

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

Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information is as follows:

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Lake Superior Metalsmiths

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

Contacts are:

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

Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths

The NMM meets the first Monday of the month at Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers (LIRPF) show grounds, 1/4 mile east of the north entrance to Itasca State Park.

Contact Keith Johnson for monthly specifics at keith@greatriverforge.com. The NMM's website is www.nmmetalsmiths.org

Central Minnesota Blacksmiths (CMB)

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

President: Ken Zitur Brian Johnson
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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 Members for October 2016

James Blare, Lakeville, MN
Dan Grigsby, Lakeville, MN
Ethan Benz, Hopkins, MN
Dwight Vangstad, Isanti, MN

Happy

Thanksgiving!



Jackson Street Roundhouse Demo Op

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

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.

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>

More pictorials...

Photos from the *Clock Theory and the Blacksmith* 2016 class Susan Wood taught on October 15



front row: Rick Wessling, Martin Pansch, Gene Thoma, Rebecca Hrobak;
back row: Jim Breczinski, Stephen Olivo, Alicia Soderstrom, Dennis Covington, Gordon Barr, Susan Wood, Dean Ziegenbein, Wesley Waring, Derrick Phillips

These folks registered, but not pictured: Fred Fischer, Don Halverson, Tricia Hilger, Larry Nevin, Al Olson, Beth Olson. If you don't recognize their names, Fred and Tricia are from the Clock Guild.
Thanks to Beth Olson for these photos.



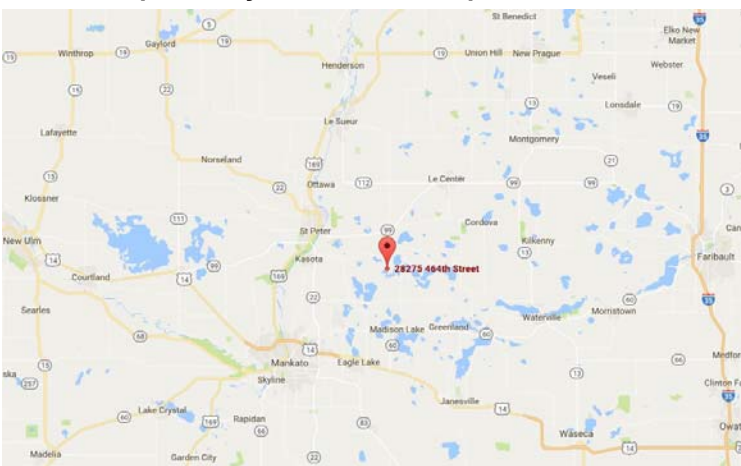
In this photo, Gene Thoma, Jim Breczinski, Dean Ziegenbein, Gordon Barr, and Wesley Waring look over some of the unique clocks included in the clock class.

Calla lily class in August



(Left to right) Seth Merritt, Wendy Anderson, and Gary Myers forging their callas. Champion Herb Fick says out of seven attendees, six left with a story board and one made a bouquet of finished lilies. Thanks to Herb for these photos.

Map to Larry Wasmund's shop in Cleveland MN



THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors – July 13, 2016

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

Call to Order: 7:06 by Martin Pansch

Members in attendance: Barr, Bettenberg, Gavin, Lockwood, Murray, Pansch, Philips, Sheely, Wasmund, Wessling, Widenhoefer

Approval of previous meeting's minutes: Motion to accept by Wasmund, second by All. Motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer Report: Grace Sheely

Membership Services Committee: Chair Barr. Membership is up to 400

Status on updating membership database: Several people are working on updating database

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

Sunday 7/17/16 is "A taste of Blacksmithing"

Status of recent and upcoming classes: Talk of a workday at the end of August-making 8 new tool boxes. Discussion point- Class continuity for teacher training-difference in teaching styles.

Review of Education committee draft SOP and job descriptions. No answer yet from Mr. Farmer about ideas for a class/ Ideas tossed around-works that are production based for craft shows.

