

The Forum

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Mark your calendar now for TGoM's August 9 family & friends meeting!

Join us once again at Dan Pate's shop on Minnesota Highway 56 on Wednesday, August 9. Just three miles south of the Stanton airport at 357th street. Dan Pate does auto development and restoration. Again, last year while we were cleaning up the mess on Thursday morning (using a front end loader!), I asked Dan if he was willing to give it one more time. He is very willing. This will be the **eighth** time Dan and LuAnn have hosted the August meeting. This makes them even more a super hero team. If this announcement seems redundant; well, it just might be. Seven times this meeting has been a serious treat, weather and all. We should test the odds once more.

35730 Hiway 56 Blvd, Dennison MN 55018

Note: Right now the bridge is out one mile south of the Stanton airport. You have to approach from the South. That may change by 9 August but this is your warning.



Starting time: potluck dinner at 6:30. Set up starting is any time before noon. Jim Moenck, Gary Myers and Herb will be starting a fire about 9 AM. We have Myron Hanson willing to host an open forge from 1 PM on. Come and make something. I'm thinking it would be great if we ended up with a bouquet of calla lilies or roses by the time we do show and tell. We are trying to get people who are available to come early and enjoy the day. Tom and Wendy have already offered to trim trees and mow, but a bit more help would be very welcome.

Features: the feature demonstration will be Jim Moenck doing an extensive demo on the heat treating of a cutting edge. It seems all new members want to make a knife, and they need to know more about what they are getting into.

This meeting features and is known as The Corn Feed. Dick Carlson has put his heart into this for years. Some of us have humbly joined in the effort.

Herb plans to roast a hog. He does not promise to cut back a little on the garlic (unless someone has a good reason). He will probably go back to butter for basting.

Once again a few chickens will be prepared for those who avoid pork. Recognize the chickens will be prepared by smoking and secondary roasting in the cavity of the hog. (Some have dietary restrictions.)

Dan has a unique collection of ways to form metal sheets into almost anything you desire. He can demonstrate all of these and offers to take requests. Dan's equipment mix has changed again this year, so do not think that you have already seen it all. Dan often allows members to experiment with a machine. Your liability, you might learn to handle a machine that will shrink, stamp, fold, staple or mutilate 10 gage steel very carefully. Someone usually demonstrates the effect of an "English Wheel" on a finger. Safety officers take note!

This is family and friends night. We have had some wonderful evenings at Dan and LuAnn's park-like setting. Show and tell will be good. Do everything you can to be there. This is intended to be a very family friendly and social meeting.

When planning your contribution to the potluck, please recognize that we will be a bit long on sweet corn and meat so think salads, breads, and desserts or whatever you think is special. As per last year, if you need a hint, Myron especially likes oatmeal cookies with lots of raisins.

Post note: Last year there were requests for smoked chicken to take home. They are not available on short notice. I think we can accommodate these needs (wants?) if you get your order to Herb at least two weeks before the meeting. These chickens are local, organic and smoked to order. They are not a commodity item.

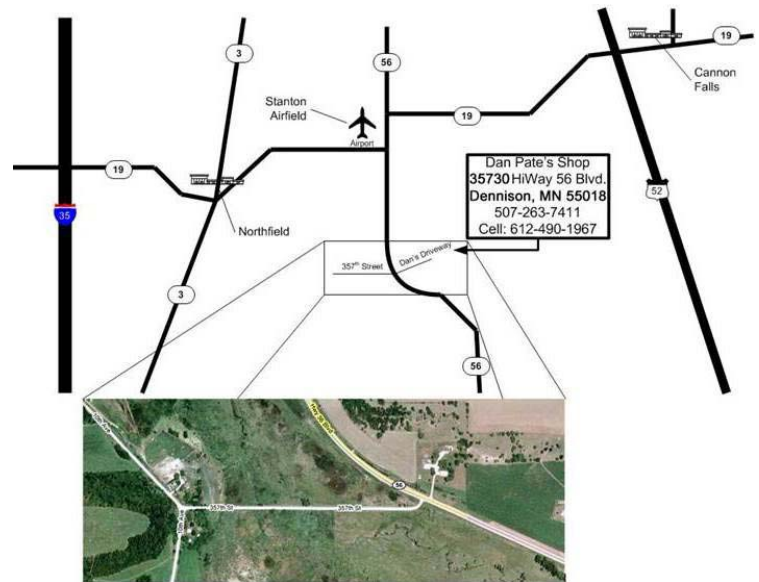
Am I making it sound like I enjoy this?

— Herb Fick

TEASER: The Madness is coming!

Yep, our annual Fall Conference is just around the corner. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 15, 16, and 17 are the dates. Full details will be featured in the August Forum, including the demonstrators, the family-focused classes, the silent and live auctions, the gallery, and the found art wagon. Keep all these things in mind during the next few weeks. Donations to the found art wagon are necessary to keep that popular event alive. See page 2 for details to-date on family activities. See you at THE MADNESS!

