

The Forum

August 2015



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Family Day at TGoM's annual corn feed/hog roast meeting on Wednesday, August 12

Where: Dan Pate's shop on Minnesota Hiway 56, just three miles south of the Stanton airport at 357th street. Dan Pate does auto development and restoration. 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 was very willing. This will be the seventh time Dan and LuAnn have hosted the August meeting. This makes them even more some super hero team. If this announcement seems redundant; well, it just might be. Six times this meeting has been a serious treat, weather and all. We will test the odds once more.

Note: Last year's announcement used an incorrect address. I apologize. For those using a GPS it is: 35730 Highway 56 Blvd Dennison MN 55018 (See map below for the old fashioned way to get there)

Starting time: Dinner at 6:30. Set up starting is any time before noon. Show up early if you can because there is plenty to see and do.

Features:

- ◆ We have a demonstration offer from the Hossfeld Bender business in Winona. Part of the Hossfeld family attended the last meeting at Dan's and she is interested in the Guild. Dick Carlson has arranged this. He is taking special requests for people who have not figured out a process.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ In the afternoon under the guise of "OPEN FORGE" Myron will be trying to teach Herb how to do the little Calla Lilies that he does so well.
- ◆ This meeting features a corn feed. Dick Carlson has put his heart into this for years. Some of us have humbly joined in the effort.
- ◆ Cliff Larson will cook something magic.
- ◆ 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 use a bit of olive oil instead of butter for basting.
- ◆ 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.

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. The dessert table at Cliff's for the June celebration was fantastic. We were a bit short on protein. If you need a hint, Myron especially likes oatmeal cookies with lots of raisins.

Am I making it sound like I enjoy this?

The madness is nearly upon us...38 years & counting!

Mark your calendars now. The 38th annual TGoM Fall Conference happens on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 18, 19, and 20 at the Little Log House Antique Power Show grounds just south of Hastings (map pg 3). TGoM extends its gratitude to Steve and Sylvia Bauer for the opportunity to hold our event among these charming surroundings. If you haven't received a brochure in the mail yet, contact Martin Pansch at 612-599-4762,

blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com, or Mark Lockwood at 763-535-1787

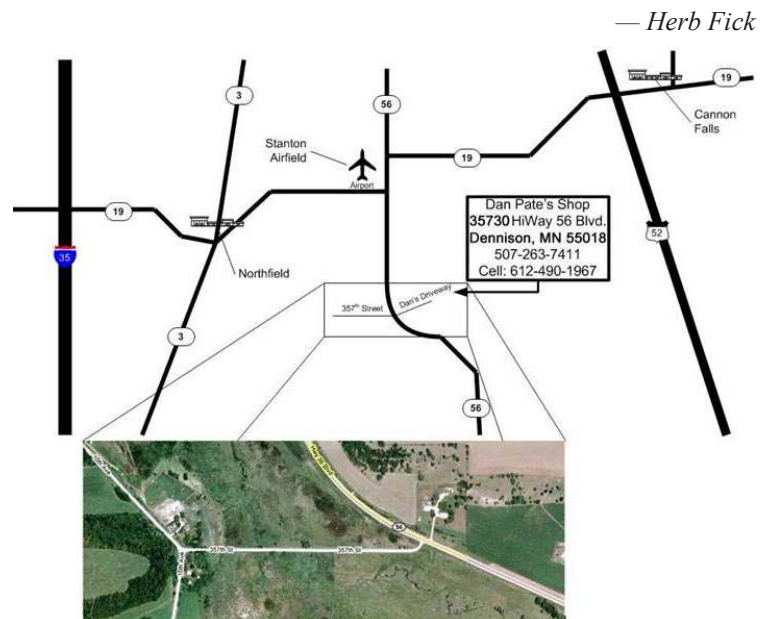
Magical madness is 'Found Art'

Think about the "found art" feature of the upcoming Fall Conference. In addition to the interesting bits laying on your shop floor, it would be nice to have more flatware. Herb Fick (official found art facilitator) was recently happy to receive some flatware from friends. Our "found artists" love to use them in their creations!

If you're combing the neighborhoods for garage sale treasures, grab some of that flatware always found there. It's cheap, and we can really use it in September.



