

The Forum

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Minnesota Wood Workers Guild July 19 picnic invitation!

RSVP BY JULY 11 NEEDED!

The MNWWG has invited our membership to their summer picnic on Tuesday, July 19th. Food and drink will be provided, but more is always welcome! They are not having any demonstrators or activities, but we are invited to bring stuff for an informal show & tell. *Below is the posting from their site.*

I plan to be there. Great chance to make new friends! **Please RSVP with me by Monday, July 11 so they can order food.** Thanks!

Peter Bettenberg

bettenberg@hotmail.com

651-777-5300



Next TGoM family meeting & corn feed set for Wednesday, August 10

Meeting champion Herb Fick submits the following:

The August meeting is still at Dan Pate's, 35790 Highway 56 Blvd. (map below), and is much a repeat of last year. We believe we have Ken and Mary Lou Zitur demonstrating a relatively large power hammer that he has developed to sell. I'm working on making sure that we have power and air for the power hammer.

Dick Carlson provides the ever-popular corn feed. I have ordered a hog, some chickens, and lots of garlic.

Dan has machinery to show that he did not have last year (surprise). We will want a few laborers to help arrange Dan's shop starting sort of at 9 AM. Thanks for those who helped last year.

And everyone should pray for good weather. We have been incredibly fortunate at Dan's these last now several years.

Potluck providers should probably not focus on meat. The hog and a few chickens just might be adequate. Think vegetables, soup, pies and cakes and, of course, raisin oatmeal cookies for Myron. He will be hungry because we will talk him into coming early and doing small demonstrations prior to the meeting.

Call Herb with questions: 507 663 0569 or 507 649 1611 (cell)

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL GUILD PICNIC!

Please join us for the annual Guild Picnic at the Jaycees Shelter, Central Park, Roseville.

As a special treat this will be joint picnic with the Guild of Metalsmiths! Meet some very talented fellow craftspeople!

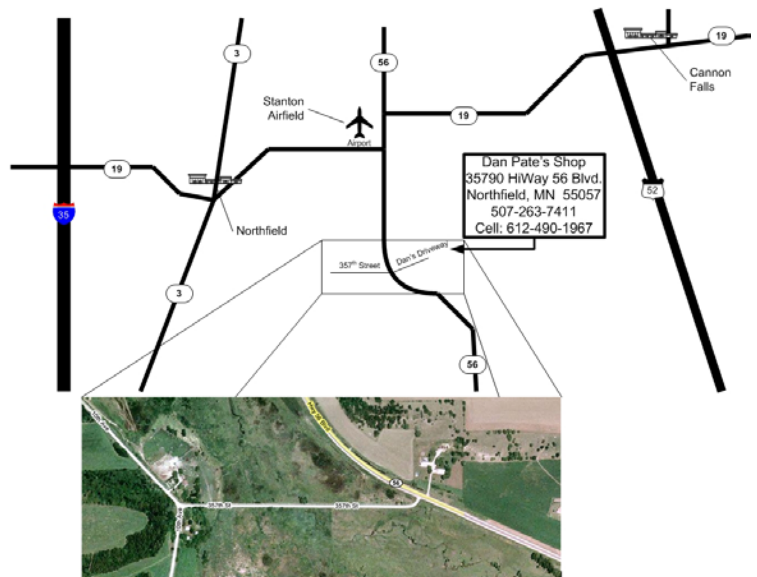
The Guild will provide soft drinks, beer, subway sandwiches, cookies, chips. Feel free to bring something to share. This is a rain or shine event since the shelter is covered!

WHEN: Tuesday, July 19. 6:30 - 9 pm. Show up at 6 pm if you're willing to help set up.

WHERE: Roseville Central Park, Dale Street West Pavilion. Southeast of County Rd C and Lexington (Lexington is closed at Hwy 36).

DIRECTIONS. <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Centr...93.1275549>

<http://www.mnwwg.org/>



Mark your calendar now!

'The MaDnEsS' is on the way...

