

The Forum

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The TGOM August meeting is right around the 'CORN'--er!

Be sure to mark your calendars now for the annual TGOM corn feed on Wednesday, August 10 at the beautiful country home of Dan Pate. Herb Fick, champion, promises more of the delectable summer-time victuals to which members have become accustomed! Here's what he has to say right now....

August is a date. August when used with a small a is an adjective indicating some level of magnificence, grandeur, and impressing awe. We, on behalf of Dan Pate the host, aim for all of the above.

A larger set up crew would be nice. Herb will be putting the screws on people to help during June and July.

Myron is obligated for a demo. He is in charge of his own help which for sure includes BTW™ and Carlson.

Trust Dan Pate to be able to show blacksmiths something in light gage metal that they have not thought about but will want to try.

The food fight is pretty well organized.

The contestants will at this time include the Leprechaun, the chip Moenck, Dick Carlson, and at least Gary Myers, who has already offered to help Herb with the hog.

I am guessing that others will offer to put their backs into what has become a good time for Herb and Dan and Myron and Cliff and Dick and, well you get the drift.

Potluck will be as always, but **people should focus on appetizers, vegetables and desserts to bring.** (Unless they have something against pork and chicken.)

Jim Moenck could perhaps be convinced that a bit of venison sausage would make a good appetizer.

Maybe we can talk Breczinski into some horseradish for condiments.

This has been a fun, family oriented, and well attended meeting for years now. Your attendance is what makes it work.

— Herb



THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS INVITES YOU, AND...

We need you!

The Metalsmith Madness, our Annual Conference, is September 16, 17 and 18.

We invite you to come and have fun.

We would like you to help us make it great.

The gallery will look better for all of us with your pieces displayed.

Please consider making something special for the auction.

Your support makes it possible to hire big name people to come to demonstrate and teach.

There are many people behind the scenes that plan this event for a year. But we cannot have a successful conference without you.

Please come.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

September 16, 17, 18, 2011

Little Log House Power Show Grounds

Hastings, MN

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Forum deadline for August: Monday, July 17, 2011

The deadline for The Forum is always the third Monday of the month. If you have activities that will be occurring in the next few months and wish to have them published in the next Forum, please send them by Monday, July 17, 2011 to Georgia Myers, editor, by email to:

gldmyers@embarqmail.com

or mail them to:

Georgia Myers
413 W Dakota St
Lake City MN 55041

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Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information is as follows:

President: Brad Hegge

715-983-2131

heggeco@triwest.net

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:

Norm Groehler, President, 715-399-8151

normanwgroehler@centurytel.net

Jim Sage, Vice President, 218-525-7265

sageforge@cs.com

Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths

The NMM meetings are the first Monday of the month, often, but not always, at Keith Johnson's shop in Bemidji. Contact Keith for monthly specifics at keith@greatriverforge.com. The Northern Minn. Metalsmith's website is www.nmmetalsmiths.org

Central Minnesota Blacksmiths (CMB)

Meet on the first Monday of each month

Pot Luck followed by demo

Locations are different every month so please call or write for info

Contacts are:

President: Ken Zitur

1-320-746-2557

ken@kensiron.com

Brian Johnson

16777 Co Rd 75 NW

Clearwater MN 55367

1-320-558-6898

Help save money for TGOM

Members of TGOM Board have stepped up and voluntarily offered to stop getting their paper copies of *The Forum* and simply get an electronic version delivered to our email. We are asking you to do the same, if you can. If you're ready to go paperless, please send an email to Gordon Barr at: agbarr@aol.com with a message in the subject line reading: *E-Forum only please*.

For Sale

306 lb. anvil in excellent condition, \$700.

Contact:

Carl Nordquist

715-866-8807

carlsanvil@centurytel.net

For Sale

- 1 Post drill - \$100.00
- 2 Forge parts - all parts except legs. Has an additional blower, as one of the blowers has some small cracks and chips. Otherwise, needs legs and reassembled. - \$40.00
- 3 Peddle grinder (about 22 inches diameter by 2 inches thick, no cracks, round hole) - \$150.00
- 4 Extra grinding stone (looks to measure about 22 inches across, 2 inches thick, no cracks, square hole)- \$50.00

Questions: call Jim Armstrong at 763-434-1258 Located in Bethel, Mn. Buyer must pick up.

