

The Forum



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Join TGoM's annual holiday get-together December 15!

Be sure to set aside some time on your calendar for The Guild of Metalsmith's annual holiday potluck/election meeting, on **Sunday, December 15, 2013.**

A holiday tradition among Guild of Metalsmiths members continues this year as we gather at the CSPS Hall in St. Paul for our annual meeting and holiday celebration. Plan now to attend the most popular (and deliciously diverse) social event of the TGOM year! This annual gathering will once again be held at the Cesko-Slovanský Podporující i Spolek (C.S.P.S.) Hall at 383 Michigan Street in Saint Paul.

Come early (11:00 am) to help set up the hall. We'll gather at The Glockenspiel, just downstairs from the hall for a glass of holiday cheer before we head up. If you're a new Guild member, be sure to come to this fantastic celebration of food, comradery, and learning.

If you can't make it to The Glockenspiel, come when you can and join together for some hors d'ouvres, then settle back for the events of the day to unfold. A general election of 2014 officers and board members is first on the agenda. Then there's our fantastic "show n tell." The grand finale is the potluck meal, but before that you won't be bored by all the activities. Welcome!



Many thanks to TGoM officers, committee chairs, and committee members who served in 2013!

It's time for us to offer our heartfelt thanks to all the folks who served as officers, committee chairs, and committee members for The Guild of Metalsmiths in 2013. Gratitude much deserved!

Board Members	Officers	Committees
Jesse Gavin	President: Al Olson	Publicity: Darryl Ponder, Chair
Jim Moenck	Vice-President: Rick Wessling	Programs: Marty Hicks, Chair
Darryl Ponder	Treasurer: Mike Frattalone	Education: Martin Pansch, Chair
Gordon Barr	Recorder: Larry Wasmund	Long-Term Planning: Rick Wessling, Chair
Al Lindholm		Membership: Gordon Barr, Chair
Marty Hicks		
Martin Pansch		

'Guild gear' is here!

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 peen. 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

UMBA

Visit <http://www.umbaonline.ning.com>

UMBA DVD-R library

125 different titles

\$5 each, \$2 shipping per order

Never return them to library - www.umbaonline.ning.com

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. Potluck 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 2013

Darrin Kovar, St Paul, MN

Matt Gembo

Michael & Dawn Will, Burnsville, MN

Ross Olson, Eden Prairie, MN

Patrick Harrold, Coon Rapids, MN

Jenessa Dee, Robbinsdale, MN

Tom Hodson, Richfield, MN

Dennis Scherber, Minnetonka, MN

Smithsonian Institution Call for Entries!

The Smithsonian Institution is having a craft show in 2014. More info is available at the link below:

<http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1101903933417-222/Qwest-7.pdf>

TGoM can now accept Paypal, 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>

Make a pair of Poz-style tongs - Class is now FULL!
Saturday, December 7, 2013, 9:00 am to 5:00pm
Instructor Darryl Ponder



Handled Struck Tool Class is full!
Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013, start time: 9 am to 5 pm
Instructors: Jesse Gavin, Dave Gavin



All 2013-2014 Beginners Blacksmithing Classes now full!

Join the Guild After You Join the Guild

Members are needed to step forward and volunteer to help steer the direction of The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM). Everyone is welcome. There are many committees and activities where even small amounts of help are beneficial. You don't have to be a leader or chairperson to join.

Please consider using your talents or learn a new one by joining a committee. No input is too small. You can take on as much or as little as you feel comfortable. With more people, our individual loads are smaller

The following committees welcome your help.

Education – help choose and set up classes, steer the direction of teaching, collect and cut steel for classes, contact potential instructors for classes, be an instructor yourself, assist other instructors.

Program – organize meetings, conference, special events, threshing show, and zoo demos. Create program brochures, flyers, and handouts. Label and mail info to members.

