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Next TGoM membership meeting set for Wednesday, June 10

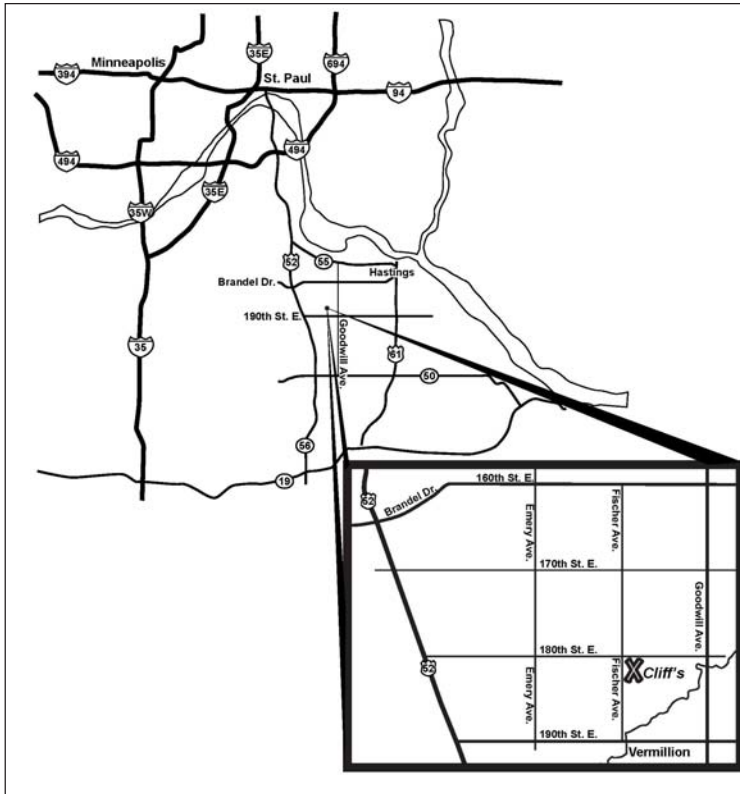
The June 10 Metalsmiths meeting will once again be held at Cliff Larsen's shop just north of Vermillion, MN, at 18190 Fischer Ave, Hastings, MN. See map below.

The usual pot luck begins at 6:30 pm, with the business meeting, and show and tell to happen after that. The main demonstration at this meeting will be a 3M Abrasives Demonstration by 3M Employee Mike D'Andrea. Mike has already done a demonstration for the Clock Makers Guild, and I have heard it was very good so come on out and learn about abrasives. He won't have items for sale but will have samples.

The meeting champion is Dick Carlson. Call him with any questions at 651-437-3329.

Thank you.

— Mark Lockwood, Program Chair



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!



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 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

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 May 2016

MICHAEL BUTZER, Mankato MN
DAVID BARETT, White Bear Lake MN
MARTIN ANDREE, Grand Rapids, MI
KENNETH RYAN, Litchfield, MN
RYAN GOEKEN, Minneapolis MN
JIM DUNNING, Tucson AR
GARY OHLRAGGE, Lino Lakes, MN
CHRIS ARNESON, New Market, MN

Guild member passes away

Long time Guild member and past president Doug Johnson, 81, of River Falls Wisconsin died Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at his home after a battle with cancer. He served his country in the U.S. Army. He was an active member of the River Falls American Legion Post 121 which included the Legion honor guard as the bugler performing Taps at burials. Doug loved being an educator at UW-River Falls in the Art Department. He started the glass blowing program and then taught sculpture. He performed for many years with the "Tin Pan Alley Cats" as the lead singer and playing trumpet. Doug found enjoyment in his private pottery studio at his home. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Margel. At Doug's request no formal services were held. Memorials can be made to the: Doug and Margel Johnson Art Scholarship Fund with UW-River Falls Foundation.