OPEN FORGE TIME NOW AVAILABLE

Any member that would like to use a forge at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing can contact Nancy at the school. Phone is 763-427-5850 or Nancyduggan@rtduggan.com. Forges are usually available Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9-4. Cost would be \$10 plus you buy your own coal. Make arrangements with Nancy to ensure time is available.

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So, have you marked your calendar yet for the Fall Madness – the Guild of Metalsmiths Fall Conference? The conference will be held this year on September 16th through the 18th at the Little Log House Power Show grounds, located six miles south of Hastings on Highway 61.

Friday afternoon is the Gallery setup; bring your best works to show off all of the great stuff you have made. This is a non-juried show; all items registered will be included in the gallery. New members are encouraged to bring things, because it is a great way to connect with the group and get free advice. If you cannot make it Friday, gallery registration is open on Saturday also.

Friday evening is the Grand Opening of The Gallery. Come early for the potluck dinner at 5 PM and join your friends to tour the wonders of the Conference gallery. We will have the demonstrators on hand, and they will talk about what they will be doing for their demonstrations.

Friday is also the opening of the tailgate area. If you need to buy or sell some equipment, the tailgate sales area is a great opportunity to exchange those hard-to-find smithin' tools. Sales are open all weekend, but the best deals usually go early. We will also have Al Kaiser the bookseller there with lots of books on blacksmithing and other crafts.

Saturday is when things really get going. Registration starts at 7:30 AM and demonstrations start at 9 AM. This year we have two wonderful demonstrators – Brian Brazeal from Brandon, MS and Tom Latané from Pepin, Wisconsin. Brian has developed meticulous hand hammer skill to master traditional blacksmithing techniques. Tom is a well-known local smith known for his meticulous style and amazing creations.

In addition to the demonstrators, other family activities for non-smithing spouses and children include Found Art creation, Altoid

Tin Repousse, Broom-making class with Mark Jackson, stacked brick bread ovens, a Scandinavian spoon carving class, and a custom leather knife sheath for your own knife with Johan Potgieter of Tandy Leather. There will be materials and instruction fees for the broom-making, spoon, oven, and sheath classes. Contact Sheri Stanaitis (2476 10th Ave. Baldwin, WI 54002-7204 ph – 715-698-2895) for more information.

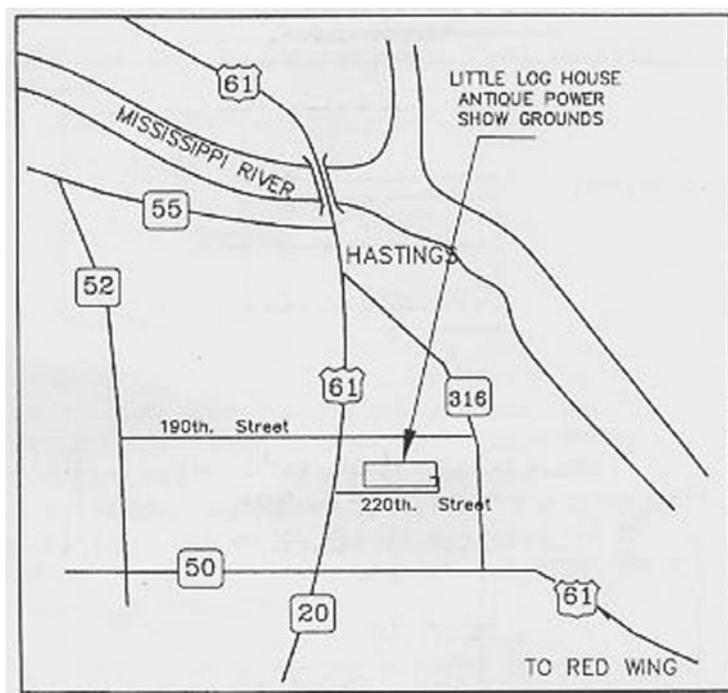
If that isn't enough to keep you busy, browse the silent auction area to pick up that piece of steel you need or the other doodad you can't live without. And if you have an extra chunk of steel or a thingamajig you don't need, consider donating it to the silent auction.

