

The Forum

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It's time again for TGoM's Spring 2013 Hammer-In May 31, June 1 and 2,

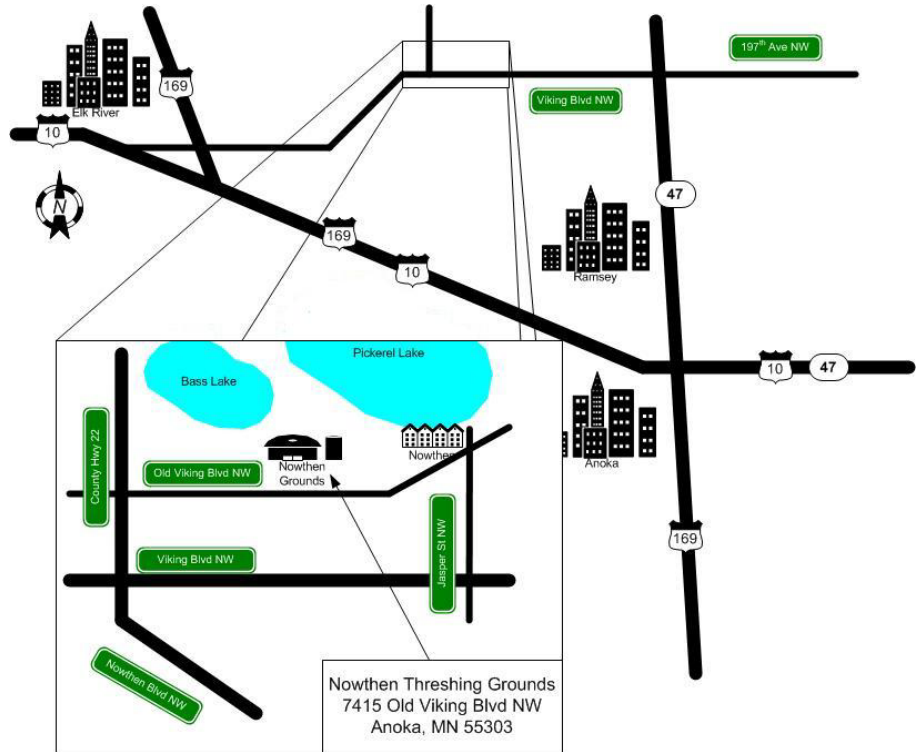
- * Camping on-site is available Friday night and Saturday night on primitive sites
- * Five forges are open for use
- * Coal will be provided
- * Beginners welcome
- * Port-a-potties on site

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 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 *different door knockers*. If you have some cool techniques or designs related to making door knockers, 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

There is no charge to participate in this event. The Nowthen Power Show grounds are located at 7415 Old Viking Blvd, Nowthen, Minnesota. (map at right)



Knife Sharpening Open House

Saturday June 1, 2013 Paul Widenhoefer will be hosting an informal open house in his shop about sharpening knives and talking about the process. He will demonstrate sharpening using several different methods throughout the day, including sharpening on a natural stones, diamond stones, Japanese water stones, sharpening with a belt grinder/sander and honing and stropping. He will show you how to sharpen anything you want, except your wit. If you want to actually sharpen one of your own knives or other cutting tools, bring them along.

This is a Guild event that is free to members and prospective members. A donation is suggested to cover materials if you intend to do any sharpening.

People are free to come and go anytime between 8:30 and 4:30. Email Paul at pwidenhoefer@gmail.com to give him an idea approximately what time you might be there so as not to overwhelm him with too many people at the same time. His address is 3618 Robin Ln, Minnetonka.

Next Guild meeting coming up June 12

Mark your calendar now to attend the next Guild of Metalsmiths meeting on Wednesday, June 12 at the home of Cliff and Madonna Larsen near Vermillion, MN.

