

The Forum

December 2012



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TGoM annual holiday meeting Sunday, December 2!

If you haven't heard, come and join us for our Guild of Metalsmiths annual holiday meeting. No demonstrations, no tours, always Show and Tell, maximum social enjoyment, huge pot luck, elections, and awards. What more could you ask for on Any Given Sunday? Where? CSPA Hall on West 7th St. & Michigan St. in St. Paul. When? Sunday, Dec. 2nd 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!

Al Olson

Big thanks to members of the current roster of Guild officials!

2012 Officers:

Al Olson, President
Rick Wessling, Vice President
Mike Frattalone, Treasurer
Chris Rand, Recorder

Board:

Marty Hicks
Darryl Ponder
Martin Pansch
Gordon Barr
Roland Sigurdson
Jim Moenck

Committees:

Publication Services: Roland Sigurdson, Chair
Program Services: Marty Hicks, Chair
Education Services: Martin Pansch, Chair
Long-Term Planning: as needed, Chair
Membership Services: Gordon Barr, Chair



2012 Beginners 'A' Section Blacksmith Class

The final Beginning Blacksmithing A Class of 2012 was held on November 3, where everyone demonstrated their newly learned skills by making either a candle holder or a pair of tongs.

I want to thank all the volunteer instructors who helped with the class: Rick Wessling, Tom Gervais, Jim Peterson, Larry Wasmund, Wayne Olson, and Jeff Suck.

Submitted by Al Lindholm



L to R: Raleigh Burk, Joe Madsen, Seth Jackson, Rob Erickson, Jon Berry, Isak Miest, Kevin McDowell, Dan Tangen.

Holiday shopping idea!

Have you found your wardrobe woefully bereft of hammer or anvil-themed shirts? Have you been sipping a mug of your favorite French Roast coffee and thought, "You know, this would taste a lot better if my mug had the logo of my favorite metalworking 501C3 organization?" Well, friends, now you can do something about it.



The Guild has opened a "store" on Café Press, a website where you can set up your 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 things readily available. There are currently two images available. One is our tried and true Guild logo with an improved, slightly rounded pen. The other is an anvil-in-an-anvil (double anvil) design made and donated by Chris Rand. Going forward, if people come up with additional original designs they would like to see available, it will be easy to add to the store. Here's the link to the online store:

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

Our neighborhood of smiths

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Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information is as follows:

President: Jim Tweet

715-557-5236

jtweet01@yahoo.com

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:

Charley Brown, President, CharleyRB@charter.net, 218-428-7906

Dave Hanson, Vice-President, Daveforge1@aol.com, 218-721-4572

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, December 2012

Gary Roberts, N. Mankato, MN

Corey Mueller

Eric Lieder

Douglas Johnson, Hudson, WI

Jason Laurich, Princeton, MN

Erik Mohr, Scandia, MN

Opportunity to purchase powdered amorphous silica for flux

At the fall conference Bob Patrick demonstrated using Powdered Amorphous Silica as a flux for forge welding. I bought 25 pounds of it from Continental Clay in Minneapolis and bagged it into 2 pound packages (about the size of a sandwich ziplock bag), for 60 cents a bag.

There was more interest than the 25 pounds I had, and it all sold by the October meeting. I will buy another batch and have it available at the Christmas meeting. If you let me know how much you want, I can make sure I get enough for everyone. If I buy 50 pounds the price per 2 pound bag will be about 50 cents.

Email: anvilclock@gmail.com (put flux in the subject heading)

Phone: 612-727-1300

Treadle hammer kit for sale

I purchased a treadle hammer kit from Discount Steel last year. Health issues prevented me from assembling the machine. My condition is chronic so I must dispose of the kit. The kit is complete w/plans & parts list. I invested \$350.00 & am willing to let it go for a reasonable offer. Interested individuals can contact via email leaving phone number: gwsetterholm@msn.com.
Jerry Setterholm

Winch for sale

Reconditioned Warn MB-3 winch with new roller fair lead, new 40 foot remote switch, and new mount. \$800. Call Richard Seaberg at 612-247-2475.

