

The Forum



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TGoM annual holiday meeting just around the corner!

Join us for our Guild of Metalsmiths annual holiday meeting on Sunday, December 14.



- No demonstrations
- No tours
- Always Show and Tell
- Maximum social enjoyment
- Huge potluck
- Elections, and
- Awards

What more could you ask for on Any Given Sunday? Where? CSPS Hall on corner of West 7th St. & Michigan St. in St. Paul. When? Sunday, Dec. 14. Some will show up at 11 downstairs for a bevie, some will show up at noon to help set up, the rest will filter in around 1. As always - Just Have Fun. Happy Holidays!

If you have questions about this meeting, please contact Mike Frattalone, the meeting champion, at:

icemanfratt@aol.com

651-452-7740



Iron in the Hat, December edition: ornaments!

Some of you might remember the Iron in the Hat event we had at the June meeting at Cliff Larson's place. It had enough enthusiastic participation that we are going to do it again!

This time the theme is, festively enough, Christmas ornaments (or Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Festivus, Boxing Day, St. Leonard's Day, etc)! Again it can be any design, any metals, any construction technique you want. It just needs to be something you made and small enough that it won't make a Christmas tree bend in half, a la "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

There is one extra twist: you need to utilize the tool you got in June's Iron in the Hat in the construction. If you weren't in the last one but want in on this round, take your pick from the tools that changed hands. These include

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| hammers | knife | weed puller |
| tongs | hack saw | metal mosquito on a stick (fly swatter) |
| center scribe | hot cut/slitter | hammer outlnie key ring |
| twisting wrench | double center punch | dividers |

There should be enough basics there so it won't be too hard. Double bonus points to those who use the metal mosquito as their tool of choice. If you saw something from one of the demonstrators that you just have to try, this is the perfect opportunity!

I hope participation is as strong as it was in June, and I look forward to seeing what you come up with. Bring them to our holiday meeting December 14 at the CSPS Hall in St. Paul. You have a little over one month to work on this one!



— Martin Pansch

Our neighborhood of smiths

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Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information is as follows:

President: Jared Riesenweber Newsletter editor: John Grump

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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

1-320-746-2557

ken@kensiron.com

Brian Johnson

16777 Co Rd 75 NW

Clearwater MN 55367

1-320-558-6898

TGoM now accepts Paypal and most major credit cards for annual dues payment

Mike Frattalone and Darryl Ponder have worked together to add a "Buy Now" button to the "Membership" page of our main website. See: <http://www.metalsmith.org/membership/>

This means 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>

New Members, November 2014

Kevin Gruber, St Paul, MN

Kevin Shudlick, East Bethel, MN

Charles Town, Rosemount, MN

William Crowder, Moundsview, MN

Michele Almquist, Two Harbors, MN

S. Mark Wilson, Apple Valley, MN

Candace Martens, Spencerport, NY

Lars Olsen, Minneapolis, MN

Jos Jaworski

Brian Dallmann, Owatonna, MN

Beginners Blacksmithing Classes A, B, and C - 2014/2015 ARE FULL!

When: Classes are held on four Saturdays from 9 – 4. Three sets of classes are held this Fall, Winter and Spring. All three sets of classes teach the same information. Waiting lists are being established. If you want to be added to a waiting list, contact Gordon Barr at 952-894-4821 or email Gordon at agbarr@aol.com

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! Here's the link to the online store:

<http://www.cafepress.com/TheGuildofMetalsmiths>



Handled Struck Tools

Saturday, December 13, 2014

MN School of Horseshoeing

Instructors: Jesse Gavin, Dave Gavin, Herb Fick,
and others

Cost: \$65

Minimum 6 students, maximum 8 students

The tools made will be punches with a wire handle and chisels with a wire handle. We will use treadle hammers. (Find out if you really need one of these by trying them.) Tools for the treadle hammers will be supplied.

Steel will be 5/8 and 3/4 inch round 4140 for the punches and chisels. Handles will be fabricated from 1/4 and or 5/16 round CRS.



The exercise will include forging and basic heat treatment of the tools. Forge in the morning, heat treat and install handles after lunch.

A note on change: In the past we've offered the preparation of a small hammer. We've accepted that the time is better spent focusing on the punches and chisels so that more time is spent on understanding the heat treat process. There will be enough stock so we can encourage you to make a couple of serious mistakes and still go home with real tools to use or offer for the next "iron in the hat".

