

Goings on...



Events in October, 2003

- Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 4 & 5, Tunnel Mill Fall Gathering hosted by Carol & John Adams near Chatfield, MN
- Wednesday, Oct. 8, 6:30 PM Guild meeting at Olin Wrought Iron, 1351 Hwy 13, Mendota, MN 55150
- Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 11 & 12, Badger Blacksmiths' Fall Conference, Eau Claire, WI (see page 12 for details)
- Sat. & Sun., Oct. 18 & 19, Forge Welding Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Sometime in October, the National Ornamental Metal Museum in Memphis, Tennessee will hold their annual Repair Days and auction.

Events in November, 2003

- Wednesday, Nov. 12, 6:30 PM November board meeting at Myron Hanson's home, 4015 Dodd Rd, Eagan, MN

NOTE: If anyone has any events out there for November or December, please send to me by Monday, October 20 via either forum@metalsmith.org, or gmyers@rconnect.com

— Georgia Myers, editor; *The GoM Forum*

The Forum

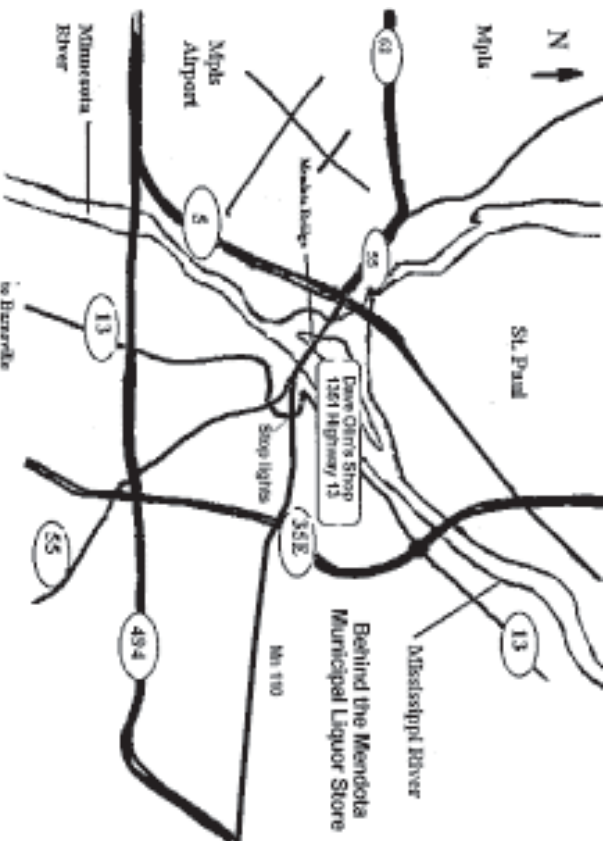
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Hossfeld bender demo set for October Guild meeting

Plan now to join your fellow Guild members at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 8 at Olin Wrought Iron, 1351 Hwy 13, Mendota MN. After our potluck meal, we'll watch as a Hossfeld representative demonstrates the intricacies of the Hossfeld Universal Bender.

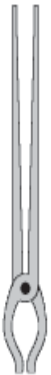
According to the Hossfeld web site, "**HOSSFELD UNIVERSAL® Benders** have been favorites of iron benders, because they are completely versatile, and set-up can be made quickly and easily without tools. They have a wide range of capacity, and are **simple, rugged machines that stand years of use.**"

See you at Olin Wrought Iron (map below) on October 8!



Forum deadline for November: Monday, October 20

If you have activities that will be occurring in late November or in December, please send them by Monday, Oct. 20, 2003 to **Georgia Myers**, editor, by e-mail to: forum@metalsmith.org (e-mails will be forwarded to Georgia Myers) or mail them to: **Georgia Myers**
313 Dakota St
Lake City MN 55041



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.