For Sale

4" pipe, 1/4" wall. Will cut to length. Good for anvil and tool stands. \$8 per foot. Contact Dave or Jesse Gavin, 715-821-9950 or 715-808-5891

For Sale

Mayer Brothers Power Hammer (Little Giant), 100 pound ram, late model with ram guides on the sides. Removable sow block, flat dies and brake. A working tool, not a project. Located in northern Wisconsin. \$4,000.

Rick Korinek, 651-383-7434
rick@advantagecsi.com

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.

Boot Scraper Class

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

Instructor: Tom Sanders

Location: Pansch Farm (map below)

Cost: \$110 per student

If you have walked around rural Minnesota in the spring you have likely become quite a connoisseur of how different mud sticks to your boots. It is also likely this appreciation has also seen you banned from entering the house prior to shedding pounds of you boot covering muddy goodness. Well your troubles are at an end! In this class Tom Sander will lead students in making boot scrapers. Students can chose from making a free standing scraper with a hand hold (pictured), one with stakes to drive into the ground, or one intended to be anchored into concrete. This is an intermediate skill level class that included punching/drifting, limiters mortice and tenon joinery, and being able to forge several pieces to match a drawing (and each other). Striking will be used in this class both for drawing steel and top tool use. This is a two day class but there is room for a few people to stay overnight at the Pansch homestead, assuming you are okay with cats.

Join us for a nice relaxing steel pounding weekend in the country with your Guild friends.

Class size: Maximum students: 6 Minimum students: 3

Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class: Your favorite forging hammer, tongs for large flat and bar stock, hot rasp, wire brush, striking sledge hammer, flatter, and various punches. If you lack any of the striking tools we should have a few sets to share. More detailed list of tools will be sent to those who sign up.

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

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

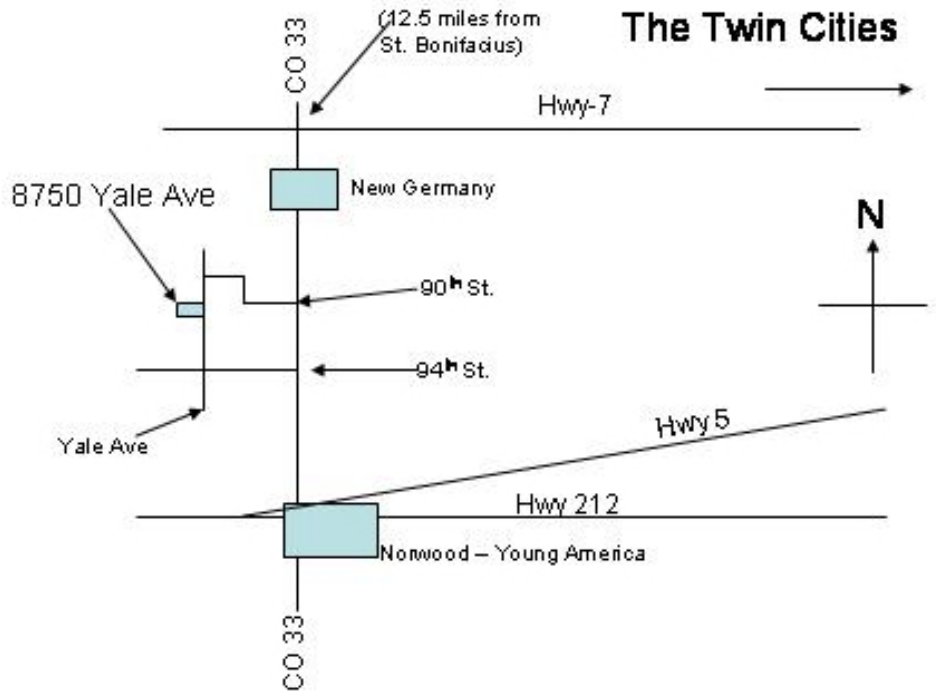
Lunch Arrangements: I'll have some burgers and brats to throw on the grill. If you have special dietary needs you might want to bring your own food. There really isn't anything close by to grab lunch at. I'll plan something for dinner and breakfast for those staying the night as well.