Power grinders are supplied by Duggan, Gavin and Fick. (We still have a couple of belts supplied by our abrasive friends at 3M.)

Bring your favorite hammers, tongs suitable for the stock if you have them, and eye and ear protection. Bring your basic safety gear (leather, cotton, gloves, and safety shoes).

The building will be open by 8 am, introductions and coffee will start at 8:30, in the shop by 9 AM. We usually finish just before 5 pm.

History:

Last year we used three different treadle hammers for the eight students.

Herb's records only go back to 2006, but this class has been going annually for quite a while and has always filled. Credit for that goes to the Jesse and Dave.

For reference, probable students are invited to question former students including:

Hix Marty
Auel George
Olson Wayne
Moenck James
Hilton Larry
McClellan Robert
Brown Bob
Fidelman Nathan

To register for this class, send your contact information and a check made out to The Guild of Metalsmiths for \$65 to:

Herb Fick
519 East 18th Street
Northfield MN 55057-2508

Contact Herb at:

507 663 0569 (home)

507 649 1611 (cell)

herb@phyque.com

Jackson Street Roundhouse demo ops

Demo opportunities always exist at the Jackson Street Roundhouse (JSR). Besides the normal days of Wednesday (10-4), Saturday (10-4) and Sunday (12-4), there are a few special events coming up for which we could really use some Guild participation.

- √ November 8 is "Railroad Reality Day," so the crowds should be pretty good and interested. You might even get a chance to learn all the lyrics to "I've Been Working on the Railroad."
- √ December 6 & 7, 13 & 14, and 20 & 21 they are having a big Christmas program.
- √ Gordon Barr will be helping a boy scout troop with their metalworking merit badge. This troop consists of ten autistic boys from ages 10 to 24, so one-on-one guidance might be needed. It will be two Saturdays between now and Christmas. The exact dates will likely be determined by when the most volunteers are available.

If you are interested in participating in any of these dates, please give Gordon a shout.

Gordon Barr

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952-894-4821

Note from Martin Pansch: If altruism alone isn't enough, consider this: The potential exists there for a multiple forge shop where we can teach Guild classes. Having another venue besides the School of Horseshoeing, and especially one closer to our membership's center of gravity, would be desirable for several reasons. The JSR board has got to be gauging what the Guild can bring to the table with the one forge shop they have allowed us so far. If we can show them the excitement a smith can bring for visitors and how generally useful we can be, it would probably go aways to showing them we are worth having around.



Happy Thanksgiving!





At the October TGoM meeting, Paul Wiedenoffer demonstrated in the new blacksmith forge at the Jackson Street Roundhouse/Minnesota Transportation Museum. Congratulations to TGoM members Gordon Barr, Nick Heinen, and Charlie Bateman and others for their tireless volunteer time spent getting this forge completed and ready to be used as part of the museum's tour schedule. Now we need some more blacksmiths to staff the place! (see plea details on page 4)

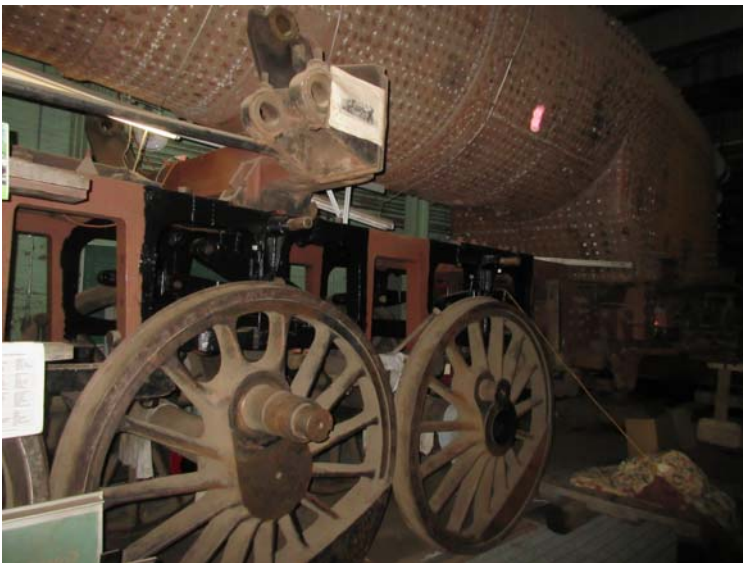
Railroad history buffs absorb museum locale and artifacts at October TGoM meeting

Now that the October meeting is finished and we're looking ahead to our annual December holiday gathering, a few words here about what we may have learned at the Jackson Street Roundhouse this year. If you missed the meeting, you still have a chance to experience the roundhouse and the transportation museum next year. It's become one of our favorite and convenient venues (once road construction is finished)!