And let's not forget the highlight of the conference, the Saturday Night Live Auction. This is a major event of the year and provides you an opportunity to pick up some wonderful items for either your shop or your living room wall. We are asking everyone that participates in a public demonstration this summer at a fair or power show, please donate an item to the auction and identify what event it was made at. Tools would in particular be appreciated for the auction.

Now you may expect an opportunity to experience all of this would cost lots of bucks – well we will take it if you want to give it to us, but all we ask is a measly \$35 per family for the entire weekend or \$20 per family for a single day of the conference. Meal plans are available for \$39 for the weekend per person. Camping is available on the grounds for no charge except for a nominal fee if you connect your camper to the electricity.

More information on the conference will be showing up in your mailbox in a month or two.

— Rich Herman, Guild of Metalsmiths President



Upcoming Demonstration Opportunities

Each summer, members of The Guild of Metalsmiths are given a variety of opportunities to share their knowledge of metalsmithing with the public.

July 29, 30, 31: Little Log House Antique Power Show, Hastings, MN. Volunteer demonstrators in the blacksmith shop at the venue will receive passes to the show. Contact: Dick Carlson, 651-437-3329

August 6 & 7: Family Farm Festival at the Minnesota Zoo. Contact: Rich Herman, racherman@frontiernet.net or 651-322-1623.

August 13 & 14: Almelund Threshing Show, 7 miles northwest of Taylors Falls, MN. Contact: Carl Nordquist, 715-866-8807.

August 19, 20, 21: Nowthen Threshing Show. Again this year we will demonstrate blacksmithing at the Nowthen Threshing Show as we have for the past 25 years. Whether you are an old-timer or new to blacksmithing, come and participate in this Guild of Metalsmiths event. The threshing show is held on the third weekend of August, August 19, 20, 21, 2011. You may sign up in two ways. Come to the Guild's August meeting, sign up and get a pass for free entry to the show grounds. Or, if you won't be at the meeting, email Bob Fredell, bfredell@msn.com and request a pass and a map sent to you via US Mail. See you then.

Pre-conference workshop

Dates: September 15th and 16th

Location: Little Log House Blacksmith Shop near Hastings, MN (*map on page 3*)

Workshop Title: Heavy Metal Workshop

Cost of Workshop: \$250. Make checks out to The Guild Of Metalsmiths.

Mail check and registration to:

David Mariette
4020 160th Street East
Rosemount, MN, 55068.

Questions: call or email 612-889-3291, david_mariette@anvildancer.com

In this workshop students will pair off to form forging teams. Students will be making tools for forging. Time permitting and based on ability, students will make a hammer, hardies, hammer drift, and top tool. Students will be double striking, a learned skill in and of itself. This would be considered to be a class for the more advanced smith, but all will learn a tremendous amount regardless of their ability level.

There are openings for twenty smiths, or ten teams. This will be an intensive two days of instruction from one of the premier teachers in the country today, Brian Brazeal. He will have an assistant with him helping teach the class.

Brian Brazeal began discovering traditional blacksmithing as a farrier over 25 years ago. Brian gave up shoeing to practice traditional forging full time. Traveling the US and Europe, Brian was fortunate to have been exposed to smiths like Professor Alfred Habermann, his sons Alfred Jr., Josef, and David, as well as Alfred's daughter Christine. Brian also mentored with Tom Clark, Bob Patrick, Bill Bastas, Darrell Nelson, Terry Carson, and Tsur Sadan.

Brian now continues to share and promote the techniques of this lost craft in an effort to bring traditional blacksmithing back to the world by demonstrating and sharing his practical experience and forging expertise in clinics and workshops for all skill levels. Such techniques include the forge welded bundle, tools to make tools, collaring, and "forged to finish" hammer.

June Guild meeting showcases talent

The place was the Minnetonka Center for the Arts, as Guild members met on June 8 to share a meal, many conversations, and their unique and varied talents in crafting metal objects. Thanks to Judd Allen, meeting champion, who's also an MCA instructor.



Attendees watched Dave Mariette as he demonstrated the making of a button scroll.



Art center employees demonstrate pouring molten bronze into a mold in their foundry.



Judd Nelson (left) listens as two art center employees show a cast bronze sculpture.

