

# The Forum

June 2014



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## 'Come on down!' Join your TGoM family for the June 11 membership meeting

Host Cliff Larsen promises great demonstrations, great food, and even greater networking as he invites The Guild of Metalsmiths to his farm just north of Vermillion, MN (*see map page 4*) on Wednesday, June 11. Meet there at 6:30 pm for our great potluck--bring a dish to pass. Cliff and sous chef Peter will be cooking the ever popular "pepper poppers" and something else good on the grill. Then kick back after the 7:00 pm business meeting and enjoy three 20-minute demonstrations by three of our own metal smiths. You'll watch and learn as:

- ✂ Don Hogenson, veteran blacksmith and TGoM member, shows us how to forge handles for roasting sticks
- ✂ Dave Gavin demonstrates his unique talent in creating Mokume from coins
- ✂ Bob Brown works up a stylized oak leaf

This meeting is also the first where we'll participate in our own "Iron in the Hat" event. Check the article below for details on that.

Cliff says his place has plenty of room for overnight camping. Come on into the property to park. Not necessary for anyone to park on the road. Cliff's address is 18190 Fischer Ave, Hastings, MN 55033  
Call him at 651-437-2124 if you're lost or have questions.

### Just around the corner...

## Forge a tool for TGoM's 'Iron in the Hat' before June 11 membership meeting

Folks,

I would like to invite and encourage you to participate in the Guild of Metalsmiths' Iron in the Hat.

**How it will run:** Everyone who wants to participate will make something in the chosen theme: A TOOL! **You will have from now until the June 11 membership meeting to work on it.** At that point everyone who has entered has their name put in a hat. Person A gets Person B's item. B gets C's. All the way until A gets Z's. You don't have to make it to the June meeting to participate, just let me know you are "in" and send a photo along of your finished piece so people can see what you made.

The subject is tools. Any kind of tool you want to make. Hammers, tongs, struck tools, guillotine tools, scrolling forks, etc. It can be forged, fabricated, cast, ground, whittled or made in any other manner. You can choose to either make something you have never done before and have been looking for an excuse to try or go for something you are comfortable making and try to outdo yourself. You don't have to make everything from scratch, repurposing an existing tool is acceptable, but keep in mind that part of the purpose of this it to get people to stretch their abilities and creativity.

The other purpose is for people to feed, vampire like, off each other's creativity and ability. To that end I would encourage people to get together to work on their projects. I am excited to see what people come up with.



### Iron in the Hat

- Martin Pansch

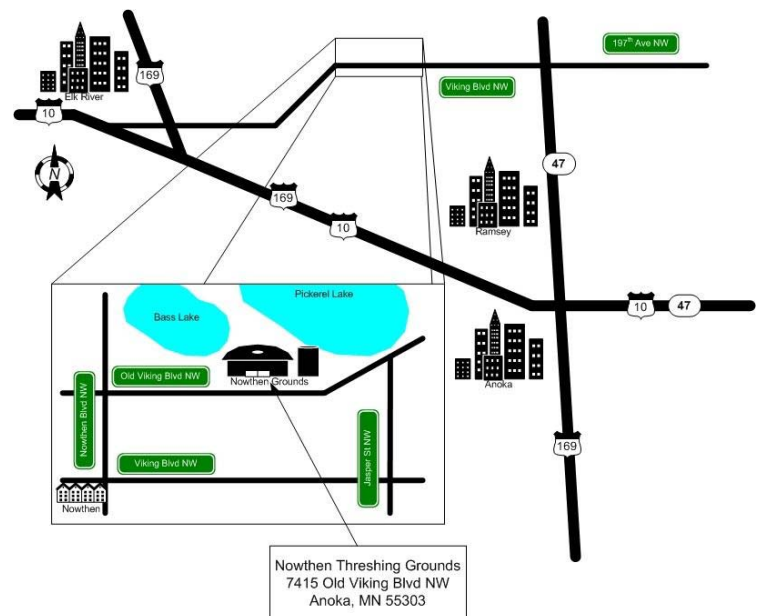
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## Coming right up: Spring Hammer-In at Nowthen June 6, 7, 8, 2014

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

This year we will have some demonstrations on making animal heads. If you have some cool techniques or designs related to making animal heads 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](mailto:Poundedtreasures@gmail.com)

Primitive camping onsite is available Friday & Saturday nights. Five forges are open for use. Coal will be provided. Beginners are welcome. Port-a-potties will be on site. There is no charge to participate in this event. The Nowthen Power Show grounds are located at 7415 Old Viking Blvd, Nowthen, Minnesota.



