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Join TGoM friends at 'The Landing' for our June 14 membership meeting!

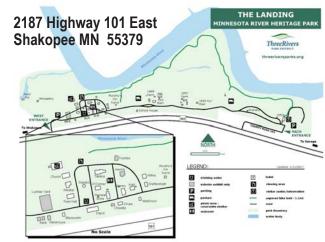
The next TGoM membership meeting is set for Wednesday, June 14. This meeting will be held at 'The Landing' which used to be known as 'Murphy's Landing' and is at 2187 Highway 101 E Shakopee, MN 55379, just west of Valley Fair. Enter at the West Entrance which is not the Main (East) Entrance but is the entrance reserved for scheduled groups, site rentals, select programs, and meetings such as this. There is a parking lot there, and the meeting will be in the Town Hall building.

The usual potluck (bring a dish to pass) begins at 6:30 pm, with the business meeting, and show and tell to happen after that. The rest of the itinerary has not been finalized but will be by the time the June Forum comes out, so stay tuned. Also check the website page, as we will keep this updated as well:

http://www.metalsmith.org/event/june-membership-meeting-2017/

The meeting champion is Jeff Suek. Call him with any questions at 952-237-7851. Thank you.





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.

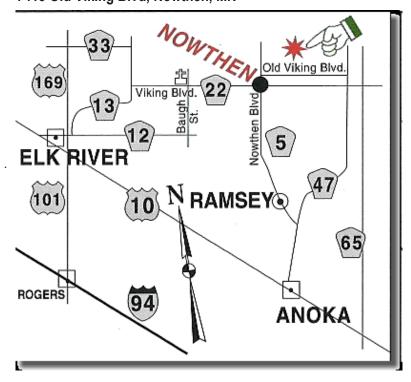
- Camping on-site is available Friday night and Saturday night on primitive sites
- Five forges are open for use
- Coal will be provided
- Beginners welcome
- Port-a-potties on site

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 at right.

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



Attention, Guild members!

Our president, Martin Pansch, has shared three upcoming items.

The Scoop on the Belt Grinder Workshop

Since this subject blew up The Bellows and my inbox for a day or so I thought so follow up was in order. The Guild it planning to do a 2x72" belt grinder build this year. Gordon Barr is designing and building prototypes as we speak. Right now the intent is that anyone who has the interest and the money will have a place in the workshop. Gordon is planning to run groups of 6 people at a time at the Jackson Street Roundhouse in St. Paul and run as many of them as is needed to cover everyone. Once we have the prices figured out the workshop will be announced in The Forum and just like any other Guild offering send in your check to register.

If just want grinder wheels we can do that too. As soon as I hear back how much the wheels will cost I will post that in The Bellows and probably the next Forum. Like the build your check will be what secures your wheels for you.

Questions, comments? Let me know. Martin 612-599-4762 or blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com

Lake Superior Metalsmiths planned bulk purchase of swage blocks

Our friends to the north are kicking around the idea of a bulk purchase of swage blocks and are wondering if any Guilders would be interested in getting in on it. No hard decision has been made on variety of swage block and no estimated price per block was given. If you are interested or need want more details you can contact their president Dave Hanson duluthblacksmith@yahoo.com or 218-391-4466.

Chef Camp is Looking for a Blacksmith

Blacksmiths, do you like campfire cooking? Would you like the opportunity to improve your skill at it? We might have just the deal for you. Chef Camp (http://www.chefcampmn.com/) is looking to trade attendance to their three day culinary retreat in Sturgeon Lake, MN, a \$650 value, for some metal work and a blacksmithing demonstration. They aren't set on what item they would like but mentioned a French egg spoon or mulling cone (yeah, I had to Google those too) though you can probably pitch some other suitable idea. They are looking for someone with serious metalworking skills and good demo/teaching ability.

Their camps are the first two weekends in September so it won't get in the way of making it to the Madness.

Interested parties can contact Mr. James Norton jrnorton@gmail.com with a short bio of their experience in smithing and teaching/ demoing. I'm guessing he'll probably want to see a few photos of your work too.



ABANA News

ABANA, Artist Blacksmiths of North America, is the official national group of which The Guild of Metalsmiths is an affiliate. Their website contains a plethora of metal-related information: https://www.abana.org/

ABANA is excited that our 2018 Conference will offer new concepts, excellent demonstrators, and quality programs at the birthplace of Secretariat, the Meadow Event Park in Doswell, VA, just north of Richmond. The grounds are gorgeous with plenty of parking, camping, ATM's, and shower facilities with a 63,000 sf airconditioned main building. Find full details as they unfold at:

https://www.abana.org/Conferences/2018/Conference.shtml

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

Our neighborhood of smiths

The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM)

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

Vice-President: Rick Wessling rgwessling@gmail.com

612-875-4420

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

Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information is as follows:

President: Don Hogenson 715-265-4701

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, Charley RB@charter.net, 218-428-7906 Dave Hanson, VP, duluthblacksmith@yahoo.com 218-391-4466

Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths

The NMM meets the first Monday of the month at Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers (LIRPF) show grounds, 1/4 mile east of the north entrance to Itasca State Park.

