

The Forum

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Coming soon: meet at 'The Landing' for our June 14 membership meeting!

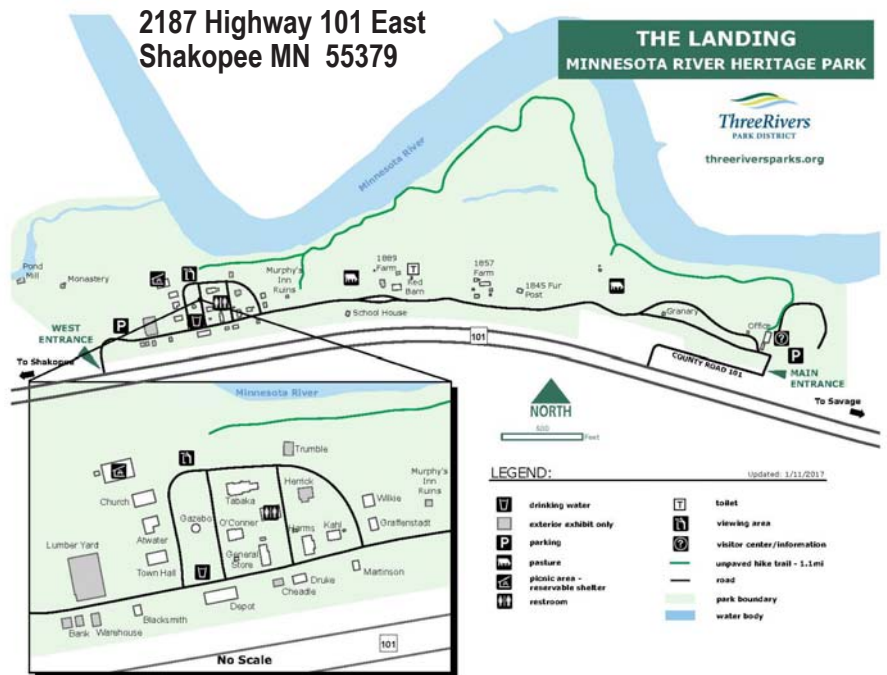
The next TGoM membership meeting is set for Wednesday, June 14. This meeting will be held at 'The Landing' formerly known as 'Murphy's Landing' and is at 2187 Highway 101 E Shakopee, MN 55379, just west of Valley Fair. Enter at the West entrance which is not the main (East) entrance, but is the entrance 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, less than a block's walk from the lot. Parking spaces are indicated with 7 foot high row marking poles.

Our fabulous potluck begins at 6:30 pm, with the business meeting, and show and tell to happen after that. For the demonstration, several members of the Program Committee will create some quick and unique metal items. Cliff Larsen will demo a hat from a quarter. Lou Groth will demo a spoon. Myron Hanson will demo a calla lily and/or a ginko leaf and Pete Stanaitis will demo a fire striker. These will be dependent on the weather as we do not have a shelter for these demonstrations. Pete is also going to bring his Induction Forge to demonstrate and this can be setup inside the Town Hall building if the weather does not cooperate. Hope you can make it!

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

Visit "The Landing" website:

<https://www.threeriversparks.org/location/landing>



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.

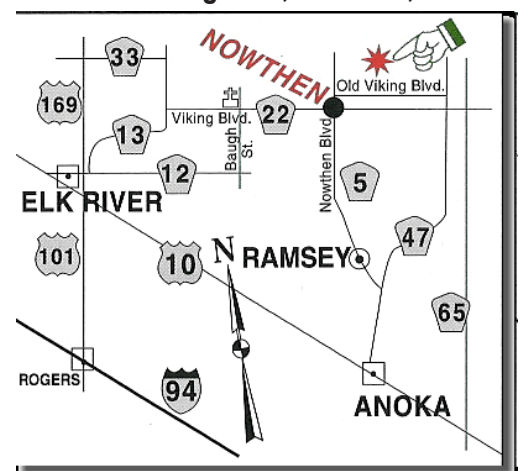
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This year we will have some demonstrations of candle holders in preparation for the contest at this years Madness Fall Conference. Questions about how to design or build a candle holder? This event will hopefully help you. If you would like to demo, 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).

UPDATE We are planning to have demonstrations by Don Hogenson, Wayne Olson, and Bob Brown plus hopefully a few additional surprise demos. Rich Herman will bring his collection of articles related to candle holders that he has pulled together from past issues of The Metalsmith, Hammers Blow (ABANA) and the newsletter of the Blacksmith Association of Missouri plus other websites -over 50 articles.