Map to Dan Pate's farm



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 1/2 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.

Power Hammer Use with Nathan Robertson

Date and Time: Saturday and Sunday, September 9 & 10, 2017. Start time 9:00am

Where: The Pansch Farm (map at right)

Class size: Maximum students: 10

Class fee: \$230

Instructor: Nathan Robertson

Class description: Do you want to get the most out of your power hammer? Or are you contemplating getting a power hammer but want to know more about them first? In this class Nathan will be taking students from the basics of driving a power hammer, both mechanical and air powered, up to as far as we can get in two days. Students will learn a technique, make a power hammer tool with that technique, then use that tool to learn another technique, etc. Students should go home with new tools in their bucket and new skills in their head. Nathan has extensive time forging under different hammers and has learned from some of the best hammer drivers of our time so whether you are new to power hammers or have used one for years you are sure to learn something new and exciting from Nathan. Please no smith's under 18 years old for this class

Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class. Detailed list of tools will be sent to registered students. Power hammers will be provided.

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

Special Instructions: Limited accommodations available at the Pansch farm. Camping on site also available.

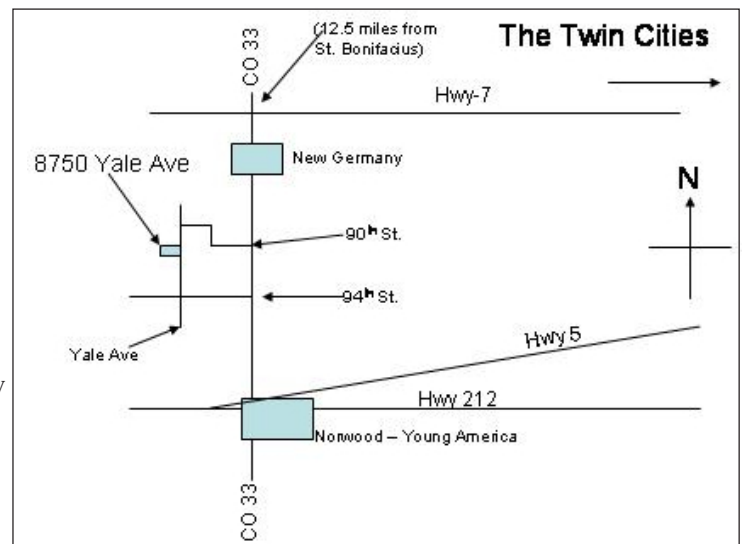
Lunch Arrangements: Either bring your own meals or we will figure out a collective feeding plan.

To register for this "Pre-Pre-Conference Class," send a check for \$230 made out to The Guild of Metalsmiths and your contact info to:

Martin Pansch
8750 Yale Avenue
Young America, MN 55397

For questions, contact Martin at (612) 599-4762 or blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com

Acceptance priority for this class is determined by postmark.



Madness family activities

Join David S. Cargo to learn how to build a portable stacked-brick oven. After the oven is built, it will be fired up while students learn how to make dough for flatbreads, pizza, and bread. Bake all these in the brick oven and then eat them. You will leave with knowledge of building stacked brick ovens, plans for three different sizes of ovens, and practice in baking in these ovens.

Class cost is \$40.00. Date: Saturday, September 16, 2017. Class runs from 9am-5pm with a 1-hour break starting at noon for students to have lunch. Class size: 15. Must be registered by September 9. Students should bring hat, gloves, note-taking materials and sturdy shoes (in case of falling bricks). Make Checks out to David S. Cargo. Send them to Sheri Stanaitis, 2476 10th Ave, Baldwin Wi, 54002. Call Sheri at: 715-698-2895 if you have any questions.

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 July 2017

JASON ROETTGER, STILLWATER MN
KATIE YOUNG, EAU CLAIRE WI
JOHN WREISNER, MINNEAPOLIS MN
CHRISTIAN SKELTON, BURNSVILLE MN
ZACH CHRISTIANSEN, BROOKLYN PARK MN
JOSEPH SCHURCH, LAKEVILLE MN
BRANWEN DANAKI, WOODBURY MN
KAREL WALTERS, SIOUX CITY IA
MIKE DIPPEL, SOUTH ST PAUL MN
JEFF BLOMSETH, SCANDIA MN JEFF

Keeping the Art of Blacksmithing Alive

Good day.

My name is Robert Gwalchmai and I have been blacksmithing for some 15 years. I live in Schomberg Ontario, Canada where I have a small forge in my back yard and a mobile trailer-mounted forge that I use for demonstrations at "away" venues. I have been a member of the Ontario Artist Blacksmith Association for the past five years.