Cliff says "You are all welcome to come to my farm located at 18190 Fischer Ave, Hastings MN 55033. It is located just north of Vermillion MN. Go south on Highway 52 to 190th, then left two miles to Fischer Ave., then north to my place. I'll try to have signs out.

"The meeting will start at 6:30 pm. However I will be set up all day for those who can make it. There's room to camp out if you want.

"We will have the usual potluck. I'll have forges set up for you to use, hoping some of you will demonstrate. I will have a place for tailgaters to set up and sell some of their excess. Dick Carlson may have some forges to sell. I plan to have a few things for you to keep your interest.

"I have never done this before, and I want you to have a great time here. See you at the farm!"

— Cliff Larsen (*the cook*). More to come later.

'Guild gear' is here!

Have you found your wardrobe woefully bereft of hammer or anvil-themed shirts? Have you been sipping a mug of your favorite French Roast coffee and thought, "You know, this would taste a lot better if my mug had the logo of my favorite metalworking 501C3 organization?" Well, friends, now you can do something about it.

The Guild has opened a "store" on Café Press, a website where you can set up your 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-an-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>



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

Newsletter editor: John Grump

715-835-0894

johngrump@att.net

Lake Superior Metalsmiths

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

Contacts are:

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

Dave Hanson, Vice-President, Daveforge1@aol.com, 218-721-4572

Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths

The NMM meetings are the first Monday of the month, often, but not always, at Keith Johnson's shop in Bemidji. Contact Keith for 320-monthly specifics at keith@greatriverforge.com. The Northern Minn. Metalsmith'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. Contacts are:

President: Ken Ziturf

1-320-746-2557

ken@kensiron.com

Brian Johnson

16777 Co Rd 75 NW

Clearwater MN 55367

1-320-558-6898

New Members, May 2013

Brian Larson, Golden Valley, MN

Brandan Classen, Brooklyn Park, MN

Bill West, Eden Prairie, MN

Erik Maisch, Winsted, MN

Ben Ratzlaff, Cannon Falls, MN

ABANA Announcement:

Forge 300 July 4-7 in Nova Scotia!

Join blacksmiths from around the world for **Forge300**, an international blacksmithing event held in the reconstructed 17th century French Fortress of Louisbourg, located on the stunning island of Cape Breton in Nova Scotia, Canada.

2013 marks the 300th anniversary of the Fortress of Louisbourg; the largest historical reconstruction project in North America. Louisbourg300, is a grand fête celebrating the founding of Ile Royale--modern day Cape Breton Island--with Louisbourg as its capitol.

Held within the awesome Fortress of Louisbourg, from July 4-7, 2013, Forge300 will bring together top professional blacksmiths from around the world to celebrate the craft and culture of traditional and contemporary blacksmithing during the Louisbourg300 celebration. Blacksmiths from near and far will be travelling to Cape Breton to participate and some of the demonstrating smiths include: Lorelei Sims, Michael Budd, Peer Meerding and John Mason.

To register for the event or to obtain more information please visit www.cbblacksmiths.com or contact the Cape Breton Blacksmiths Association at 902 756 4766 or info@cbblacksmiths.com

Use TGoM's website as tool to keep informed!

The Guild of Metalsmiths maintains our own website, a fact that most of you already know. As we go more and more paperless, we'll use our website as a tool to help our members and the rest of the world keep informed on activities, educational opportunities, and all the information we can pile into the pages. Please take advantage of this technology to spread the word about "TGoM!"

