

The Forum

December 2017



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Annual TGoM holiday gathering/meeting Sunday, December 3 at the CSPS Hall in St. Paul, MN



Join your Guild of Metalsmiths friends and families for our annual holiday gathering at the CSPS Hall in St. Paul (address 385 Michigan St, just at the corner of West 7th and Western). The hall, as normal, will open at 11:00 am for us to start setting up tables. Please come and help, as more hands make lighter work for all. After the tables are setup, we usually share hors d'ouvres, so bring your favorites if you wish. Meeting champion Mike Frattalone promises there will be a few bottles of wine leftover from the Madness also available.

The business meeting is first on the agenda. Your participation is key to this.

Board and Officer elections are held at this meeting. If you have interest in serving as a Director or one of the officers (President, VP, Treasurer, or Recorder) let Martin Pansch know. If you are not sure if you have interest in any of these positions, let him know and he will give you a brief description of what it all entails. We are open to any who wants to serve in any capacity, though right now we are really hard pressed to find a Treasurer so that Grace may pass the torch.

Our *Iron in the Hat* theme is miniature tool ornaments. Hopefully you've already made a miniature tool fit for hanging on a tree and will bring it with to exchange randomly with someone else. Next on the agenda is show and tell and probably an impromptu auction. By then, we'll all have worked up an appetite to sit down to our always sumptuous holiday potluck.

If you're a first-timer to this event, just go upstairs at the front of the building when you get there. An elevator entrance is also located on the side just off the parking lot. Bring your family!

Any questions about this meeting can be answered by contacting meeting champion Mike Frattalone at icemanfratt@aol.com.

— Mark Lockwood, Program Committee Chair



About the CSPS Hall...

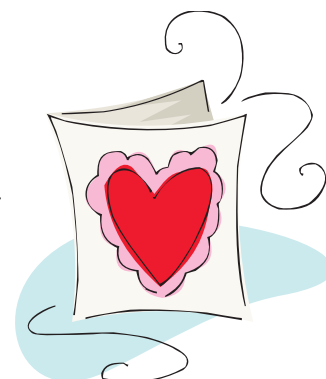
The C.S.P.S Hall is the longest serving Czech-Slovak hall in continuous use in the United States. In 1977 The C.S.P.S. Hall was declared a National and State Historic Site. Visit their website at <http://www.sokolmn.org/> to learn all about this very interesting place.

February 14 Guild Meeting Tickler...

Mark your calendars now for the February 14 TGoM meeting to be held at CAFAC!

The planned location for the February Guild of Metalsmiths meeting is at Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center (CAFAC), 3749 Chicago Ave. Mpls, MN. Jim Ricci is the location champion, and anyone can call or email him with questions, cell 612-247-1525, email jedricci@gmail.com

Onsite parking is limited. There is a shared parking lot across the street that can accommodate about 10. Otherwise street parking is recommended on Chicago Ave. north of 38th Street. See map page 6.



Beginners Blacksmithing Classes 2017/2018

Registration is open for the 1 day Level 2 Beginners class

Dec 9 MN School of Horseshoeing-map pg 8

Jan. 27 MN School of Horseshoeing-map pg 8

Jan 13 Cleveland (see map below)

Feb. 3 MN School of Horseshoeing-map pg 8

Jan 20 Cleveland (see map below)

This is a continuation of additional techniques and processes learned in the 2 day level 1 class covering Heat Treating, Scrolling, Bending, and Forge welding This path provides a common background skill set and terminology to improve the effectiveness of advanced classes. Students with prior experience can judge their proficiency when taking this class.

Cost: (covers everything you need, the facility, coal and metal)

\$60 members, \$65 non member

Minors (under 18) can share a forge with a guardian for an additional \$10 /day

Location: 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 and in Cleveland, MN near Mankato.