# Our neighborhood of smiths

## Guild of Metalsmiths

All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October, except December 14 for this year's holiday gathering. For these meetings a potluck meal begins at 6:30 pm and the business meeting begins at 7, with a demonstration or activity starting around 8 (times approximate).

President: Martin Pansch Vice-President: Rick Wessling

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

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## Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information is as follows:

President: Jim Tweet

Newsletter editor: John Grump

715-557-5236

715-835-0894

[jtweet01@yahoo.com](mailto:jtweet01@yahoo.com)

[johngrump@att.net](mailto: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](mailto:CharleyRB@charter.net), 218-428-7906

Dave Hanson, Vice-President, [Daveforge1@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:keith@greatriverforge.com). The NMM's website is [www.nmmetalsmiths.org](http://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 Zitir

Brian Johnson

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16777 Co Rd 75 NW

[ken@kensiron.com](mailto:ken@kensiron.com)

Clearwater MN 55367

1-320-558-6898

## New Members, June 2014

Clifford Steece, Hastings, MN

Shawn McCarty, Ely, MN

Nathan Stroth, White Bear Lake, MN

## Help needed!

The program committee is looking for help from someone with a digital movie camera. One of the fall conference demonstrators may be doing close up work, and we want to be able to project that onto a larger screen. We already have access to a digital projector, but we need the other bits. Anyone who can help can find me at the June meeting, or phone me 612 727 1752.

— Susan Wood

## 'Guild gear' is here!

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 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>



The Guild of Metalsmiths is an affiliate of ABANA: Artist Blacksmiths Association of North America

## The ABANA 2014 Conference will held at the Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington, Delaware August 13-16, 2014

### Registration Fees:

ABANA Members - \$175

Late Registration - \$225 after 1 Jul 2014

Non-Members - \$225

Late Registration - \$275 after 1 Jul 2014

Family Members - \$40 each for Spouse, and Children 12- 17,

Children Under 12 Free

Follow this link to the ABANA website for full details:

<http://www.abana.org/Conferences/2014/Conference.shtml>

## TGoM now accepts Paypal and most major credit cards for annual dues payment

Mike Frattalone and Darryl Ponder have worked together to add a "Buy Now" button to the "Membership" page of our main website. See: <http://www.metalsmith.org/membership/>

This means 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>

# Guild property info needed for TGoM Long Range Plan

One aspect of our long range plan for the Guild is to improve our documentation. Right now we rely an awful lot on individuals' memories on how we did something last time, who we dealt with, where stuff is, etc. Through documentation we hope to decrease the volunteer workload for repeated actions, improve our execution (e.g. knowing what aspects to sustain and what to improve on classes, knowing what equipment we already have so we don't have to buy it again, etc), and generally reduce chaos. It is a frightening realization that a small handful in the Guild know how things are done and where things are and without them we would have to reforge the wheel.

I am bringing this up because one of the tasks we are currently working on is a list of Guild's property, and we need your help. Currently we are relying on Iron Mike Frattalone's records of what has been purchased over the last 25+ years. This is a good start but doesn't cover stuff donated to the Guild and doesn't really reflect where the items are.

What we need from you is information on Guild property. If you currently have possession of Guild property, or know of someone who isn't on the Bellows who has some, please let us know what it is, where it is, and who the POC is with control of it. You don't need to get too far in the weeds with a description, I am not so concerned at this point with exactly how many folding chairs we have.

Other information that may be useful if you know would be:

- √ if the item was purchased or donated
- √ when it was acquired
- √ how it is being used
- √ its monetary value

If you are able to take a photo or two of the item and send that as well, that would be helpful.

Please send any information you have to Grace Sheely, who has generously offered to compile this list:

[gracesheely@gmail.com](mailto:gracesheely@gmail.com)

952-974-1286

Take care,

Martin Pansch, TGoM President

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## 2014 TGoM Demo Calendar-Volunteers needed!

