

The Forum

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Learn a little history at the upcoming Guild meeting Oct. 12

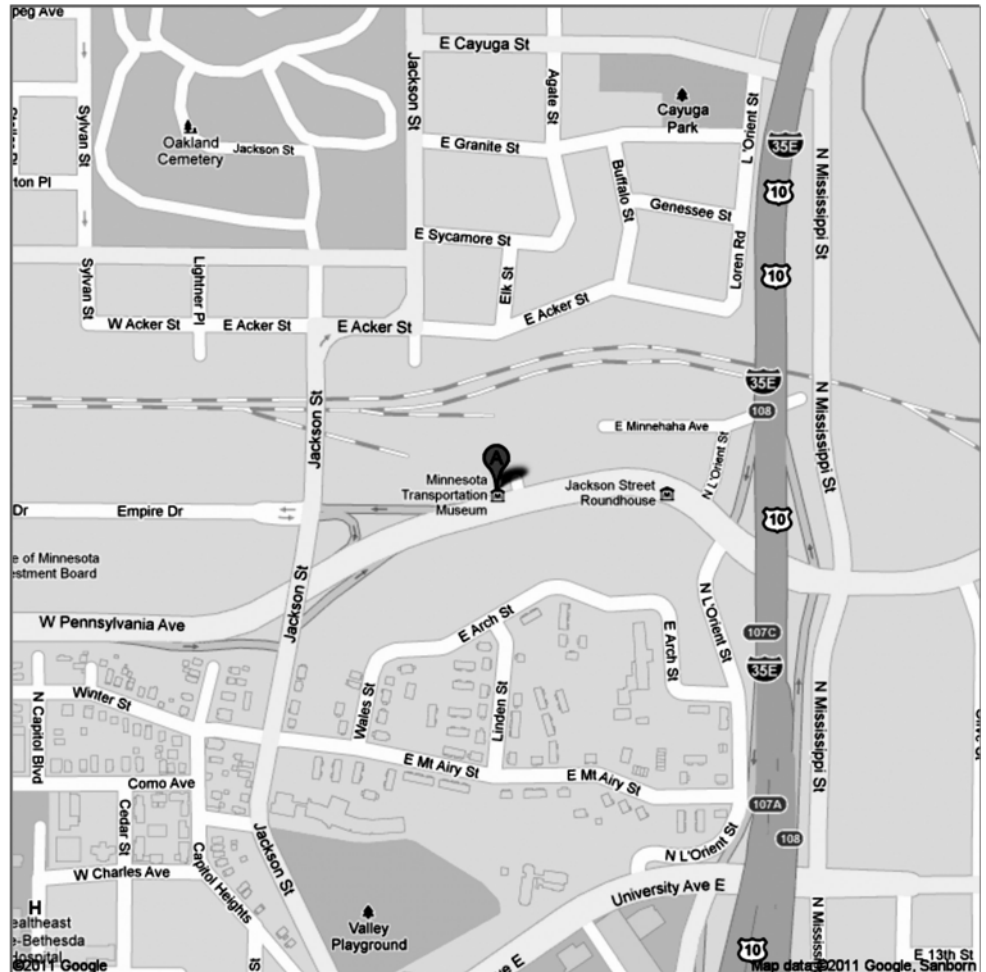
The October 12th Guild of Metalsmiths meeting will be at the Minnesota Transportation Museum's Jackson Street Roundhouse, 193 Pennsylvania Avenue East, St. Paul, Mn.

Visit their website: www.mtmuseum.org

The October meeting will include a tour of the facility that promises to be a trip through history featuring local and regional railway history. The Jackson street roundhouse is an operating turntable, one of the last of its kind in the country. There are several locomotives and passenger cars in various stages of restoration in the museum restoration shop. Among the locomotives currently undergoing restoration is NP 2156, the featured steam engine on the Casey Jones television show.

Guild members are currently volunteering welding assistance on the restoration of the Anderson Windows 2110 locomotive. Rumor has it that Bill (the-welder) Krawczewski actually worked on this unit back when it was in service. If you are interested in volunteering a couple of hours on this project, call Nick Heinen at 612-910-6717.

Meet at the Jackson Street Roundhouse at 6:30 pm for our potluck. The meeting will begin at 7 sharp! Thanks to meeting champion Nick Heinen for setting this up.



Silent Auction for Little Giant Power Hammer

The Museum has a 100 pound Little Giant hammer in very good condition that they would like to sell. The hammer can be seen at the museum Wednesdays or Saturdays.

Silent bids are being taken from now until the membership meeting at the museum. Bids can be sent in or handed in at the membership meeting. Send in your bids to Director@mtmuseum.org attn Thomas Klein, or mail to the museum attn Thomas Klein.

