

The Forum

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Next TGoM membership meeting April 12 at Nick Heinen's shop!

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 at right).

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 6:30 pm for the potluck (bring a dish to pass); then the business meeting and "show 'n tell" of members' creations will begin before 7 pm, followed closely by the demonstrations!

Contact meeting champion Grace Sheely with questions at gracesheely@gmail.com.

Map to Nick Heinen's shop in Hudson, WI



Clean-up day at Nick Heinen's

A clean-up session is still scheduled for Sunday, April 9 at Nick Heinen's shop. If you are able to help, please contact Grace Sheely at 952-450-6014 or email gracesheely@gmail.com. Thank you!

2017 'C' Class 'Beginning Blacksmithing' students and instructors



Front row L-R Ellie Longar, Sarah Birky, Bob Brown (instr), Herb Fick (instr)
Back Row L-R Kevin Olson, Jean Maquette, Conner Eggert, Marcus Birky, Peter Ortman, Tom Teisberg. Behind camera Larry Sorensen (instr)
Big thanks to Instructors Herb Fick, Larry Sorensen, Larry Wasmund, Wayne Olson, Bob Brown, and Don Hammer.

2017 'D' Class 'Beginning Blacksmithing' students and instructors



Front row, L-R: Gabriele DeAngelis, Karin Gore, Joe Franek, Dick Franek, Brady Taylor, Cole Beck
Back row L-R: Martin Pansch, Larry Wasmund, Adam Robrahn

Congratulations, TGoM Achievers!

Our neighborhood of smiths

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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: Don Hogenson Newsletter editor: John Grump
715-265-4701 715-835-0894
johngrump@att.net

Lake Superior Metalsmiths

Lake Superior Metalsmiths (LSM) meet the fourth Saturday of the month. Potluck at noon with meeting to follow.

Contacts are:

Charley Brown, President, CharleyRB@charter.net, 218-428-7906
Dave Hanson, 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

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 Brian Johnson
320-746-8161 16777 Co Rd 75 NW
mail@kensiron.com Clearwater MN 55367
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/>

New members in February, 2017

David Peppin, Maple Grove, MN
Russell Vennes, Stacy MN
Robert Kroontje, St Paul, MN

New Members in March, 2017

Chad Hendrickson, Bloomington, MN
Mars Leung, Hopkins, MN
Ted Thomason, New Prague, MN
John Holmgren, Cottage Grove, MN
Phillip Muehring, Cannon Falls, MN
Justin Ross, Maplewood, MN
Jeremy Farber, St Cloud, MN
Jacob Rosso, Maquoketa, IA

Jackson Street Roundhouse Demo Op

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

John and Carol Adams, proprietors of Tunnel Mill in southeastern Minnesota (15 miles south of Rochester, near Spring Valley), invite The Guild of Metalsmiths to visit their facility on Saturday, June 24, 2017. This will be a potluck event, and will also include a tour of the entire facility and a few demos by some of the Tunnel Mill "regulars." So put this event on your calendar and come on down to Tunnel Mill. See page 6 of this issue of The Forum, or go to their website for further info: <http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com>

Stay tuned for future updates on time and other details. Hope you can make it!

Web links to ABANA affiliate newsletters

UMBA spring edition:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/m9wlguf03s5xo8y/UMBA_AprJun2017.pdf?dl=0

April, 2017 FABA Clinker Breaker:

<http://blacksmithing.org/resources/clinker-breaker/>

Northeast Blacksmiths Newsletter:

<http://www.northeastblacksmiths.org/pdf/fispring17.pdf>

New Jersey Blacksmiths Newsletter:

<http://njblacksmiths.org/archive/index.htm>

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>

Candle Holder Class

Saturday, April 15: unload tools 8 am, class starts 9 am, ends 4:30 pm

Instructor: Dave Gavin 715-821-9950

Cost: \$65

Class limit: 8 students

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)

The students will be making a pair of dished iron base with a copper candle holder. Candles will be provided.

Tools list: center punch, medium ball peen hammer, cold chisel, domed hammer, tongs for 1/8" flat, bolt jaw tongs for 5/8" - 3/4", grinder with cutoff wheels, wire brush, anvil hold down, combination square, tape measure, soapstone, and other favorite tongs and hammers.

Optional tools: 1" bottom swage or V bottom swage, post vise, and gas forge.

Lunch arrangements: bring bag lunch or visit local places.