Dates	Event	Location	Guild Champion	Email	Phone	Notes
31 May - 1 June	<a href="#">TC Makers Minne-Fair</a>	Minneapolis, MN	Martin Pansch	<a href="mailto:blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com">blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com</a>	612-599-4762	
15-20 July	<a href="#">Rice County Fair</a>	Faribault, MN	Lou Groth	<a href="mailto:loug_33@yahoo.com">loug_33@yahoo.com</a>	952-895-1515	
21-27 July 2014	<a href="#">Olmsted County Fair Farm Day</a>	Rochester, MN	John Adams	<a href="mailto:ic-adams@msn.com">ic-adams@msn.com</a>	507-289-5246	
23-26 July 2014	<a href="#">Rock County Fair</a>	Luverne, MN	Larry Wasmund	<a href="mailto:poundedtreasures@Gmail.com">poundedtreasures@Gmail.com</a>	651-322-6626	Wednesday through Saturday.
25-27 July 2014	<a href="#">Little Log House Antique Power show</a>	Hastings, MN	Dick Carlson	<a href="mailto:Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com">Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com</a>	651-437-3329	
1-3 August 2014	<a href="#">Scott-Carver Threshing Show</a>	Jordan, MN	Jerry Felton	<a href="mailto:eucattleco@frontiernet.net">eucattleco@frontiernet.net</a>	952-873-6754	
8-10 August 2014	<a href="#">Almelund Threshing Show</a>	Taylor Falls, MN		<a href="#">_____</a>	5	
15-17 August 2014	<a href="#">Nowthen Threshing Show</a>	Nowthen, MN	Bob Fredell	<a href="mailto:bfredell@msn.com">bfredell@msn.com</a>	763-389-5119	
15-17 August 2014	<a href="#">Butterfield Threshermen's Assn. Steam &amp; Gas Engine Show</a>	Butterfield, MN	Arden Hanson (casting) Larry Wasmund (smithing)	<a href="mailto:heinmn@yahoo.com">heinmn@yahoo.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com">poundedtreasures@gmail.com</a>	Arden - 507-279-0443 Larry - 651-322-6626	Blacksmithing and Bronze casting
29-31 August	<a href="#">Rice County Steam and Gas Engine Show</a>	Dundus, MN	Myron Hanson	Yeah, right.	507-362-4653	
30 Aug - 1 Sep	<a href="#">The Landing</a>	Shakopee, MN	Martin Pansch	<a href="mailto:blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com">blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com</a>	612-599-4762	Open for blacksmith demoing most weekends from April to September
5-6 Sep 2014	<a href="#">Lamberton Hot Iron Days</a>	Lamberton, MN	Bob Brown	<a href="mailto:Bbrown474@msn.com">Bbrown474@msn.com</a>	651-457-0086	
13-14 Sep 2014	<a href="#">Laura Ingalls Wilder Days</a>	Pepin, WI	Tom Latane	<a href="mailto:tlatane@centurytel.net">tlatane@centurytel.net</a>	715-442-2419	Not open to casual demonstration but go and watch Tom.
4-5 and 11-12 Oct 2014	<a href="#">Minnesota Zoo</a>	Apple Valley	Rick Wesslin	<a href="mailto:rgwessling@gmail.com">rgwessling@gmail.com</a>	612-875-4420	
Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays	<a href="#">Jackson Street Roundhouse</a>	St. Paul, MN	Gordon Barr	<a href="mailto:agbarr@aol.com">agbarr@aol.com</a>	952-894-4821	Year round.

## Free stoker coal available

Gary Myers has a line on tons of stoker coal, probably anthracite, that is free for the hauling. It is currently in Old Frontenac, MN (about 1 1/2 hours southeast of the cities) and in a location that is not conducive to people just showing up at any time, so I am putting this out as a feeler for people's interest. If there are enough people interested, we will go the next step of actually trying to organize a day to haul coal.



I know a lot of you saw "free" and "coal" in the same sentence and were already grabbing for your shovels, but full disclosure demands I mention the rest:

- It is stoker coal. It is probably anthracite versus bituminous like the Guild buys. Myron tried

