

The Forum



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Unique demos slated for June 10 TGoM meeting!

The June 10 Metalsmiths meeting will 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 with the business meeting, iron in the hat, and show and tell to happen simultaneously. We will need all the time before dark for our two demonstrators.



Lou Groth will demonstrate making forged iron handles for mason jars. The forge will be open at about 3:00 pm, and folks can make their own handle.



For \$5 you'll be supplied with a mason jar and precut metal, and you'll go home with your own mug.

Also, Bob Brown will demonstrate making "Roycroft" style vessels. Using copper pipe and ball peen hammer, he shapes textured vases.

Questions? Call meeting champion Susan Wood at 612-727-1752.

Map to Cliff Larsen's farm



It's time again for... TGOM Spring 2015 Hammer-In June 12, 13, 14 at Nowthen show grounds

7:30-11:00pm on the evening of Friday, June 12 and all day June 13 and June 14 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 provide
- ✓ Beginners welcome
- ✓ Port-a-potties on site

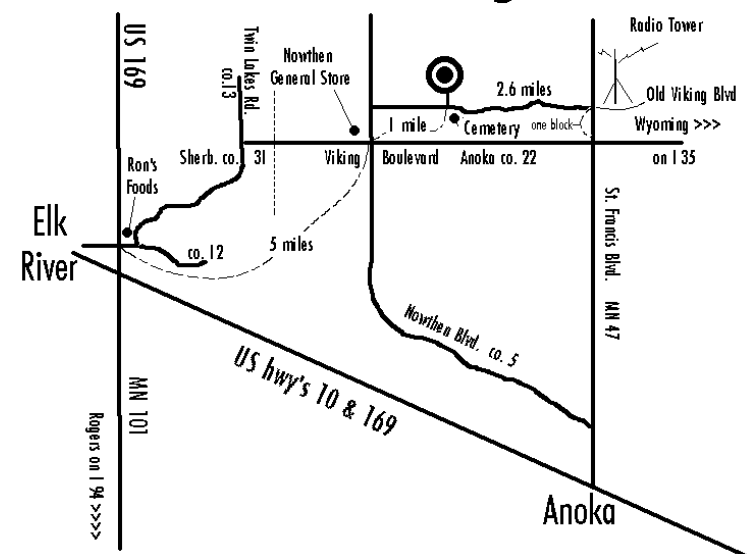
The annual Spring Hammer-in at the Nowthen Historical Power Association Blacksmith Shop is on for this year. Come and hang out with a bunch of your friends, make new friends, and share/learn some new skills.

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

This year we will have some demonstrations of all things spiky from nails to RR spikes. If you have some cool techniques or designs related to working with spikes you would like to demo, or if you have any questions about the Hammer-in, contact: Larry Wasmund at 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. See map below.

Nowthen Threshing Show



Our neighborhood of smiths

The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM)

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President: Martin Pansch Vice-President: Rick Wessling

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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

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

ken@kensiron.com

Brian Johnson

16777 Co Rd 75 NW

Clearwater MN 55367

320-558-6898

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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>

New Members, June 2015

Stuart Lenz, Roseville, MN

Sara Mullerleile, Warsaw, MN

Scott Kelley, Golden Valley, MN

William Funk, Eagan, MN

Corey Hansen, Atwater, MN

Stephen Lenz, Minneapolis

For Sale

For sale: 100 Lb Little Giant Power Hammer, probably last new, still on the original pallet, never been run, or set up. Sn # p1558, shipped to Rock Island Arsenal on 7-30-1973. Asking price \$7500. Pictures will be available soon.

25 Lb Little Giant, transition model, front/rear adjustable guides, removable sow block. Upper and lower motor mounts, motor. Traces of original green paint. \$ 2800.

Treadle hammer, just like Pete Stanaitis', Imron paint, asking \$375.

Large Wally Yater cast iron fire pot, 14" by 15" never used. \$100

Contact Mike Rochford 715-755-3520.

mrrochford@centurytel.net

CanIron X

Canada's national blacksmithing conference, CanIRON X, is taking place this summer from July 2-5 on beautiful Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia, Canada. . Check it out online:

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Visit

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— James Patton, [FORGE-APRONS.com](http://www.FORGE-APRONS.com)



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>



Spring Bronze Pour

Saturday June 6. 3:00 pm - Evening: The Pour (Part III of III)

Instructors: Hicks, Bettenberg, Brockman, Halvorson

Cost: \$120 Class size: 12

Location: Marty's (HIXWERX) Workshop, 2223 Stewart Ave, St. Paul, MN 55116

We'll be casting silicon bronze into two-part (cope and drag) sand molds from your pattern. For beginners, a flat-backed clay pattern is recommended. However, **if you have something specific that you'd like to cast, let us know.**

Saturday, May 16 we looked at examples and talked about ways of creating a pattern to get a successful casting. We also gave an overview of mold making, including sprue and vent systems.