On October 8 we had the privilege of meeting at the Minnesota Transportation Museum and taking the opportunity to walk through the fully functional roundhouse all the way to the back where the new blacksmith forge is located. There we watched Paul Wiedenoffer demonstrate.

On our way there, though, we walked right past an enormous steam engine known as "Number 2153," a vintage Northern Pacific locomotive that was used for decades to pull the North Coast Limited's passenger trains. She was retired in the 1950s when diesel engines took over, and in 2002 she was trucked to the roundhouse where she's been undergoing restoration.

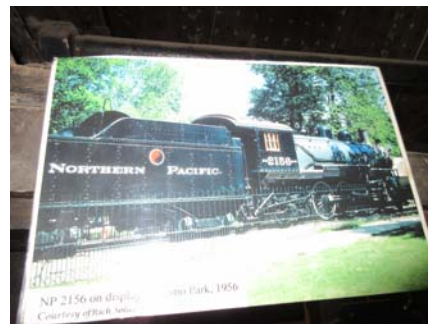
She was built in 1909, weighed 233,250 pounds, and had a capacity of 7,000 gallons of water. Her current home, the Jackson Street Roundhouse, has been used for railroading since 1862.



An enormous vintage steam locomotive, 2153 has been undergoing cosmetic restoration to its original configuration and is now on exhibit. Soon she will be joined by Number 2156, known to many 60s and 70s Twin Cities children as Casey Jones' steam engine from the children's TV program.



If you examine this photo closely, you'll see NPR 2153 as she sits on her tracks in the Jackson Street Roundhouse right now, with her numbers and headlight illuminated.



Northern Pacific Railroad's Number 2153 steam locomotive in her finest days.

THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors – September 10, 2014

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

Call to Order: 7:15 pm by Darryl Ponder

Members in attendance: Barr, Frattalone, Gavin, Hicks, Lockwood, Moenck, Ponder, Murray, Pansch, Wasmund. Missing: Wessling

Approval of previous meeting's minutes: Motion to accept by Gordon Barr, and second by Jim Moenck. Motion passes. 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Frattalone reviewed TGoM Financial Report

Checking/savings		\$ 42,117.00	
Pay pal acct		\$ 4,000.00	
Pay Pal to be transferred		<u>\$ 1,750.00</u>	
	Sub Total	\$ 47,867.00	(up \$8,487.00 from 9-11-13)
Remaining grants		\$ 7,742.00	(up \$2,408.00 from 9-11-13)
Discretionary fund balance		\$ 40,125.00	(up \$6,079.00 from 9-11-13)
Expenses since last board meeting on 7/9/14:			
Metalsmiths		\$ 1763.00	
Forums (2ea)		\$ 83.00	
Meetings		\$ 134.00	
Annual Conference		\$ 33.00	
Overpayment of dues refunded		\$ 10.00	
D&O insurance		\$ 428.00	
Workshops		\$ 230.00	
Stamps		\$ 20.00	
Anvil for Demonstration		\$ 400.00	
Nowthen Hammer in Satellite RR		<u>\$ 92.00</u>	
	Total Expenses	\$ 3193.00	
	Total Months Deposits	\$ 6198.00	

Members 349 (up 18 from 9-11-13)

Coal 14.6 Tons of 24.7 Tons remaining

Membership Services Committee: Chair Barr: v Nothing new to report from the membership.