To register, 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

Acceptance priority is determined by postmark.

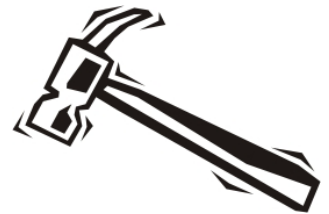


Hammer Class, Making a Blacksmith's Hammer- CLASS IS FULL!

Saturday May 7, 2013 from 9:00 – 4:30

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

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



TIG Welding Class IS FULL!

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

TGoM member exhibits metal sculptures throughout Minnesota

Guild of Metalsmiths member Judd Nelson is an artist/blacksmith who has shown his sculptures in public venues across Minnesota.

The Rochester Arts and Cultural Collaborative recently chose five pieces of art to display along recreation trails in Rochester, Minnesota. One of those pieces was Judd's "Blue Heron With Pumpkin Seed," a 42-inch tall heron made of recycled metal and rebar. It will be placed on a concrete pad in early June near shallow water in Mayo Park and imitates the real bird hunting for food. Stainless steel accents its plumage, and a blue patina wash with black and white highlights treats the metal.

Judd has also lately been featured in a Public Art Profile Youtube video titled "Slapshot." In the video Judd explains his sculpture "Slapshot," featuring a hockey player with big, dramatic motions. In the video he also explains what drew him to working with metal. The sculpture is located at Braemar Arena in Edina, Minnesota.

View the video here: https://youtu.be/GF2_44bQM5Q

It's a 3-minute video that's well worth your time!

"Slapshot" by Judd Nelson



"Blue Heron With Pumpkin Seed" by Judd Nelson will be on display in early June in Mayo Park, Rochester, Minnesota, on the west side of the Zumbro River near the boat launch.

Summer Demonstration Opportunities

Below is a list of available demonstration opportunities for Guild members. A contact person is defined for most events.



2016 TGoM Demo Calendar

Dates	Event	Location	Guild Champion	Email	Phone	Notes
21-22 May 2016	TC Makers Minne-Fair	Minneapolis, MN	TBD - Contact Martin Pansch	blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com	612-599-4762	
16-17 July 2016	Olmsted County Living History Fair	Rochester, MN	None yet - Contact Olmsted Co. History Center POC Aaron Saterdalen	programs@olmstedhistory.com	507-282-9447	
19-24 July 2016	Rice County Fair	Faribault, MN	Lou Groth	loug_33@yahoo.com	952-895-1515	
27-30 July 2016	Rock County Fair	Luverne, MN	Larry Wasmund	poundedtreasures@Gmail.com	651-322-6626	Bring your own equipment. Sales allowed.
29-31 July 2016	Little Log House Antique Power show	Hastings, MN	Dick Carlson	Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com	651-437-3329	
5-7 AUG 2016	Scott-Carver Threshing Show	Jordan, MN	Jerry Felton	eucattleco@frontiernet.net	952-873-6754	Call Jerry in advance if you would like to help.
12-14 AUG 2016	Almelund Threshing Show	Taylor Falls, MN	Jim Moenck	jrmoenck@yahoo.com	651-724-3403	
18-20 AUG 2016	Murray County Fair	Slayton, MN	Larry Wasmund	poundedtreasures@Gmail.com	651-322-6626	Shop is Larry's trailer
19-21 AUG 2016	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 mail.
20-21 AUG 2016	Butterfield Threshermen's Assn. Steam & Gas Engine Show	Butterfield, MN	Arden Hanson (casting) Larry Wasmund (smithing)	poundedtreasures@gmail.com	Arden - 507-279-0443 Larry - 651-322-6626	Blacksmithing and Bronze casting. All sales go to the show.
26-28 AUG 2016	Pioneer Power Show	Le Seuer, MN	NA	NA	NA	Not open to casual demonstration but go watch Wyatt, Jim and others demo.
2-4 SEP 2016	Rice County Steam and Gas Engine Show	Dundus, MN	Myron Hanson	None	651-454-3984	Bring your hand tools and a project.
9-10 SEP 2016	Lamberton Hot Iron Days	Lamberton, MN	Bob Brown	Bbrow474@msn.com	651-457-0086	
10-11 SEP 2016	Laura Ingalls Wilder Days	Pepin, WI	Tom Latane	tlatane@centurytel.net	715-442-2419	Not open to casual demonstration but go and watch Tom, Pete, and Gary demo blacksmithing, Kitty demo tin work and Sheri spin wool.
Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays	Jackson Street Roundhouse	St. Paul, MN	Gordon Barr	agbarr@aol.com	952-894-4821	Not really a demo. More a standing open forge with an occasional visitor.
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).