Contact Keith Johnson for monthly specifics at keith@greatriverforge.com. The NMM's website is www.nmmetalsmiths.org

Central Minnesota Blacksmiths (CMB)

Meet on the first Monday of each month. Potluck followed by demo. Locations are different every month so please call or write for info

President: Ken Zitur 320-746-8161 mail@kensiron.com

Brian Johnson 16777 Co Rd 75 NW 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 ic-adams@msn.com, http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com/

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)

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. Struck tools from Corvette springs. Learn a bit about heat treating and make a few tools while vou do it!

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

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.

Members who have participated in the past Jim Scott classes are enthusiastic and often offer to help with the workshops. Jim has offered this training very successfully for many years. I'll bring some rolls, we will offer coffee. Lunch is brown bag or local lunch

To register for this workshop send a check for \$50 made out to Guild of Metalsmiths and your complete contact information to:

Herb Fick

519 East Eighth Street Northfield, MN 55057-2508

Questions? Contact Herb via email at herb@phyque.com

Northfield, MN 55057-2508

Acceptance priority is determined by postmark.

Making a Blacksmith's Hammer Class IS FULL!

Saturday May 6, 9:00am to 4:30pm MN School of Horshoeing



2017 TGoM Summer Demo Calendar

The chart below shows summer demonstration opportunities for Guild members. Contact people and information are listed, as well as locations and dates of events. If you are looking at this chart online, the email links should work if you click on them. If you have difficulty reading this chart, the events are also available on our website in the "Meetings/Events Calendar" pages here: http://metalsmith.org/events/ These demos are good opportunities for our smiths who need some experience, who want to put their skills to work, and who are willing to share their knowledge with the public. It's a good application of our educational mission.

Dates	Event	Location	Guild Champion	Email	Phone	Notes
	Richfield Historical Society					Mike is bringing his own anvil and forge. Contact
17 June 2017	50th Anniversary	Richfield, MN	Mike Alm	mikeu9488@gmail.com		him if you're interested in helping at this event.
						Two person crew is full but feel free to come,
24 June 2017	Summer Fest	Minnetonka, MN	Martin Pansch	blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com	612-599-4762	watch and hurl insults.
			None - Contact Olmsted			
	Olmsted County Living		Co. History Center POC			Vendors encouraged but need a State Tax ID.
15-16 July 2017	History Fair	Rochester, MN	Aaron Saterdalen	programs@olmstedhistory.com	507-282-9447	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.
·	Little Log House Antique		·			
28-30 July 2017	Power show	Hastings, MN	Dick Carlson	Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com	651-437-3329	
,	Scott-Carver Threshing	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,				
4-6 AUG 2017	Show	Jordan, MN	Jerry Felton	eucattleco@frontiernet.net	952-873-6754	Call Jerry in advance if you would like to help.
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11-13 AUG 2017	Almelund Threshing Show	Taylors Falls MN	Jim Moenck	jrmoenck@yahoo.com	651-724-3403	
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16-19 AUG 2017	Murray County Fair	Slayton, MN	Larry Wasmund	poundedtreasures@Gmail.com	651-322-6626	Shop consists of Larry's trailer
10 13 AOG 2017	iviairay county raii	Slayton, IVIIV	Larry Wasinana	podridedireasures@diriaii.com	031-322-0020	All experience levels welcome. Bring your own
						hand tools. Get a free gate pass from Bob at
18-20 AUG 2017	Nowthen Threshing Show	Nowthen MN	Bob Fredell	bfredell@msn.com	763-389-5119	August Guild meeting or via U.S. mail.
18-20 AOG 2017	Nowthen Threshing Show	Nowthen, win	DOD I Tedell	<u>biredeli@ilisti.com</u>	703-303-3113	August Guild Meeting of Via 0.3. Mail.
	Butterfield Threshermen's					
						Dischargishing and Durane posting All colors as
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18-20 AUG 2017	Show	Butterfield, MN	Larry Wasmund	poundedtreasures@Gmail.com	651-322-6626	the show.
25 27 4116 2247	D: D CI					Not open to casual demonstration but go watch
25-27 AUG 2017	Pioneer Power Show	Le Seuer, MN	NA	NA	NA	Wyatt, Jim and others demo.
	Rice County Steam and					
1-3 SEP 2017	Gas Engine Show	Dundus, MN	Myron Hanson	None	651-454-3984	Bring your hand tools and a project.
						Blacksmithing demo help welcome all Saturday
						Friday: mould making Noon-7pm. Iron pour at
						10PM
						Saturday: mould making 8am-11am. Iron pour at
8-9 SEP 2017	Lamberton Hot Iron Days	Lamberton, MN	Bob Brown	Bbrown474@msn.com	651-457-0086	4pm.
						Enough blacksmith demonstrators currently.
						Other period craft demonstrations welcome.
9-10 Sep 2017	Laura Ingalls Wilder Days	Pepin, WI	Tom Latane	tlatane@centurytel.net	715-442-2419	Call/email Tom for details.
Wednesdays,						Two forges and anvils available for use by Guild
Saturdays,	Jackson Street					members on personal projects. Occasional visitors
Sundays	Roundhouse	St. Paul, MN	Gordon Barr	agbarr@aol.com	952-894-4821	to demonstrate to.
Most weekends						
Memorial Day						
through Labor		1	None - Contact site	Rwilliams@threeriversparkdistrict.		Costume needed (overalls and white button up