<http://www.metalsmith.org>

Hammer Making Class

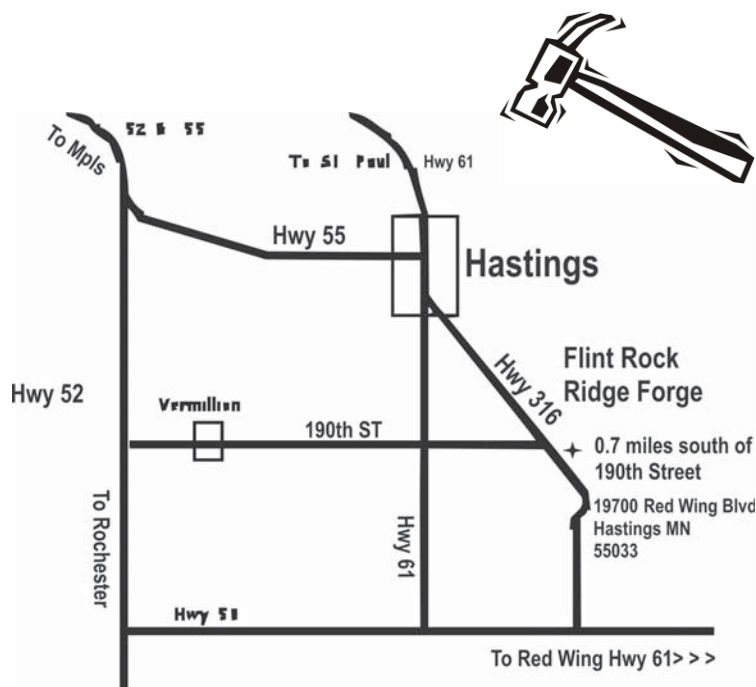
When: Saturday, May 4, 9 am to 4:30 pm
Where: Dick Carlson's Flint Rock Ridge Forge, Hastings, MN
Instructors: Dick, Myron, Bill, etc.
Class fee: \$50
Class size: 10

Students should bring their favorite hammer. Safety glasses and ear plugs are mandatory. Other safety equipment should include gloves, leather apron (optional), cotton clothing, leather shoes. Lunch will be provided for a \$5 donation.

Register for this class by sending a check for \$50 made out to Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Dick Carlson
19700 Red Wing Blvd
Hastings MN 55033

Include your name, address, phone number, and email address. Questions: Contact Dick at 651-437-3329 or email blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com



Steel Rose Class

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2013
Instructor: Monty Bygd
Class Size: Maximum 8, Minimum 4

Time: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Class Fee: \$55
Location: Myron Hanson's Shop, 415 Dodd Rd Eagan, MN 55030 (map below)



Class Description: In this **Intermediate Level** class, we will learn the techniques needed to create steel roses. One steel rose will be fabricated in class using pre-cut patterned petals and a sepal. Monty Bygd will be instructing the class. Extra sets of steel blanks will be available for purchase at the end of the class.

Safety Equipment/Tools: All mandatory welding items are required including safety glasses, ear plugs, hard shoes, leather gloves, aprons and cotton clothing.

Lunch: Bring your own packed lunch to eat at the shop. Coffee and water will be provided.

Register: Send your check for \$55 made out to The Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Tom Sheely
14325 Grenier Road
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Questions: **Tom Sheely**
952-974-1286
gracesheely@gmail.com

Update!
There are currently 5 students registered for this class. Room for 3 more, folks!

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Myron Hanson

Take I 494 to Dodd Rd/ MN 149 exit and go South, turn left onto MN 55 and turn right back onto MN 149. Continue South to the sign that says Dodd Road and points right. Turn right, cross the tracks and make an immediate left turn onto Dodd Road. Myron's house is about .7 mi on the right. Coming North on Dodd Rd from Cliff Rd its about 1.8 mi (~.75 mi North of Diffley Rd.

4015 Dodd Rd
Eagan, MN 55123-1612
Home phone: 651-454-3984

Special note: Tom Sheely has been busy making his future college plans. He is headed to the University of Wisconsin--LaCrosse, where Bill Fiorini used to teach!

Bottle Opener CONTEST!



*Bottle openers by
Bob Brown and
Hans Early-
Nelson.*

As part of this year's Fall Conference, the Guild will be holding a Bottle Opener Contest open to all Guild members! Hand forged, cast, or fabricated metal openers will be considered for \$200 in prize money. The prize money will be split three ways, first prize receiving \$100. Let's see your traditional or creative openers. All entries will be donated to the Guild auction Saturday night at the conference.

