forge \$300

Army crank type coal forge \$275

Mike Rochford, 715-755-3520

For Sale:

25 lb Little Giant 1HP 1PH - \$2500

25 Ton, Uni-Hydro Iron Worker, 240 VAC, 1 PH - \$2000

Thermodyne Cutmaster 51 Plasma Cutter: 40 amp 230/240 VAC - \$950

175# Arm and Hammer Anvil - \$700

Items can be viewed at:

http://www.robertwilde.com/triphammer_ironworker.php

Robert Wilde, 320-275-3403, robert.wilde@robertwilde.com



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

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

TGoM now accepts Paypal and most major credit cards

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

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

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

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

Copper Jewelry Class

Saturday, April 9, 2 classes: 9 am to 12 noon OR 12 noon to 3 pm (choose one)

Location: Jackson Street Roundhouse (map below)

Instructor: Larry Nevin

Cost: \$30 per student

Class size: TBD

The students in this class will build copper earrings, a bracelet and a pendant as time permits during the class. All materials and tools will be provided.

The material is 20 to 24 gauge copper. There is no forging. All the work is bench work hammer forming, shearing, punching and drilling. The class will last approximately 3 hours so you can choose either the morning or afternoon session.

Safety Equipment – safety glasses & ear plugs are mandatory.

To register for one of these classes, please send your name, address, phone, and email address along with a check for \$30 written to The Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Gordon Barr

11021 27th Ave

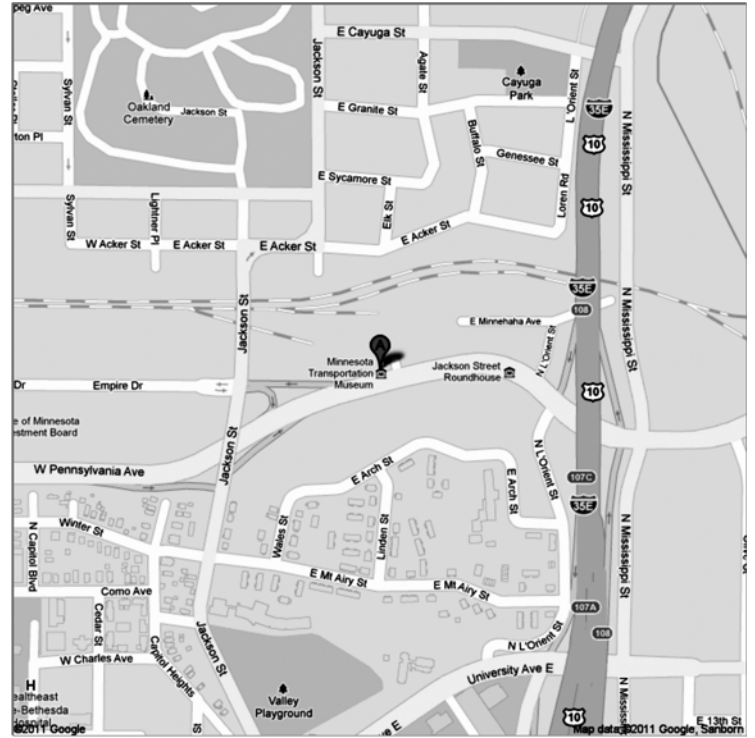
Burnsville, MN 55337

If you have questions, contact Gordon at agbarr@aol.com

Acceptance priority is determined by postmark.



Map to Jackson St Roundhouse



Flat Bit Tongs Class

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

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

Cost: \$40 Class size: Maximum students: 10

Minimum: 5

Location: Pansch farm (see map below right)

Tongs, while deceptively simple looking, contain a lot of considerations in making them. They should fit the work, fit your hand, be long enough but not too long, sturdy enough but not too heavy, and constructed in a way that lasts despite heavy use. This class will look at these factors and more as we learn to make tongs using the classic 3-shoulder method. We will be forging flat bit tongs but the majority of the process will transfer to other types (bolt, pick up, box jaw, etc). Students should have already completed the beginner class or equivalent. Techniques involved will include half-face blows, forging to dimension, drawing, punching and riveting. We might play a little with striking for each other and drawing on the power hammer too. The goal is for students to leave with the knowledge needed to make any tongs they need in the future with little more than a hammer, anvil, forge and punch. NOTE: This class is on a Sunday, not Saturday.

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

Safety Equipment – safety glasses & ear plugs are mandatory.

Other safety equipment may include: gloves, leather apron, cotton clothing, leather shoes.