To sign up for the one day Level 2 Beginners classes:

Choose the date you would like (with an alternate)

Send your contact info along with a check made out to *The Guild of Metalsmiths* to:

Gordon Barr

11021 27th Ave

Burnsville, MN 55337

agbarr@aol.com

Beginners Blacksmithing Projects Classes 2017/2018

Registration is now open for the 1 day Projects Class

Jan 6 MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 8)

Jan 27 Cleveland (map page 2)

Jan 20 MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 8)

Feb 4 Cleveland (map page 2)

Feb 10 MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 8)

Feb 17 MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 8)

◆ This is a continuation of the level 1 and level 2 beginners classes.

◆ This one day class will use all the skills learned in the previous classes to build a project they will take home. Students with prior experience can judge their proficiency when taking this class.

◆ The projects include : set of forge tools(rake, poker, shovel, water can), wall sponce or tongs,

Cost: (covers everything you need, the facility, coal and metal)

\$60 members, \$65 non member

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Location: 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 and in Cleveland, MN near Mankato. See map on page 8.

To sign up for the one day Projects class,

Choose the date you would like (with an alternate).

Choose a project you would like to build

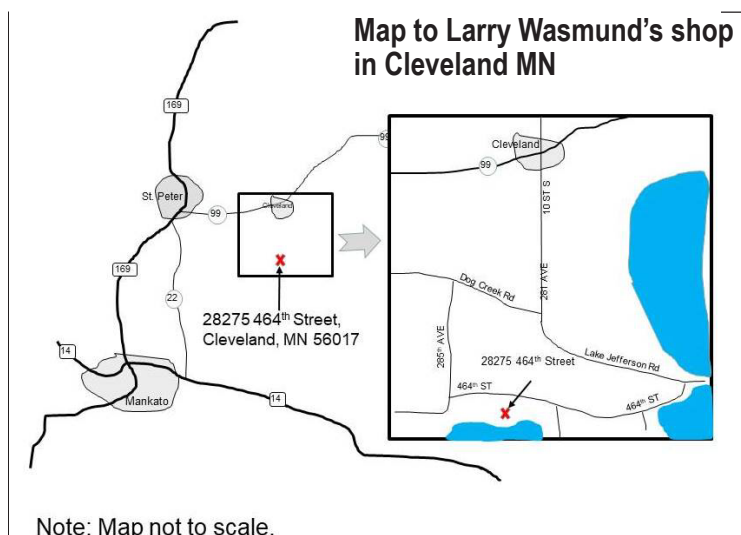
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THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors – November, 8, 2017

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

Call to Order: 7:04pm by Rick Wessling

Members in attendance: Barr, Dodge, Lockwood, Phillips, Sheely, Wasmund, Wessling, Widenhoefer. Missing: Bettenberg, Gavin, Pansch
Visitor(s):

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer Report: Grace Sheely

New checks purchased, Sheely would like to get money accessible with 2 signatures because we have a larger amount of money at this time. Looking for documentation of students vs. money intake for classes

Membership Services Committee: Chair Barr.

Current membership, paid vs. unpaid. 500 members/300 paid up

Report on migration to Neon CRM -Jan 1 going live-cost is \$1620 for 3 years-it has been paid for by a private donation.

Education Committee report: Chair -Wasmund, Vice Chair- Bryan Carlson

New classes starting on Saturday 11.

Status of intermediate class planning-group came together and have stated their plan. Forge welding class on November 18 and 19. Education committee decided to increase amount given to Duggans for use of space. The Duggans would like to have a joint event with the Guild in the future.

Program Committee: Chair-Lockwood, Vice Chair- Vacant

December meeting -Meeting held at CSPS on December 3rd. We don't have a contract back, but...squirrel!

February meeting-on the 14th at CAFAC

Trying to set up a meeting with Little Log House

Communications Committee: Chair-Bettenberg, Vice Chair- Vacant

No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Long term planning-looking at numbers so that we can see what is possible. Some sites have been looked at no reports have come back to the group yet.