Here is your opportunity to learn the art of candle holder making early enough to design and make your own for the fall conference contest. To sign up, send your contact information and a check for \$65 made out to Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Jesse Gavin

N8214 330th Street

Spring Valley WI 54767

Acceptance priority determined by postmark.



Struck Tools Workshop

Date: Saturday, 20 May 2017

Time: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Instructor: Jim Scott? / Herb Fick

Cost: \$50

Class size: 8 max, 5 minimum

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)

This advertisement is a feeler. There are competing demands for the day. (Mark Aspery joinery class and Armed Forces day demonstrations in Dundas for starters) The school of Horseshoeing is available. Jim Scott may not be available. I (Herb) have been Jim's apprentice for this class for the past several years and am willing to carry on if Jim cannot make it. This notice does not follow our 3 month class advertising requirements. (That is an apology.) If enough interest is forwarded soon, we will carry on. Do not send money yet.

The day will include:

Prepare a punch, a slitting chisel and a drift using approximately 5/8 inch round stock. We will fabricate normal length (6 to 8 inches) hand held tools without handles. We usually have strikers who offer all kinds of help. We will heat treat using oil. Material used will be GM automotive coil spring stock, presumed to be 5160 alloy. Students should have completed the Beginning blacksmithing course or have suitable background experience.

You will need: your pet forging hammer, a second hammer for striking tools, hearing and eye protection and proper clothing (Tongs if you have them). A variety of hammers will be available for your trial.

This workshop is a valuable opportunity for practical hands-on training in the preparation and restoration of tools. Blacksmiths need basic comfort with techniques used when restoring and heat treating tools. We will focus on the use of color and the basic techniques used in heat treating. Let us know if you are short on physical strength and we will accommodate you with smaller stock and/or striking help.

For background, attend the April 12 membership meeting and ask those who have participated in the past Jim Scott classes. They are enthusiastic and often offer to help with the workshops. Jim has offered this training very successfully for many years.

To register for this workshop simply forward your interest and complete contact information to:

Herb Fick

519 East Eighth Street

Northfield, MN 55057-2508

Questions?

Contact Herb via email at herb@phyque.com

Acceptance priority is determined by postmark (or e-mail message date). I'll bring some rolls, we will offer coffee. Lunch is brown bag or local lunch counters. Early registration really helps us plan.



A Taste of Blacksmithing Class IS FULL!

Saturday, April 8, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 8)

Making a Blacksmith's Hammer Class IS FULL!

Saturday May 6, 9:00am to 4:30pm

MN School of Horseshoeing

THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors – March, 8th, 2017

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

Call to Order: 7:10 by Martin Pansch

Members in attendance: Barr, Bettenberg, Dodge, Lockwood, Sheely, Wasmund, Wessling, Widenhoefer. Missing: Gavin, Philips

Visitor(s): Beth Olson

Approval of previous meeting's minutes: Motion to accept by Barr, second by Wasmund. Motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer Report: Grace Sheely Costs/ prices are going up-we are breaking even right now, but need to get updated spreadsheet-need to get automated spreadsheets w/ability to harvest addresses for mailings. We also need a tax consultant on sales tax plus more paypal buttons on website. Discussed looking at reducing Guild's liquid assets. See 2016 and 2017 reports (more detailed report available on request)

2017 BALANCE SHEET	31-Jan-16	28-Feb-16
CASH ASSETS		
Wells Fargo Checking Balance	\$ 29,583.25	\$ 22,353.82
Wells Fargo Savings Balance	\$ 26,778.01	\$ 26,778.62
Wells Fargo Simple Checking	\$ 14,857.34	\$ 15,153.95
Sub-Total Cash (72760.05)	\$ 71,218.60	\$ 64,286.39
Reduction for Grant Funding	\$ 7,988.76	\$ 7,988.76
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	\$ 63,229.84	\$ 56,297.63
	\$64,771.29	
REVENUE		
Deposits Bank	\$ 4,650.18	\$ 0.61
Deposits Paypal	\$ 58.08	\$ 296.61
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 4,708.26	\$ 297.22
CASH/Paypal Not Deposited	\$ 109.95	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 4,818.21	\$ 297.22
EXPENSES		
Membership	\$ 250.00	
Education	\$ 2,982.66	\$ 4,847.50
Communications \$ 2,470.90	\$ 2,381.93	
Program	\$ 631.10	
Program Conference	\$ -	
Management	\$ 25.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 6,359.66	\$ 7,229.43
CASH/PayPal Expenses	\$ 109.95	
TOTAL BANKED EXPENSES	\$ 6,249.71	
NET GAIN/LOSS	\$ (1,541.45)	\$ (6,932.21)
PAID MEMBERSHIPS	28	25

Membership Services Committee: Chair Barr.

