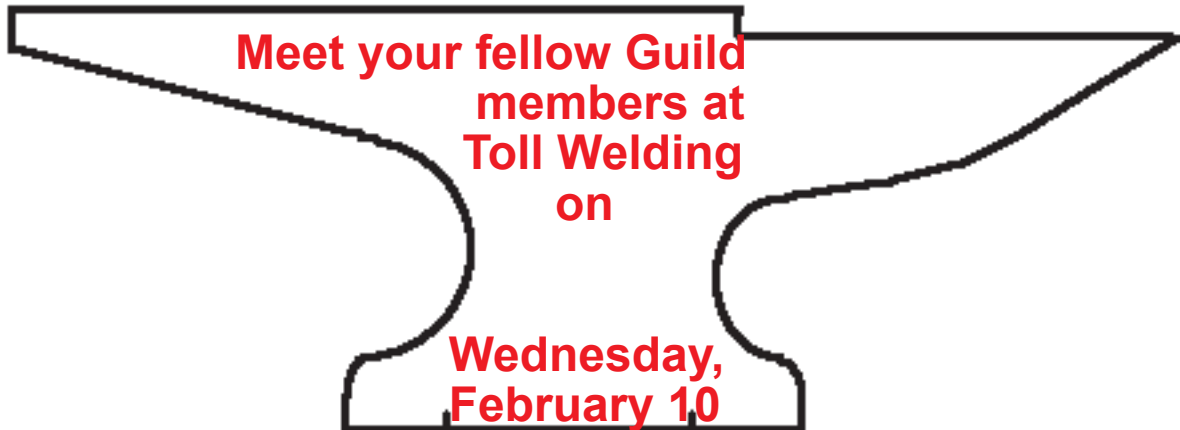


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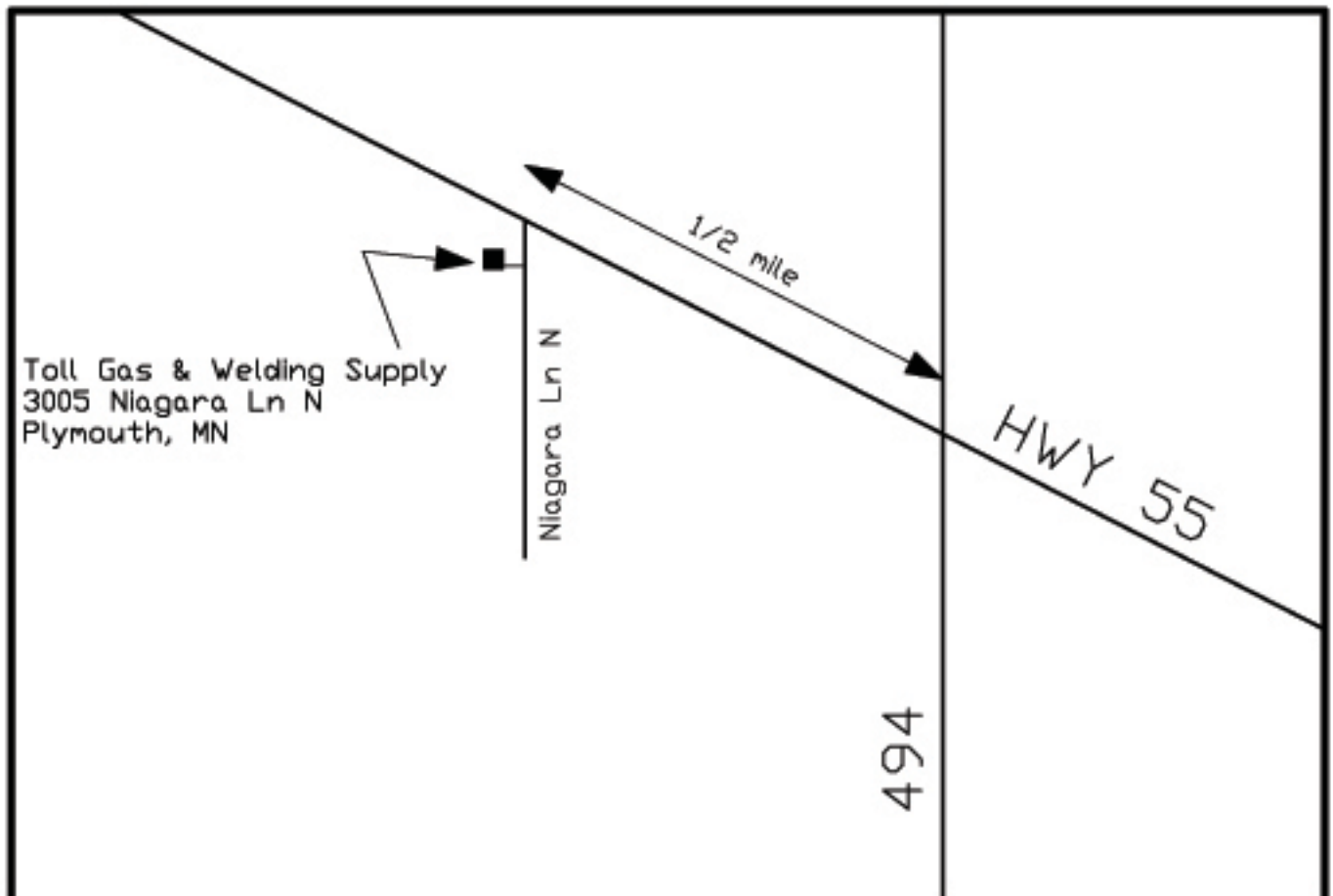
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Be sure to check your calendar to see that you've remembered to mark Wednesday, February 10 as the next Guilding meeting date. We'll gather at Toll Gas & Welding Supply in Plymouth, where you'll be treated to various demonstrations by vendors who will bring their talents and supplies to the venue. You'll have a chance to look them over and purchase or order if you wish.