Thanks to Henry Votel and Mike Frattalone for sharing these photos.

The Guild of Metalsmiths Board of Directors Meeting

Held at: Myron Hanson's House Wednesday, May 11, 2011. Call to Order: 7:00 PM by Rich Herman

Members in Attendance: Herman, Frattalone, Wessling, Sigurdson, Barr, Pansch, Mariette, Ponder, Murray. Missing: Rand; Guest: Tom Howard

Amendment / Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept Ponder, Second Sigurdson; approved.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee:

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 5-11-11 BOARD MEETING

DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE	14,808 (UP 1282 FROM 5-12-10)
REMAINING GRANTS	5,334 (UP 9)
CASH TOTAL	20,142 (UP 1291)

EXPENSES SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING ON 3-9-11;

METALSMITHS	1537
FORUMS 2 EA	495
WORKSHOPS	1288
MEETINGS	29
COPIES	36
DUES OVERPAYMENT	10
WEBSITE DESIGN	1090
TOTAL EXPENSES	4485
TOTAL DEPOSITS	6520

COAL 15.5 TONS REMAINING OF 24.4 TONS
MEMBERS 294 (DOWN 10 FROM 5-12-10)

Reviewed accountants revision of the year end Financial Report – moved the line item for coal to the Bemidji blacksmith group from an expense line item to an income line item.

Education Committee report – Chair Mariette, Vice Chair Pansch

The education class calendar is established for the year. The transition / revisions to the Beginners class has been set and the committee plans to do a “dry run”. An Intermediate Class curriculum has been drafted. The class will work on and complete a grille. The plan is for the project to take 24 hours over 3 days. The proposed instructors will all be required to make the grille themselves before teaching the class. A Heavy Metal workshop is planned for the two days prior to the Madness. Brian Brazeal will teach the class. Will run if we get a minimum of six teams, maximum of 10 teams will be accepted. Preparations are still underway. Class details will follow as available.

Program Committee report – Chair Hicks, Vice Chair Murray

Next Membership meeting will be held at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts. June 8th. August Membership meeting will be a corn feed. The Committee is investigating holding the October Membership meeting at the Children's Theater. The Christmas party is planned to be held at the December 11th Membership meeting.

Publicity Committee report – Chair Sigurdson, Vice Chair Rand

The new website is up and running. Will train the Committee Chairs to update the site. Craig will provide 3 months support for issues and we can contract for more content if we need / want. Henry Votel is looking to step down from handling the publishing of The Forum and Georgia Myers is willing to pick up the duties.

Unfinished Business: Discussed the questions for survey to identify why members left the Guild. Two primary questions will be investigated. First why they left the Guild (radio bullets) and an opportunity to leave a text response as a second question. Ponder will form questions and send to Board for comments with one week to comments. Ponder will report to Board at next meeting.

New Business: Credit card payments - Discussion regarding the possibility of establishing a method which would allow the Guild to accept credit cards. Frattalone reviewed a proposal from vendor for reader and fee based relationship ongoing transactions. Purchase of machine and fees not to Guilds benefit. Will investigate the possibility of some type of arrangement with Pay Pal that fits our organization. Lou Groth may be a possible resource. Could require the addition of a savings or another type of account to implement. Would allow the possibility of including a “Donation” button on the Web page.

Guild Apparel - Discussion the possibility printed on demand hats and T-shirts with Guild provided artwork. Martin will investigate further; Café Press is one company that provides on demand printing of apparel.

Guild Liability Coverage / Exposure - Discussion of 5 general areas of exposure and the need for coverage of liability and medical.

1. Classes 2. Demos 3. Guild coverage at private shop (similar to #1) 4. Workshops with tools etc. 5. Tools or products sold or given away
Discussed issues surrounding minors and the need to have parents at class. Motion to revise liability statements regarding adults and minors at class. Motion by Sigurdson, second Barr; passed. Training on tools to be used during the course of the class or at home later. Board will explore the coverage necessary for the five areas above with the following general context and nature of the organization. 501C3 with 20-25 events as year, income and expenses in the range of \$31k to \$35k per year. Frattalone, Hicks, Ponder will work from common list and secure quotes from agents.