The annual Fall Conference of the Guild of Metalsmiths will happen on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 16, 17, and 18, at the Little Log House Antique Power Show grounds near Hastings, MN.

Details are being finalized by the Program Committee, and you should see their brochure appear in your mailbox very soon.

Demonstrators this year will be Jeff Farmer from Kentucky and Freddy Rodriguez from Fusagasuga, Colombia. Jeff will teach the pre-conference class. Watch for registration details in next month's Forum.

Family classes this year will be the popular "Found Art" (donations accepted), magnetic art table, altoid tin repurpose, and spoon handle bracelets with Paula Wasmund.

Also, start thinking "AUCTION DONATIONS!"

Our neighborhood of smiths

The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM)

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Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information is as follows:

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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

NMM Conference April 23-24. Demonstrators are Bob Brown and Curtis Olson. Register by April 12.

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
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320-558-6898

Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center (CAFAC)

Quarterly blacksmithing classes, exhibits, and open house events
www.cafac.org email: info@cafac.org

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>



New Member for July 2016

Brandon Myers, Champlin, MN

Thank you!

TO ALL THE SMITHS AND METAL WORKERS: I want to say thank you to all who bring food to pass and drinks too for our gatherings. My parade has passed and the Gavins are carrying the torch. Thank you.

I'll miss some of the work but now I'll get to see and visit with all. We have the greatest bunch of people, all caring and sharing. I will look forward to meeting with all on a regular meeting night. I'll even get to eat ahead, not last!

Thank you all.

c.t.c. CLIFF THE COOK

Letter opener contest to be featured at 2016 Fall Conference!

It's not too early to start those creative juices flowing (for the Madness, of course!) and try to come up with a winner for the 2016 Fall Conference contest. The product will be a letter opener. We are giving you plenty of time to forge something beautiful and/or useful.

The letter openers can be made with any metal working process (forging, casting, welding, machining, etc.), but they have to be able to open letters. All openers will be auctioned off, with the proceeds going to the Guild. The winners of the contest are determined by which items earn the most in the auction, first place being the biggest earner, etc. First place wins \$100, second place \$60, \$40 for third.

Check out the two fabulous letter openers in the photo on the right. One was made by Paul Hubler, the other by Bob Fredell. Now try to guess which metalsmith made which opener!



TGoM now accepts Paypal and most major credit cards

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>

Calla Lily Workshop

Saturday, August 20, 8:30 am for coffee and classroom, 9 am for

fires lit, done by 4 or 5 for sure

Instructor: Myron Hanson

Location: Cliff Larsen's farm (map below)

Cost: \$60 per student

Class size: maximum 8 students **(STILL ROOM FOR MORE STUDENTS IN THIS CLASS!)**

Produce at least four people who can make a small Calla lily in less time than it takes the average curious power / steam show visitor to get bored with the process. It is not Guild policy, but I would like to emphasize this to people who want to demonstrate for the public. (Become a demonstrator!!!!!!!!!!!!)

Think of this as a class for relatively advanced forgers, but there is no need for metallurgy. Wayne Olson was doing well on Armed Forces Day demonstrations in May.

I've shown the story board (Ring of samples really) at several meeting now. It is a fair representation of the lilies that grow near Larry Britton's place on the Scenic Hiway North of Hiway 2. Myron prepared the examples and Myron is lead teacher for this workshop.

Cost is nominal (\$60) because we will not be spending a lot on materials. (3/8 Hot roll steel, coal and nominal rent.) We will organize room for eight, and I am not worried about filling the class. I've heard serious interest.

Lunch arrangements: Will be provided!

Bring: your favorite hammer

Safety equipment: safety glasses, ear plugs and work gloves are mandatory. Other safety equipment may include: leather apron, cotton clothing, pants, leather shoes.