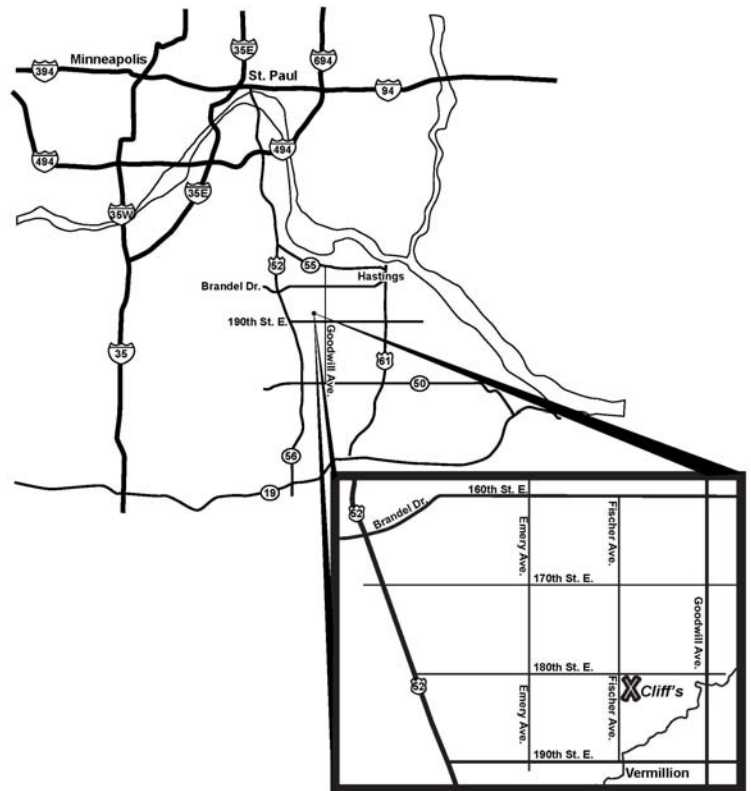
some and said it doesn't get as hot as the Guild's coal. It was suggested one might cut it 50/50 with the bituminous like we sell to members to make your coal supply last longer. There may be a chance to get some to test yourself before going all in.

- You know in "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" where the plans for destroying Arthur Dent's house were in the cellar of the planning office, without any lights, in a locked cabinet in a disused lavatory with a sign on the door saying "Beware of the Leopard"? Yeah, this coal might not be quite that hard to get to but might not be far off. The only practical way we could think of to get it out of the bunker it is in is two 5 gallon buckets up and down the stairs. On the plus side you will probably never have a better chance to sing a soulful rendition of Tennessee Ernie Ford's "16 Tons" in your life.

Let me know if you are interested. I figure we'll let this run until after the June meeting to give people a fair chance to respond. At that point we'll assess if we have a critical mass to act on it.

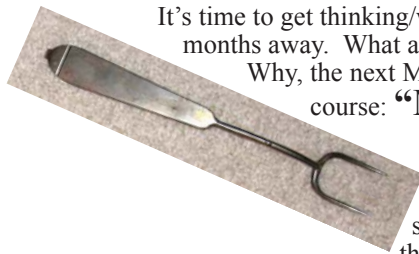
— Martin Pansch, [blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com](mailto:blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com) 612-599-4762

## Map to Cliff Larsen's farm



## Madness Competition/Challenge

It's time to get thinking/working! Its only 4 and 1/2 months away. What am I talking about, you ask? Why, the next Madness competition, of course: **"Meat Forks!"**



Large or small, made of metal, and able to hold a piece of meat (from a Vienna sausage to a large roast) is all that is required. Judging rules

will be the same as last year's competition with the bottle openers: highest bid wins. All entries will be auctioned off.

Work, Plan, Scheme. We all look forward to see what shows up. Most of all, have fun!

— Derrick Phillips

## 'Your Junk' needed for 'Found Art' at the Madness!

Yes, the Madness is still about five months away, but this activity seems to get more popular every year. If you didn't see all the folks out there enjoying it last year, it was like a swarm of metal hungry piranha. More piranha, er, people means more materials needed.

I would encourage you to keep an extra 5 gallon bucket around the shop just for those interesting little bits that are too good to recycle. **If we start saving bits and pieces now**, there will be less of a mad dash in September to find stuff to fill the trailer.

If people have a tiny shop and can't waste space storing it between now and then, let me know. We'll figure out some place to store it and some way to get it there.

— Martin Pansch, TGoM President

# We all have Roland in common

Some of us take a too-brief journey through this life. Roland Sigurdson left an enormous empty space for us as his friends and TGoM colleagues when he passed unexpectedly on April 30, 2014. He is gone way too soon. For in Roland's short life of 49 years, he filled so many shares of our own lives.