Program Committee: Chair-Lockwood, Vice Chair-Murray

"The Program Committee continues to move along and are starting to look at venues for 2017 Bi-Monthly meetings. The Brochure should be going out next week and I have included it here for review. Just need to get names and addresses from Gordon. Plans for the Fall Conference are also moving along. I still don't know what is going on with the Pre-Conference Class so that is a big question right now." : Getting list of members to mail flyers."

Status of August, October, December meetings

Status of demonstrator contracts and Madness in general

Review of Program committee SOPs and job descriptions

Communications Committee: Chair-Bettenberg, Vice Chair- Vacant

New shirts in the works. Georgia set to post info to web/ forum. Communication committee will be 'Defender of the Logo'-making sure that it is being used correctly. Guild of Woodworkers party/picnic coming up. TGoM on LinkedIn - re-established.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Review of long range goals/planning, metrics for those goals, and initiatives to achieve them

elevator speech/SOP is working, need to implement more. Discussion on survey of what we as a guild want to do; at least some input-questionnaire.

Discussion of Guild positions that need to be filled and prioritization:

Coal czar, property book/inventory officer: Discussion on people to tap for positions. Positions to fill: coal czar, clerk, assist. to treasurer, demo champion, property book/inventory officer, video person/team, video/picture database archivist (historian), documentarian, membership assistant.

Sunshine committee progress/Guild greeting card/memorial: Still being looked at.

NEW BUSINESS: "Honey-Do Workshop," Board formulating questions to add to survey/questionnaire, what we want to know. Board homework- 'What are our interests that brought us to the guild?' Whom to we reach out to: roleplaying/cosplaying, knifemaking, toolmaking, machine building, who do we teach to? New, old, interested, newbie, other interests being brought in?

ADJOURNMENT: 9:36pm

Respectfully submitted by Paul Widenhoefer

Handled Struck Tool Class **IS FULL!**

Saturday, December 10, 2016, 8:00 am to 5 pm

Instructor: Jesse Gavin (lead) supported by Dave Gavin, Herb Fick, and others

Location: Minnesota School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)

For questions: 507 663 0569 or 507 649 1611 (cell) herb@phyque.com

Tongs Class **IS FULL!**

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

MN School of Horseshoeing, Anoka MN (map page 7)

Instructors: Martin Pansch, Larry Wasmund, Rick Wessling, Marty Masters, other exciting guest instructors to be determined later. Questions: blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com

THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors – September 28, 2016

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

Call to Order: 7:08pm by Martin Pansch

Members in attendance: Barr, Bettenberg, Gavin, Lockwood, Pansch, Philips, Sheely, Wessling, Widenhoefer

Missing: Murray, Wasmund

Visitor(s):

Approval of previous meeting's minutes: Motion to accept by Bettenberg second by Lockwood. Motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer Report: Grace Sheely

	30-Jun-16	31-July-16	30-Aug-16	30-Sep-16 PRELIM
CASH ASSETS				
Wells Fargo Checking Balance	\$ 21,443.29	\$ 18,821.90	\$ 26,755.30	\$ 29,962.12
Wells Fargo Savings Balance	\$ 26,773.28	\$ 26,773.96	\$ 26,774.64	\$ 26,774.64
Wells Fargo Simple Checking	\$ 9,379.34	\$ 9,611.66	\$ 9,988.88	\$ 13,434.68
Sub-Total Cash	\$ 57,595.91	\$ 55,207.52	\$ 63,518.82	\$ 70,171.44
Reduction for Reserve Funding	\$ 7,988.76	\$ 7,988.76	\$ 7,988.76	\$ 7,988.76
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	\$ 49,607.15	\$ 47,218.76	\$ 55,530.06	\$ 62,182.68
REVENUE				
Deposits Bank	\$ 4,169.66	\$ 0.68	\$ 8,567.68	\$ 13,794.68
Deposits Paypal	\$ 260.76	\$ 232.32	\$ 377.22	\$ 580.80
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 4,430.42	\$ 233.00	\$ 8,944.90	\$ 14,375.48
EXPENSES				
Meetings/Publicity	\$ 131.25	\$ -	\$ 524.83	\$ 315.01
Conference	\$ -	\$ 489.94		\$ 6,235.38
Education	\$ 1,560.43	\$ 42.00		\$ 288.00
Forums/Metalsmiths	\$ 27.44	\$ 2,089.45	\$ 30.42	\$ 31.47
Operations/Taxes	\$ 429.40	\$ 78.35	\$ 853.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,148.52	\$ 2,621.39	\$ 633.60	\$ 7,722.86
Net Gain	\$ 2,281.90	\$ (2,388.39)	\$ 8,311.30	\$ 6,652.62
Paid Memberships Total	12	20	60	43