Corn huskers hard at work! (L to r: Dick Carlson, Gary Myers, Lou Groth, Irma Carlson, LaDonna Larsen)



Our neighborhood of smiths

The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM)

All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October, except December. 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). To check your membership expiration date, see the mailing label on your latest copy of "Metalsmith."

President: Martin Pansch Vice-President: Rick Wessling
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612-599-4762 612-875-4420

Our website is: <http://www.metalsmith.org>

Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information is as follows:

President: Jared Riesenweber Newsletter editor: John Grump
715-983-5637 715-835-0894
tudweber@hotmail.com johngrump@att.net

Lake Superior Metalsmiths

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

Contacts are:

Charley Brown, President, CharleyRB@charter.net, 218-428-7906
Dave Hanson, Vice-President, Daveforge1@aol.com, 218-721-4572

Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths

The NMM meets the first Monday of the month at Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers (LIRPF) show grounds, 1/4 mile east of the north entrance to Itasca State Park. Contact Keith Johnson for monthly specifics at keith@greatriverforge.com. The NMM's website is www.nmmetalsmiths.org

Central Minnesota Blacksmiths (CMB)

Meet on the first Monday of each month. Potluck followed by demo. Locations are different every month so please call or write for info

President: Ken Zitur Brian Johnson
320-746-8161 16777 Co Rd 75 NW
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Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center (CAFAC)

Quarterly blacksmithing classes and open house events

www.cafac.org, info@cafac.org

TIG Welding Class IS FULL!

Saturday, September 26, start at 9:00 am

Location: Super Radiator Coils, 104 Peavey Rd, Chaska, MN 55318

Contact Martin Pansch for questions or to be placed on a waiting list: blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com or 612-599-4762

New Members August 2015

Joe Paquet, St Paul, Mn	Liz Goff, Brooklyn Park, MN
Nick Davies, Rosemount, MN	Samuel Hammarback, River Falls, WI
Melinda Robrahn, Burnsville, MN	Scot Stephenson, St Paul, MN
Gary Voigt, Excelsior, MN	Jerry Nowell, Saint Peter, MN
Kari Olson, Oakdale, MN	Raymond Wenzel, White Bear lake, MN
Sarah Kirkwood, West St Paul, MN	James Goodall, Madison WI
Elijah Fein, St Paul, MN	Ralph Altenweg, Dayton, MN
Bruce Plant, Buffalo, MN	Loren Aibyl, Golden Valley, MN
Dana Dettmer, Fairmont, MN	Susan Towle
Lance Ausing, Minong, WI	Wade Wilken
Jamie Ostrowski, Ham lake, MN	
Kevin Olson, Coon Rapids, MN	

Nowthen Threshing Show August 21, 22, 23

The Guild of Metalsmiths will again demonstrate blacksmithing at the Nowthen Threshing Show as we have for the past 25 to 30 years. Guild members of any experience levels are invited to come to the show and demonstrate. Bring your own hand tools, and if you need a certain size stock, bring that, too. Otherwise, a selection of stock is available at the show grounds. Eight equipped workstations are available.

The dates are Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 21, 22, 23. Come for one day or all three--your choice.

You may pick up a free three day pass and a map to the show grounds, which is located near Elk River, at the next Guild meeting on August 12, 2015. Otherwise, email me at bfredell@msn.com, and I will send you a map and a pass. Call me at 763-389-5119 for more information.

— Bob Fredell

Western MN Steam Threshers Reunion

At the fairgrounds, 27488 102nd Ave S, Hawley, MN 56549-8964 on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4-7, WMSTR is showcasing blacksmithing and metal workers. More smiths on more forges, aluminum casting, and a complete line-shaft driven machine shop! Contact Ralf Mehnert-Meland ralf@intelligentinsites.com

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>

The information also will now be showing on the address label for your quarterly "Metalsmith" issue.

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>

Pre-conference class registration...

Suffolk latch set and strap hinges class

Instructor: Lucian Avery, conference demonstrator

Thursday & Friday, Sept. 17 & 18

Little Log House grounds, Hastings, MN (map below)

Size: 8-10 students Cost: \$150, Skill level: high/intermediate/advanced

On day one, Lucian Avery, demonstrator for the fall madness, will lead you in the construction of a Suffolk Latch with your choice of interior or exterior latch. Then on day two you will work on strap hinges with choice of pintles. The latch is forged from a 3/8 X 1 inch cr steel. The hinges will be forged out of 1/4 x 1 1/4 cr steel with 3/8 round Pintles. A punch out of S7. If time allows, you will make your own nails.