Status of future with Little Log House (Program and Wasmund) Brainstorm ideas for possible alternative venues if needed. Ideas that were put forward were: Gibbs Farm, Stated Fairground, Kelly Farm, U of M-multiple sites, Dakota County Fairgrounds. Waconia Fairgrounds, Nowthen, Washington County Fairgrounds, Le Sueur County Fairgrounds.

Discussion of Guild positions that need to be filled: Treasurer, Vice-President, Program Committee chair, Jesse Gavin's board position. At December meeting we must vote for a treasurer, but can vote on restructuring position to create a financial committee, or having committees that generate money take back the job from the treasurer-putting it into a format that is easier for the treasurer to use.

Executive Session: Award consideration. Discussion of Awards for this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Future of the Guild's foundry equipment currently in the care of Marty Hicks. It is possible to move, if Marty doesn't want to keep it there. How much would the cost be to maintain?

Chairs and tables-still looking at chairs. Will bring a chair to Dec meeting. Phillips moves to buy 6 tables and matching chairs for \$2500.

Wasmund 2nds. Motion passes.

Discuss-creating a volunteer coordinator position.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:55pm

Our neighborhood of smiths

The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM)

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President: Martin Pansch Vice-President: Rick Wessling
blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com rgwessling@gmail.com
612-599-4762 612-875-4420

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

Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information is as follows:

President: Don Hogenson Newsletter editor: John Grump
715-265-4701 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, VP, duluthblacksmith@yahoo.com 218-391-4466

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**
320-746-8161 16777 Co Rd 75 NW
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/>

Jackson Street Roundhouse Ongoing Demo Ops

Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 am to 4 pm

You can enter through the back gate. We now have a second forge set up outside. People that would like to work in the blacksmith shop these days are welcome to drop by. Any questions, call Gordon Barr 612-242-5827

Handled Struck Tools Workshop is FULL!

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Location: Minnesota School of Horseshoeing (map page 8)

Instructors: Jesse Gavin, lead, assisted by Dave Gavin, Herb Fick, and probably others!

TGoM 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>

Box Tongs-Making Class

Saturday, January 13, 2018, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 8)

Cost: \$65

Class size: Maximum students: 8 Minimum students: 5

Instructor: Larry Wasmund and others



This class will teach those in attendance how to make a box style tongs. A box type tong gives you the most control in holding rectangular stock.

We will be starting with 1/2 x 5/8 stock and making a tongs to hold a 1/2x 1 inch stock. There will be substantial amounts of drawing out on the reins and bit of this tongs. The students should have the dexterity for forging heavier stock. Students must know how to direct the movement steel with a cross peen, drawing out, and riveting. Everyone will go home with a functioning tool.

Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class: Bring your favorite hammer and a file

Safety Equipment – Cotton clothing, gloves, hearing protection, safety glasses.

Other Equipment: None

Lunch Arrangements: Bring a bag lunch or travel to a local fast food spot.

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

Larry Wasmund

28275 464th Street

Cleveland MN. 56017

Contact Larry with questions at 507 469-0205 or email: poundedtreasures@gmail.com

Acceptance for this class will be prioritized by postmark.

Zombie Killer/Chopping Knife Class

Saturday and Sunday, February 24 & 25, 2018, 8:30 am to 5 pm

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 8)

Cost: \$100 per student - covers metal, coal, handle material and some abrasives

Instructor: Paul Widenhoefer, long-time member of TGoM and American Bladesmith Society (and all-around knife nerd)

Minimum of 4 students, maximum of 8 students (More if there are parent/child participants)

Minimum age 14-Must be accompanied by an adult.

Do you fear the zombie apocalypse? Do thoughts of a worldwide economic collapse send you scurrying for your bug-out bag? Or perhaps you just want a good chopping knife capable of doing some hard work? If so, we are offering a knife making class for you! It is designed for someone with little forging experience, but can accommodate those with a more advanced skill set.

