



Advance notice!

Annual Meeting Annual Elections Annual Banquet

Spectacular show & tell tables!

Mark your calendar now! This annual event is always fun and a delicious treat to attend. Meet at the Czecho Slovakian Protective Society Hall in St. Paul with setup beginning at 1 PM on Sunday, December 7. This is the time for those appetizers that precede the meeting.

The meeting begins at 2 PM, with elections of president, vice-president, treasurer, and board members. We'll also be looking for volunteers to help on program, education, and publicity committees.

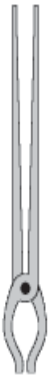
Potluck banquet begins at 4 PM, and the show-and-tell tables (**bring your creations**) will be open all afternoon.

We are in need of people to help on our committees, so please bring your positive attitude!



Forum deadline for December: Monday, November 17

If you have activities that will be occurring in late December or in January, please send them by Monday, Nov. 17, 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
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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
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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

Goings on...



Events in November, 2003

- Wednesday, Nov. 12, 6:30 PM November board meeting at Myron Hanson's home, 4015 Dodd Rd, Eagan, MN
- Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 15 & 16 Oxy Fuel Welding Class at Myron Hanson's, see above.

Events in December, 2003

- Sunday, Dec. 7, Guild meeting at Czechoslovakia Protective Society (CSPS) Hall, St. Paul, MN, starts at 1 PM
- Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 13 & 14, Winter Seminar at Mike Blue's Cannon River Forge

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

—Georgia Myers, editor, *The GoM Forum*



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*

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

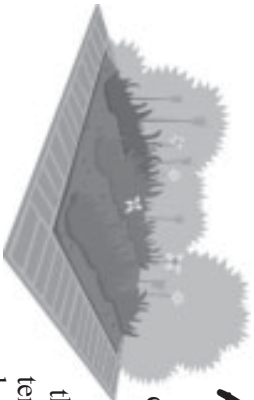
New feature....

Adopt - A -Flora

Do you have a flower garden that contains overgrown clumps of flowers that need to be separated and redistributed? Do you hate to throw away those products of your tender care and sweat? This new column in The Forum serves a purpose that will help you to share your extra plants and flowers with other members of the Guild of Metalsmiths.

Simply e-mail your intention to divide or share any of your beloved perennials to me, Georgia Myers, editor. I'll print them in this column in the next month's issue of The Forum, along with a phone number or e-mail where you can be reached.

For example, next April I will be dividing about a dozen day lilies, and I need adoptive homes for the extra plants I'll be discarding. E-mail me at gmyers@rconnect.com if you're interested in adopting my overflowing day lilies. They're all colors, from deep red to bright golden yellow. Terms of trade will be totally up to the people involved to work out among themselves.



2nd Annual Winter Seminar Cannon River Forge/Mike Blue

Location: 5847 318th Street Way, Cannon Falls, MN 55009

**Saturday & Sunday, December 13-14, 2003
Class begins at 0800-0830 Saturday**

Cost: \$75.00 USD. Coffee and donuts in the morning, and we are all going to dinner Saturday night on my tab.

Two sections of focus are basic folding knife assembly and finishing with RB Johnson and Terry Knipshield, and damascus and blade forging techniques with Randal Graham and myself. We are going to be working on completing an LP/venturi fired forge this session as well.

Beginners are welcome, and anyone whose been at this a while is encouraged to bring their forging or welding problems for help getting solutions. The intent is a small group atmosphere with the student leaving with something in their hand that they have done. For example: most everyone in the damascus welding group left with a completed billet and a forged blade last year.

Contact Mike Blue at CRF 507-263-5808 or email at truthforger@hotmail.com for further information, directions etc.

The class is filling rapidly so get your name in. Otherwise the spring hammerin is in the planning stages for May next year.





2004 ABANA Conference

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2004 ABANA CONFERENCE

JULY 7 - 11, 2004

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, RICHMOND, KENTUCKY, USA

The 2004 ABANA Conference will be held on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky, July 7-11, 2004. Opening ceremonies for the 2004 ABANA Conference will take place Wednesday evening, July 7th. Keynote speaker, Melvin Rose of Rose Metal Industries, will reflect on three decades of ABANA's contributions to the craft and to the resurgence of blacksmithing. July 8-10 will be filled with demonstrations of hot forging, cold forging, ferrous and non-ferrous metalwork by internally renowned blacksmiths. Conference highlights include an exhibition of ABANA members' work, major vendors from around the country with state-of-the-art blacksmith supplies and a host of 'tailgaters' with those hard-to-find tools. The ABANA auction will feature an amazing selection of metalwork, both contemporary and historical, and will take place Saturday, July 10. The auction is free and open to the public.

The theme of this year's conference is "Design & Build." Utilizing this approach, demonstrators will offer the attendees the chance to witness the realization of actual 'product' from the design phase. With a host of talented demonstrators, topics will include design, surface detailing, tool making, sculptural approaches to blacksmithing, technical information, budgets, and working with clients. The streamlined menu of demonstrators will allow attendees to view projects from beginning to end.

The conference will also feature informational classes on a host of topics, slide lectures by conference demonstrators and two slide presentations by Albert Paley of Paley Studios Ltd, Rochester, New York.

The conference will also host family-based workshops in a variety of craft media and scheduled tours of Kentucky's famous Bluegrass Region.

ABANA is a non-profit educational association dedicated to the dissemination of knowledge about the art and craft of blacksmithing. Since its inception in 1973 ABANA has been committed to preserving and promoting this honorable craft. ABANA achieves this mission through two quarterly publications, 'The Anvil's Ring and Hammer's Blow', the ABANA website www.abana.org, scholarship programs, biennial international conferences, and through the promotion of over sixty affiliates.

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Oxy Fuel Welding Class

Instructors: Bill Krawczeski, Dick

Carlson, Myron

Hanson, Bob Johnson

Saturday & Sunday,

Nov. 15 & 16

9 AM to 4 PM

Myron Hanson's shop

(see map on next page)

Where:

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

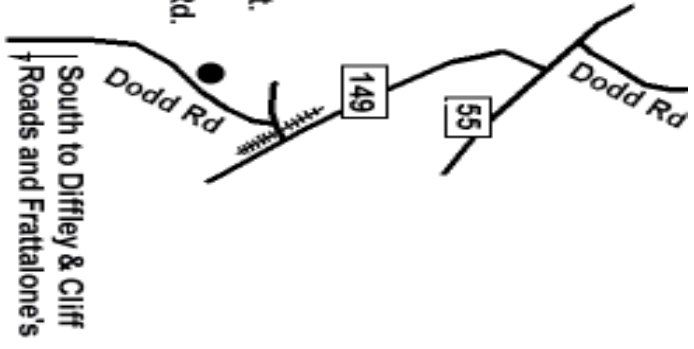
Oxy Fuel Welding Class

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1 Myron Hanson

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: _____

Thank You

Fall Conference Note

I would like to thank all those who put in all the effort to make this year's conference such a success. The demonstrators were great, as usual. Being the winner of the wonderful box of blacksmithing tools, I especially want to thank the individuals that put so much time and effort into making each of the tools. I have been working at getting my shop set up, and this is the incentive that I needed to get it finished and start hammering hot iron.

Thanks again,
Dave Tokle
Ellendale, MN

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Classified Ad

FOR SALE: LBRAND Forge Coke
50 pound bag, \$12.50

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