Finance – help balance books, collect money from classes, payments to individuals for Guild purchases

Member Services – maintain membership list with new people and renewals

Publicity – create brochures to get the word out, determine how to advertise ourselves

Long Term Planning – help guide the Guild in the direction most beneficial

The Guild bylaws document states it very well...

“Membership is open to anyone accepting the purpose and bylaws of TGoM and paying the annual dues. A strong organization is composed of members who are actively involved. They give back to the organization as well as receive from it. All members are encouraged to contribute of themselves on at least one occasion a year. This includes but is not limited to being an officer or board member, serving on a committee, helping plan an event, setting up a demonstration site, leading or helping teach a class, or contributing to the publications.”

TGoM's annual holiday meeting is coming up on Sunday, December 15. Please volunteer either at that meeting or any time before. Contact one of our officers or board members. They're listed on our website here:

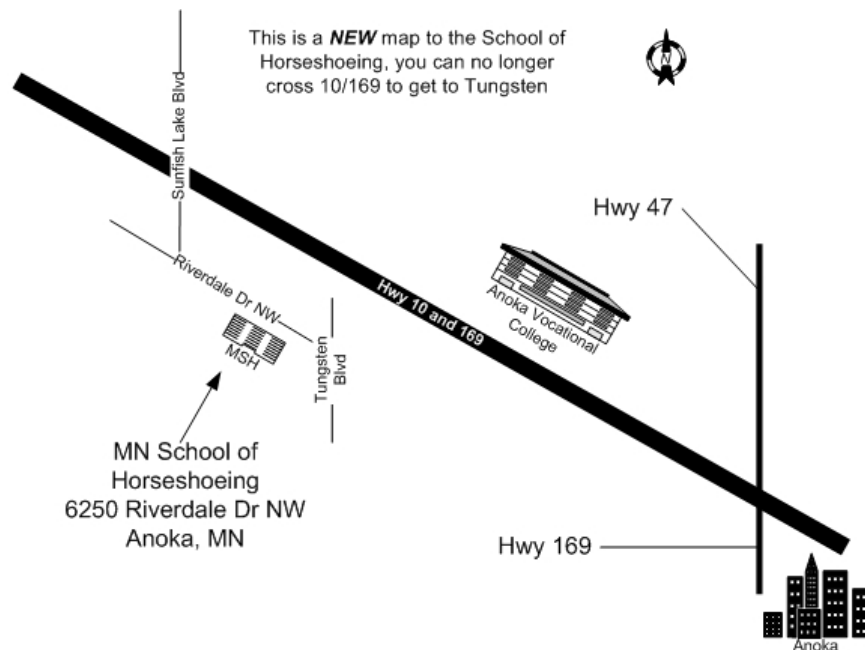
<http://www.metalsmith.org/about/officers-and-committees/>



Welcome, new members!

As new members of The Guild of Metalsmiths, you will enjoy lots of benefits. Check out these important and beneficial points.

- We sell coal at \$7.50 per 5-gallon bucket. TGoM's coal is stored at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing (MSH) (map below), 6250 Riverdale Dr NW in Anoka, MN. Our coal pile is behind the locked gates. When you go there, fill out the required form, the coal logbook, and pay Mike Frattalone, our treasurer. Get a key from the office during normal business hours or from a Guild instructor if the shop is open on a weekend for a class. The forms and log book are in the top drawer of the cabinet next to the door, just inside the workshop area. Send payment to Mike via check or give him a check at a meeting.
- We have a website that we're proud of at <http://www.metalsmith.org>. Inside the website at www.metalsmith.org/phpbb is a new web forum that you will need to register for to use. Click on the "register" on the upper left of the page and follow directions.
- We encourage you to join "The Bellows" email reflector service. This is where members can ask questions of other Guild members about projects, etc., and also offer up your own metalworking wisdom. Contact the webmaster at webmaster@metalsmiths.org if you wish to be included in The Bellows. There are currently 325 members subscribed. If you are currently receiving email from "the bellows@metalsmith.org," then you are already signed up.
- The Guild's membership directory is online in the web forum. It is updated about every three months. Included is your own membership expiration date so you know when to pay your dues. Dues may be paid with a check or via PayPal.
- The first 58 issues of The Metalsmith, our quarterly nationally known magazine, are online in the web forum, with more being added weekly. Included are many articles from most of the major smiths of the Guild on projects, tips and tricks, and "how-tos." Check it out!
- Check out "Friends of the Guild" at <http://www.metalsmith.org/about/friends-of-the-guild/> and see the discounts that many area metalworking suppliers offer Guild members. Just in time for holiday shopping!
- Check out "Guide for New Guild Members" by Lou Groth and Gordon Barr located in the Guild of Metalsmiths section of the web forum.