ABANA Convention News

To help celebrate ABANA's 40th Anniversary, the first ABANA Convention will be held at the Historic Westville Village in Lumpkin, Georgia and at the Convention Center in Columbus, Georgia on March 15-17, 2013. Details here:

<http://www.abana.org/Conventions/2013Convention.shtml>

TGoM's website is tool to keep informed!

The Guild of Metalsmiths maintains our own website, a fact that most of you already know. As we go more and more paperless, we'll use our website as a tool to help our members and the rest of the world keep informed on activities, educational opportunities, and all the information we can pile into the pages. Please take advantage of this technology to spread the word about "TGoM!"

<http://www.metalsmith.org>

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Intermediate Level Blacksmithing Class

Dates: Feb. 2, Feb. 16, March 2, 2013 (3-part class)
Lead Instructor: David Mariette
Location: MN School of Horseshoeing, Anoka, MN (map page 4)
Cost: \$150 per student

Class Description: We will produce a small grill, making use of techniques congruent with the ABANA National Curriculum

- Layout.
- Forging to dimension
- Forge Welding
- Collars, mortise and tenon
- Compound Scrolls

The grill design is not yet finalized. The challenge will be to design a grill that most will produce in three days and be in keeping with the National Curriculum recently adopted by ABANA.

This class will not be a beginner level class. Students enrolling in this class should have completed beginner level classes and have acquired some skills through independent practice. It will be fast moving, and will challenge everyone--even the instructor!

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

Send registration, including check payable to "Guild of Metalsmiths" for \$150, to:

David Mariette
4020 160th Street East
Rosemount, MN 55068

Be sure to include your address, email, and phone number so we can contact you.

Make a pair of Poz-style tongs

Saturday, December 15, 2015, 9:00 am to 5:00pm

Cost: \$40 per student

Class size: Maximum 8, minimum 5

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing

Prerequisites: Blacksmithing basics class required or equivalent experience

Instructors: Darryl Ponder (952-401-3266), Gordon Barr, Bob Brown

What to bring: Your favorite hammer, slitting chisel if you have it, safety glasses, hearing protection. Wear natural fiber clothes and closed toe shoes. Other tools, materials provided.

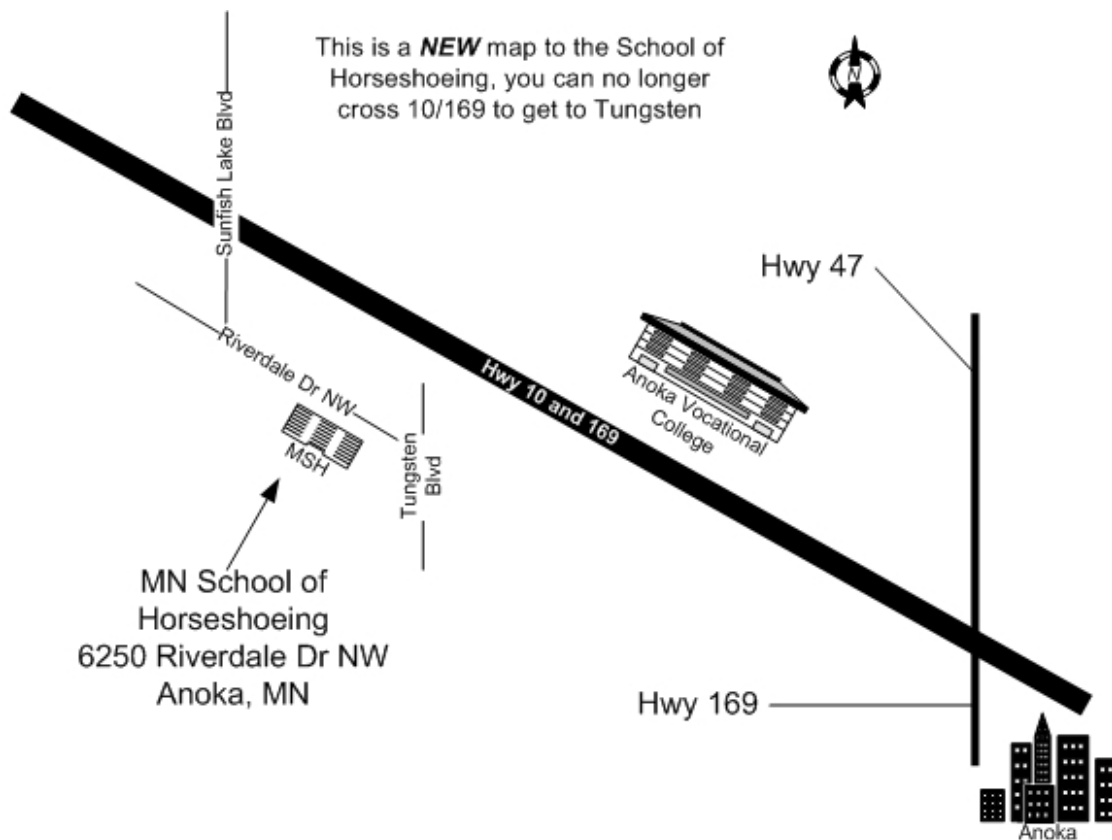
Class Description: You are invited to spend a December Saturday learning how to make a pair of "Poz" style tongs while gathered around the heat of the coal forges at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing. Poz tongs, originally designed by a Mr. Richard Pozniak of Chicago, refined by Robb Gunter, and refined further still and championed by our own Monty Bygd, are versatile in that they can hold square, round, and flat stock all with a single pair of tongs. We will be making a pair of tongs designed to hold 3/8 inch square or round stock, or quarter inch flat stock.