*Your comments can be mailed to The GoM Forum, c/o Georgia Myers
313 Dakota St
Lake City, MN 55041-1869
or e-mailed to forum@metalsmith.org*

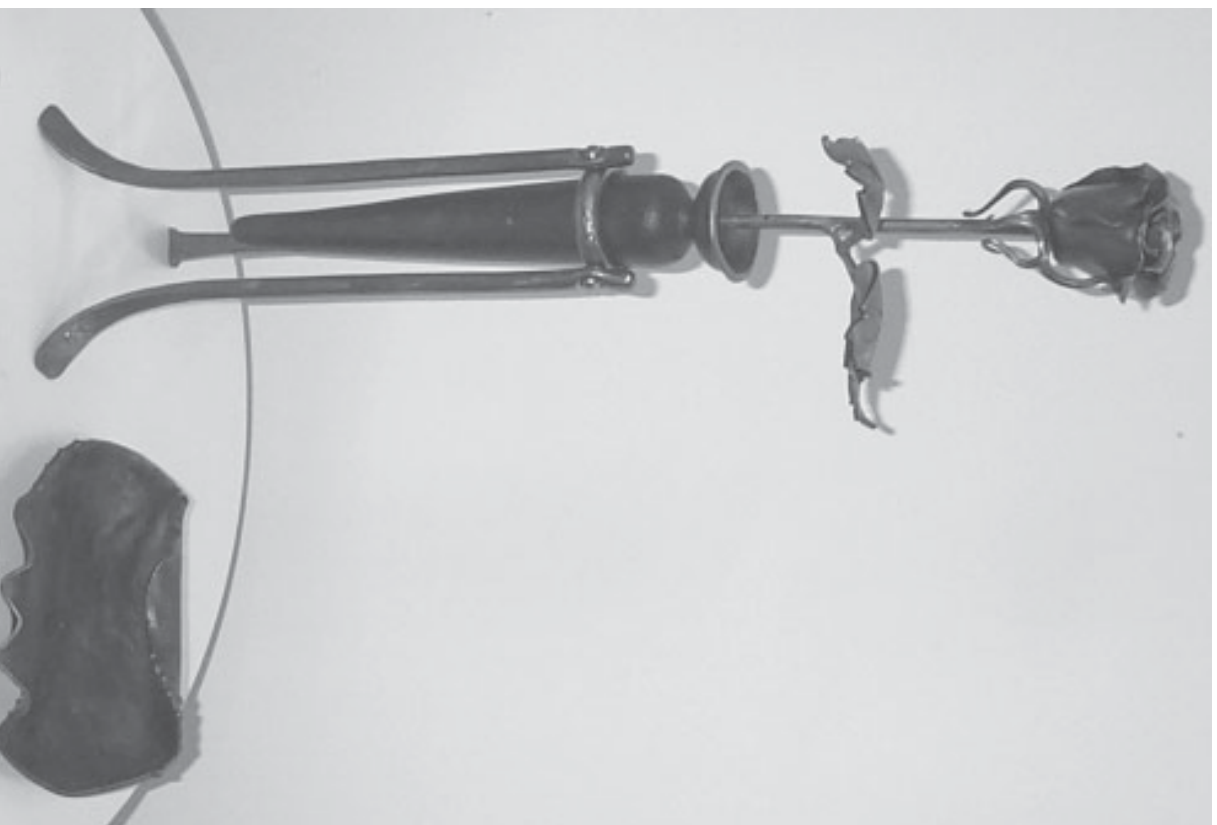
Guild educational grants

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:

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



Lorelei Sims, demonstrator at the annual Fall Conference of the Guild of Metalsmiths, exhibited these pieces in our gallery: “Rose and Vase” and “Shell Form.”



Guild members 'smith' at Almeland Threshing Show

Carl Nordquist reports that the Guild of Metalsmiths had a good hammerin at the Almeland Threshing Show near Taylor's Falls, Minnesota in August. They worked on several of their own projects and, as Carl says, "This year it was like a good ole blacksmith shop. We fixed several things for people. We worked on clutches for a big tractor, fixed a big log chain, straightened a part for the sawmill, and fixed a big school bell."