You will need to bring: **eye protection, leather gloves, and wear proper clothing.**

The grill will be going around 6:00 pm. Bring your beverage of choice and something to share.

If you are still interested in this event, please contact:

Marty Hicks

2223 Stewart Ave.

St. Paul, MN 55116

marty@hixwerx.com

651-492-0899

Casting opportunities in south central Minnesota

Notice: hear ye hear ye hear ye! The Southern MN Foundry Arts group, a group of like-minded Guild folks southwest of the Twin Cities, is up and running. If you want to cast something in bronze or aluminum contact Arden Hanson 507-279-0443 or email heinmn@yahoo.com.

We meet every Thursday in my shop located near Sherburne. We have a core group of 5 people but could use more helpers. We will be casting objects 3 times this summer. The plan is to do this on 3 successive Thursday nights, once in June, once in July, and once in Sept. Helpers get in free, others pay tuition. We expect the fee to be around \$100 for the three session.

We have some artistic talent on board to help students refine their ideas. We do both investment/lost wax and green sand. We have different kinds of clay and wax to create your ideas. We also have some models like bells, wind chimes, belt buckles, key fobs, hatchets, anvils etc to cast if you want.

— Arden Hanson

Former TGoM member passes

Barb Feterl passed away on April 8, 2015 in Billings, Montana after a courageous battle with cancer. Barb was married for 25 years to TGoM member Dave Feterl, who passed away suddenly in January, 2012. Barb and Dave lived in Eagan, MN, and then Iroquois, SD.

Barb was an elementary school teacher, community education instructor, and computer programmer. Barb was a creative person who liked to quilt, knit, weave, design, and write poetry. She was a past leader of various classes held during the Fall Conferences of The Guild of Metalsmiths.

Barb was active as a church organist at Christ the King Catholic Church in Cambridge, MN and St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Iroquois, S.D. She loved cats and was a stamp collector.

Funeral service was Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m., at Christ the King Catholic Church in Cambridge, MN.



Iron in the Hat exchange – June 10, 2015 edition – barbeque/fire pit tools!



The next Iron in the Hat exchange will be Barbeque/Fire Pit tools. This can include anything you can think of that one might use when either grilling or sitting around the fire in the backyard enjoying the

evening under a protective layer of DEET. Possible items include, but are not limited to:

- Fleshforks
- Spatulas
- Steak turners
- Fire pokers
- Tongs (for food, not steel)
- Marshmallow spitjack rotisseries
- Anything else you can think of.

For those of you who missed the last few Iron in the Hats, the rules are simple: if you want to participate, you make an item of the given theme (see above) and bring it with you to the June meeting (10 June 2015 at Chateau La Leprechaun in Vermillion, MN). Everyone participating gets their names drawn from a hat. Someone goes home with your item and you go home with some else's.

So let your imagination run free and try something you have never attempted before. The point of the exercise is to give people an excuse to make something and to forge bonds between fellow Guilders. Any questions, comments, or peals of derisive laughter, my phone and email are always open: Martin Pansch 612-599-4762 or blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com



Build a Gas Forge!

Saturday, June 6

CLASS IS FULL!

Instructor: Jim Moenck

Location: Jim Moenck's workshop, 2078 120th Ave, Dresser, WI 54009 (Map below)



THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors – May 13, 2015

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

Call to Order: 7:05 by Rick Wessling

Members in attendance: Barr, Gavin, Hicks, Lockwood, Murray, Wasmund, Phillips. Missing: Pansch, Frattalone, Sheely, Moenck

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer Report: Not available at the meeting.

Membership Services Committee: Chair Barr: Unfortunately the only item of note is the number of members delinquent on their dues. May we all keep current in the future.

Education Committee report: Chair -Wasmund, Vice Chair-Moenck: Due to various circumstances there were only 2 members present at the last committee meeting so not a great deal new. The class is still being worked out for the fall conference, the Nowthen gathering will be June 12, 13 and 14. Bronze casting with Marty Hicks is going to cost around \$120/ person. Arden is doing casting as well but it is Thursday nights south of Mankato (I didn't get precisely where so contact Arden for details).

Program Committee: Chair-Lockwood, Vice Chair-Murray: Plans seem to be continuing, the June meeting is at Cliff's and Bob Brown will demo Roycroft style vases, while Lou Groth will demo/teach the mason jar mug handles. The August corn feed is coming together and hopefully we will have a Hosfeld bender demonstrated. Not really anything that has not been published before.

Communications Committee: Chair-Hicks, Vice Chair- Vacant: Not much new, the fall conference brochure is well underway and will be out soonish.