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



Box Tongs Class

Saturday, August 4, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Location: 28275 464th Street Cleveland MN. 56017

Cost: \$65

Max students: 9, Minimum students: 5

Instructors: Larry Wasmund and others

This class will teach those in attendance how to make a box style tongs. A box type tong gives you the most control in holding rectangular stock. We will be starting with ½ x 5/8 stock and making a tongs to hold a 1/2x 1 inch stock. There will be substantial amounts of drawing out on the reins and bit of this tongs. The students should have the dexterity for forging heavier stock. Students must know how to direct the movement steel with a cross peen, drawing out, and riveting. Everyone will go home with a functioning tool.

Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class: Bring your favorite hammer and a file

Safety Equipment: Cotton clothing, gloves, hearing protection, safety glasses.

Lunch Arrangements: Bring a bagged lunch or travel to Cleveland

If you have questions about this class, contact Larry Wasmund at 507 469-0205 or poundedtreasures@gmail.com.

To register for this class, send a check made out to Guild of Metalsmiths for \$65 to:

Larry Wasmund

28275 464th St

Cleveland MN 56017

Acceptance priority for this class is determined by postmark.



The Mark Aspery Class of 2017



Left to right, front row Mark Aspery, Bob Brown. Wayne Olson, Derrick Phillips, Jim Ricci. Standing: Stephen Olivio, Jesse Gavin, Dave Gavin, Adam Robrahn, Bryan Carlson, Dan Osadchuk, and David Skaurud.

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!



Newsletters from ABANA affiliates

The Florida Clinker Breaker for June 2017 is available, with all of the previous Clinker Breakers since 1985, at:

<http://blacksmithing.org/resources/clinker-breaker/>

Indiana Blacksmithing organization April Forge Fire newsletter:

<http://www.indianablacksmithing.org/newsletters/ff-2017-05.pdf>

Saltfork Craftsmen Artist-Blacksmith Association (Oklahoma) online May newsletter:

<http://www.saltforkcraftsmen.org/Newsletters/2017May.pdf>

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: Don Hogenson Newsletter editor: John Grump
715-265-4701 715-835-0894
johngrump@att.net

Lake Superior Metalsmiths

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

Contacts are:

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

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 jc-adams@msn.com,
<http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com/>

New TGoM Members for June 2017

Sharon Warneck, Pheonix, MD
Matt Kushner, Mendota Hgts, MN
Teresa Ness, Chester, IA
Mike Mapplebeck, White Bear Lake, MN



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 air-conditioned 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:

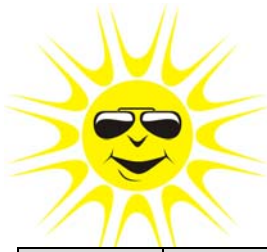
<http://www.cafepress.com/TheGuildofMetalsmiths>

TGoM 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.

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>



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
17 June 2017	Richfield Historical Society 50th Anniversary	Richfield, MN	Mike Alm	mikeu9488@gmail.com		Mike is bringing his own anvil and forge. Contact him if you're interested in helping at this event.
24 June 2017	Summer Fest	Minnetonka, MN	Martin Pansch	blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com	612-599-4762	Two person crew is full but feel free to come, watch and hurl insults.
15-16 July 2017	Olmsted County Living History Fair	Rochester, MN	None - Contact Olmsted Co. History Center POC Aaron Saterdalen	programs@olmstedhistory.com	507-282-9447	Vendors encouraged but need a State Tax ID. 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.
28-30 July 2017	Little Log House Antique Power show	Hastings, MN	Dick Carlson	Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com	651-437-3329	
4-6 AUG 2017	Scott-Carver Threshing Show	Jordan, MN	Jerry Felton	ecattleco@frontiernet.net	952-873-6754	Call Jerry in advance if you would like to help.
11-13 AUG 2017	Almelund Threshing Show	Taylor Falls, MN	Jim Moenck	jrmoenck@yahoo.com	651-724-3403	
16-19 AUG 2017	Murray County Fair	Slayton, MN	Larry Wasmund	poundedtreasures@Gmail.com	651-322-6626	Shop consists of Larry's trailer
18-20 AUG 2017	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 U.S. mail.
18-20 AUG 2017	Butterfield Threshermen's Assn. Steam & Gas Engine Show	Butterfield, MN	Larry Wasmund	poundedtreasures@Gmail.com	651-322-6626	Blacksmithing and Bronze casting. All sales go to the show.
25-27 AUG 2017	Pioneer Power Show	Le Seuer, MN	NA	NA	NA	Not open to casual demonstration but go watch Wyatt, Jim and others demo.
1-3 SEP 2017	Rice County Steam and Gas Engine Show	Dundus, MN	Myron Hanson	None	651-454-3984	Bring your hand tools and a project.
8-9 SEP 2017	Lamberton Hot Iron Days	Lamberton, MN	Bob Brown	bbrown474@msn.com	651-457-0086	Blacksmithing demo help welcome all Saturday Friday: mould making Noon-7pm. Iron pour at 10PM Saturday: mould making 8am-11am. Iron pour at 4pm.
9-10 Sep 2017	Laura Ingalls Wilder Days	Pepin, WI	Tom Latane	tlatane@centurytel.net	715-442-2419	Enough blacksmith demonstrators currently. Other period craft demonstrations welcome. Call/email Tom for details.
Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays	Jackson Street Roundhouse	St. Paul, MN	Gordon Barr	agbarr@aol.com	952-894-4821	Two forges and anvils available for use by Guild members on personal projects. Occasional visitors to demonstrate to.
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).