As a project for the show, members forged two plant hangers for one of the buildings. Helping with this project were Carl, **Bill Krawczeski**, **Dick Carlson**, and **Charlie Batemen**. Also present were **Pete Stanaitis** teaching new member **Juliet Anderson** how to build a good fire.

On Saturday night Carl reports a new annual tradition started as the blacksmiths and their spouses shared a potluck supper. He says everyone had fun during the weekend, and the numbers of people going through the shop seemed to break records. Carl says so many spectators commented on the number of projects being worked on all at once, and felt that one of the missions of the Guild, informing the public about blacksmithing, was being fulfilled very well during the Almeland weekend.



This quilt in red, white, and blue patriotic theme is one of two that will be raffled off in December.

Buy tickets now for quilt raffle

Two quilts are to be raffled off at the December Guild meeting. One is called the patriotic quilt and has been machine quilted. The second quilt is a creative quilt and will be tied. Both quilts are in a red, white, and blue color theme.

Carol Adams is our leader into quilting. **Carol**, **Barb Hanson**, **Sheri Stanaitis** and I all had a hand in the selection of the quilt theme and the sewing together of the quilts.

Carol Adams is the leader, but we will be selling raffle tickets until the drawing at the December meeting.

—*Mary Fredell*

Forge welding class

Instructors: **Dave Mariette & Rome**

Hutchings

When: **Saturday & Sunday,**

October 18 & 19, 2003,

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Where: **Minnesota School of**

Horseshoeing (see

map on next page)

Are you up for a challenge? Are you ready to take blacksmithing to the next level? Here is your chance. If you have got a good start at the basics of forging, I would like to invite you to take the forge welding class offered by the Guild of Metalsmiths.

In this class you will increase your skill in how to move metal, fire control, and, oh yeah! welding iron in the forge. We will take you through the fundamentals of forge welding. We will strive to give you the basic knowledge you need to start welding on your own. The practice will be up to you, but most everyone needs a jump start.

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Sign up now!

Register for forge welding class on back of this page.
Send check for \$65 payable to The Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Dave Mariette

D. L. Mariette Design Iron

15325 Babcock Ave

Rosemount, MN 55068

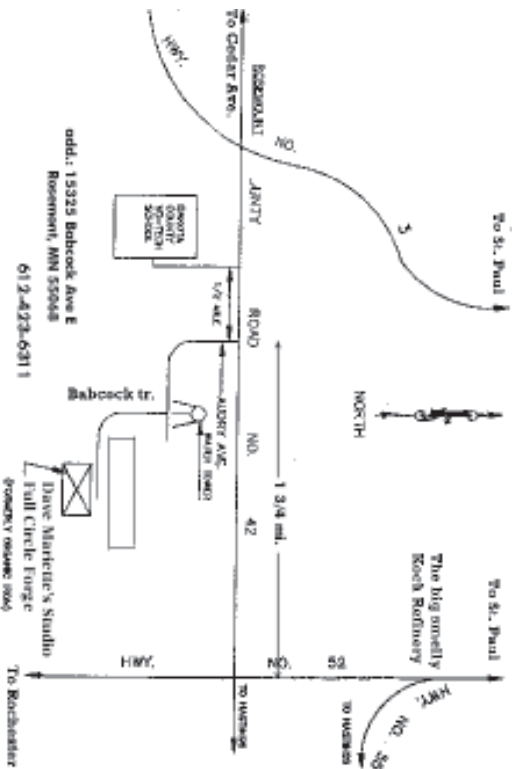
Forge welding class

Instructors Dave Mariette & Rome Hutchings
Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 18 & 19, 2003

You will need: A good two pound forging hammer, tongs for handling 3/8" round stock on two axis' (two pair if you have them), safety gear, and an open mind.

We will provide: Welding flux, stock, scaling brush, and two days of good instruction.

Make no bones about it. This is an aggressive two day class that moves quickly. There is a lot to cover.



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Dave Mariette
D. L. Mariette Design Iron
15325 Babcock Ave
Rosemount, MN 55068

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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A program to share successful affiliate activities



An ABANA service to the affiliates

The Pittsburgh Area Artist-Blacksmiths Association wishes to share this successful activity with all affiliates. Chris Holt, PAABA membership chairman, hopes you will find this information to be valuable. (Chris is at paabasec@earthlink.net for more information.)