To register for this workshop, send a check for \$60 made out to Guild of Metalsmiths AND your contact info to:

Herb Fick

519 Eighth Street East

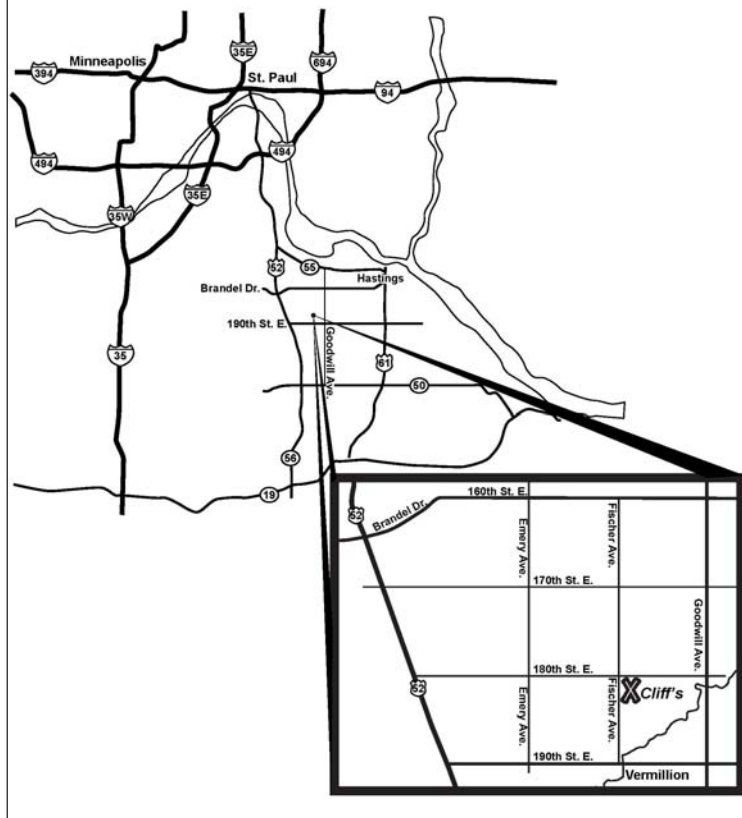
Northfield MN 55057

For questions: 507 663 0569 or 507 649 1611 (cell)

Acceptance priority is determined by postmark.



Map to Cliff Larsen's farm 18190 Fischer Ave, Hastings, MN



Upcoming class tickler!

People! Watch for registration to open for this class in the August Forum:

Gas welding workshop 22 Oct 2016

Details: Held at Myron Hanson's shop in East Eagan

Start as a new person to gas welding or improve your technique and knowledge of safety with an oxy/acetylene torch.

Myron has several teaching stations and, together with Bill the Welder© and Dick the Carlson, has produced capable and safe welders for several years now. Ask anyone who has taken this workshop for their recommendations and comments.

Cost is nominal. Class will start at 9 AM and run until 4:30 PM. Coffee will be provided. Bring a bag lunch, or there are a couple of local restaurants. It will be acceptable if you choose to bring your own welding kit to get familiar with it. There is room for eight attendees.

Register early. This one has always sold out. Two of us are organizing this for the instructors, as we expect them to be very involved with the students. (And because Bill © thinks Herb really needs his help with welding skills.)

NOTE: Herb's observation is that, in general, our members are far too willing to loan their torch to whoever implies that they have used one in the past. I (Herb) believe there are important safety concepts that are associated with those who borrow my torch, and this class is a good opportunity to learn those concepts.

— Herb Fick

June membership meeting excerpts...

Picture-perfect weather partnered with TGoM to make the June membership meeting an annual highlight once again. Thanks to Cliff and Madonna Larsen for making their country home available.

The gathering not only featured our customarily wonderful potluck, but also an expanded version of “show n tell” after we learned that our scheduled demonstrator was unable to attend due to medical reasons.

Thanks to Dick Carlson for stepping up with an “almost impromptu” demonstration of a “new-to-the-Guild” process using an electric transformer in combination with baking soda and water to produce tracks burned into wood. Talk to Dick if you want to do this yourself and understand why it works like it does!