Arrive by 6:30 pm for our first potluck of 2010. Bring your newest forging creations for show and tell. Nothing is too small or inconsequential. You will be sure to either learn something new or help another member do the same!

Happy New Year!



Forum deadline for February: Monday, January 18, 2010

The deadline for The Forum is always the third Monday of the month. If you have activities that will be occurring in the next few months and wish to have them published in the next Forum, please send them by Monday, Jan. 18, 2010 to **Georgia Myers**, editor, by email to:

gldmyers@embarqmail.com

or mail them to:

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Lake Superior Metalsmiths

Lake Superior Metalsmiths (LSM) meet the fourth Saturday of the month at noon from October through April. The meetings are potluck at noon at Dave Hanson's house, 5873 Taft Road, Duluth, Minnesota, 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

NEW MEMBERS

Darrell Kersting

Kindred, ND

Colton Cheney

Angola, MN

Derrick Phillips

St Paul, MN

Invitation to enter jewelry exhibition for 2010-11

The Society for Midwest Metalsmiths would like to invite the members of your guild to enter METAL Inclinations2 International Juried Online Jewelry Exhibition for 2010-11. SMM would appreciate if you could post this information or distribute the information to your members.

METAL Inclinations2 International Juried Exhibition 2010-11 will include selections of the most exemplary fine metal art jewelry created by metalsmiths, silversmiths, goldsmiths and jewelers all over the world.

METAL Inclinations2 is sponsored by the Hauser & Miller Co. Refiners and fabricators and produced and presented by the Society for Midwest Metalsmiths, a non-profit organization with a mission to promote, educate and exhibit metalsmiths and jewelers.

DEADLINE: June 30, 2010

METAL Inclinations2 will debut on the Internet October 31, 2010 and continue for one year until October 31, 2011

Go to: <http://a.ocho.purlmail.com> to download a prospectus.

Handled Struck Tools Workshop

Date: Saturday, March 6

Time: 9 am to 4:30 pm

Instructor: Jim Scott

Cost: \$60

Class size: 8

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing

Description: Prepare a wire handled hot cut slitting chisel, a hole punch, a fuller, and a butcher, and then heat-treat them for use. Do this using hand tools, treadle hammer, and a coal fire. Learn to fill your tool kit! Ad learn to make tools for the annual conference raffle toolbox.