Tools: Bring your own favorite tools: favorite good quality cross peen hammer, sharp, handled, half-round, double-cut file, about 8" long, your favorite striking sledge, and 2 C clamps for clamping the hot hinges. Common shared tools will be provided. 1 thick, flat table or plate at least 8"x30" for flattening the hinges. Grinder or belt sander for working the S-7.

Send check payable to "Guild of Metalsmiths" to:

Larry Wasmund, 27285 464th Street, Cleveland MN 56017

Contact Larry with questions: poundedtreasures@gmail.com 507-469-0205. Acceptance priority for this class is determined by postmark.



Announcing 2015 Beginning Blacksmithing Class Instructor Workshop

When & where: Saturday, Sept. 12 at the MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7), 8:00 am for coffee & donuts, class 8:30 am SHARP!

What: Discuss curriculum for last year & projects made; do short recap on how 3 classes went; we use bits and pieces of lessons 1-25 of ABANA's **Controlled Hand Forging** (some only briefly discussed and demonstrated).

See at <http://www.abana.org/resources/education/chf.shtml>

Why: important that all instructors, new & experienced, attend this session. There will be some initial training for new instructors as well as a refresher for those who have previously taught. We will prepare an instructor list for each of classes A, B, C and D sessions.

Please RSVP to Larry Wasmund, 507-469-0205 or poundedtreasures@gmail.com If you can't attend, please let us know if you plan to teach any of the sessions!

Teasers for TGoM's 38th annual Fall Conference...

Conference t-shirts available: pre-order by Sept. 1

We have had a Café Press "store" up (online) for several years allowing folks to get all sorts of Guild logo items on demand. This has been good for the Guild as it gives people the chance to get a wide variety of swag, when they want it, and the Guild doesn't have the pain of carrying a large inventory. As some have noted, the price for a t-shirt is a little higher than ideal, especially when figuring in shipping. While unavoidable, it is still an issue.

To try to solve this we are offering the ability to pre-order Guild logoed t-shirts that you can pick up at the Fall Conference! Look in your Fall Conference brochure in the section with the prices for conference and meal plan registration. There should be a spot to indicate whether you want a shirt, size, and whether you want one with a pocket or not. They are \$16 each and you can include the shirt cost in with the same check paying for your conference admission and meal plan.

Again, let me emphasize the "pre-order" part. We will not be ordering any extras to sell on the spot, and your order must be received by September 1, so don't delay!

Family activities for 2015

Broom Making Class: Making a decorative broom to use by a fireplace or to hang as a decoration. 9 AM Saturday. Mark Jackson (612-730-6246) \$20 material fee. He supplies all the materials and brings plenty of the special tooling that is needed for this craft.

Earring Making Class: Earrings with semi-precious stones. Sheri Stanaitis, Saturday 1:00 pm, \$15. Bring your knitting and crocheting project questions too. Sheri can help!

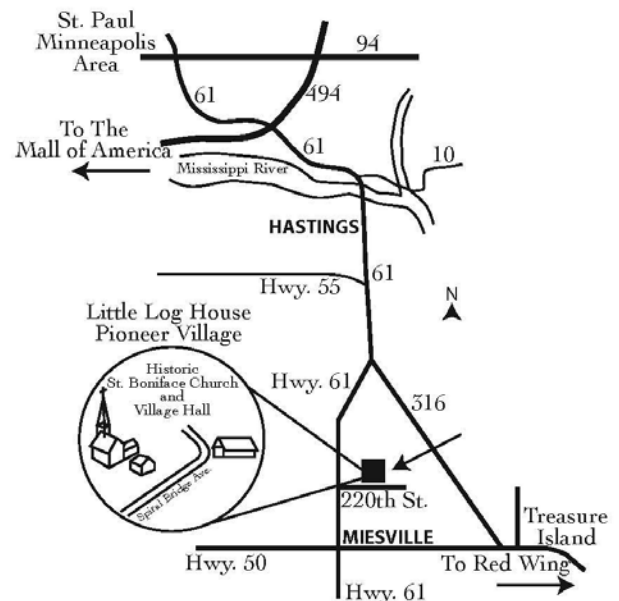
Magnetic art: Design and build magnetic/ferrous creations (blacksmith legos!). Jesse Gavin, free class.