Jackson Street Roundhouse Ongoing Demo Ops

- May Wednesday and Saturday 9 4
 June, July, August Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 9-4
 September- Wednesday and Saturday 9 4
- You can enter through the back gate.
- We now have a second forge set up 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

Invitation to explore Tunnel Mill!

John and Carol Adams, proprietors of Tunnel Mill in southeastern Minnesota (20 miles south of Rochester, near Spring Valley), invite The Guild of Metalsmiths to visit their facility on Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm. 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 and driving directions:

http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com

Hope you can make it!



April TGoM meeting showcased animal heads!



Meeting host Nick Heinen and one of The Iron Menagerie authors, Mary Fredell, listened to conversations after the meeting.

Members gathered at the North Hudson shop of Nick Heinen to partake not only of an awesome array of food in our usual potluck, but also to show off their very own animal head creastions and learn about TGoM's publication, The Iron Menagerie.

Copies of the book were on sale at the meeting, and three of the authors, Bob and Mary Fredell, and Pete Stanaitis, were on hand to autograph them.

The meeting program highlighted animal heads, with Bob Brown demonstrating how to start and finish one. See photos on this page illustrating the process.



head. The storyboard above shows

detailed steps. If you have a copy of The Iron Menagerie, illustrations within its pages also help with the process.



TGoM Education Committee Chair Larry Wasmund and TGoM President Martin Pansch ran through meeting announcements. (Photo by Randy Purchase)

Bob Fredell (right), one of the authors of The Iron Menagerie, showed off a lamp creation. (Photo by Randy Purchase)



Pete Stanaitis (left), one of the authors of The Iron Menagerie, brought his uniquely forged pine tree.



The show and tell table was laden with items designed not only with animal heads in mind, but also many other projects.

This cute little moose animal head was drawn out into a wall hook created by Louisiana blacksmith John Cummins, and purchased by Georgia Myers as a donation to the March LAMA Conference auction in Lafayette LA.





Dick Carlson (below) described his creation of a new wagon wheel hub and also showed off his serpent animal head coiled around a wine bottle.



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2017 'Taste of Blacksmithing' class



From left to right, the students are: Bob McLeon, Evan Sorby, Grace Sheely, Dylan Smith, Brenda Smith, Justin Ross, Cassandra Miller, Andy Krahn, and Spencer Sinn.

Not pictured: Instructors Larry Wasmund, Gordon Barr, and Wayne Olson. Assistants: Bryan Carlson, Christina Dodge, and Michael Will. (*Photo by Christina Dodge*)

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' May 4-6, 2017

Decoratively forged bench vise. 1 of 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 <a href="https://hitt

Raspberry Island website:

https://raspberryislandfolkschool.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.co 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 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 invitaional potluck, Tunnel Mill

Events in July, 2017

July 15,16, Olmsted County Living History Fair, demo op.

July 18-23, Rice County Fair, summer demo op

July 26-29, Rock County Fair, demo op

July 28-30, Little Log House Antique Power Show, demo op

Events in August 2017

The Guild of Metalsmiths

PO Box 11423

August 4-6, Scott/Carver Threshing Show, demo op.

August 9, TGoM membership meeting, Dan Pate's estate

August 11-13, Almelund Threshing Show, demo op.

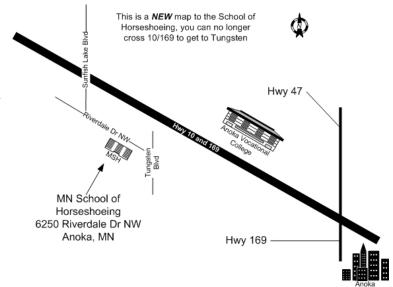
August 16-19, Murray County Fair, demo op.

August 18-20, Nowthen Threshing Show, demo op

August 18-20, Butterfield Steam & Gas Engine Show, demo op.

August 25-27, Pioneer Power Show, LeSeuer, demo op

Map to MN School of Horseshoeing



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Join The Guild of Metalsmiths

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

List Me

in the directory

St. Paul MN 55111	but don't list address - phones: home - work - fax - cell - email - web page (circle items above you DO NOT want published)
Name:	
Email address:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	

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.

Secondary phone:



Forum deadline for June 2017:: Monday, May 15, 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."**

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

TGoM now accepts Paypal and most major credit cards

The Guild accepts 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.

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