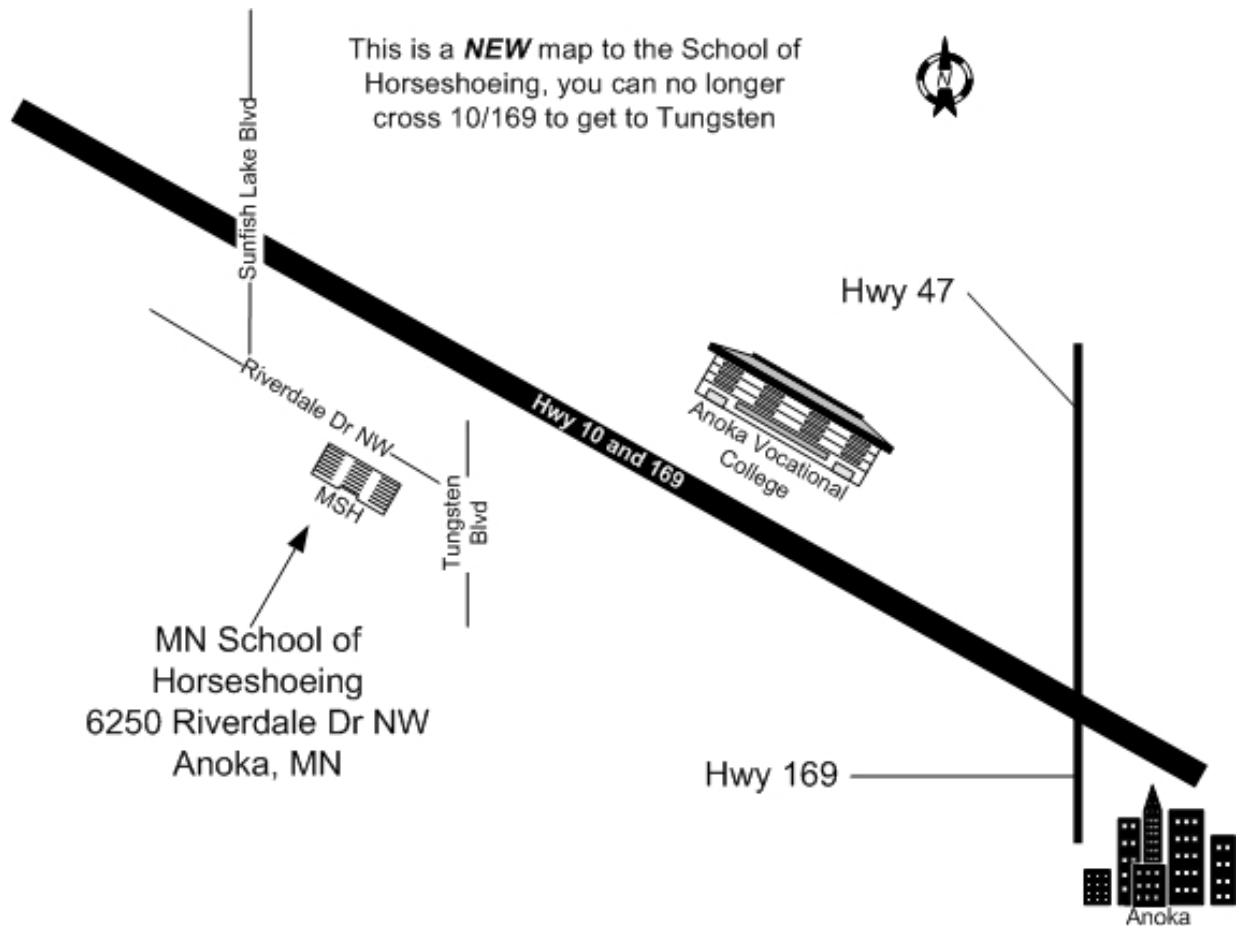
Safety equipment: safety glasses & earplugs are mandatory

Other equipment: basic forging hammer, hammer for striking tools, gloves

Lunch arrangements: bag lunch or local restaurant. Be sure to bring along your designer water bottle.