Dick Carlson showed off his new talent: creating decorated (burned) wood pieces using an electric transformer, baking soda, and water.



Dave Mariette showed the bloom, a product of his recent smelt.

Herb Fick hyped an upcoming TGoM class, “Calla Lily Workshop,” to be taught by Myron Hanson and “others” scheduled for Saturday, August 20. See registration details on page 3.



“The Divine Blacksmith” with frame created by Dick Carlson. The “zoomed” portion of this picture (below) shows detail of the burning effect created by the process Dick demonstrated at the meeting.



Summer Demo Ops

Here is a list of available summer demonstration opportunities for Guild members. A contact person is defined for most events.

2016 TGoM Demo Calendar

Dates	Event	Location	Guild Champion	Email	Phone	Notes
21-22 May 2016	TC Makers Minne-Fair	Minneapolis, MN	TBD - Contact Martin Pansch	blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com	612-599-4762	
16-17 July 2016	Olmsted County Living History Fair	Rochester, MN	None yet - Contact Olmsted Co. History Center POC Aaron Saterdalen	programs@olmstedhistory.com	507-282-9447	
19-24 July 2016	Rice County Fair	Faribault, MN	Lou Groth	loug_33@yahoo.com	952-895-1515	
27-30 July 2016	Rock County Fair	Luverne, MN	Larry Wasmund	poundedtreasures@Gmail.com	651-322-6626	Bring your own equipment. Sales allowed.
29-31 July 2016	Little Log House Antique Power show	Hastings, MN	Dick Carlson	Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com	651-437-3329	
5-7 AUG 2016	Scott-Carver Threshing Show	Jordan, MN	Jerry Felton	eucattleco@frontiernet.net	952-873-6754	Call Jerry in advance if you would like to help.
12-14 AUG 2016	Almelund Threshing Show	Taylor Falls, MN	Jim Moenck	jrmoenck@yahoo.com	651-724-3403	
18-20 AUG 2016	Murray County Fair	Slayton, MN	Larry Wasmund	poundedtreasures@Gmail.com	651-322-6626	Shop is Larry's trailer
19-21 AUG 2016	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 mail.
20-21 AUG 2016	Butterfield Threshermen's Assn. Steam & Gas Engine Show	Butterfield, MN	Arden Hanson (casting) Larry Wasmund (smithing)	poundedtreasures@gmail.com	Arden - 507-279-0443 Larry - 651-322-6626	Blacksmithing and Bronze casting. All sales go to the show.
26-28 AUG 2016	Pioneer Power Show	Le Seuer, MN	NA	NA	NA	Not open to casual demonstration but go watch Wyatt, Jim and others demo.
2-4 SEP 2016	Rice County Steam and Gas Engine Show	Dundus, MN	Myron Hanson	None	651-454-3984	Bring your hand tools and a project.
9-10 SEP 2016	Lamberton Hot Iron Days	Lamberton, MN	Bob Brown	Bbrown474@msn.com	651-457-0086	Not open to casual demonstration but go and watch Tom, Pete, and Gary demo blacksmithing, Kitty demo tin work and Sheri spin wool.
10-11 SEP 2016	Laura Ingalls Wilder Days	Pepin, WI	Tom Latane	tlatane@centurytel.net	715-442-2419	
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 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 Demo Op

- The Roundhouse will be open Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10 – 4 and Sunday 12-4.
- Wednesday and Saturday you can enter through the back gate. Friday and Sunday please park in the front.
- We now have a second forge setup outside.
- People that would like to work in the blacksmith shop these days are welcome to drop by. Sundays would be especially helpful.
- Any questions, call Gordon Barr 612-242-5827





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.

Make Damascus (layered steel) Ric Furrer-Door County Blacksmith August 26, 27 & 28, 2016, 9:00 am-?? (each day)

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

For those of you who have some blacksmithing experience and want to do hands-on, let's do it.

We will be making steel Friday and Saturday. Later Saturday, (Saturday evening) and on Sunday, we will continue by making tools from our steel.