What is this successful activity?

PAABA gives a packet of information on blacksmithing subjects to all new members.

Why use this activity?

New members typically have little or no experience in blacksmithing. They have little understanding of PAABA and other blacksmithing organizations or services. PAABA believes that this packet helps to bring new members "up to speed." It also says that PAABA cares about its members. This promotes a feeling of goodwill in the new member. PAABA has found that this packet encourages the new member to become active in the organization.

Description of the successful activity.

The packet is given to the new member at a meeting of PAABA at the time of sign-up—it is not mailed out because of the mailing expense. Each packet may contain slightly different items because some of the items are donated to PAABA in varying quantities. Certain items, such as the list of officers, are in all the packets.

Items that are placed in the packets are:

1. List of the officers and their address, telephone number and e-mail address.
2. Calendar of PAABA events.
3. List of blacksmithing terms and their definitions.
4. Past issue of a PAABA newsletter.
5. The booklet, Six Part Design Series by PAABA member, Dan Plesik.
6. Catalogue from Kayne and Son Custom Hardware.
7. The current ABANA brochure with membership application form.
8. The current Touchstone class schedule.
9. Past issue of Anvil's Ring or Hammer's Blow.

How may you use this activity?

Read this description again. Think about how it might relate to your association. What other types of information might you place in a packet for your new members? Adapt it to your association.

The material above was shared by Bob Fredell, outgoing liaison affiliate to ABANA and former chair of the Member Services Committee.

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A note from Badger Blacksmiths

A Wisconsin Guild

This is a note from your Badger Blacksmith friends. We are a year and a half old now, with 29 members.

We're sad to report Add Hegge, 70, of Pigeon Falls, Wisconsin passed away August 15 at the Whitehall Hospital. He was a long-time member of the Guild of Metalsmiths and a charter member of the Badger Blacksmiths. Our sympathy to his family.

You are invited to our upcoming Fall Conference October 11 and 12 at Pioneer Park south of Eau Claire on Highway 37. Take exit 65 off I94 to the grounds.

Camp with us if you like. We have potluck dinners and suppers, and breakfast is on your own. Campfires each night too! Cost is \$5 per day.

Coal-iron forges will be on hand. For more information, call 715-265-4701.

The best in hammering to you. May your iron never get cold!

Don Hogenson, President
The Badger Blacksmiths
3019 Co Rd DD
Glenwood City, WI 54013

Gentle people:

I have a friend who has an old Warner Swasey "square ram" lathe. Think of it as a chucker with an indexing thing on the apron. It is a #4. It has a 2 1/4 inch hole in the spindle. That means it is huge by my standard. It has a two speed three phase motor on it now. It runs. I think all functions work.

He needed the room in his shop so it is now stored outside. His minimum bid is that the buyer helps load it. Don't expect a lot of tooling. It is south of Cannon Falls MN.

Is there any interest?

HERB FICK
519 East Eighth Street
Northfield MN 55057-2508
Phone 507-663-0569
Cell 612-868-9032
fick@rconnect.com



Oxy Fuel Welding Class

Instructors: Bill Krawczeski, Dick

Carlson, Myron

Hanson, Bob Johnson

When: Saturday & Sunday,

Nov. 15 & 16

9 AM to 4 PM

Where: Myron Hanson's shop

(see map on next page)

This course covers oxy fuel welding with an introduction to cutting and straightening. You should bring normal gear and safety equipment, and each student will be contacted on what to bring.

The class runs two days and is limited to six participants. Send in your registration as soon as possible. Cost is \$50 for the two-day class.

Meals are available in the area, or bring your own.

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Sign up now!

Register for Oxy Fuel Welding Class on back of this page.