Wanted: summer camp blacksmith instructor

Camp Thunderbird, a girls summer camp in Bemidji, MN, is looking for a blacksmith instructor/camp counselor for the summer. I've pieced the below details together out of a few emails and a phone conversation with the POC, Ms. Laurie Anziloti.

Start date June 1, 2016 - August 8, 2016. Negotiable salary; stipend for travel, room and board included. They are looking to have someone hired by end of May. No application cut off, it is just open until they find a suitable person.

The job is a live-in position, and includes room, board, travel stipend, and seasonal salary (\$2000-\$2500 range dependent on experience/qualifications).

We are seeking instructors who will teach basic through intermediate skills. Typically, we begin with a required orientation for all campers, and the girls work through progressively more complex projects during the course of the season. Girls choose to attend blacksmithing, so they are interested and engaged. They want to be there! Campers range in age from 8 to 14. Instructors will always have a staff member to assist them, and there are usually no more than 5 campers per session.

Blacksmith instructors teach four 1-hour-long periods daily, develop all lesson plans and projects, and maintain all equipment and supplies. Instructors will also enthusiastically participate, plan, and lead in camp activities as assigned. We have a forge, three or four anvils, a vice, hammers, tongs, etc. as well as safety goggles and aprons.

Please help with wide dissemination of this to help out the Camp Thunderbird girls. Let's plant some trees we will likely never rest in the shade of.

— Martin Pansch

Upcoming Bronze Pour May 21

A few of us will be pouring bronze May 21. Anyone interested in the process is welcome to stop by, hang out, and watch. This is not a class, but we plan on doing a mix of primitive charcoal clay molds for lost wax sculpture and two part, cope and drag sand molds.

Contact Marty Hicks marty@hixwerx.com with any questions, including time this event will begin and end.

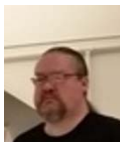
Come on by — it'll be fun.

Hammering Gold in the Shadows...



You'll see this feature appear in "The Forum" from time to time, as space is available. In it, we hope to recognize our members and the extracurricular things they do in their lives.

Peter Bettenberg's annual participation in Supervalu's "Dollars for Service" program has provided over \$1,000 in financial support to the Guild. Supervalu recognizes employee volunteerism by rewarding qualifying non-profit organizations with \$250 grants on behalf of these employees. Employees who have contributed 25 or more individual hours of volunteer time to an organization may apply.



Peter
Bettenberg

Peter: Thank you for your volunteerism and for submitting these annual grant awards. Supervalu: Thank you for supporting TGoM.

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:

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.

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

History Channel TV Series 'Forged In Fire' casting bladesmith competitors

My name is Sarah Wasserman, and I'm a Casting Producer with Leftfield Entertainment, in association with Outpost Entertainment. We're an award-winning television production company, responsible for hits like *Alone*, *Pawn Stars*, *American Restoration*, and *Counting Cars* on The History Channel, as well as programming for networks like FOX, Discovery Channel, and National Geographic.