Recently, I wrote a book on blacksmithing called "Song of the Blacksmith" for the young reader, aged 5 to 8, like my granddaughter over in England. It was illustrated by Chantal Duclos, a young artist from nearby Kettleby, ON, and she used a horse as the narrator for the book. I wrote "Song of the Blacksmith" so that young people who may have recently learned of the art of blacksmithing can find out more about this ancient craft in an easy and enjoyable style. This is the first book on blacksmithing for this age group in print in English.

If any members of your association might be interested in taking a look at "Song of the Blacksmith", I have placed a video of me reading the book on my website www.robertgwalchmai.com in which I slowly flip through the book while the true sound of "hammer on anvil" accompanies the audio tract.

Initial responses both from little readers and fire-hardened old blacksmiths has been very favourable. A recent reading I did for 75 kindergarten children was very well received; I actually kept their attention throughout the entire book - a rare accomplishment, I have been told.

I hope you and your group see this book as intended - one small step in keeping our craft alive for at least another generation.

My website also details options for getting copies of my book; you can get single signed copies of the book from me, or the publisher, Blue Moon Press of Huntingdon, PA. For the best quote on bulk orders, email the publisher, or call Judith Berger, at 866-627-6922.

Thanks for your consideration.

— Robert Gwalchmai

Successful Hammer-In held at Nowthen

On June 2, 3, and 4 the 2017 Hammer-in was held at the blacksmith shop on the Nowthen Historical Power Association grounds. Camping was an option for those attending and about a dozen people took advantage of this opportunity. The theme for this year was candle holders, the intention being to provide information related to candle holders to help people make better projects for the Fall Conference competition.

Setup was Friday night with lots of “discussions,” including some blacksmithing topics. Saturday was a nice warm day with all five forges kept busy most of the day. Don Hogenson started off the day teaching a hands-on class in a method of making candle cups from black iron pipe. He learned this technique 20 years ago from Dave Mariette and shared this technique of making a candle cup with no hammer marks. Sunday the work continued until we wrapped up about mid afternoon and headed for home.

Over the course of the weekend there were several dozen blacksmiths ranging from people hitting hot iron for the first time to experienced instructors that showed up at the shop, plus a number of visitors from the Antique Tractor Pull also held Saturday on the nearby track.

Supporting the event, Rich Herman has collected together a number of articles related to candle holders from past issues of *Metalsmith*, *Hammer's Blow* (ABANA), Newsletter of BAM, and articles from *Best of the Bits* (Alabama Forge Council) plus



Pictured (l to r) at the 2017 Hammer-In, Don Hogenson, Larry Wasmund, Roger Degner

projects from the Anvilfire.com iForge discussion group. These articles plus links to the Anvilfire website can be found on the Guild website at

<http://www.metalsmith.org/phpbb/viewtopic.php?f=28&t=693&p=1431#p1431>

Thanks to Rich Herman for being champion of this event and to Don Hogenson, Larry Wasmund, Wayne Olson, Christina Dodge, and Bob Brown, plus lots of others (especially spouses) that lent a hand.

June TGoM membership meeting pictorial...

Photos by Peter Bettenberg



The meeting was held at The Landing in a spacious new picnic/gazebo area. Rick Wessling introduced a staff member.

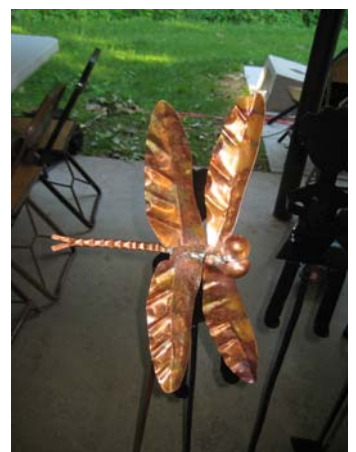


Good shot of our fabulous potluck food line.



Do we know how to provide goodies, or what?

Two of the “show n tell” items shared at the meeting.





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	eucattleco@frontiernet.net	952-873-6754	Call Jerry in advance if you would like to help.
11-13 AUG 2017	Almelund Threshing Show	Taylor's 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@threeiversparkdistrict.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

2017 Pre-Conference 1-Day Workshop with Steve Mankowski & Shelton Crowder

Date and time: Friday, Sept. 15, 2017 9:00-5:00

Instructors: Stephen Mankowski & Shelton Browder

Fee for Class: \$135.