UPDATE: The Guild of Metalsmiths website with regard to the Membership Directory

Check out our website at <http://www.metalsmith.org>.

On the home page, in the upper left hand corner, is a menu button entitled "The Bellows (message boards)" that will take you to the new Bellows. Once there you may go to the upper left of the main Bellows page and either log on or register to participate in the new Bellows. Old Bellows user IDs and passwords no longer work and all must re-register to use the new Bellows.

The Bellows has a section for Guild members only. Only current Guild members in good standing have access to this section of the Bellows. Guild-only announcements, committee reports, back issues of the Metalsmith and other Guild-only information will be kept there.

Please know that we plan to maintain a continually updated Membership Directory in the Guild members-only portion of the Bellows. The information listed will be: name, address, phone number, email address, and membership expiration date. This is the same information we use to send out the monthly Forum, the quarterly Metalsmith, and now the members-only directory for current members. You can read this directory information, you can print this information, but you cannot edit this information. Please know the Guild does not sell this information to anyone. Non-Guild members will not have access to this information.

If you do not want your personal information available to the other members on this members-only directory, please contact Gordon Barr at agbarr@aol.com with the specific information that you do not want on this list. You may opt out.

We are saving money by not printing and mailing this same information every other year, and the directory is always in an updated status, assuming you give us current information.

— Gordon Barr

Bronze Pour II

Saturday & Sunday, May 4th & 5th. 9:00 am to 4:30 pm- Mold Making

Saturday May 11th. 1:00 p.m. - Evening- The Pour

This event is open to the public but I want to give priority to Guild members. 1st come 1st serve, so if you're interested, sign up early.

Instructors: Marty Hicks, Don Halverson, and help from others

Cost: \$85

Class size: 10

Location: Marty's (HIXWERX) Workshop

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. You will need: eye protection, proper clothing, and any tools you have for working the mold. The size limit for the pattern is equal to or less than the volume of a baseball. Larger patterns may be optional for experienced participants.

Everyone is welcome to the pour the evening of May 11th but there is a limit of ten to cast a piece. We'll be casting "Everdur"™, a silicon bronze excellent for artwork and taking a patina. Work will start early in the day, but we'll probably light the furnace around 3:30 pm for an evening pour.

Send your contact information and a check for \$85 written to Marty Hicks:

Marty Hicks

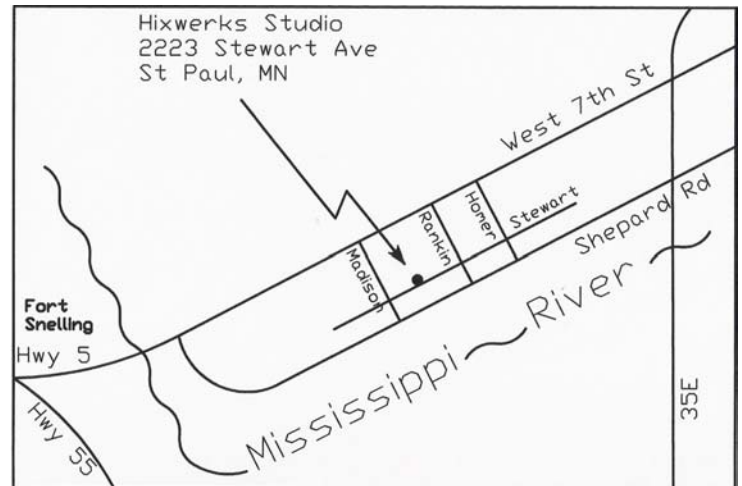
2223 Stewart Ave.

St. Paul, MN 55116

Contact Marty:

marty@hixwerx.com or 651-492-0899

Acceptance priority for the class is determined by postmark.