We're currently casting competitors for the History Channel's hit show *Forged in Fire*. I know you had been previously contacted, but I thought you might be interested in hearing more!

We're searching nationwide for charismatic bladesmiths and armourers looking to showcase their skills on a national level. This thrilling series focuses on experts that pride themselves on producing the best blades in the world, whether they be historical or modern, large or small. Participants will be given the opportunity to showcase their talents for a chance to win a substantial cash prize.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call me at (212) 564-2607, ext 2466, or e-mail me at sarah.wasserman@leftfieldpictures.com. The casting flyer is attached. I look forward to potentially working with you!

Sarah Wasserman, Casting Associate Producer

Leftfield Entertainment

460 West 34th Street, 16th Floor

New York, NY 10001

212-564-2607, ext. 2466 www.leftfield-entertainment.com

Annual 'Tools of the Trade' exhibition soon at CAFAC

Our friends at CAFAC have just posted details of their annual juried "Tools of the Trade" exhibition. To see details and find out how to get in on this, go to this page on their website:

<http://www.cafac.org/gallery>

CAFAC

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

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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 May, 2016

- May 7, Hammer class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- May 11, Guild board meeting
- May 21-22, Demo op: TC Makers Minne-Fair, contact Martin Pansch

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 FULL! Super Radiator Coils, Chaska, MN
- June 24, Boot Scraper class, Pansch farm

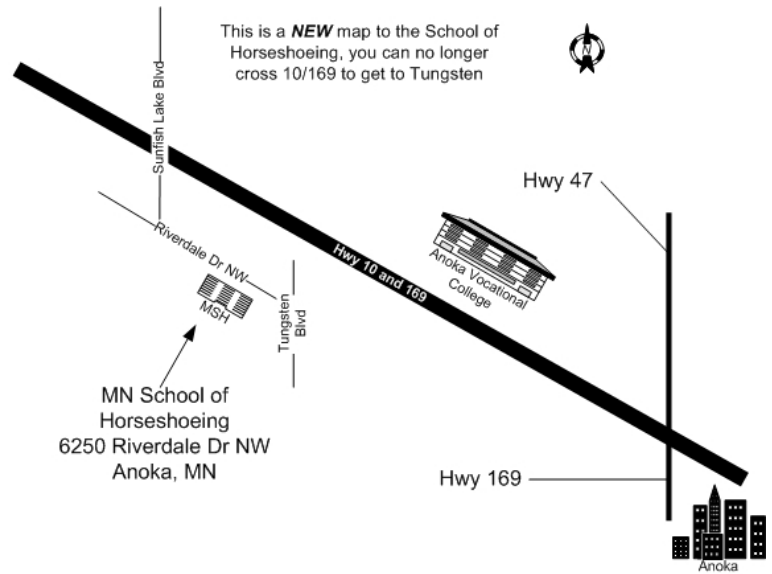
Events in July, 2016

- July 16-17, Demo op: Olmsted Co Living History Fair-see pg 5
- July 19-24, Demo op: Rice County Fair, contact Lou Groth
- July 27-30, Demo op: Rock County Fair, contact Larry Wasmund
- July 29-31, Demo op: Little Log House show, contact Dick Carlson

Events in August, 2016

- Aug. 5-7, Demo op: Scott-Carver Threshing Show, Jerry Felton
- Aug. 12-14, Demo op: Almelund Show, contact Jim Moenck
- Aug. 18-20, Demo op: Murray County Fair, contact Larry Wasmund
- Aug. 19-21, Demo op: Nowthen Show, contact Bob Fredell
- Aug. 20-21, Demo op: Butterfield Show, contact Larry Wasmund
- Aug. 26-28, Pioneer Power Show, LeSeuer

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
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St. Paul MN 55111

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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

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Forum deadline for June: Monday, May 16, 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
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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."

May 2016

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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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