We will be covering basic knife forging, knife design, heat treatment, grinding, sharpening and attaching handles. Participants should leave with a finished (or nearly finished) knife.

Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class: Bring your favorite hammer.

Safety Equipment – Cotton clothing, gloves, hearing protection, safety glasses.

Other Equipment: None

Lunch Arrangements: Bring a bag lunch or travel to a local fast food spot.

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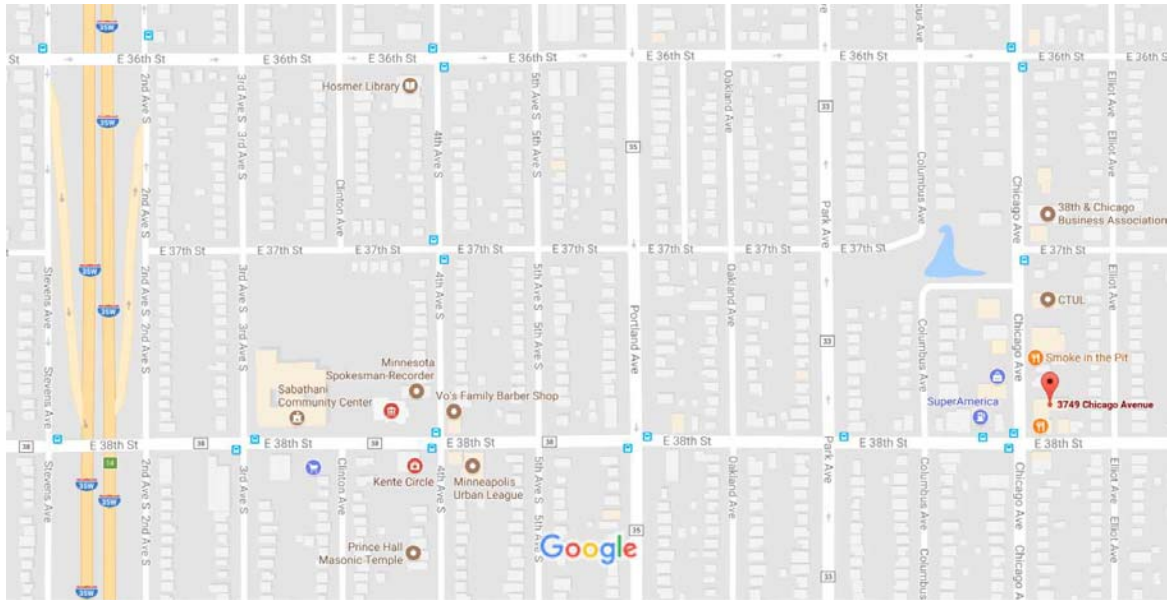
Paul Widenhoefer

3618 Robin Lane

Minnetonka, MN 55305

Acceptance for this class will be prioritized by postmark.

Map to Chicago Fire Arts Center (CAFAC) Address 3749 Chicago Ave. Minneapolis, MN



Note: The information below is provided as a service for TGoM 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.

Tunnel Mill Crafts

We are located in southern Minnesota. Tunnel Mill was an old water powered mill. Built in 1869. Retired in the late 1920's. Located on Bear Creek north of Spring Valley, MN. Wooded 50 acres with a stream that runs through it. Now, it's a place for crafts people and friends to congregate, relax and learn some of our forgotten crafts.



Heads-up for 2018 Events!

Tom Latane' May 4, 5, 6, 2018

Students continue work on a bench vise with three inch wide jaws. (Part 2)

Peter Ross will teach two 3-day classes:

May 14, 15, 16, 2018 -Tools

This first session will cover hand tools, such as socket chisels, draw knife or other hand tools,

May 18, 19, 21, 2018- Hinges

This second session will concentrate on hinges.

Douglas Pryor, June 1, 2, 3, 2018:

In this 3 day workshop we'll be exploring the plasticity of sheet metal (copper and steel) through material appropriation using raising and chasing.