Discussed investment options, people that come to silent auction and don't pay entrance fee-did they stay all day? Upward trend in total assets, minus coals buying years. Treasurer still needs assistance-stabilize the task. Pay the auctioneer more-will re-negotiate. Barr makes motion to pay auctioneer a bonus this year-2nd Phillips-passes unanimously.

Membership Services Committee: Chair Barr.

400 paid members and growing, many from out of state Status on updating membership database. Ryan and Al looking at new database.

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

Status of recent and upcoming classes (Struck tools DEC 2, Tongs DEC 10). Beginner's class starts Sept 1. Review of Education committee draft SOP and job descriptions.

Program Committee: Chair-Lockwood, Vice Chair-Murray

Program's After Action Review of the Madness. Improves/sustains? Numbers? The Madness was reported to have gone well. Suggestions were received. Some were to "vet" out demonstrators-call previous employers; get a printable, secure database of members; the need for new chairs and new bases for gallery tops. Discussion point-the contract for the Little Log House will run out this year-the cost may be going up. Research other venues and costs as well as signing/extending contract. Status of October, December meetings: Christmas party/meeting on Dec. 11. Review of Program committee SOPs and job descriptions

Communications Committee: Chair-Bettenberg, Vice Chair- Vacant

Conference t-shirts? Update and worth doing next year? Shirt sales went well-may break even. Demonstration kits went well-held up well, got many compliments. We got a volunteer to repair anvil signs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Putting back issues of the Metalsmith on the web Forum. Barr moves to update The Metalsmith to current date-vote passes unanimously. Membership Questionnaire/survey. Previously discussed- Bettenberg putting together list of questions. Status of extending contract with Bauer/Little Log House for future conferences? What is plan B? If negotiations are not looking favorable by Nov., board member will look for sites for future conferences and what is needed in a conference site. Discussion of Guild positions that need to be filled and prioritization. What should be pushed for next. Christina Dodge is the new coal champion. We need a conference catering assistant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed updated waivers on website, how much money for museum. Reconciliation for coal at Roundhouse. Membership meetings. Business to demo/social ratio is out of whack. How much do we need to vocalize there? For business meeting we need to see a face-a point of contact, hear about education, brief business meeting, introduce new members/visitors, more time for demos/talks.

Directors/Officers: Who is leaving? Possible candidates for replacing them? Murray will be leaving, discussion of possible candidates Preliminary nominations for Juaire/Hubler or President's award. Discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:02pm

Respectfully submitted by Paul Widenhoefer

More pictorials...

Bottle Opener class on October 8



Class Photo

Front Row: Martin Pansch, Andrew Jovaag, Marty Masters (class champion)
Back Row: Jim Ericksen, Bob McLean, Larry Hilton, Skip Nordstrom, Sara Gries,



Products of their labors

Hard at work forging bottle openers in Martin Pansch's 'awe-inspiring shop'



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.