Jackson Street Roundhouse Ongoing Demo Ops

- 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

There will be a Makers Faire at the State Fair Grounds Friday and Saturday June 2 & 3.

They are looking for a blacksmith to demo. They are paying \$200 and you can sell anything you want and keep the money.

Anyone interested should contact:

Steve Jevning 612-220-3171 cell

Executive Director

Leonardo's Basement

150 West 60th Street

Minneapolis MN 55419

612-824-4394

www.leonardosbasement.org

THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors – May, 10th, 2017

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

Call to Order: 7:14pm by Martin Pansch. Members in attendance: Bettenberg, Dodge, Gavin, Philips, Sheely, Wasmund, Wessling, Widenhofer. Missing: Barr, Lockwood. Visitor(s):

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

We are not getting response from email to pay dues. Change in payment for beginners classes: membership for the day-\$10 added to cost of class, will go toward full membership if upped within 30 days. Discussed getting "Square" to be able to use credit cards at conference and elsewhere.

Treasurer Report: Grace Sheely

See separate detailed report.

2017 BALANCE SHEET	31-Mar-16	30-Apr-16
CASH ASSETS		
Wells Fargo Checking Balance	\$ 20,698.83	\$ 22,091.40
Wells Fargo Savings Balance	\$ 26,779.31	\$ 26,779.97
Wells Fargo Simple Checking	\$ 15,850.91	\$ 16,141.31
Sub-Total Cash	\$ 63,329.05	\$ 65,012.68
Reduction for Grant Funding	\$ 7,988.76	\$ 7,988.76
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	\$ 55,340.29	\$ 57,023.92
REVENUE		
Deposits Bank	\$ 1,627.69	\$ 1,425.91
Deposits Paypal	\$ 696.96	\$ 290.40
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 2,324.65	\$ 1,716.31
CASH/Paypal Not Deposited	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,324.65	\$ 1,716.31
EXPENSES		
Membership		
Education	\$ 3,272.19	
Communications		\$ 32.68
Program		
Program Conference		
Management	\$ 9.80	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,281.99	\$ 32.68
CASH/PayPal Expenses		
TOTAL BANKED EXPENSES	\$ 3,281.99	\$ 32.68
NET GAIN/LOSS	\$ (957.34)	\$ 1,683.63
PAID MEMBERSHIPS	24	20

Membership Services Committee: Chair Barr. -Not present. Status on updating membership database

Education Committee report: Chair -Wasmund, Vice Chair- Bryan Carlson

One more meeting to finalize '17-'18 classes. Separating Beginner's classes to one 2 day class and two 1 day classes, Eight 2 day classes-\$60/day cost. Status of Mark Asprey class-Everything should be set for this event. Status of recent and upcoming classes-2 tongs classes, 2 struck tools classes, knife making class for next year. This year is winding down, last class of the year will have passed by the time the Forum is out. Status of Nowthen Hammer-in: June 2,3,4 Rich Herman is taking on this one.

Program Committee: Chair-Lockwood, Vice Chair- Vacant

Status of June, August meetings-The Landing and Dan Pate's respectively. Oct meeting tentatively at The Work's

Conference status demonstrators-Nathan Roberson, Shelton Browder, Steve Mankowski

Communications Committee: Chair-Bettenberg, Vice Chair- Vacant

Status of simplified brochure-Discussed revised brochure, progress on new signs for meetings. Status of Metalsmith editor understudy-We have a person interested in doing the Metalsmith.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

New Membership Database We may try database from Wild Apricot. Credit card payments for classes, membership and conference. 5-Year contract with Little Log House and blow torch donation-still pending. Discussion of Guild positions that need to be filled and prioritization. What should be pushed for next?-Still looking for V.P. (backup) for all positions.