Found Art: The hay wagon out back is always loaded with metal shapes just waiting for the "found artist" in you to appear and put it all together!!! You find the parts and do the designing. If you have spare "parts" lying around your abode, bring them along. There's always room on the hay wagon for more! Then Herb Fick and company will weld whatever you find on the trailer into your art creation. Open to all ages. Free! All day Saturday. This activity is a favorite. Come and create something wonderful.

To register for any of these classes, contact Sheri Stanaitis at 715-698-2895 or email her at spaco@baldwin-telecom.net

Membership participation eagerly sought!

Don't forget about the gallery, the silent auction, and TGoM's biggest fund raiser, the Saturday night auction. Put these items at the top of your list for action!



Six miles south of Hastings on Highway 61. Turn East on 220th street. One mile to Little Log House Antique Power Show grounds. Look for the anvil sign!!!

13746 220th Street East, Hastings, MN 55033

Beginners Blacksmithing Classes 2015 / 2016

When: Classes are held on four Saturdays from 9 – 4. Four sets of classes are held this Fall, Winter and Spring. All 4 sets of classes teach the same information. You can choose either the A, B, C, or D set of classes.

<u>A Class</u>	<u>B Class</u>	<u>C Class</u>	<u>D Class</u>
Oct 3	Jan 9	Feb 6	Feb 13
Oct 10	Jan 16	Feb 20	Feb 27
Oct 24	Jan 23	Mar 5	Mar 12
Oct 31	Jan 30	Mar 19	Mar 26

Cost: Total cost for the class is \$120. First, you must be a member. If you are not, you can join for \$30 per year. The workbook/study guide is \$15 and the 4 classes are \$105 for a total of \$120. This covers everything you need, the facility, coal and metal.

Where: The A, B, C classes are held at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing, 6250 Riverdale Dr NW, just off Hwy 10 in Anoka near the Anoka Vocational College. The D set of classes are held in Cleveland, MN near Mankato.

Why take the beginners basic classes:

The beginners basic classes are designed to give everyone the same understanding of the basics, techniques and terminology. The basic classes are required before taking any of the many other classes the Guild offers. This enables those classes to concentrate on advanced techniques without having to spend time on basic concepts.

What you need to bring:

Eye, ear and skin protection. This includes safety glasses, ear muff or plugs and suitable clothing which includes hard shoes, cotton or leather. Synthetic and polyester clothing will burn and melt. There will be sparks and brushes against hot metal.

Tools: Bring your favorite hammer. A small 1 to 2 pound ball peen hammer would work. We have various hammers for you to try and get a feel for what is comfortable. We have all the punches, chisels and tools you will be using but feel free to bring your own tools if you have them.

What you will learn:

The first 3 Saturdays you will learn the basic techniques including: Safety, Forging Dynamics, Hammer Techniques, Fire Building, Drawing out, Upsetting, Punching, Bending, Twisting, Heat Treating, Scrolling, Splitting

The fourth Saturday will be self paced to build a few items that will include each of the techniques you learned earlier. Instructors will help guide you thru any number of possible projects such as a forge rake, watering can, forge poker, spoon, shovel, tongs, candlestick holder etc. This is a good opportunity to try out all your new skills.

Who are the teachers: The instructors are all volunteers with a wide range of experience, talents and stories. They range from just finishing the basic beginners class to 30 years. There is usually at least one instructor for every two students and many times we have had as many instructors as students.

Who are the students: The students come in all ages and experience. We have had 10 year olds and 70 year olds. There are always a few women in each class. Some students have never held a hammer before. Some students are skilled in other crafts, woodworking, glass, welding, pottery and want to learn more about metal work to work it into their craft. Some students are nearing retirement and want to learn a hobby. All share an interest in learning more about blacksmithing.

Typical day:

Classes start at 9 but people usually show up much earlier to get the coffee brewing, have a donut, swap stories or show off recent projects. Feel free to bring projects you are working on to show. We break for lunch. You can either bring a brown bag or go out to a local fast food restaurant.