Ric Furrer, August 17, 18, and 19, 2018 (tentative date):

Ric Furrer will return to show us some more Damascus. We have and will continue using the \$500# Little Giant Hammer.. Check out Ric Furrer at <http://www.doorcountyforgeworks.com/>

Mill Gathering October 5, 6, 7, 2018

Tom Latane' Hack Saw class October 12, 13 & 14, 2018

Details TBA

Check out the Tunnel Mill website for details on these events and how you can register for them: <http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com/> For more information on any of the classes contact us at jc-adams@msn.com, or call 507-289-4189 John or Carol Adams.

Goings on...a listing of TGoM events at a glance



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- 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.

Events in December 2017

- Dec. 2, Handled Struck Tools Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Dec. 3, Guild holiday meeting/ party, CSPS Hall, St. Paul
- Dec. 9, Beginners Level 1F-1 of 2, Cleveland MN-map pg 2
- Dec. 9, Beginners Class Day 1 Level 2 , MN School of Horseshoeing
- Dec 16, Beginners Level 1F-2 of 2, Cleveland MN-map pg 2
- Dec. 16, Beginners Class Day 1 Level 2 , MN School of Horseshoeing

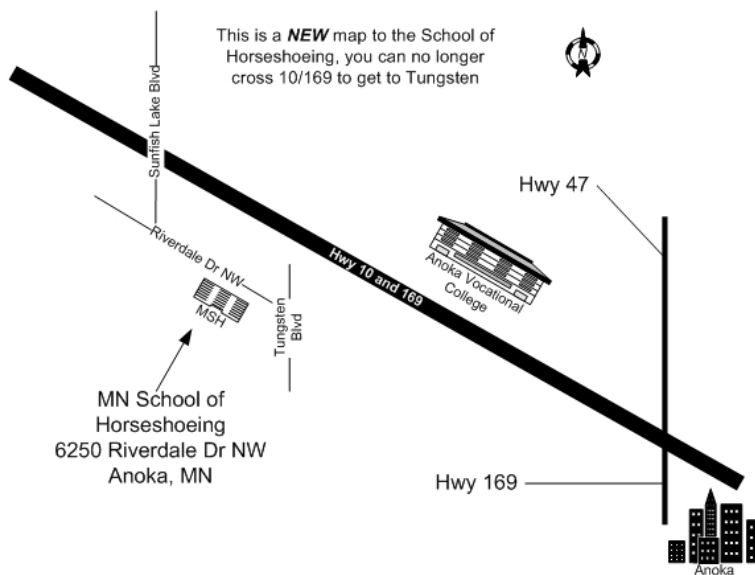
Events in January 2018

- Jan. 6, Beginners 1 Day Project Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Jan. 13, Box Tongs Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Jan. 13, Beginners Class, Day 1 Level 2 Cleveland MN-map pg 2
- Jan. 20, Beginners 1 Day Project Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Jan. 20, Beginners Class, Day 1 Level 2 Cleveland MN-map pg 2
- Jan. 27, Beginners Class, Day 1 Level 2 MN School of Horseshoeing
- Jan. 27, Beginners 1 Day Project Class, Cleveland MN-map pg 2

Events in February 2018

- Feb. 3, Beginners Class, Day 1 Level 2 MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 4, Beginners 1 Day Projects Class, Cleveland MN-(map pg 2
- Feb. 10, Beginners 1 Day Projects Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 14, Guild membership meeting, Chicago Ave Fire Arts Ctr (CAFAC)
- Feb. 17, Beginners 1 Day Projects Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 24 & 25, Knife Class, MN School of Horseshoeing

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.

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

List Me
in the directory
but don't list
address - phones: home - work - fax - cell - email - web page
(circle items above you DO NOT want published)

Don't List Me
in the Directory

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

If you have items to be included in The Forum, please send them 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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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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