Status on updating membership database-"silk start" is \$180/month. "Wild Apricot" approx.-\$1000/year. Board requests written comparison of different databases. Barr will send out matrix for comparing databases by next meeting, will decide on a database by following meeting.

Education Committee report: Chair -Wasmund, Vice Chair- Bryan Carlson

Putting class calendar together; will be complete by June 1. Discuss Splitting up beginners classes-2 day Beginners class, 1 day Adv. Beginners, 1 day Beginner project, Member and nonmember fees, more structured instructors class, offered earlier.

Status of Mark Asprey class-approved to be at Nowthen.

Status of recent and upcoming classes Taste of Blacksmithing-Full, Hammer call-full. May 20-Struck tool class.

Status of Nowthen Hammer in-set for June 1-3, Herman champion.

Program Committee: Chair-Lockwood, Vice Chair- Vacant

Status of April, June meetings-April meeting at the Landing, June meeting at Nick Heinin's (sp?)- Sheely Champion, clean up on Sunday. Conference report- Conference planning coming along- Nathan Robertson teaching class. Sheldon Browder, Steve Mankowski-demonstrators. Candlestick holders will be made for the competition. October meeting in the works-looking at places.

Communications Committee: Chair-Bettenberg, Vice Chair- Vacant

Bettenberg was guest editor on last Forum. Ponder has updated the Bellows. Changed wording to " a Minnesota based organization." Also need to add that "we are a volunteer based org and it may take 7-14 days for a response." (to get onto member list)

No replacement yet for Ponder. Updated list of past membership meetings. 2nd version of survey coming soon. Re-designing brochure and anvil/meeting signs.

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting March 8, 2017 CONTINUED ON PAGE 5

THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors – March, 8th, 2017 (continued from page 4)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

5-Year contract with Little Log House and blow torch donation-2017 LLH to be signed. Martin and Rick will go and talk w/ Steve about our concerns and moving forward.

Discussion of Guild positions that need to be filled and prioritization. What should be pushed for next?

Metalsmith editor-Olson, treasurer-Sheely, Web guru-Ponder

Minnesota Transportation Museum blacksmith shop expansion. Grant possibilities. Looking at grants.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committees' discretionary budget submissions that will be due for the March meeting.

Board members submitted their budgets for the following year-Total discretionary budget-\$26,850. Barr motions to accept figure, Lockwood seconds. Motion passes.

Discussion for later-how we bring in coal/ shipping coal.

Earmark scholarship moneys for people in Guild to take classes they may not be able to afford.

Beth Olson addressed the Board- announced that it was time for her to go after 10 years as editor of the Metalsmith. She will continue to help, training in new editor, writing articles. etc. Helpful ideas when looking for new editor-having a wingman-someone with blacksmithing knowledge, reporters for Guild. There were some ideas on who to ping for help.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:47pm