Education Committee report: Chair -Wasmund, Vice Chair-Moenck

- * Committee has calendar for 2014-2015 Ready to Publish
- * Pre Conference class is not full has 12 signed up, can take 16.
- * Upcoming classes **30-60 days out** Beginners A', Tongs Class, Struck Tools in December .
- * All three beginners classes filled and some on the waiting list. Talking of offering a D session at Wasmund shop

Program Committee: Chair-Hicks, Vice Chair-Lockwood

- * General membership meeting: October Jackson Street Round House, December Christmas Party at CSPS (date December 14)
- * Two demonstrators set for the conference: Gordon Williams will demo and conduct Pre-Conference class. Ernie Dorrill is the other demonstrator.
- * There will be a Hosfeld bender demo on Sunday at this year's Madness

Publicity Committee: Chair-Ponder

- * Will be meeting with Herb Fick's son on demonstration kits & advertising materials sometime next week.
- * The Forum and Metalsmiths were both published and distributed, with Georgia and Beth doing their usual great jobs.

Long Term Planning Committee: Chair-Wessling: Pansch asked committee chairs to develop and submit ideal volunteer staffing levels to continue current Guild activities/services.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- * Still collecting info on items which are owned by TGOM for the Property Book
- * Jackson Street Roundhouse space on hold until a new director is named. At this time TGoM needs to fill the slots with demonstrators to show the JSRH Board that we can fill the extra space.

NEW BUSINESS:

- * The board approved a grant To Marty Hicks for a class on Metal Casting in recyclable molds
- * Need to name a three person nominating committee for board elections in December.
- * Positions that will be vacant: 1. Ponder not re running. 2. Wasmund not running for recorder but available for board.
- * Other positions needing filled are the publicity chair/vice chair and additional committee members. Suggested contacts were discussed but not published
- * Discussion was held on candidates for the president's award and Juare-Hubler Award
- * Board discussed when and who should be signing waivers. Discussion centered on everyone. Motion made to require everybody taking part in any event that is perceived to be Guild sponsored to sign a copy of the waiver. Motion by R. Murray second by M. Hicks Carried 7-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: 10:05 pm,

Goings on...

A calendar of TGoM events at a glance

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- Education Committee meeting dates vary. Contact Larry Wasmund, chair, for the next meeting.
- Program Committee meetings are the third Thursday of each month. Marty Hicks is chair.
- 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 November, 2014

- Nov. 1, Beginning Blacksmithing A-4, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Nov. 12, Guild board meeting

Events in December, 2014

- Dec. 14, Membership holiday meeting at CSPS Hall, St. Paul.

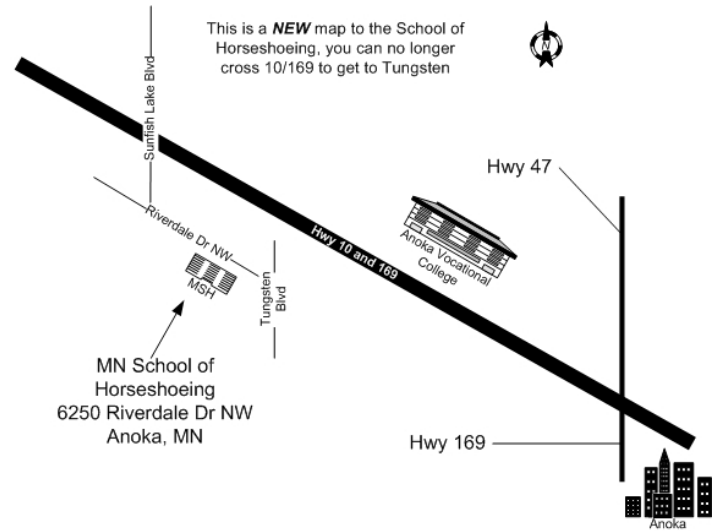
Events in January, 2015

- Jan. 3, Beginning Blacksmithing B1, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Jan. 10, Beginning Blacksmithing B2, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Jan. 14, Guild board meeting
- Jan. 17, Beginning Blacksmithing B3, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Jan. 24, Beginning Blacksmithing B4, MN School of Horseshoeing

Events in February, 2015

- Feb. 7, Beginning Blacksmithing C1, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 11, Guild membership meeting, TBA
- Feb. 21, Beginning Blacksmithing C2, MN School of Horseshoeing
- March 7, Beginning Blacksmithing C3, MN School of Horseshoeing
- March 21, Beginning Blacksmithing C4, MN School of Horseshoeing

Map to MN School of Horseshoeing



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ELECTRONIC FORUM

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Address Service Requested

Forum deadline for December, 2014: Monday, Nov. 17, 2014

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

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November 2014

Your membership expires at the date & month next to your name. Please send your renewal dues to the above address.

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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