Forum deadline for November: Monday, Oct. 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, Oct. 17, 2011 to **Georgia Myers**, editor, by email to:

gldmyers@embarqmail.com

or mail them to:

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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

New Members

Ora Wengerd

Bertha, MN

Cody Myers

Duluth, MN

John Gehl

Brookings, OR

Jeff Johnson

Burtrum, MN

Tom Hansen

Grasston, MN

Gerald Sullivan

Mounds View, MN

Nicholas Malecha

Henderson, MN

Brent Minkinen

Moose Lake, MN

Megan Decker

Minneapolis, MN

Matthew Coe

Austin Palma

Lawrence Tanttari

Northfield, MN

Beginners Blacksmithing Classes

2011 / 2012

When: Classes are held on four Saturdays from 9 – 4. Three sets of classes are held this Fall, Winter and Spring. All 3 sets of classes teach the same information. You can choose either the A, B or C set of classes.

A Class (FULL)

Oct. 8
Oct 22
Nov. 12
Dec. 3

B Class (FULL)

Jan 7
Jan 14
Jan 23
Jan 28

C Class - Openings still available

Feb 11
Feb 25
Mar 10
Mar 24

Cost: 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. This covers everything you need, the facility, coal, and metal.

Where: The classes are held at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing, 6250 Riverdale Dr NW, just off Hwy 10 in Anoka near the Anoka Vocational College. See map on page 5.

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. 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, talent, and stories. They range from just finishing the basic beginners class to 30 years experience. 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. For students under 18 there needs to be a parent present. 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 do I sign up for the beginning blacksmith classes? 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**

2011 MADNESS



Brian Brazeal, Brandon, Mississippi, (left) and Tom Latane', Pepin, Wisconsin, (right) shared their individual talents with us on Saturday and Sunday.



FOUND ART

GALLERY



Asa Pearson donated many of her original jewelry pieces from the gallery to be sold at the live auction Saturday night.



Tom Latane' exhibited many of his pieces in the gallery. The broad axe head pictured in the upper left corner was donated and sold at the live auction as the highest fund raiser of the evening.



In the photo above, "Found Art" maven Herb Fick (right) and Tom Sheely concentrated on creating a masterpiece out of left-overs.

The photo at right shows many of the artistic pieces others created from the objects assembled on the "found art" hay racks during the conference.



Forge Welding and More

Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 15 & 16, 2011

MN School of Horseshoeing (map below)

Class fee: \$110

Instructor: Dave Mariette

In this forge welding class students will gain a better understanding of the process of forge welding. We will dispel some of the myths that seem to follow this art. Students will learn the basics of forge welding as well as make some cool stuff.

Students should bring tongs, hammer, brain, safety glasses & ear plugs. Other safety equipment may include gloves, leather apron, cotton clothing, leather shoes.

To register for this class, send a check made out to Guild of Metalsmiths for \$110 to:

Dave Mariette
4020 160th St East
Rosemount MN 55068

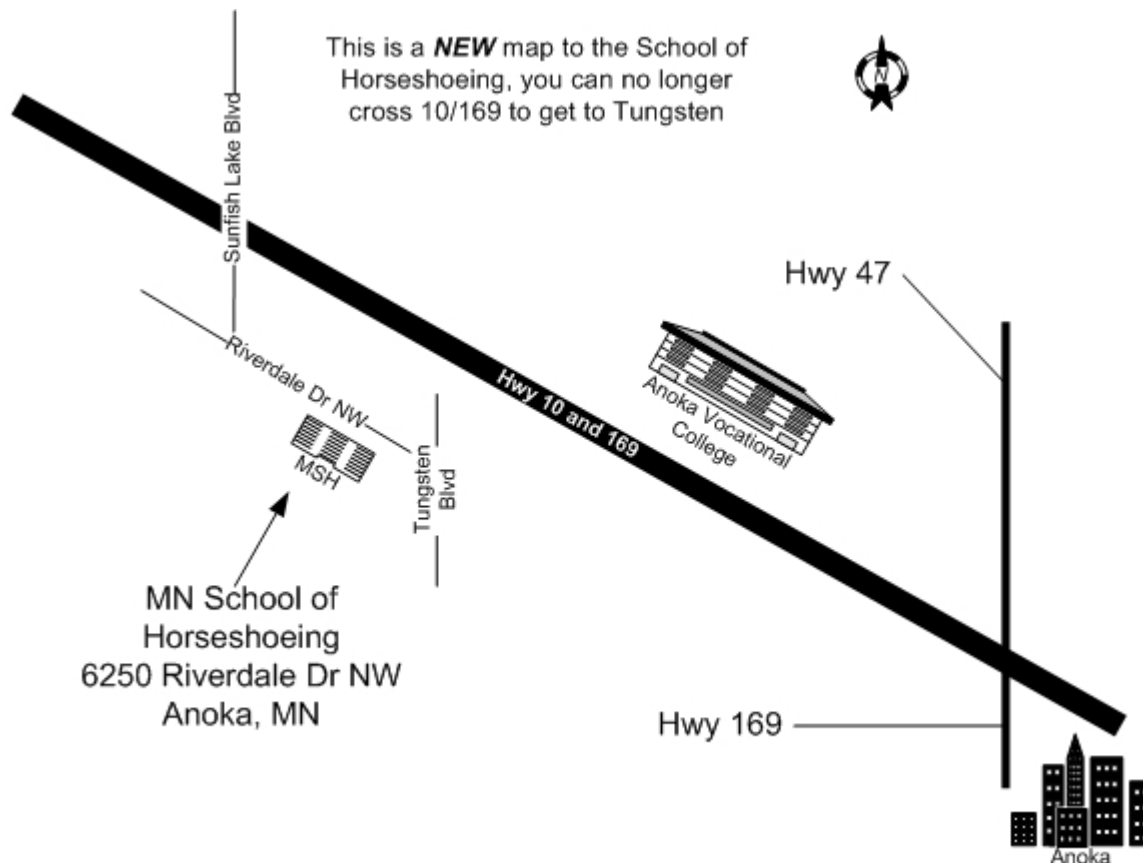
Be sure to include your phone number on your registration letter, as the instructor will contact you before the workshop.