Long Term Planning Committee: Chair-Wessling, Vice Chair-vacant: The big news here is that the Guild made its presentation to the MTM and although they did not accept it, they are taking under serious consideration, and are forming a committee to see what we might do together in the future. There was a good deal of discussion about coal as well, but other than we will be getting more soonish, nothing to report here.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Treasurer hand-off still in progress. Property book format: Nothing new. Coal order: as above

NEW BUSINESS:

It was brought up we need to get some flags and banners made for the various events we demo at.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted: Derrick Phillips, Recorder.

Fall Conference 'Found Art' teaser!



Time to start thinking about the "found art" feature of the upcoming Fall Conference. That magical madness arrives on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 18, 19, and 20.

In addition to the interesting bits laying on your shop floor, it would be nice to have more flatware. Herb Fick (official found art cheerleader) was happy to receive some flatware from a friend who had been to a recent garage sale. Our "found artists" love to use them in their creations!

So take a look in your attic for flatware you've squirreled away, or if you're combing the neighborhoods for garage sale treasures this summer, grab some of that flatware you always find there. It's bound to be cheap, and we can really use it in

September.



Plow share sharpening with Dick Carlson!

Dick did it again. On Saturday morning, May 9, twelve metal men plus a neighbor watched as Dick Carlson demonstrated how to forge weld a new point on a plow share or lathe. He also showed the different types of points and how to attached them.

Activities for the morning:

- Peter Maas had a box of parts and a J.D. lathe, which generated a big smile on Dick's face.
- Mike Alm talked about the coal he gets.
- Two camera men shot some great movies
- John Smith and Chaunce Stanton got some great shots
- Gary Myers even helped Andy Yurista
- Wesley Waring thought that Dick did a great job

Two late comers were John McDonald and Lou Groth. I did not get a chance to visit with John Yust as he was in the background.

We all agreed that it was a very great demonstration of a lost art. The plows of today use replacement sheers, or what we now call throwaways.

We are truly blessed to have all the people in our guild and the knowledge that they bring to the meetings, so whenever we have a demonstration going on, don't forget to go. You will be surprised what you will learn.

I will be sending another article about the northern smiths meeting soon, as it was also a good time with good weather. That's all for now.

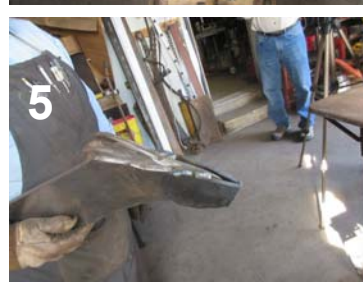
— *the Leprechaun, or Cliff (the Cook) Larsen*

Editor's Note: also on this page is a chronological pictorial of the plow share sharpening at Dick Carlson's shop near Hastings. Photos were taken by Gary Myers.

To see an excellent video of this event filmed, edited, and posted on youtube by Guild member Chaunce Stanton, follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d01GsNnOXpY>



Dick Carlson demonstrates plow share sharpening using a special tool he created.



2015 Demonstration Calendar

Dates	Event	Location	Guild Champion	Email	Phone	Notes
23-24 May 2014	TC Makers Minne-Fair	Minneapolis, MN	Martin Pansch	blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com	612-599-4762	
21-26 July 2015	Rice County Fair	Faribault, MN	Lou Groth	loug_33@yahoo.com	952-895-1515	
29 July - 1 AUG 2015	Rock County Fair	Luverne, MN	Larry Wasmund	poundedtreasures@Gmail.com	651-322-6626	
24-26 July 2015	Little Log House Antique Power show	Hastings, MN	Dick Carlson	Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com	651-437-3329	
31 July - 2 August 2015	Scott-Carver Threshing Show	Jordan, MN	Jerry Felton	eucattleco@frontiernet.net	952-873-6754	
5-9 August 2015	Carver County Fair	Waconia, MN	Martin Pansch	blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com		
7-9 August 2015	Almelund Threshing Show	Taylor Falls, MN	Jim Moenck	jrmoenck@yahoo.com	651-724-3403	
21-23 August 2015	Nowthen Threshing Show	Nowthen, MN	Bob Fredell	bfredell@msn.com	763-389-5119	
14-16 August 2015	Butterfield Threshermen's Assn. Steam & Gas Engine Show	Butterfield, MN	Arden Hanson (casting) Larry Wasmund (smithing)	heinmn@yahoo.com ; poundedtreasures@gmail.com	Arden - 507-279-0443 Larry - 651-322-6626	Blacksmithing and Bronze casting
28-30 August 2015	Pioneer Power Show	Le Seuer, MN	NA	NA	NA	Full crew but go watch Wyatt, Jim and others demo.
4-6 September 2015	Rice County Steam and Gas Engine Show	Dundus, MN	Myron Hanson	yeah. Right.	507-362-4653	
11-12 September 2015	Lamberton Hot Iron Days	Lamberton, MN	Bob Brown	bbrown474@msn.com	651-457-0086	
12 & 13 Sep 2015	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. Craft focused weekend 15-16 August	The Landing	Shakopee, MN	None - Contact site manager Rich Williams	rwilliams@threeiversparkdistrict.org	763-694-7784	Costume needed (overalls and white button up shirt okay).