2017 TGoM Demo Calendar

Dates	Event	Location	Guild Champion	Email	Phone	Notes
17 June 2017	Richfield Historical Society 50th Anniversary	Richfield, MN	Mike Alm	mikeu9488@gmail.com		
24 June 2017	Summer Fest	Minnnetonka, MN	Martin Pansch	blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com	612-599-4762	Two person crew is full but feel free to come, watch and hurl insults.
15-16 July 2017	Olmsted County Living History Fair	Rochester, MN	None - Contact Olmsted Co. History Center POC Aaron Saterdalen	programs@olmstedhistory.com	507-282-9447	Vendors encouraged but need a State Tax ID. Period correctness not required.
18-23 July 2017	Rice County Fair	Faribault, MN	Lou Groth	loug_33@yahoo.com	952-895-1515	
26-29 July 2017	Rock County Fair	Luverne, MN	Larry Wasmund	poundedtreasures@Gmail.com	651-322-6626	Bring your own equipment. Sales allowed.
28-30 July 2017	Little Log House Antique Power show	Hastings, MN	Dick Carlson	Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com	651-437-3329	
4-6 AUG 2017	Scott-Carver Threshing Show	Jordan, MN	Jerry Felton	eucattleco@frontiernet.net	952-873-6754	Call Jerry in advance if you would like to help.
11-13 AUG 2017	Almelund Threshing Show	Taylor Falls, MN	Jim Moenck	jrmoenck@yahoo.com	651-724-3403	
16-19 AUG 2017	Murray County Fair	Slayton, MN	Larry Wasmund	poundedtreasures@Gmail.com	651-322-6626	Shop consists of Larry's trailer
18-20 AUG 2017	Nowthen Threshing Show	Nowthen, MN	Bob Fredell	bfredell@msn.com	763-389-5119	All experience levels welcome. Bring your own hand tools. Get a free gate pass from Bob at August Guild meeting or via U.S. mail.
18-20 AUG 2017	Butterfield Threshermen's Assn. Steam & Gas Engine Show	Butterfield, MN	Larry Wasmund	poundedtreasures@Gmail.com	651-322-6626	Blacksmithing and Bronze casting. All sales go to the show.
25-27 AUG 2017	Pioneer Power Show	Le Seuer, MN	NA	NA	NA	Not open to casual demonstration but go watch Wyatt, Jim and others demo.
1-3 SEP 2017	Rice County Steam and Gas Engine Show	Dundus, MN	Myron Hanson	None	651-454-3984	Bring your hand tools and a project.
8-9 SEP 2017	Lamberton Hot Iron Days	Lamberton, MN	Bob Brown	bbrown474@msn.com	651-457-0086	Blacksmithing demo help welcome all Saturday Friday: mould making Noon-7pm. Iron pour at 10PM Saturday: mould making 8am-11am. Iron pour at 4pm.
9-10 Sep 2017	Laura Ingalls Wilder Days	Pepin, WI	Tom Latane	tlatane@centurytel.net	715-442-2419	Enough blacksmith demonstrators currently. Other period craft demonstrations welcome. Call/email Tom for details.
Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays	Jackson Street Roundhouse	St. Paul, MN	Gordon Barr	agbarr@aol.com	952-894-4821	Two forges and anvils available for use by Guild members on personal projects. Occasional visitors to demonstrate to.
Most weekends Memorial Day through Labor Day.	The Landing	Shakopee, MN	None - Contact site manager Rich Williams	Rwilliams@threeriversparkdistrict.org	763-694-7784	Costume needed (overalls and white button up shirt okay).

Get Ready, It's...

TGOM Spring 2017 Hammer-In June 2, 3, 4 at Nowthen

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.

Time/Date: 7:30-11:00pm on the evening of Friday, June 2 and all day June 3 and June 4 from 8am till 4:00 pm at Nowthen Blacksmith Shop.

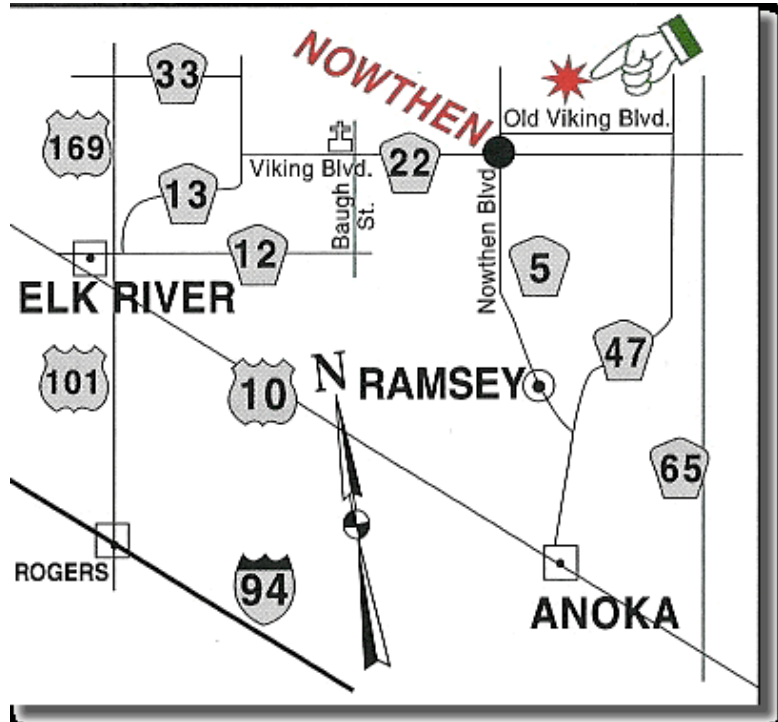
- “Camping on-site is available Friday night and Saturday night on primitive sites
- “Five forges are open for use
- “Coal will be provided
- “Beginners welcome
- “Port-a-potties on site

Bring your own tools if you have them. Bring your own steel, scrap pieces ok.