We will be upsetting, slitting, drawing out, bending around some jigs, riveting, and generally having a good time. None of the processes is hard to learn and everyone will learn how to make these tongs while back in their own shop. Each participant should leave with a finished pair of tongs. One change for the class this year is that Gordon Barr has had some Poz tongs blanks cut for us at Discount Steel, so the long drawing out process we have been using for the reins will be reduced greatly in time and effort. Each student will receive two sets of blanks and will also learn how to make the tongs from regular fat bar stock if blanks are not available. Other tooling will be provided or made by you on site.

Send your check for \$40 payable to The Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Darryl Ponder
18320 Byrnwood Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55345

IMPORTANT! - Include your name, phone number, and email address with your check so I may contact you after receiving the payment! A check with no telephone number or contact information included does me no good!



THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors Meeting– Nov 14, 2012

HELD AT: Danish American Center, 3030 West River Parkway, Minneapolis

CALL TO ORDER: 7:15 pm by Al Olson

Members in attendance: Olson, Frattalone, Sigurdson, Barr, Hicks, Pansch, Wessling, Moenck, Lindholm

Missing: Rand, Ponder

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

Motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Chair-Frattalone

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 11-14-12 BOARD MEETING

CHECKING/SAVINGS 38,599 (UP 3666 FROM 11-9-11)

REMAINING GRANTS 5,334 (SAME AS LAST YEAR)

DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE 33,265 (UP 3666 FROM 11-9-11)

EXPENSES SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING ON 9-10-12:

CONFERENCE 7,654

WORKSHOPS 1,966

FOUNDRY REPAIR 675

FORUMS- 2 EA. 131

MEETINGS 162

LIABILITY INSURANCE 428

BANK FEE 11

STAMPS 18

PO BOX FEE 58

SYMPATHY CARDS 15

TOTAL EXPENSES 11,118

TOTAL DEPOSITS 18,726

MEMBERS 275 (UP 23 FROM 11-9-11)

COAL 13.8 TONS OF 24.3 TONS REMAINING

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

Bob Patrick class went well. Anvil Tools class-7 students went well. Struck Tools-6 students will run. Poz Tongs-6 students will run. No interest in Tool Box class. Class evaluation form needs tune up. May be a good idea to ask if students have medical issues that we should know about and who to contact beyond 911. Wessling to research form. One forge pot needs replacing at MNSH soon. Last time Guild replaced pots and traded rent with MNSH.