How can I learn more about the Guild or classes: Call or email Gordon Barr 952-894-4821 agbarr@aol.com www.metalsmith.org

How do I join the Guild Of Metalsmiths? Send a check for \$30 payable to “Guild of Metalsmiths” for a one year family membership to:
The Guild of Metalsmiths

PO Box 11423

St. Paul, MN 55111

How do I sign up for the beginning blacksmith classes? We start collecting names as soon as the classes are advertised in the August newsletter. The newsletter is usually sent out the first week of the month.

Send a check made out to “Guild of Metalsmiths” for \$120 or \$105 (book or no book) to:

Gordon Barr

11021 – 27th Ave

Burnsville, MN 55337

Fun Day -- Patina Day announcement

We'll have an open house August 29th to look at bronze finishing and patination. Starting at 10 AM I'll give a demonstration using cupric, ferric, and liver of sulfur. I'll also show other patina and talk about methods of finishing bronze castings. The event is free but if you'd like to try patination on your own work, I just ask you let me know in advance and reimburse supply costs.

— Marty Hicks, 2223 Stewart Ave., St. Paul, MN 55116. Call 651-492-0899



THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors – July 8, 2015

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

Call to Order: 7:07by Martin Pansch. Members in attendance: Barr, Sheely, Lockwood, Moenck, Murray, Pansch, Phillips, Wessling

Missing: Wasmund, Hicks, Gavin. Visitors: William and Chloe(sp?) Breczinski. Approval of previous meeting's minutes: Motion to accept by Jim M., seconded by: Gordon B. Motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer Report: Grace Sheely. Grace is continuing to work on a new format for the report and gave us a basic overview.

JUNE

Paid Memberships	Total	22	EXPENSES	
Paid Paypal		10	Workshops	\$ 1,483.52
Paid Checks		12	Awards & Memorials	\$ 53.34
CASH ASSETS			Meetings	\$ 10.52
Wells Fargo Checking Balance	\$ 21,342.91		Office Supplies/Postage	\$ 15.00
Wells Fargo Savings Balance	\$ 25,529.31		Website Fees	\$ 14.95
SUBTOTAL	\$ 46,872.22		Total Expenses	\$ 1,577.33
Wells Fargo Paypal Checking	\$ 8,234.48		Net Loss/Gain	\$ 1,615.20
Outstanding Checks	\$ 187.44		PayPal Fees	\$ 9.90
Pending Paypal Deposits	\$ 136.63			
Sub-total Cash	\$ 55,055.89			
Grants Reserve Funding	\$ 8,140.36			
Total Cash Assets	\$ 46,915.53			
Paypal Net	\$ 290.10			
REVENUE				
Deposits Bank	\$ 3,192.53			
Deposits Paypal	\$ -			
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 3,192.53			
	\$ 300.00			

Membership Services Committee, Chair Barr. We have 270 members paid up and 120 that are delinquent, Martin suggested getting the communications committee to figure out a way to more easily/clearly inform members when their membership is due. Discussion will continue in the future.

Education Committee report, Chair -Wasmund, Vice Chair-Moenck: Education Calendar is full/ complete. Advertising of Beginner classes will be announced in the August forum.

Program Committee: Chair-Lockwood, Vice Chair-Murray: The plans for the meeting on August 12 are complete, and a demonstration of the Hossfeld bender is scheduled. Fall Conference Demonstrators: Rob Murray is working out the details and Dave Gavin has agreed to assist Tim Cisneros, and Bob Brown to assist Lucian Avery. Activities: Sheri Stanitis is coordinating this part of our event again this year, as outlined in the conference brochure. T-shirts: event T-shirts will be orderable with the conference registration. October meeting will be at the Jackson Street Roundhouse again. December meeting: Will be at the CSPA Hall again.

Communications Committee: Chair-Hicks, Vice Chair- Vacant: Guild tri-fold brochure: The prototype folder was very much liked, with various comments. One point that was agreed upon, was that a QR code should be added that directs people to our web page.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Jackson Street Roundhouse proposal – post mortem: this will be an ongoing goal.

Facilities and legacies: a good bit of discussion was had on this idea/point and at this time it is felt that we are unable to pursue this fully.

Coal order: Larry W. is continuing this but not present to report. Guild banners, flags, etc. for demonstrations: Martin P. is getting this done.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grant Proposal – William Breczinski: This was the first item the board dealt with. William roughed out the program at the school and his goals in going there, as well as how he might repay the guild. After a fair bit of discussion William requested a grant of \$1000 which is about the course materials cost for the first year. After some further discussion Rob M. moved to give the grant with “repayment” of at least one class and two Metalsmith articles. Mark Lockwood seconded the motion. The motion was approved. This request was therefore approved but also with an option to request more in the coming years.