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 full class details, costs, and 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 2015

Crab-Style Lock, Peter Ross, June 15-19: Students will make a "Crab" lock based on an antique example originally made in Pennsylvania just after the Revolutionary war. This type was typically used inside a blanket chest with hinged lid. The lock involves a number of processes and uses a variety of skills and offers the opportunity for a variety of decoration and embellishment.

Starting with a finished key (either made by each student in advance or provided at the beginning of class), we will cover the basic layout, warding systems, making the parts, fitting, assembly and final tuning. This will involve forging the moving parts, including the spring, filing and fitting, and the common methods of hand production and assembling. Students will also be expected to make their own small punches and other simple tools.

The emphasis will be on historic methods (simple hand tools) in both the forging and bench skills. We will also cover typical file decoration typically used in the late 18th century. Students should expect to spend more time at the bench than at the anvil on this project. Those who choose may use wrought iron.

Don't miss the opportunity to take a class from Peter Ross in your vicinity. Five-day class, room and board included, \$675.00.

Exploring Steel of the Viking Age, Ric Furrer, August 28, 29, & 30, 2015: Students will make damascus sword steel or Wootz steel of the Eastern world. Ric did a PBS Nova presentation recreating the Viking Sword. This is for folks who want to do hands-on work that have blacksmithing experience. Others can audit the class. We will make steel Friday and Saturday. Afternoon and evening on Saturday and Sunday will be making tools from the steel. Also working on the 500 pound Little Giant Hammer to forge and weld a heavy damascus billet. Class is \$375, including room and board.

Note: This information 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.



Crab Lock

Goings on...

A calendar of TGoM events at a glance

- All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October. Date for December will be announced. 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 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 June, 2015

- June 6, Spring Bronze Pour: The Pour, Hixwerx Studio
- June 6, Gas Forge Class, CLASS IS FULL!
- June 10, Guild membership meeting at Cliff Larsen's farm
- June 12, 13, 14, Spring Hammer-In at Nowthen

Events in July, 2015

- July 8, monthly board meeting.
- July 24-26, Little Log House Power Show demo op. Contact Dick Carlson.
- July 21-26, Rice County Fair demo op. Contact Lou Groth.
- July 29-Aug 2, Rock County Fair demo op. Contact Larry Wasmund
- July 31-Aug 2, Scott-Carver Threshing Show demo op. Contact Jerry Felton.

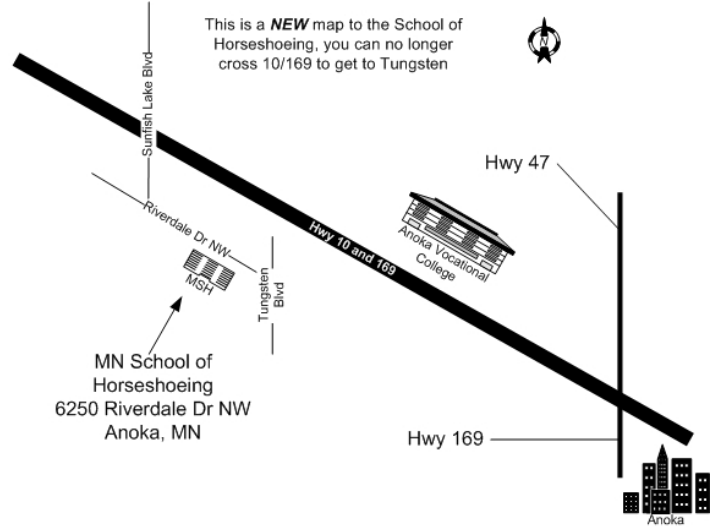
Events in August, 2015

- Aug. 5-9, Carver County Fair demo op, Contact Martin Pansch.
- Aug. 7-9, Almelund Threshing Show demo op. Contact Jim Moenck.
- Aug. 12, TGoM membership meeting (corn feed) at Dan Pate's.
- Aug. 21-23, Nowthen Threshing Show demo op. Contact Bob Fredell.

Events in September, 2015

- Sept 4-6, Rice County Steam & Gas Engine Show demo op, Dundas, MN. Contact Myron Hanson
- Sept. 11-12, Lambertton Hot Iron Days demo op. Contact Bob Brown.
- Sept. 12-13, Laura Ingalls Wilder Days, Pepin, WI. Watch demos.
- Sept. 18, 19, 20, The Madness! at Little Log House grounds, Hastings

Map to MN School of Horseshoeing



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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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June 2015

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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