Program Committee report: Chair-Hicks, Vice Chair-Lindholm

Oct meeting at Jackson St Round House could be an annual event. Concerns that leaves only 3 meetings per year that 'migrate' to new places, tours, etc. Thank you to Nick and Charlie for their volunteer time that pays for our meeting 'rent.' Thank you to Myron for forging parts for the Museum that night. Lou Groth wrote a document that could be updated and given to beginners at the A, B, & C classes. Michele Brennan fulfilled her promise (Thank you) to tote the meeting plates, utensils, coffee mess, etc. Need another volunteer for next year. Suggestion for Guild to enter major item(s) in local art exhibits rather than the conference to earn a better price. Announce auction items at every meeting.

Publicity Committee report: Chair-Sigurdson, Vice Chair-N/A

Beth ready to go to print this week. Forum Dec deadline is very soon. Bellows is archive-able, Facebook is not. Corky is active with Guild's Facebook account-lots of hits.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Reference Oct Forum. Post mortem for Hicks' bronze pour, went well, about 50 people showed, 9 molded and casted, 4/9 Guild members. Next one before June 30th. Cost goes up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Roland stepping down. Ponder offers to step in. We are grateful to Roland for his many years of hard work for the Guild. Grant for Hans Early-Nelson – Board is interested in giving Hans a grant but wants more specific info on payback (syllabus, resources, project)

Long Term Planning Committee – Rick Wessling interested in heading up. Maybe take half hour from every other board meeting.

Jesse Gavin willing to join board. Larry Wasmund Willing to be Recorder replacing Rand. Remaining board & officers willing to stay on.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

INCOMING MAIL:

ADJOURNMENT: 10:15pm, Motion by Pansch, second Sigurdson, accepted without dissent.

Great opportunity to give back to TGoM!

It's time to pass the torch (or the plates and coffee cups)! In December my year of doing the coffee and potluck supplies will be complete. We need a volunteer for 2013 to take this on.

Call me at 651-702-0925 or email me at michele.w.brennan@healthpartners.com if you'd like to know the details.

Reasons to volunteer

- ✓ Great way to meet and get to know Guild members
- ✓ You get to attend all our fantastic membership meetings
- ✓ You get to be one of the first in line for all our wonderful potlucks

I'll hand off the supplies at the December (Christmas) meeting.

Thank you!

Michele



... And a big "thank you" to Michele Brennan for taking on this very essential function for the Guild during 2012!

SEASON'S GREETINGS



Goings on...

A calendar of TGoM events at a glance

- Education Committee meeting dates vary. Contact Martin Pansch, chair, for the next meeting.
- 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 December, 2012

- Dec. 1, Handled Struck Tool class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Dec. 2, Guild membership (holiday) meeting, CSPS Hall, St. Paul
- Dec. 15, Poz-Style Tongs class, MN School of Horseshoeing

Events in January, 2013

- Jan. 5, Beginning Blacksmithing B1 class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Jan. 9, Guild board meeting
- Jan. 12, Beginning Blacksmithing B2 class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Jan. 19, Beginning Blacksmithing B3 class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Jan. 26, Beginning Blacksmithing B4 class, MN School of Horseshoeing

Events in February, 2013

- Feb. 2, Intermediate Blacksmithing class Part I, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 9, Beginning Blacksmithing C1 class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 16, Intermediate Blacksmithing class Part II, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 23, Beginning Blacksmithing C2 class, MN School of Horseshoeing

Events in March, 2013

- March 2, Intermediate Blacksmithing class Part III, MN School of Horseshoeing
- March 9, Beginning Blacksmithing C3 class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- March 23, Beginning Blacksmithing C4 class, MN School of Horseshoeing

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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.



Address Service Requested

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

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Forum deadline for January 2013: Monday, Dec. 17, 2012

The deadline for content in The Forum is always the third Monday of the month. Please send items for January 2013 by Monday, Dec. 17, 2012 to Georgia Myers, editor, by email to: gldmyers@embarqmail.com

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The Guild of Metalsmiths on the web:

Visit our website at <http://www.metalsmith.org>

Looking for something? Try the search engine. On our main page, just below the index table, click on “Search this Site,” and enter your query.

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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