Make checks payable to Guild of Metalsmiths and send to:

Bob Johnson
1302 Osceola Ave
St. Paul, MN 55105

Oxy Fuel Welding Class

Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 15 & 16
9 AM to 4 PM

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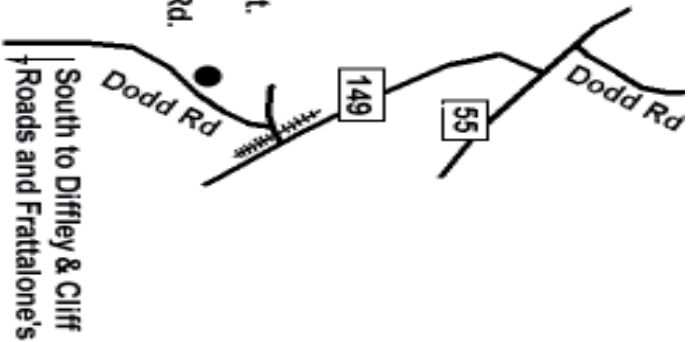
Take I 494 to Dodd Rd/ MN 149 exit and go South, turn left onto MN 55 and turn right back onto MN 149.

Continue South to the sign that says Dodd Road and points right.

Turn right, cross the tracks and make an immediate left turn onto Dodd Road.

Myron's house is about .7 mi on the right. Coming North on Dodd Rd from Cliff Rd its about 1.8 mi (~.75 mi North of Diffley Rd.

4015 Dodd Rd
Eagan, MN 55123-1612
Home phone: 651-454-3984



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To reserve a spot at this oxy fuel welding class, fill out the registration form and mail it with a check for \$50 made out to the Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Bob Johnson
1302 Osceola Ave
St. Paul, MN 55105

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Gallery grandness at the Fall Conference



Dave Hartwig's underwater adventurers looked nearly real.



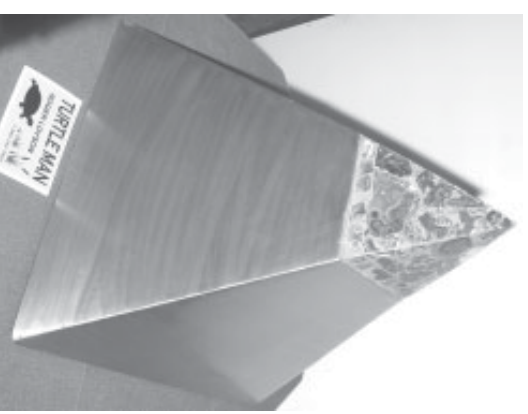
Dave Togle's "Cattails" prompted musings about fall.



Bud Lundell's "Gorilla" was quite the conversation piece, complete with peeled bananal



"Ladyslippers" by **Bill Krawczeski**.



Roger Loyson's "Pyramid" was elegant in bronze and malachite.



Future scrimshaw artists concentrated on their technique after receiving pointers from instructor **Bob Beck** during his scrimshaw class.

Fall Conference pictorial...

This page and the facing page contain photos taken by both

Charlie Bateman and **Georgia Myers** on Saturday and Sunday, September 27 & 28 at the Little Log House threshing show grounds near Hastings.

The Fall Conference was the scene. We thank everyone who had anything to do with planning, setting up, programming, educational materials, arranging for presenters, prizes, tear down, and food, not necessarily in that order!

Congratulations to the prize winners, and thanks especially to our presenters, Lorelei Simms and Mindy and Mark Gardner.

Prize winner in the Altoolds tins repousse contest was **Cathy McCarthy**. Prize winner in the "Totally Useless Recycled Damascus" contest was **Dave Hartwig**.



Demonstrator Mindy Gardner forged a maple leaf, one of her signature pieces.



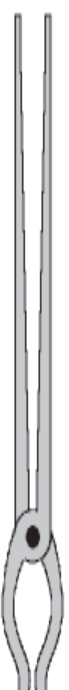
Herb Fick (left) won the mens' division of the square corner forging contest organized by Guild of Metalsmiths president **Dave Mariette** (right).



Demonstrator Lorelei Simms (right) discusses a point with Jim Scott, Curt Engstrom, and Dick Carlson.