With the steel you have made you can make a tool of your choice, (send blue prints to us prior to class) a chisel, gouge, or cutting edge tool.

In addition to the class we will be working on the \$500# Little Giant Hammer. We will use it to forge and weld a heavy damascus billet.

Class cost:

Since we have some students who don't need meals or sleeping accommodations, we are offering 2-class price options:

* 3 day hands-on workshop: \$300, or:

* 3 day hands-on workshop, including room and meals for an additional \$100, for a total of \$400.

Contact us for more information....jc-adams@msn.com or 507-289-4189

www.tunnelmillcrafts.com

Hosted by John & Carol Adams

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

Register: jc-adams@msn.com, 507-289-4189 John or Carol Adams.



The 2016 ABANA Conference is coming up July 13-16 in Salt Lake City, Utah, For full details, go to:

<https://www.abana.org/Conferences/2016/index.html>

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 July, 2016

- July 16-17, Demo op: Olmsted Co Living History Fair-see pg 5
- July 19-24, Demo op: Rice County Fair, contact Lou Groth
- July 27-30, Demo op: Rock County Fair, contact Larry Wasmund
- July 29-31, Demo op: Little Log House show, contact Dick Carlson

Events in August, 2016

- Aug. 5-7, Demo op: Scott-Carver Threshing Show, Jerry Felton
- August 10, Guild membership meeting & corn feed, Dan Pate's farm
- Aug. 12-14, Demo op: Almelund Show, contact Jim Moenck
- Aug. 18-20, Demo op: Murray County Fair, contact Larry Wasmund
- Aug. 19-21, Demo op: Nowthen Show, contact Bob Fredell
- Aug. 20-21, Demo op: Butterfield Show, contact Larry Wasmund
- Aug. 26-28, Pioneer Power Show, LeSeuer

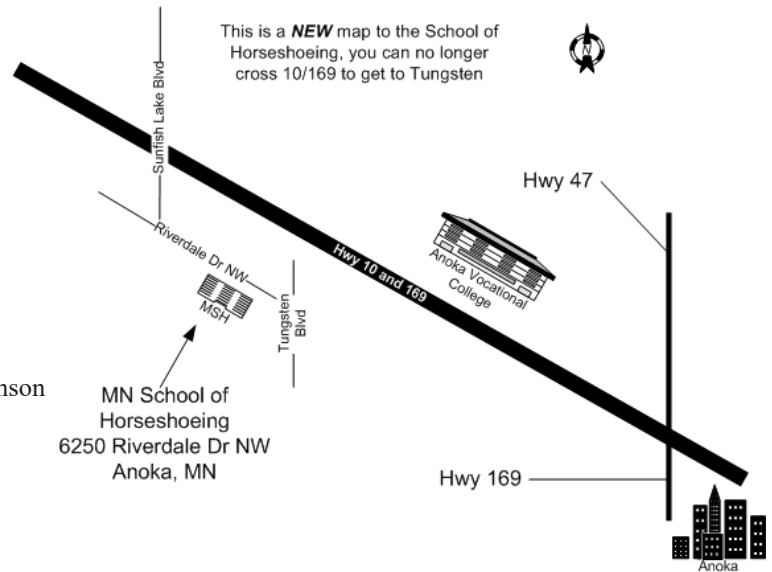
Events in September, 2016

- Sept. 2-4, Rice County Steam & Gas Engine Show, Dundas, Myron Hanson
- Sept. 9-10, Lamberton Hot Iron Days, contact Bob Brown
- Sept. 10-11, Laura Ingalls Wilder Days, Pepin, WI
- Sept. 15-16, Pre-Conference Class with Jeff Farmer, Hastings
- Sept. 16-18, THE MADNESS! Hastings

Events in October, 2016

- Oct. 12, Guild membership meeting at Fort Snelling
- Oct. 22, Gas Welding Class, Myron Hanson's studio

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.

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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 August:: Monday, July 18, 2016.

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

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."

July 2016

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

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.

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.

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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