To register, send a check for \$60 made out to Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Al Olson
2153 Fox Place,
Mendota Heights, MN 55120
651-683-0906



Juaire- Hubler Award for 2009

— by *Rich Herman*

Each year the Guild presents the Juaire-Hubler Award to one or more individual(s) that have provided significant service over many years to the Guild. This award is named after the first two recipients, Ollie Juaire and Paul Hubler.

This year's recipient was an individual that was one of the first members I got to know when I first joined. He would greet me every time I came to the meeting and would make me welcome. We are not sure how long ago he actually joined, since those stone tablets have been somehow misplaced. He is one of the rare members of our group that works in many different types of metals, including sheet metal and copper.

He has served two terms on the Board of Directors, in 1998 and in 2000 and during that time he was a member of a committee responsible for preparing the 501C3 Non Profit Charitable Trust application.

He has hosted the following workshops at his shop- treadle hammer building, welding workshop, Lost Wax casting, altoids tin repousse, and copper fountain building

He produced at least one directory and when he stepped down from his position we needed three people to replace him - membership data base maintainer and mailing labels, webmaster, and Forum Editor.

The recipient of the Juaire-Hubler award for 2009 is Gene Olsen.



2009 The Guild of Metalsmiths Annual Meeting Election Results

— by *Rich Herman – President*

The 2009 Annual Meeting of The Guild of Metalsmiths was held as part of the Holiday Meeting on December 13th at the CSPS Hall. Thanks to all the members and guests that attended this meeting.

This year all of the officers and three of the seven board positions were up for election. Cliff Asmus had decided to step down from his recorder position and Myron Hanson and Dave Uppgren stepped down from their board positions. I would like to thank them for their service to the Guild and their time and efforts in helping keeping our organization operating.

A list of candidates chosen by the Nominating Committee for all the positions up for election was put forth at the meeting and a call made for any additional nominations from the meeting floor. No additional names were added to the list of candidates therefore all candidates were elected by acclamation.

The current leadership for The Guild of Metalsmiths is as follows:

President – Rich Herman
Vice President – Chris Rand
Treasurer – Mike Frattalone
Secretary – Ray Carpenter

New Board-

Dave Mariette (re-elected)
Marty Hicks (new)
Martin Pansch (new)

Returning Board -

Gordon Barr
Al Lindholm
Darryl Ponder
Roland Sigurdson

Welcome to all the new board members and officers.



Dutch Oven Cooking Class

When: June 19, 2010, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: Long Lake Museum, Long Lake, MN

Cost: \$45

Instructor: Bob Beck (aka Billy Jack)

Yes, the long-awaited class where you have an opportunity to learn to cook over a campfire is ready for registrants! Robert Beck invites you to the Long Lake Museum in Long Lake, Minnesota on June 19. Rumor has it that not only will you learn how to cook in a Dutch oven over a campfire, you will also learn something about old West chuckwagons, the first mobile kitchens.

The cost of the class includes a 162-page cook book by Colleen Sloan, "Log Cabin Dutch Oven Cookbook." See information about it here: <http://www.logcabinrub.com/products/dutch-oven-cookbook/cookbook02.html>. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your registration fee (checks only, please), and Bob will send you a list of the things you'll need to bring, along with the copy of Colleen's cook book. Then you'll need to pick out a recipe for the class.

You will need a Dutch oven for the class. If you need to buy one, I will have a list of some of the stores that sell them in the area. To get to Long Lake, take 394 West to Highway 12 to Long Lake.

Please mail checks to:
Robert Beck
3444 Abbott Ave N
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

News from Tunnel Mill

Tunnel Mill is located 85-100 miles south of the Twin Cities in the country five miles north of Spring Valley, MN on County Road 1.

Contact for class registration:

Carol and John Adams

507-289-4189 or 507-289-5246

Email-jc-adams@msn.com



Join us at the mill in 2010. We have some of the most multi-talented instructors in the United States scheduled to teach.