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

Martin Pansch

8750 Yale Avenue

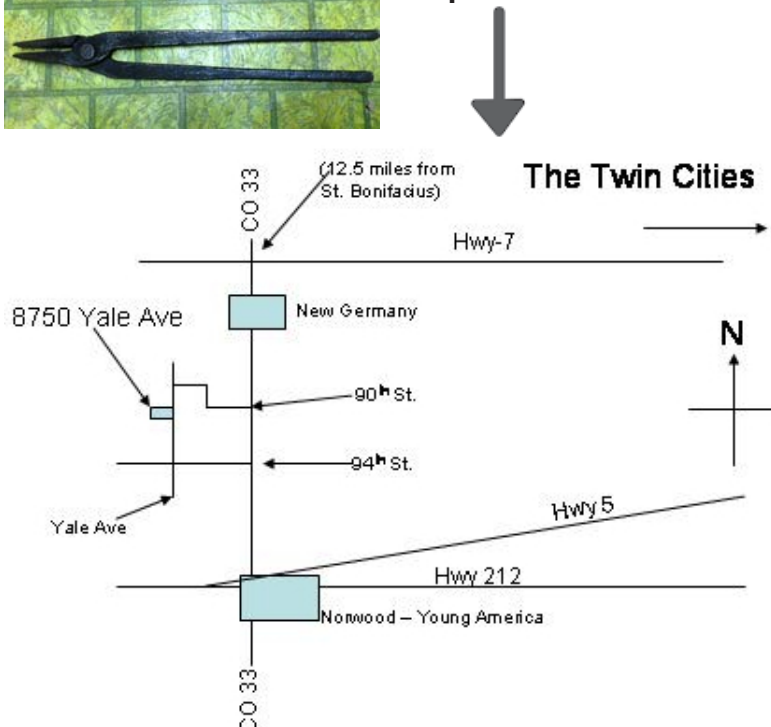
Young America, MN 55397

For questions: 612-599-4762 blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com

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Map to Pansch Farm



Bell Class - plus Knot Class Primer

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

Instructors: Jesse and Dave Gavin

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

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

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

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

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

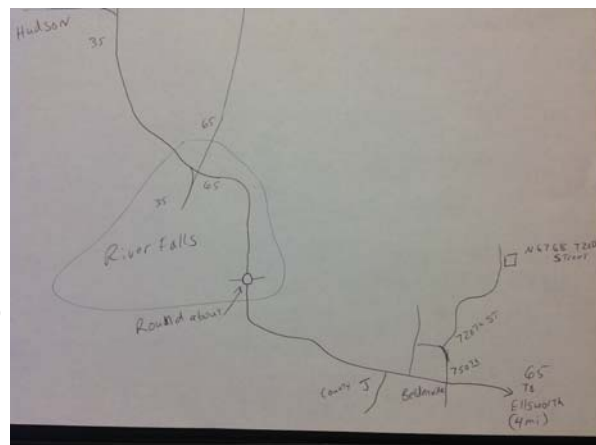
Jesse Gavin
N8214 330th Street
Spring Valley WI 54767

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

Acceptance priority is determined by postmark.



Map to Dave Gavin's



Hammer Class, Making a Blacksmith's Hammer

Saturday May 7, 2013 from 9:00 – 4:30

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

Cost: \$50 per student

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map on page 7)

Class size: Maximum students: 8 Minimum students: 6 (STILL 3 OPENINGS AVAILABLE!)

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.

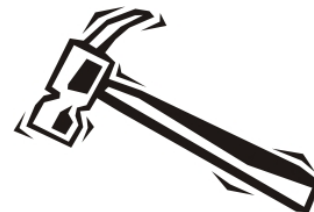
Tools & Equipment: Bring your favorite hammers with you to class, one for striking hot metal, one for striking punches and drifts, and a sledge for striking if you have one. All other tools will be furnished.

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

Questions: jrmoenck@yahoo.com Acceptance for this class is determined by postmark.



Struck Tools Workshop--this class is FULL as of 3/14/16!

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

Instructor: Jim Scott

Build a Gas Forge--this class is FULL as of 2/27/16!

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

Instructor: Jim Moenck

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

Bronze Pour April 23--event is full as of 3/19/16!

Lost wax bronze casting and primitive (recyclable) mold making demo will be part of this pour.

THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors – March, 9th, 2016

Held At: Danish American Center, 3030 West River Parkway, Minneapolis. Call to Order: 7:10PM by Martin Pansch. Members in attendance: Barr, Bettenberg, Lockwood, Murray, Pansch, Philips, Sheely, Wasmund, Wessling. Missing: Gavin, Widenhofer. Approval of previous meeting's minutes: Motion to accept by Wasmund, second by Murray. Motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer Report: Grace Sheely

	31-Jan-16	28-Feb-16
CASH ASSETS		
Wells Fargo Checking Balance	\$ 10,524.74	\$ 20,850.17
Wells Fargo Savings Balance	\$ 26,769.95	\$ 26,770.59
Wells Fargo Simple Checking	\$ 17,724.36	\$ 7,724.36
Sub-Total Cash	\$ 55,019.05	\$ 55,345.12
Reduction for Reserve Funding	\$ 7,988.76	\$ 7,988.76
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	\$ 47,030.29	\$ 47,356.36
REVENUE		
Deposits Bank	\$ 1,305.68	\$ 2,866.64
Deposits Paypal	\$ 493.68	\$ -
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 1,799.36	\$ 2,866.64
EXPENSES		
Meetings	\$ 10.00	\$ -
Conference	\$ -	\$ 32.00
Education	\$ -	\$ 174.06
Forums/Metalsmiths	\$ 30.42	\$ 2,145.66
Operations/Taxes	\$ 299.00	\$ 188.85
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 339.42	\$ 2,540.57
Net Gain	\$ 1,459.94	\$ 326.07
Paid Memberships Total	42	33

2015 financial recap

Membership Services Committee: Chair Barr.

- Wessling is assisting Barr in converting membership roster to a database from the current Excel spreadsheet
- Wasmund recommended looking at Wild Apricot as a framework to maintain all membership list functions. Board agreed to review Wild Apricot abilities and costs at next meeting.

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

- 2016-2017 calendar about set. A few gaps still exist that could be filled if other classes come together.
- Discussed laying out a general education path for students i.e. what should they take after the Beginners class to continue their education.
- Midwest Knifemakers expressed willingness to work with the Guild on a knife class sometime after their move and August gathering.

Program Committee: Chair-Lockwood, Vice Chair-Murray

- 13 April Meeting at Toll Welding in Plymouth. Planning on track. 8 June Meeting at Cliff Larsen's. 10 August Corn Feed at Dan Pate's. 12 October at Historic Fort Snelling
- The Fall Conference demonstrators are looking like Jeff Farmer and Freddy Rodriguez though contracts have not been signed with either yet so this is subject to change.

Communications Committee: Chair-Bettenberg, Vice Chair- Vacant

- Roles of the various jobs within the CC have been documented
- The membership welcome packet has been reviewed. Packet is excellent. Bettenberg to coordinate with Barr on any needed revision.
- Pansch to call about banners and flags again. If Big Prints cannot supply by start of demo season alternate vendor will be found.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Coal Management processes reviewed against the School of Horseshoing's requests. We are still trying to relieve Frattalone of his role in billing for this. Board needs to find a volunteer to help with the billing. Committee heads reported on progress made in "position descriptions/elevator pitch" for various volunteer positions. Sunshine committee process reviewed. Suggestions on moving away from buying flowers to either a memorial of some sort, possibly something the Guild gets together to make and Guild personalized cards to be a more personal gift. Needs to be a consistent and repeatable response to members hurting. Wasmund described Mankato's tree memorial and will provide board photos.

NEW BUSINESS:

2016 Budgets for Guild committees

- Program committee: \$12,800
- Education committee: \$1,250 (doesn't include class costs with immediate payback)
- Communication committee: \$10,130
- Membership committee: \$350
- Administrative/fees: \$1,812

Additional detail on what is included in these totals available upon request. Wasmund proposed to try to increase the Nowthen Hammerin in June by inviting other metal working groups and possibly some public. Idea to be further developed. Paypal/membership processes and the challenges of streamlining it was briefly discussed. Subject tabled until future date. Executive session. **ADJOURNMENT: 9:54PM**

TIG Welding Class

June 18, 9:00 a.m.,

Instructor: Jim Erickson, 612-868-2050

jimbohotep@yahoo.com

Location: Super Radiator Coils, 104 Peavey Rd,
Chaska, MN 55318 (map coming in May)

Cost: \$90 per student

(Full details to be included in May Forum)

To register, send check for \$90 made out to Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Martin Pansch

8750 Yale Avenue

Young America, MN 55397

Questions: (612) 599-4762, blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com

Acceptance priority is determined by postmark.

Boot Scraper Class

June 25-26, 9:00 a.m.

Instructor: Tom Sanders

Location: Pansch Farm (map pg 3)

Cost: \$110 per student

(Full details to be included in May Forum)

To register, send check for \$110 made out to Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Martin Pansch

8750 Yale Avenue

Young America, MN 55397

Questions: (612) 599-4762, blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com

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Letter opener contest to be featured at 2016 Fall Conference!