This year we will have some demonstrations of candle holders in preparation for the contest at this year's Madness (Fall Conference.) Questions about how to design or build a candle holder? This event will hopefully help you. If you would like to demo, or if you have any questions about the Hammer-in, contact: Rich Herman at 651-322-1623 or hammering_rich@gmail.com (for those paying attention, yes – this is a new email address for me).

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 below.

Nowthen Threshing Show Grounds
7415 Old Viking Blvd, Nowthen, MN



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

Decoratively forged bench vise. 1of 2. Second class Spring 2018.

David E Cargo -May 13, 2017

Portable bread oven class.

Douglas Pryor, June 2-4, 2017

Master of Repouse and Chasing

Check out his incredible work on his website or you-tube.

Gypsy Wagon class, June 10, 2017

John Adams will show you how to make one!

Ric Furrer August 18, 19, 20, 2017

Making damascus (layered steel). 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.

Check out Ric Furrer at <http://www.doorcountyforgeworks.com/>

Watch the video at <http://www.youtube.com/user/RicFurrer>

Raspberry Island Folk School

Offering art and fine craft workshops throughout the summer for various skills such as blacksmithing, painting, knife-making, and more. Raspberry Island is located on Big Sandy Lake, about 10 miles north of McGregor, MN, just off Highway 65. Our landing is at 50569 218th Place; this is where our dock is, and where we will pick you up when you arrive.

2017 summer workshops focus on blacksmiths, tinsmiths

Tom Latane' June 12-14, Tapered Socket Hewing Hatchet (Battle Axe)

Kitty Latane' June 12-14, Tinsmithing

Kjetil Groven, August 11, 12, 13, Traditional Norwegian Knife and Sheath Making

To sign up for a workshop or get more information, email us at hillx001@umn.edu

Raspberry Island website:

<https://raspberrylislandfolkschool.blogspot.com>

Goings on...a listing 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 2017

- April 8, "A Taste of Blacksmithing" class, MN School of Horseshoeing (FULL!)
- April 9, Tentative clean-up day at Nick Heinen's shop, contact Grace Sheely
- April 12, Guild membership meeting, Nick Heinen's shop in North Hudson WI
- April 15, Candle Holder Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- April 14-16, Tom Latane' Ward Box, Tunnel Mill

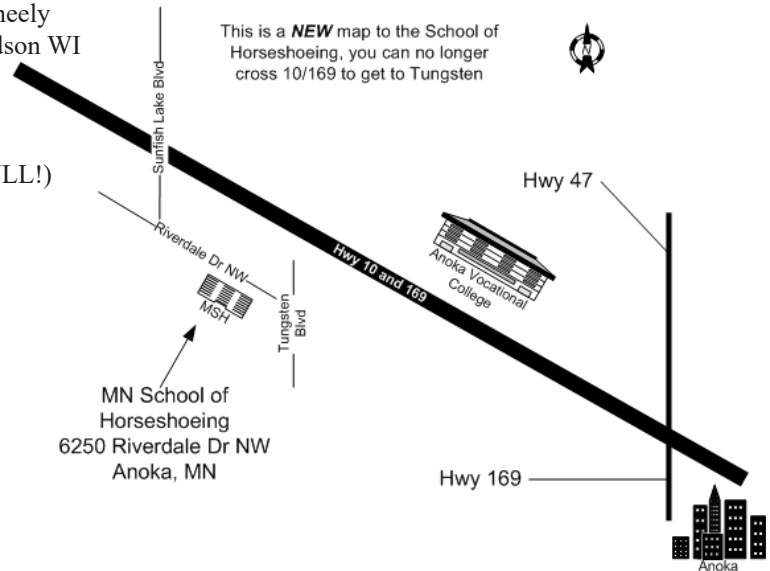
Events in May 2017

- May 6, Making a Blacsmith Hammer, MN School of Horseshoeing (FULL!)
- May 4-6, Tom Latane' Bench Vise class, Tunnel Mill
- May 13, Portable Bread Oven class, Tunnel Mill
- May 20, Struck Tools Workshop, MN School of Horseshoeing

Events in June 2017

- June 2, 3, 4, Spring Hammer-In, Nowthen
- June 2-4, Douglas Pryor Repousse & Chasing, Tunnel Mill
- June 10, Gypsy Wagon Class, Tunnel Mill
- June 14, Guild membership meeting at "The Landing," Shakopee, MN
- June 24, Tunnel Mill invaitaional meeting & potluck, Tunnel Mill

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

Don't List Me
in the Directory

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. 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 2017:: Monday, April 17, 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

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 2017

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.

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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