We all have Roland in common. We all have our own "Roland" stories, anecdotes, yarns, tales, fish stories, and even songs that we will continue to share. To us and so many others, he was a:

ⓧ	Son	ⓧ	Mentor
ⓧ	Brother	ⓧ	Blacksmith
ⓧ	Uncle	ⓧ	Singer
ⓧ	Cousin	ⓧ	Actor
ⓧ	Husband	ⓧ	Environmentalist
ⓧ	Father	ⓧ	Fisherman
ⓧ	Friend	ⓧ	Farmer
ⓧ	Colleague	ⓧ	Neighbor
ⓧ	Student	ⓧ	Classic
ⓧ	Educator		



Roland being Roland.

At the "Celebration of Life" attended by hundreds of folks on Thursday, May 8, were many mementoes from aspects of Roland's life. These are items forged by him, and his favorite blacksmith apron.



Roland was genuine. We pay the warmest tribute to his memory and will miss him at every meeting, activity, and gathering The Guild of Metalsmiths shares. We must strive to keep the common thread of Roland weaving throughout our lives. To help us with that mission, here is "Roland's Top 20," a list of attributes written by Roland's beloved wife Stacey that will sustain us in our time of emptiness and grief. This is what she felt he might say at his own celebration of life...

## Roland's Top 20

1. Put family first.
2. Be yourself, even if it means you're the only one that stands out among the masses.
3. Never let your inner child grow up.
4. Get outside every day.
5. Thank farmers and eat something local.
6. Take care of the water and all its inhabitants (not just the tasty species like walleye!) We all need water – without it there is no life.
7. Make things with your hands.
8. Smell the dirt and plant a garden. It will not only feed your family – it will feed your soul.
9. Eat bacon and cheese.
10. Be in tune with nature.
11. Making things out of repurposed items keeps your brain sharp.
12. Ask questions and actually listen to the answers.
13. Laugh out loud – often!
14. Read every day.
15. Work hard.
16. Learn where you come from.
17. Care for elders – they have stories to tell. AND get down to kids' level and invest everything you can in them.
18. Agree to disagree and withhold judgment. We can learn so much by putting differences aside and focusing on the positive.
19. Celebrate each other's uniqueness. All of us are full of gifts.
20. Tell the people you care about what they mean to you and show them your love with warm kisses, smiles, bear hugs, listening ears, support, and respect.



### TGoM member Herb Fick gave tribute to Roland in this way:

"Our group benefits from Roland's energetic contributions to most of our efforts. Roland's gift to me was in the generous way he shared his talent and humor from the time he took the beginners course in blacksmithing through the time he managed the course. In addition to that he introduced Stacy and Natalie to The Guild. We will have Roland stories for a long time."

The Guild of Metalsmiths extends sincere, heart-felt sympathy and love to Roland's family, especially his wife, Stacey, and their two-year-old daughter, Natalie.

Rest in peace, friend.

## Wrought Iron Odds & Ends Sale

- ONE-THIRD OFF EVERYTHING! (while supplies last)
- Foot-long lengths of round rod in 5/8", 7/8", 1", and 1-1/8" diameters
  - Odd-length rods (6" and up) in the above sizes, plus 1-1/4"
  - 4-1/2" square-cut nails

Examples of sale prices:

- 10 one-foot pieces of 5/8", normally \$60.00, now \$40.00 (plus S&H)
- 10 one-foot pieces of 7/8", normally \$80.00, now \$53.33
- 20 lbs of random-length 1-1/4" rods, normally \$50, now \$33.33
- 5 lbs. of "select" nails, normally \$40, now \$26.66
- 5 lbs of "as is" nails (includes bent and broken pieces), normally \$20, now \$13.33

All prices are FOB Minneapolis. Sales tax will be added to order shipped within Minnesota. Shipping & handling on most orders is \$21.50 (\$14.50 for 5 lbs of nails). For larger orders, we will get you a shipping quote.

Email or call for additional information:

[davidhozza@aol.com](mailto:davidhozza@aol.com) or 612-816-1540

We send special offers to customers and fans who opt in at our website. Our mailing address is:

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2 Banks Ave.  
P.O. Box 97  
Superior, WI 54880  
USA

## Spring Art Tour in Pepin and Pierce Counties, Wisconsin

Spring Tour June 6 - 7 - 8

10am to 5pm

Website: <http://freshart.org/>

The 15th annual Fresh Art Spring Tour is a self-guided road trip to some of the finest studios and galleries in the Lake Pepin and Chippewa River Valley areas of Wisconsin.