NEW BUSINESS: Long Range Planning. Discussed, 'What are we saving for?' What are the costs of different plans. We need to make focus group(s) to explore costs of different plans-own/rent/build? Different revenue streams for long plan, long term continuing revenue stream. Discussed increasing engaged membership, finances, facilities.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:31pm

For Sale:

1. 5 inch leg vise. All parts present. Screw in good condition. - \$150
 2. Square forge table with champion blower and tuyere - \$ 195
 3. Canedy Otto blower with stand - \$ 195
 4. Champion blower with tuyere - \$ 85
 5. Rectangular forge table - \$ 75
 6. Canedy Otto blower without counter weight - \$100
- Contact Rick Gramith at rickgramith@gmail.com or (239) 989-2822

Blacksmithing tool swap meet of sorts In Hazleton, Iowa.

Who: Mr. and Mrs. Neil Hershberger (Possibly called "Hershberger General Store")

What: Public and dealers welcome to bring items of this sort (i.e. all kinds of blacksmithing and assorted peddle power tools) to sell, trade or buy.

When: 3 June 2017 from 7am - 8PM

Where: 1475 Grant Avenue, Hazleton, IA 50641

Why: Because some folks just like to haggle in person versus online.

Guild discount for Carhartt gear!

If there is one uniform feature that would help determine the probability of someone being a Guild member, at least in the cooler months, it is more likely than not they are wearing a Carhartt jacket (probably with minor burn marks on it, unless they are wearing their "Sunday Best" Carhartt of course). That is why I am happy to announce that Guild Member John Rohrer got us the hook up for a discount on Carhartt gear.

The program is called Carhartt At Work and it should be good for a 15% discount on almost everything in the store, except Flame Retardant (FR) gear, which gets 10% off.

Right now John confirmed The Guild is loaded into the computer at the Riverdale Village store. It should end up getting loaded into the Mall of America store computer too but might take a bit for that to occur. The Riverdale Village store is located at:

12680 Riverdale Blvd.

Coon Rapids, MN 55448

952-885-8000 riverdalevillage@carhartt.com

It won't work for online orders but sounds like if you want to stop by or call the store to place a special order you should be able to get the discount.

John said you should just be fine with just mentioning the Carhartt At Work program and The Guild of Metalsmiths to get your discount. If you are concerned about proving you are a member though you might want to bring your latest copy of The Metalsmith with your name on the back which it is the closest we have to membership cards.

As any special deals pop up that apply to us I'll let everyone know. Remember to thank John for looking out for the Guild next time you bump into him.

— Martin Pansch

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

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 hillx001@umn.edu

Raspberry Island website:

<https://raspberryislandfolkschool.blogspot.com>

Goings on...a listing 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 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 invitational 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

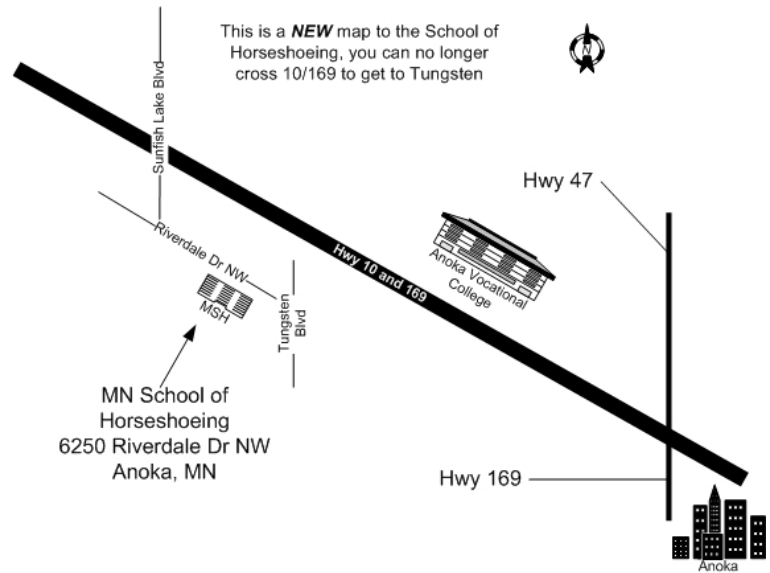
Events in August 2017

- August 4, Box Tongs Class, Cleveland MN
- 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

Events in September 2017

Heads up! TGoM Annual Fall Conference Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 15, 16, and 17!

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
PO Box 11423
St. Paul MN 55111

List Me
in the directory
but don't list

Don't List Me
in the Directory

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: _____

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

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.



Address Service Requested

Forum deadline for July 2017:: Monday, June 19, 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."

June 2017

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

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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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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