Volunteer appreciation initiatives: Discussion of ways to further recognize volunteer service to the Guild.

CAFAC relationship: working to build a closer relationship and cross pollinate efforts where it is doable.

Board/Officer : trying to gaze into the crystal ball and identify potential members

Closed session

ADJOURNMENT: 10:07. Motion by Mark Lockwood, second Derrick Phillips.

2015 TGoM Demonstration Calendar

31 July - 2 August 2015	Scott-Carver Threshing Show	Jordan, MN	Jerry Felton	eucattleco@frontiernet.net	952-873-6754	
5-9 August 2015	Carver County Fair	Waconia, MN	Martin Pansch	blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com		
7-9 August 2015	Almelund Threshing Show	Taylor Falls, MN	Jim Moenck	jrmoenck@yahoo.com	651-724-3403	
21-23 August 2015	Nowthen Threshing Show	Nowthen, MN	Bob Fredell	bfredell@msn.com	763-389-5119	
14-16 August 2015	Butterfield Threshermen's Assn. Steam & Gas Engine Show	Butterfield, MN	Arden Hanson (casting) Larry Wasmund (smithing)	heinmn@yahoo.com ; poundedtreasures@gmail.com	Arden - 507-279-0443 Larry - 651-322-6626	Blacksmithing and Bronze casting
28-30 August 2015	Pioneer Power Show	Le Seuer, MN	NA	NA	NA	Full crew but go watch Wyatt, Jim and others demo.
4-6 September 2015	Rice County Steam and Gas Engine Show	Dundus, MN	Myron Hanson	yeah. Right.	507-362-4653	
11-12 September 2015	Lamberton Hot Iron Days	Lamberton, MN	Bob Brown	bbrown474@msn.com	651-457-0086	
12 & 13 Sep 2015	Laura Ingalls Wilder Days	Pepin, WI	Tom Latane	tlatane@centurytel.net	715-442-2419	Not open to casual demonstration but go and watch Tom, Pete, and Gary demo blacksmithing, Kitty demo tin work and Sheri spin wool.
Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays	Jackson Street Roundhouse	St. Paul, MN	Gordon Barr	agbarr@aol.com	952-894-4821	Not really a demo. More a standing open forge with an occasional visitor.
Most weekends Memorial Day through Labor Day. Craft focused weekend 15-16 August	The Landing	Shakopee, MN	None - Contact site manager Rich Williams	rwilliams@threeiversparkdistrict.org	763-694-7784	Costume needed (overalls and white button up shirt okay).

Classes & activities at Tunnel Mill for 2015

Tunnel Mill is located 85-100 miles south of the Twin Cities in the country five miles north of Spring Valley, MN on County Road 1. Contact for full class details, costs, and registration: Carol and John Adams

507-289-4189 or 507-289-5246 Email: jc-adams@msn.com Website: www.tunnelmillcrafts.com

Exploring Steel of the Viking Age, Ric Furrer, August 28, 29, & 30, 2015: Students will make damascus sword steel or Wootz steel of the Eastern world. Ric did a PBS Nova presentation recreating the Viking Sword. This is for folks who want to do hands-on work that have blacksmithing experience. Others can audit the class. We will make steel Friday and Saturday. Afternoon and evening on Saturday and Sunday will be making tools from the steel. Also working on the 500 pound Little Giant Hammer to forge and weld a heavy damascus billet. Class is \$375, including room and board. There are still openings for this class! Don't miss out working with this master blacksmith and sword smith.

Hand Forged Coffee Mill, Tom Latane', October 9, 10 and 11, 2015: This class will be a "make-up" session for the construction of a coffee mill similar to the one the Patient Order of Meticulous Metalsmiths made at the 2014 ABANA conference. It will cover forging the columns that join the parts, the feet, and the crank. The columns may be round, square, hexagonal, or octagonal, twisted or straight. Assembly will be with threaded tenons and nuts, permanently peined tenons and wedges. Email jc-adams@msn.com for details.