Traveling along the river and into the countryside you will discover scenic winding roads and talented artists, yet this event is close by—just 20 minutes from Red Wing, MN, an hour from Hudson, WI, and less than an hour and a half from the Twin Cities.

Contact Kitty Latane' with questions: [tclatane@gmail.com](mailto:tclatane@gmail.com)



*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.*

## News from Tunnel Mill

Contact for full class details, costs, and registration:

Carol and John Adams

507-289-4189 or 507-289-5246

Email: [jc-adams@msn.com](mailto:jc-adams@msn.com);

Website: [www.tunnelmillcrafts.com](http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com)

## Classes at Tunnel Mill for 2014

### June 7 & 8: Forge a Viking-Style Axe, John Adams

Students will start with a billet of steel, approximately 1/2" x 2" x 10". We will forge this billet to shape, fold and weld in a steel bit for the cutting edge. Then we will harden and temper. You will shape the eye for the handle and finish the axe. This will all be done in a coal fired forge. Handle will also be furnished. \*Prior experience needed; we suggest having had some blacksmithing experience or having taken the beginning blacksmithing class.

### June 21: Exploring Gypsy Wagons, John & Carol Adams

We will explore the construction of the Vardo or Gypsy wagon, a horse drawn wagon used by the English Roma people (Gypsies). John has constructed 2 beautiful Gypsy wagons to date, and is currently working on numbers 3 & 4. Join us for a day of exploring Gypsy Wagon design options and construction techniques.



### August 22, 23, 24: Making Damascus (layered steel), Ric Furrer, Door County metalsmith

We have invited master metalsmith and sword smith Ric Furrer to come to Tunnel Mill to help us create the damascus steel of the early eastern world. Recently Ric did a Nova presentation "Recreating the Viking Sword". Check out Ric Furrer at

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

Registration for these classes is open. To read full details, costs, and how to register, contact Carol and John Adams:

Email: [jc-adams@msn.com](mailto:jc-adams@msn.com) Phone: 507 289-4189 or 507 289-5246 Check out the website at <http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com>

# Goings on...

## A calendar of TGoM events at a glance

- All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October, except December 14 for this year's holiday gathering. For these meetings a potluck meal begins at 6:30 pm and the business meeting begins at 7, with a demonstration or activity starting around 8 (times approximate).
- Education Committee meeting dates vary. Contact Larry Wasmund, chair, for the next meeting.
- Program Committee meetings are the third Thursday of each month. Marty Hicks is chair.
- 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 June, 2014

- June 6, 7, & 8, Spring Hammer-In, Nowthen.
- June 11, Guild membership meeting, Cliff Larsen's farm

### Events in July, 2014

- July 9, Guild board meeting
- July 15-20, Rice County Fair, Faribault, MN. Contact Lou Groth
- July 21-27, Olmsted County History Center Farm Day, Rochester, MN. Contact John Adams.
- July 23-26, Rock County Fair, Luverne, MN. Contact Larry Wasmund
- July 25-27, Little Log House Antique Power Show, Hastings. Contact Dick Carlson.

### Events in August, 2014

- Aug. 6, Membership meeting (corn feed), Dan Pate's farm
- Aug 1-3, Scott/Carver Threshing Show, Contact Jerry Felton
- Aug 8-10, Almelund Threshing Show
- Aug 13-16, ABANA Conference, Harrington, DE
- Aug 15-17, Nowthen Show, Contact Bob Fredell
- Aug 15-17, Butterfield Show, Contact Larry Wasmund
- Aug 29-31, Rice County Show, Contact Myron Hanson
- Aug 30-Sept 1, The Landing, Contact Martin Pansch

### Events in September, 2014

- Sept. 10, Guild board meeting
- Sept. 5 & 6, Lamberton Hot Iron Days, Lamberton, MN. Contact Bob Brown
- Sept. 13 & 14, Laura Ingalls Wilder Days, Pepin, WI.
- Sept. 19, 20, 21, TGoM Fall Conference, Little Log House, Hastings, MN

## Important schedule change from TGoM's Program Committee

Because the ABANA Conference comes when our normal membership meeting would be in August, we have changed the date of the Corn Feed to August 6th. Mark your calendars. The venue will remain the same: Dan Pate's farm. Thanks,

— Marty Hicks, Program Chair

## 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

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

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**Forum deadline for July, 2014: Monday, June 16, 2014**

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](mailto:gldmyers@embarqmail.com)

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

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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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