It's not too early to start those creative juices flowing (for the Madness, of course!) and try to come up with a winner for the 2016 Fall Conference contest. The product will be a letter opener. We are giving you plenty of time to forge something beautiful and/or useful.

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

Check out the two fabulous letter openers in the photo on the right. One was made by Paul Hubler, the other by Bob Fredell. Now try to guess which metalsmith made which opener!



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.

Community Education Classes Being Held at Tunnel Mill

Link for info and registration for these Rochester, Mn Community Education classes:

<https://rochester.thatscommunityed.com/courses/all?category=adult-enrichment&page=3&sort=name>

Taught by John Adams

Blacksmith Beginning: Three classes:

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

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

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

Blacksmithing II:

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

Taught by David S. Cargo

Brick Oven

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

Tunnel Mill class being taught at Tunnel Mill

Taught by Tom Latane'

Hand Forged Coffee Mill

May 20, 21 and 22, 2016

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

To register: jc-adams@msn.com, or 507-289-4189 John or Carol Adams.

Hammer Making Class June 13, 14, 15 near McGregor, MN

Tom Latane' will be teaching a three day hammer making class, June 13, 14, 15, 2016, sponsored by McGregor MN Community Education. The hammer will be forged from wrought iron with a forge welded carbon steel face and peen added. Basic chasing and inlay techniques will also be taught for ornamentation of the hammer. The course will be offered at Sandy Lake Forge on Raspberry Island (near McGregor, Minnesota). Guest cabin housing 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. Cost is \$200. Class size is limited. Some forging and preferably forge-welding experience is desirable. Contact Gary Hill at: 218-851-6085 or hillx001@umn.edu for more details or questions, or go to <http://www.mcgregor.k12.mn.us/adultCommunityeducation.php>

Goings on...

A calendar of TGoM events at a glance

- All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October. Date for December will be announced. For these meetings a potluck meal begins at 6:30 pm and the business meeting begins at 7, with a demonstration or activity starting around 8 (times approximate).
- Education Comm. meets first Wednesday of each month. Contact Larry Wasmund, chair: poundedtreasures@gmail.com
- 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, 2016

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

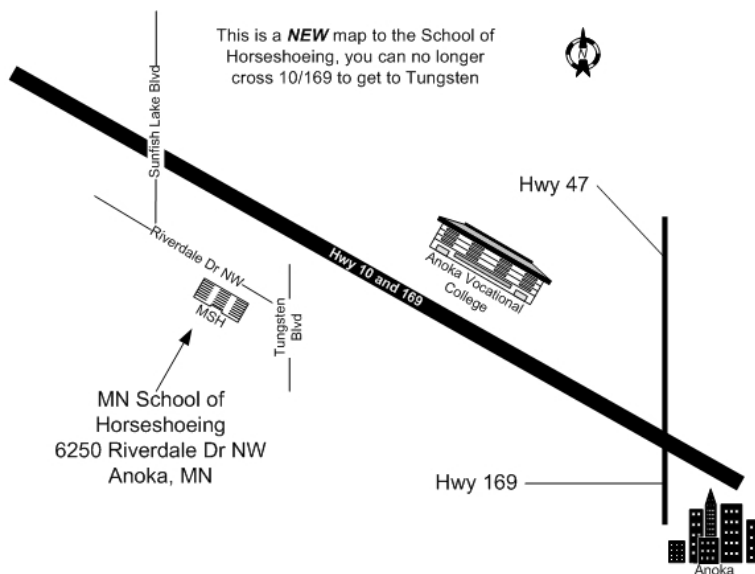
Events in May, 2016

- May 7, Hammer class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- May 11, Guild board meeting

Events in June 2016

- June 8, TGoM membership meeting, Cliff Larsen's farm
- June 11 & 12, TGoM Hammerin at Nowthen
- June 18, TIG Welding class, Super Radiator Coils, Chaska, MN
- June 24, Boot Scraper class, Pansch farm

Map to MN School of Horseshoeing



Join The Guild of Metalsmiths

Send \$30 dues to the address below. Please circle if you want to be listed in our membership directory and/or check items you don't want listed.

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

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

Don't List Me
in the Directory

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Primary phone: _____ Secondary phone: _____

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

ELECTRONIC FORUM

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



Address Service Requested

Forum deadline for May, 2016: Monday, April 18, 2016.

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

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 2016

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

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.

Information in this publication is provided as a service for our members. Members may submit items for sale and upcoming events that are considered relevant to our group, and they will be published as space permits. The Guild of Metalsmiths is not responsible for these items or events.

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