Recap of 2013 in pictures!



In February we welcomed these newly trained blacksmiths from the "B" beginners class. They are: Brad Klatt , Noah Klatt , Ellen Monzo, Glen Monzo, Camryn Monzo, Rebecca Watry , Joan Peterson, Warren Peterson, Erik Watry, Jack Jepsen DeSpiegelaere. Not pictured Larry Hilton



Linders Specialty Co. hosted our group for our February meeting. They gave us a special tour of their facility, and afforded us an actual demonstration of how their CNC plasma cutter creates artistic metal shapes in grand scopes.



In March we welcomed four newly trained blacksmiths from the Beginners C class... Back row: Emmett Cassidy, Larry Tanttari, Rob Jewell, George Auel, Roland Sigurdson (instructor), Front: Bob Brown (instructor), Herb Fick (instructor). Instructors not pictured: Bill Krawczeski, Conor Brennan, Steven Olivo



In August we met at the Dan Pate country home and "pigged out" on hog barbeque thanks to Herb Fick, and fresh sweet corn thanks to Dick and Irma Carlson!



In April we met at Arms and Armor, where we learned information on late 13th century manuscript recipes for hardening and softening steel to make tools and weapons. The talk illustrated how a medieval smith would work.



Demonstrators this year at the madness were Mark Pearce (left) and Clay Spencer (above).



One of TGoM's valuable volunteer positions

For the past year Cliff Larsen has served The Guild of Metalsmiths as our honorary "coffee delivery man!" This job doesn't simply include delivering the coffee, though. He packs up multiple crates of supplies that we need for our potlucks, such as the coffee, coffee pots, power cords, miscellaneous serving utensils, disposable plates, forks, spoons, knives, and napkins, and delivers them to each of our potlucks, then helps get the food tables arranged.

Cliff extends an especially warm "thank you" to all who step up to help him with this necessary task. And we're grateful that he's agreed to continue with this volunteer job for 2014! Next time you see Cliff, be sure to greet him with a big smile of gratitude.



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, 2013

- Dec. 7, Poz Tongs class, MN School of Horseshoing. Class now full!
- Dec. 14, Handled Struck Tools class, MN School of Horseshoing. Class is full!
- Dec. 15, Annual TGoM Holiday meeting at CSPA Hall, St. Paul

Events in January 2014

- Beginning Blacksmithing B1, Jan. 4
- Guild board meeting, Jan. 8
- Beginning Blacksmithing B2, Jan. 11
- Beginning Blacksmithing B3, Jan. 18
- Beginning Blacksmithing B4, Jan. 25

Events in February 2014

- Feb. 8, Beginning Blacksmithing C1, MN School of Horseshoing
- Feb. 12, Guild membership meeting TBA
- Feb. 15, Gas Forge Workshop (tentative)
- Feb. 22, Beginning Blacksmithing C2, MN School of Horseshoing

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.

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.

The Guild of Metalsmiths
PO Box 11423
St. Paul MN 55111

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in the directory
but don't list

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in the Directory

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(circle items above you DO NOT want published)

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.



Address Service Requested

Forum deadline for January, 2014: Monday, Dec. 16, 2013

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

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."

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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.

Note: 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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