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GENE MILLER AUCTION-

Hines Auction Service - com

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Located at
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Stillwater, MN 55082

After 40+ years of collecting and enjoying this Massey Harris', gas engines, gas pumps and farm shows, Gene has decided to disperse his beloved belongings. This is one sale you will not want to miss as there is something here for everyone. Mark your calendars and spend the day with us!

Sale conducted by: Hines Auction Service Inc 218 N Broadway Ellsworth, WI 54011 Registered MN Auctioneers: Jeff Hines #25-70 & Jack Hines #25-05



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 class 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 2013

☛ **Bob Fredell**, June 28, 29 & 30, 2013, Crucifix Making Workshop. A former Guild of Metalsmiths President and a firm believer in blacksmith education, Bob will be teaching this Crucifix workshop using a design originally created by Bernard Heer. Keeping with his beliefs, Bob Fredell has volunteered to teach this class at Tunnel Mill for a nominal fee, and so we are able to offer this 3 day class (food and lodging included (two night stay)) for a \$200 fee.

☛ **Nathan Robertson** - August 3, 2013, Hand Hammer and August 4, 2013 Sledge Hammer

☛ **Ric Furrer** - August 23, 24 and 25, 2013, Wootz Crucible Steel

To see full details, color photos, and how to register, visit their website at: <http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com>



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The clockmakers' guild is doing another great convention in May with lectures open to the public - see below for details!

Robotic Surrogate Humanoid Space Robot

Friday Night only, May 3, 2013, 7:00PM

Learn about the design, fabrication, and use of this robot by creator Mark Rosheim

Hopkins High School Auditorium
2400 Lindberg Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55305

\$10.00 general admission (no credit cards please)
children 12 and younger free

Ross-Hime designs inc.

For more information go to: www.mwca.us

Sponsored by the Midwest Watch and Clock Association and the Minnesota Clockmakers Guild

LEONARDO DAVINCI'S PROGRAMMABLE CART

A 15TH CENTURY PROGRAMMABLE ROBOT

\$10.00 admission for this part of the program (no credit cards please)

Leonardo's programmable cart is one presentation in a daylong gathering of watch and clock professionals.

Come for the whole convention (visit MWCA.US for more information) and stay for the auction of clock and watch materials later.

Saturday May 4, at 3 pm
Best Western Kelly Inn
161 St Anthony
St Paul MN 55103

The Kelly Inn is on St. Anthony Ave. off I-94 at N. Marion Street

Presentation by Mark Rosheim
Author of Leonardo's Lost Robots

Goings on...

A calendar of TGoM events at a glance

- Education Committee meeting dates vary. Contact Martin Pansch, chair, for the next meeting.
- Program Committee meetings are the third Thursday of each month.
- All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October, except December for the holiday gathering. For most 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).
- 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 May, 2013

- May 4, Hammer-Making Class, Dick Carlson's Flint Rock Ridge Forge, Hastings, MN
- May 4 & 5, Bronze Pour II mold making
- May 8, Guild board meeting
- May 11, Bronze Pour II main event
- May 18, Steel Rose Class, Myron Hanson's workshop, Eagan, MN

May 31, June 1, June 2

- Spring Hammer-In at Nowthen

Events in June, 2013

- June 1, Knife Sharpening Open House at Paul Widenhoefer's
- June 12, Guild membership meeting to be held at Cliff Larsen's near Vermillion, MN.

Events in July, 2013

- July 4-7, Forge 300 in Nova Scotia, international ABANA event, See <http://www.cbblacksmiths.com> for details.
- July 10, Guild board meeting

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.

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.

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



Address Service Requested

Forum deadline for June 2013: Monday, May 20, 2013

The deadline for content in The Forum is always the third Monday of the month. Please send items for June, 2013 by Monday, May 20, 2013 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."

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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:

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PO Box 11423
St. Paul MN 55111