April 30, May 1, May 2 Gothic Style Candle Holder

Instructor: Tom Latane'

Class will cover forge-welding a low tripod with decorative feet. On the tripod will be fastened a pierced triangular sheet steel pan. Students will forge a round or hexagonal central stem with filed bands. This decorative column will support a single candle surrounded by a pierced gallery.

To register for this class, contact Carol and John Adams at 507-289-4189, 507-289-5246, or email jc-adams@msn.com.



Coming soon...

Kirsten Skiles class May 14, 15, 16

This class will be exploring chasing and repousse' in copper, brass, steel or silver. We will work on a leaf form or something of your choosing and turn it into a pendant. Students may choose their own design. Students will work with a jewelers saw to cut metal, and there will also be some soldering of sterling.

There will be lab fees to cover the cost of the silver, findings, solder and flux (approx \$20.00). We will have torches to share and different handheld portable torch options. The class will include the making of tools.

Students will need pitch bowls with small quantities of pitch. If anyone needs pitch let us know.

Damascus class with Bill Fiorini August 20, 21, 22

Details coming soon.

June 21, 22, 23 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) Making 18th Century-Style Dividers Peter Ross, legendary blacksmith who spent 21 years as Master of the Shop at Colonial Williamsburg

First Session: The class will work on making 18th century style dividers with a wing and thumbscrew. Students can choose from a few traditional styles, and may opt for rough forged or bright filed surfaces. Generally these tools have a three leaf hinge, but students may wish to try the more complex 5 leaf hinge instead.

There is some forge welding required and some filing necessary to fit and assemble the two halves.

June 24, 25, 26 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) Pre-industrial Scrolls: Putting the Dividers to Work Peter Ross, legendary blacksmith who spent 21 years as Master of the Shop at Colonial Williamsburg

Second session: This session will concentrate on the style of scrollwork found in 18th century English architectural work. The class will identify the characteristic features of this style through making of a simple wall bracket which incorporates several of the common approaches:

- ◆ Forge welded junctions,
- ◆ riveted assemblies,
- ◆ asymmetric scrolls, etc.

In addition, the class will introduce a method of forging and assembly based on using the dividers to lay out accurate spacing. This method is a stark contrast to modern shop methods adopted by most smiths today, and a glimpse into the world before machine tools.

A simple version may be done with no forge welding required but welding experience will enable the student to attempt more elaborate versions of the project.

NOTE: These two sessions are independent of each other. You do not need to take one to take the other. Contact Carol and John Adams for registration information.

Read about Peter Ross:

<http://www.absolutearts.com/artsnews/2003/09/26/31395.html>

Goings on.....a calendar of TGOM events at a glance



- All Education Committee meetings are the first Monday of each month.
- All Program Committee meetings are the third Wednesday of each month.
- All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, October, and December. For each meeting 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. Most meetings are held at Myron Hanson's home in Eagan.

Events in January, 2010

- Jan. 9, B1 Beginning Blacksmithing
- Jan. 13, Guild board meeting
- Jan. 16, Strap Hinge Class, MN School of Horseshoeing - CLASS FULL!
- Jan. 23, B2 Beginning Blacksmithing
- Jan. 30, Poz Tongs class, MN School of Horseshoeing, CLASS FULL!

Events in February, 2010

- Feb. 6, B3 Beginning Blacksmithing, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 10, Guild membership meeting, Toll Welding in Plymouth MN, champion John McDonald
- Feb. 13, C1 Beginning Blacksmithing, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 20, B4 Beginning Blacksmithing, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 27, C2 Beginning Blacksmithing, MN School of Horseshoeing

Events in March, 2010

- March 6, Handled Struck Tools workshop, MN School of Horseshoeing
- March 10, Guild board meeting, Myron Hanson's home in Eagan

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To read an electronic (PDF) version of *The Forum* each month, go to our website, www.metalsmith.org.

Join The Bellows, our email discussion forum. Information at:

<http://www.metalsmith.org/bb/TheBellows.htm>

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.

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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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