Adjournment 9:30 PM Motion by Ponder second Sigurdson; accepted without dissent.



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 class registration:

Carol and John Adams, 507-289-4189 or 507-289-5246

Email-jc-adams@msn.com:

Website: www.tunnelmillcrafts.com

Note: there are still openings in these classes! Carol and John are looking for interest in the Doug Wilson class (see below). Please contact them if you're interested!

Upcoming in 2011...

Mike Blue (Still room in this class): Damascus II, July 8, 9 and 10. Advanced patterning techniques. This class is intended to spend time in further pattern development beyond simple welding of a flat laminate and the incised patterns discussed in the previous class. Any beginners should really try to keep their projects within this domain. The complex patterns discussion will be beneficial but not an expectation.

We will discuss the development of the original mosaic designs found in European shotguns and the concepts involved in upset patterns like the current favorite "W" pattern and it's many variations including parquet development and the techniques to bring out that pattern on the surface of the billet. Another subject will be powder metal mosaic forms. This will include tool development for pattern manipulation and assistance in welding.

Anyone who wishes to explore the W pattern can bring along a lower layer count billet they prepared before the class. There will be less time talking and more time forging this go around. We're moving up into complex patterns where materials preparation will require a lot more time and the possibility of weld failures more likely.

Nathan Robertson (Still room in this class): August 6, Heat Treated Hammer Class

Choose your hammer, shape, and size.

Doug Wilson (If there's interest in this class, please contact Carol and John Adams asap!): Date Sept. 8, 9, 10, and Sept. 11, 12, & 13

Doug was a demonstrator at Guild of Metalsmiths Conference 2010 Doug will do two 3-day classes.

1st class—Working on lighting with electricity and mica. This is a change from the originally scheduled class on tool making.

2nd class: 3 day Drawing & Design: Drawing, design, and transforming ideas to metal.

Tom Latane' new class: October 14, 15 & 16, 2011, Norse Lock Students will construct a lock which is opened by a key that compresses a pair of springs to release the shackle. This type of lock, which can be used in many of the same applications as a padlock, has a body constructed of hammered sheet iron secured with tenoned ribs and brazed in the forge. Options for key variations will be discussed.

You are cordially invited...

Dutch Oven Cooking Class

Saturday, July 16, 10:00 a.m.

**Cliff Larsen's farm in Vermillion, MN
18190 Fischer Ave (south of Hastings)**

Learn how to care for and cook with a dutch oven.

Bring: Your favorite pot

Hot gloves

Tongs

Lid lifter

Long handled spoon

Apron

Hot pad holders

Comfortable chair

Ingredients and recipe for your favorite dish to cook and share

Beverage of your choice

I will provide: Charcoal and wood
Eating utensils, flatware
Paper and pen to copy recipes

RSVP: As soon as possible to 651-437-2124. **NOTE: This is a correction to the previous issue of The Forum, which contained a wrong phone number.**

If possible, your dish needs to be done by 1:00 or 1:30 for all to share. I will need to know how many will be attending the class, so please respond as soon as possible. I will be limiting the class to 25.

I'm looking forward to your reply and hopefully, your participation. If it rains, we will move indoors. Feel free to call with any questions.

There will be no charge for this class.

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Goings on...



A calendar of TGOM events at a glance

- All Education Committee meetings are the first Monday of each month.
- All Program Committee meetings are the third Thursday of each month.
- All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October, except December for the holiday gathering. For most 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).
- 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 July, 2011

- July 13, TGOM board meeting
- July 29, 30, 31, Little Log House Antique Power Show, Hastings, MN. TGOM demonstrators at the blacksmith shop.

Events in August, 2011

- August 6 & 7, Family Farm Festival at MN Zoo. TGOM demonstrators welcome.
- August 10, annual CORN FEED, Dan Pate's place!
- August 12, 13, Annual Almelund Threshing Show near Taylors Falls, MN. TGOM demonstrators welcome.
- August 15, 16, 17, annual Nowthen Threshing Show. TGOM demonstrators welcome.

Events in September, 2011

- Sept 15 & 16, pre-conference workshop "Heavy Metal."
- Sept. 16, 17, 18, annual TGOM Fall Conference at Little Log House grounds south of Hastings.

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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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