No Events in November, 2016

Events in December, 2016

- Dec. 3, Tongs Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Dec. 10, Handled Struck Tools Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Dec. 11, Guild Holiday Party/Membership Meeting, CSPA Hall, St. Paul**

Events in January, 2017

- Jan. 7, Beginning blacksmithing class B1, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Jan. 14, Beginning blacksmithing class B2, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Jan. 21, Beginning blacksmithing class B3, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Jan. 28, Beginning blacksmithing class B4, MN School of Horseshoeing

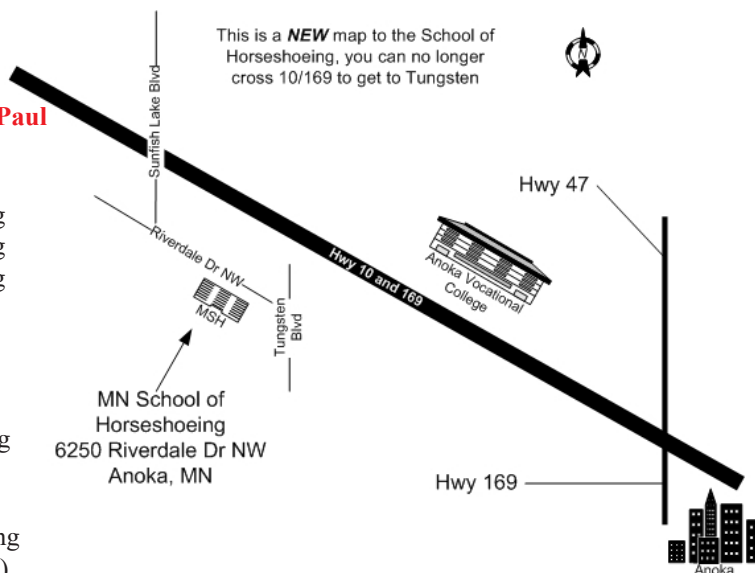
Events in February 2017

- Feb. 4, Beginning blacksmithing class C1, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 8, Guild membership meeting, details TBA
- Feb. 11, Beginning blacksmithing class D1, Cleveland MN (map pg 3)
- Feb. 18, Beginning blacksmithing class C2, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 25, Beginning blacksmithing class D2, Cleveland MN (map pg 3)

Events in March 2017

- March 4, Beginning blacksmithing class C3, MN School of Horseshoeing
- March 11, Beginning blacksmithing class D3, Cleveland MN (map pg 3)
- March 18, Beginning blacksmithing class C4, MN School of Horseshoeing
- March 25, Beginning blacksmithing class D4, Cleveland MN (map pg 3)

Map to MN School of Horseshoeing



Join The Guild of Metalsmiths

Send \$30 dues to the address below. Please circle if you want to be listed in our membership directory and/or check items you don't want listed.

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 PO Box 11423
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<p>List Me in the directory but don't list address - phones: home - work - fax - cell - email - web page <i>(circle items above you DO NOT want published)</i></p>	<p>Don't List Me in the Directory</p>
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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

If you have not been receiving an email notification that The Forum is available, please verify that we have your correct email address. Contact Gordon Barr at agbarr@aol.com.



Address Service Requested

Forum deadline for December:: Monday, Nov. 21, 2016.

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."

November 2016

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

The Guild of Metalsmiths, St. Paul, MN, publishes The GoM Forum monthly. It is intended as a tool to further our educational mission, to keep members up to date on current happenings, to publicize projects and workshops, a place for all members to express their opinions, concerns, learn more about each other—in short, to help us run our organization.

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

Guild educational grants

There is grant money available for Guild members to study intermediate and advanced metalworking techniques.

The Guild educational grant program is designed to bring new skills into the metalworking community. Participants are given money to pay for a portion of their expenses and are expected to learn some new or poorly understood skill, and then to share what they have learned with other members and the public through an article in our quarterly magazine, "The Metalsmith." They're also expected to lead a workshop on the topic (or other educational service approved by the board).

Application forms are available from the president or treasurer at a regular meeting, or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

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