Tunnel Mill Fall Gathering, Oct. 2, 3, 4, 2015: It's that time of the year...we would like to invite you to the mill. There will be plenty of interesting demos...(or just come and hang out; you are bound to learn something) IRON---- we will be running the 500Lb Little Giant.

--Iron Bloom Project--

Note: We are looking for volunteers to help with iron bloom project on Friday. Call us to sign up. Friday we will be building a new furnace. Saturday we will be running our ongoing Iron Bloom project. Come early and get involved. We will also be having an ongoing slide show and information on iron ore mining in the Spring Valley area, from where we got our iron ore for our bloom project.

COPPER----learn some new techniques

Let's tie-dye or bleach your t-shirt. We have a new tie-dye project to add to the mix.

Bring something for Show & Tell

ALSO, WE ARE GOING TO SET UP A GALLERY, PLEASE BRING SOMETHING FOR THE GALLERY

Bring a quilt to display in the barn. Wine and cheese has become a regular for Saturday afternoon. Bring a favorite bottle to share or make a small donation. FRIDAY POTLUCK. Check our website for full details: www.tunnelmillcrafts.com. Call or email to register by Sept. 30: 507-289-4189 or 507-289-5246 jc-adams@msn.com

Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center

3749 Chicago Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55407

www.cafac.org (612) 294-0400

Contact info@cafac.org for information about class schedules at CAFAC.

Note: This information is provided as a service for TGoM members. Members may submit items for sale and upcoming events that are considered relevant to our group, and they will be published as space permits. The Guild of Metalsmiths is not responsible for these items or events.

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 August, 2015

- Aug. 5-9, Carver County Fair demo op, Contact Martin Pansch.
- Aug. 7-9, Almelund Threshing Show demo op. Contact Jim Moenck.
- Aug. 12, TGoM membership meeting (corn feed) at Dan Pate's.
- Aug. 21-23, Nowthen Threshing Show demo op. Contact Bob Fredell.
- Aug. 29, Patina Day, Hixwerx Studio, St. Paul

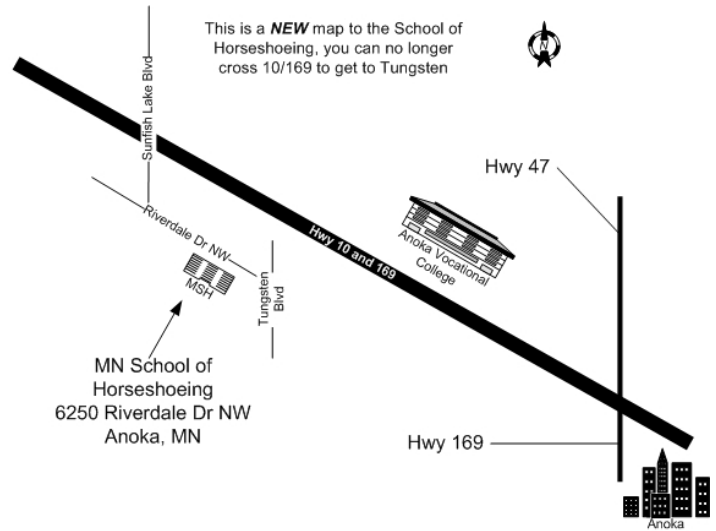
Events in September, 2015

- Sept 4-6, Rice County Steam & Gas Engine Show demo op, Dundas, MN. Contact Myron Hanson
- Sept. 4-7, Western MN Steam Threshers Reunion demo op. Contact Ralf Mehnert-Meland.
- Sept. 9, TGoM board meeting.
- Sept. 11-12, Lamberton Hot Iron Days demo op. Contact Bob Brown.
- Sept. 12-13, Laura Ingalls Wilder Days, Pepin, WI. Watch demos.
- Sept. 17 & 18, Pre-conference class, Lucian Avery
- Sept. 18, 19, 20, The Madness! at Little Log House grounds, Hastings
- Sept. 26, TIG Welding class, Super Radiator Coils in Chaska-FULL!

Events in October, 2015

- Oct. 3, 10, 24, 31, Beginning Blacksmithing A-class, MN School of Blacksmithing
- Oct. 2,3,4, annual Tunnel Mill Fall Gathering, near Spring Valley MN.
- Oct. 14, TGoM membership meeting, MN Transportation Museum, Jackson Street Roundhouse, St. Paul, MN.

Map to MN School of Horseshoeing



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