Lunch arrangements: Bring a bag lunch or go out. A lunch break is mandatory. There are restaurants nearby.

Handled Struck Tool Class is FULL!

Saturday, October 29, 2011

There will be a "Struck Tool Class" (sans handle) later this year with Jim Scott as instructor. Stand by for more info from Herb Fick, Champion.



Agenda – THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors – September 13, 2011

Held at: Darryl Ponder's house, CALL TO ORDER:
7:13 pm by Rich Herman

Members in attendance: Herman, Frattalone, Wessling, Rand, Sigurdson, Barr, Hicks, Pansch, Ponder, Murray. **Missing:** Mariette

AMENDMENT / APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES: Motion to accept by Ponder, second by Barr. Passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee-Mike Frattalone

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 7-13-11 BOARD MEETING

CHECKING

29,753 (UP 11,707 FROM 9-08-10)

REMAINING GRANTS

5,334 (UP 9 FROM 9-8-10)

DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE

24,419 (UP 11,698 FROM 9-8-10)

EXPENSES SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING ON 7-13-11:

CONFERENCE	167
MEETINGS	145
WORKSHOPS	700
FORUMS 2 EA, PLUS SOFTWARE	444
TOTAL EXPENSES	1456
TOTAL DEPOSITS	10,508

COAL H•10 TONS REMAINING OF 24.4 TONS
MEMBERS 294 (UP 2 FROM 9-8-10)

Discuss accepting VISA payment on-line for dues and classes.
Frattalone will research PayPal.

Education Committee report-Mariette, Vice Chair-Martin Pansch

- Class schedule set until mid-2012.
- Beginners Class will use the Controlled Hand Forging manual plus a 12 page appendix from our Study Guide.
- The Beginner A class is FILLED, the B & C sessions not filled.

Program Committee- Hicks, Vice Chair- Rob Murray

- October membership meeting at the Jackson Street Round-house. GOM members have donated their time to

offset the cost of having meeting there.

- Discuss hosting more pre-conference workshops taught by the visiting demonstrator(s).

Publicity Committee- Sigurdson, Vice Chair- Chris Rand

- The Bellows must be merged to the website's server integrate both into one system.
- The Bellows email list currently cannot be managed, we are unable to add or remove any more. We are looking at options to replace The Bellows with forums on our new website. The new forums will allow us to archive information and search them later. Implementation is being studied.
- Craig has fulfilled his contractual duties to build our website; he has gone beyond them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Discuss our liability policy. Motion by Wessling to continue insurance coverage with Hartford Co. second Pansch, accepted without dissent.
- Discuss D & O insurance quote of \$428 annual for \$1million of coverage. **MOTION** by Ponder to accept the policy from WestBend Mutual Insurance Co. second Murray, accepted without dissent.
- Do we want to start accepting VISA payments via the website and PayPal?
- Guild Apparel best be printed at Café' Press. TeeHive is not good option for us.
- Review Release forms and add terms, tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Review, discuss and motion on the Grant request from Dion Grethen. Motion by Sigurdson to deny, second by Murray, carries without dissent.
- Election nominations; All officer positions are up for election plus the Board positions currently held by Mariette, Hicks and Pansch. Rich Herman has indicated he is stepping down from the President position and Dave Mariette is stepping down from his position on the board. Anyone interested in running for these vacancies or any other position is encouraged to contact any Board member or Guild officer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Incoming Mail- Thank you card from Minnetonka Center for Arts & thank you from Kirsten Fiorini/Skiles.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:35 pm, Motion by Murray, second Hicks, 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

Upcoming classes...

Tom Latane': 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. Call for registration information.

Note: This information 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



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 October, 2011

- Oct. 1 & 2, Tunnel Mill Fall Gathering
- Oct. 8, Beginning Blacksmithing A-1 class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Oct. 12, TGOM membership meeting, Historic Jackson Street Roundhouse, St. Paul (part of MN Transportation Museum)
- Oct. 15 & 16, Forge Welding Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Oct. 22, Beginning Blacksmithing A-2 class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Oct. 29, Handled Struck Tool Class, MN School of Horseshoeing - FULL!

Events in November, 2011

- Nov. 12, Beginning Blacksmithing A3 class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Nov. 9, Guild Board meeting

Events in December, 2011

- Dec. 3, Beginning Blacksmithing A4 class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Dec. 11, Guild membership meeting at CSPS Hall in St. Paul

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Information at:**
<http://www.metalsmith.org/bb/TheBellows.htm>

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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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