Class size: Maximum students: 16 Minimum students: 10

Location: Little Log House Village, Hastings, MN (map at right)

Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class. forge, anvil, basic tools - specific tools for the project will be listed in an acceptance letter

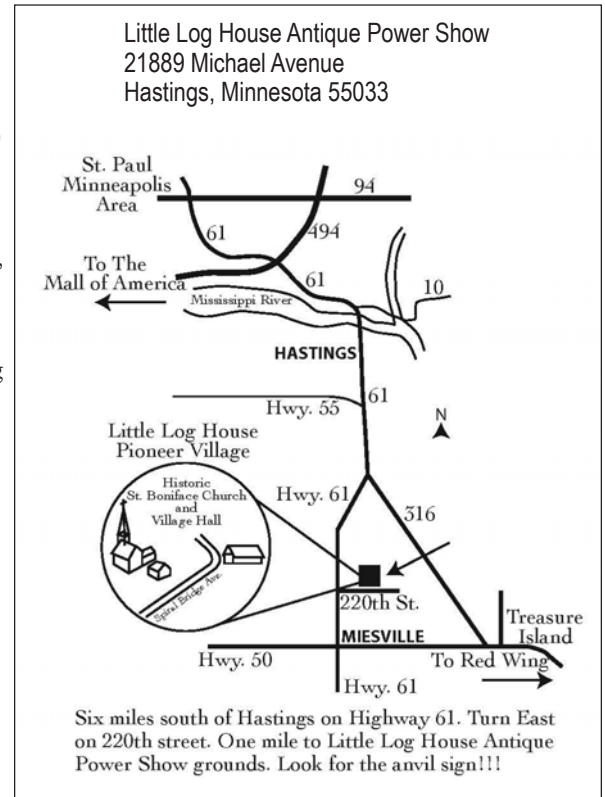
Special Instructions: stock & coal will be provided

Class Description: Steve Mankowski and Shelton Browder have shared blacksmith experience at historic Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia, demonstrating traditional methods to make tools and household items of the period. At this year's one-day pre-conference workshop, students will have the opportunity to make a small hand axe (including making the drift for the eye), a chisel and/or a gouge.



Students will need to bring their own forge, anvil, safety gear and tools (a few specific to these projects will be listed in the acceptance letter). Stock and coal will be provided. Students should have experience working with tool steel and forge-welding. Set up indoors, in the main demonstration building. The workshop will run from 9:00 to 5:00, with a lunch break (students, bring a lunch).

Plan to stay for the evening gala, which includes the gallery opening and a video presentation of "Ore to Axe," documenting the process of extracting iron from earth using the bloomery method of smelting, converting iron into steel and then forging an axe. Steve and Shelton will be on hand to share their experience and answer questions.



To register, send a check for \$135 made out to "The Guild of Metalsmiths" and mail it, along with your contact information, to:

Christina Dodge
4430 Lyndale Avenue N
Minneapolis, MN 55412

Priority will be given to Guild members, acceptance based on the postmark date, and will be acknowledged with an email or letter.

General questions should be directed to:

Larry Wasmund
(507) 469-0205
poundedtreasures@gmail.com

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

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

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://raspberrylislandfolkschool.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 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

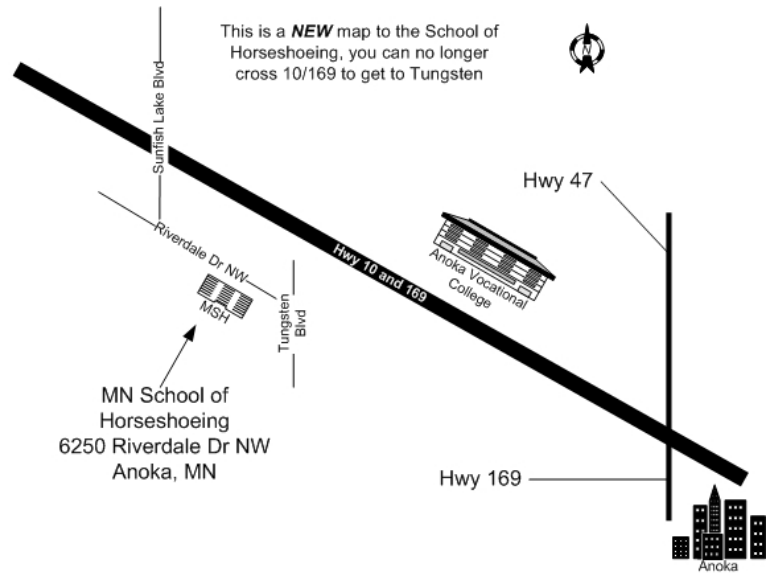
Events in August 2017

- 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

- September 1-3, Rice County Power Show, Dundas, MN-demo op
- September 8-9, Lamberton Hot Iron Days, demo op
- September 9-10, Power Hammer Use Pre-Pre-Conference Class
- September 9-10, Laura Ingalls Wilder Days, Pepin WI
- September 15, Pre-Conference Class, Little Log House
- September 15, 16, and 17, TGoM Annual Fall Conference, Little Log House

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

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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

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Address Service Requested

Forum deadline for August 2017:: Monday, July 17, 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."

July 2017

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

TGoM now 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.

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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