Proud winner of the ladies' division forging contest was **Savant Mortenson**, whose prize was a hammer made by **Dave Mariette**.



2003 Madness is more than fond memories

While the 2003 Fall Conference (affectionately known as "The Madness") is history now, many attendees went home with much more than a few memories. Some won prizes (see pages 10 & 11); some learned new techniques from the demonstrators, Lorelei Simms and Mindy and Mark Gardner. A few met new friends and shared experiences.

The food, as usual, was good and arrived on time. Thanks to **Erma Carlson** and **Claudette Krawczeski** for their organizational skills in the kitchen. There was always a hot cup of coffee available on those two chilly days.

One major component of normal "Madness" weekends was missing: **Sheri Stanaitis**, we all wish you a speedy recovery.

Regardless of the sudden turn to cool weather, a hot time was had by all at this year's Madness! See the pages within for details.



Congratulations to prize winners in the annual raffle. **Michelle Terwilliger** went home with the hand-made forge shown above. Winner of the tool box with tools was **Dave Tokle**. **Don Halverson** received the leg vise.

Guild of Metalsmiths Board Minutes

3 Sept 2003, 7:30 PM

Minutes from 9 July meeting approved as written. Submitted by

Herb Fick.

Financial: Mike Frattalone

Checking Acct: \$19679. Down \$4181 from year earlier

Account including Bulk Mail \$20141

Reserved for grant fund \$5002

Discretionary Fund balance \$15139

Membership

If we exclude 25 members from Apr, May and June who are delinquent non-renewals, 305 is the number of members.

Coal: We should have 10 Tons in the pen. We buy 24 tons to an order. We need three barrels for the conference. There is a question of whether we should put the Guild funds into a credit union. Motion to table until next month. The credit union is United Educators Credit Union.

Education: Bob Johnson

Schedule is 75% filled. Basics are scheduled. The complete workshop schedule is on line. Don Halvorson will give priority to those who could not get in to the class last year. Instructor's workshop is on 13 September. Two-day Oxy-fuel welding seminar is scheduled at Hanson's using Myron, Dick and Bill. 15-16 Nov.

Program: Myron Hanson

Need help on the 20 and 21 of Sept to set up gallery for Fall Conference. The paint is bought. Carpet is still an issue. Fall conference Altioids tin shop will be in the tractor seat building. Forging contest: Men will use half-inch stock, women will use three-eighths. The prize has been made by Mariette.

Contact **Dick Carlson**, or Myron to volunteer. Carlson is 651-437-3329, Hanson is 651-454-3984

October meeting is at **Dave Olin's** in Mendota and the December meeting is at the CSPS Hall in St. Paul.

We need suggestions for meeting places. We usually have 60-80 people.

Board minutes continued...

Publicity: Dave Mariette

Forum should be out soon. Web site updates are ongoing. The last Forum offered definition of the purpose served by the two publications: "The Forum" and "The Metalsmith."

Old business

Long term planning committees will meet following the fall conference. **Bill Hanson** will be added to the long term planning committee.

Pea coke: Myron has prices for pea coke. The cost is \$170/ton (approximate) in 50 pounds bags. Olin would accept the shipment if he only holds it for a week. Last vender was mid Continent Coke Company of Homewood Ill 60430. There will be a coke sign up sheet at the conference. Myron will arrange a buy based on the sign up results.

New Business:

Tape library distribution: Dave will ask **Rich Herman** about what he can do.

Threshing show announced by Mike Richter. St. Charles MN on Sept 13 and 14.

Laura Ingals Wilder Days are 13-14 Sept. in Pepin WI

Our conference conflicts with Tip City, and it will stay that way. **The Juaire/Hubler award:** To recognize outstanding service to the Guild. "For all that you have given of yourself in both time and knowledge, for your many years of service to the organization, and for your enthusiasm for the craft of blacksmithing, the membership of The Guild of Metalsmith presents to you this, the highest honor to be given by the Guild." Candidate was discussed, and motion carried. Award to be given at the December meeting.

Adjourn 9:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Fick