



The Guild of Metalsmiths Monthly Notice  
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## Meet artists & craftspeople at February 11 Guild meeting!

Ivy Arts Building (map below)  
Suite 201  
2628 28 Avenue South  
Minneapolis MN 55406

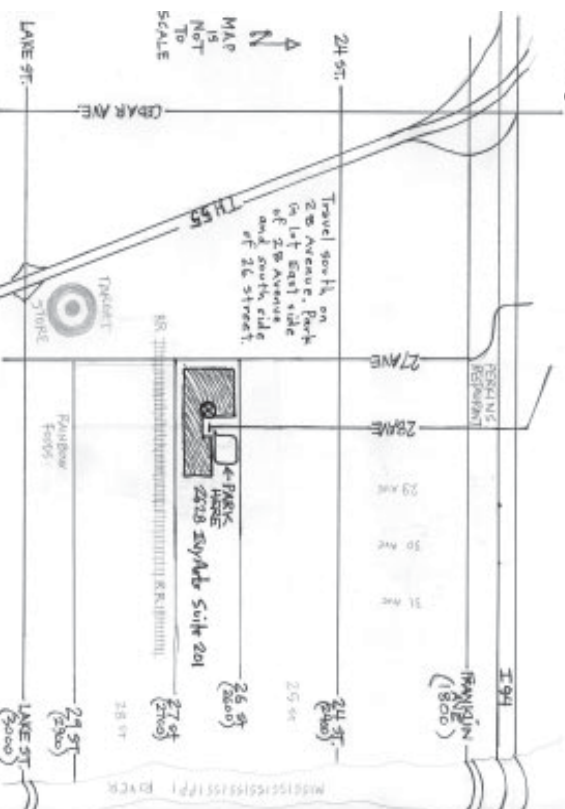
Treat yourself and come to the first 2004 Guild of Metalsmiths meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 11 with potluck at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7 PM. We meet at the Ivy Arts Building (formerly known as Flour City Ornamental Iron building), where our studio hosts will share their talents and working styles with us.

Twelve artists and craftspeople share space in the building and “make things,” inspired by each other’s skills and creativity. See you there!

The committee that makes this event possible will begin setting up tables, chairs, audio, and other support equipment at 5:30 PM. If you are able and want to assist, the committee would be grateful.

Thank you from **Lynn Ford!**

**NOTE: 28th Ave. southbound ends at 24th St. at Matthews Park, so it’s best to take 27th Ave. south from Franklin, then go east on 26th St. Parking lot is east of 28th Avenue and south of 26th Street.**



## **Forum deadline for February: Monday, January 19, 2004**

If you have activities that will be occurring in late February or in March, please send them by Monday, Jan. 19, 2004 to **Georgia Myers**, editor, by e-mail to:

**[forum@metalsmith.org](mailto: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.*

*For address change, or to submit comments, please mail to: The GoM Forum*

*Georgia Myers*  
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*Lake City, MN 55041-1869*

*or e-mailed to*  
*[forum@metalsmith.org](mailto: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 January, 2004

- Wednesday, January 7, Long term Planning Committee meeting 7:00 PM, Hanson Conference Center, 4015 Dodd Rd, Eagan
- Wednesday, January 14, Guild board meeting, 6:30 PM, Hanson Conference Center, 4015 Dodd Rd, Eagan
- January 3 & 17, Workshop B of beginning blacksmith classes, MN School of Horseshoeing
- January 24, first session of Workshop C, beginning blacksmith classes, MN School of Horseshoeing

## Events in February, 2004

- February 7 & 21, 2nd and 3rd sessions of Workshop C, beginning blacksmith classes, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Wednesday, February 11, Guild meeting 6:30 PM at Ivy Arts Building (formerly Flour City Ornamental Iron Building), 2628 28 Ave S, Suite 201, Minneapolis, MN

NOTE: If anyone has any events out there for February or March, please send to me by Monday, January 19 via either [forum@metalsmith.org](mailto:forum@metalsmith.org), or [gmyers@rconnect.com](mailto:gmyers@rconnect.com)

— *Georgia Myers, editor, The GoM Forum*

## Paul Hubler historic display set up at Wright County Heritage Center

Guild members who have items related to or created by the late Paul Hubler, Guild founding member, may send or deliver them to the Wright County Heritage Center in Buffalo, MN. A display of Paul's works is being set up. For more information, call Pam Campbell at the Wright County Historical Society, (763) 682-7323.

## ANNOUNCEMENT: Coal Forge Building Class April 17

Mark your calendars now! On Saturday, April 17, 2004, a Coal Forge Building Class is scheduled at Dick Carlson's Flint Rock Ridge Forge, 19700 Red Wing Blvd. in Hastings, MN. Cost of class will be \$175.00, and each student will take home a new coal forge with a 10-gauge forge bed with legs and a new 12 x 14 Centaur-Vulcan pot with a dumping ash gate. Watch for registration form and more details in the February Forum.

## Welcome, new members!

We're proud to welcome so many new members to the membership list. See page 7 for address changes.

### NEW MEMBERS AS OF OCTOBER 2003

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651-653-0913

### NEW AS OF DECEMBER 2003

Bryan & Claudia Wilde  
(no address available)

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Blacksmithing ornamental  
iron and copper



Photo by Charlie Bateman

Two new board members were elected at the December 7 Guild meeting. Left, Jim Moenck was elected to a full term after serving the past year as replacement for Gene Olson, who resigned in 2002. Rich Herman (right) was also elected to a full term. Congratulations!

## December show & tell table, potluck are Guild traditions



Dave Christofferson (wearing glasses) and other members look over the "show and tell" table at the December 7 Guild meeting.



A fine repast was laid out for our traditional December holiday potluck at the CSPS Hall in St. Paul.

ABANA Affiliate Liaison Letter  
December 2003



Hello and a 'Happy Holiday Season' to you all. I am Dave Mudge, your new ABANA Affiliate Liaison. I will be replacing **Bob Fredell**, who, after three years of outstanding service to ABANA, is stepping down. His will not be easy shoes to fill.

ABANA is a dynamic organization and dynamic changes keep it going strong. We have new board members, new organization within the board, a new and bigger web site, a new office person to assist with conference planning and a new spirit of cooperation.

The 2004 ABANA Conference will be held in Richmond, Kentucky on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University. The staggering amount of planning is coming together quite nicely and I am sure that this will be a conference to remember. You can to learn about the demonstrators, the Richmond area, EKU and online registration for the conference when you visit the ABANA web page <http://www.abana.org/membership/conference/index.shtml>



Two-way communication makes the organization work better and I am open to your ideas and suggestions. If there is anything that I can help you with as Affiliate Liaison or Internet Committee Chairman, please don't hesitate to contact me. My "in-box" is always open.

Finally, a note about shop safety. In these cold winter months many people are forging indoors. Coal and gas forges produce huge amounts of CO<sup>2</sup> and other toxic gases. Please use adequate ventilation and be extremely careful of flammable things that may be stored in your work space for the winter. Gasoline powered lawn and farm equipment, sawdust from wood-working tools, dried leaves, oily rags, paint and thinner are all potential explosions when contacted by hot metal or grinder sparks. Please get a couple of proper Fire Extinguishers and learn how to use them. Here are a couple Internet links to make it easy for you.

**All You Ever Wanted to Know About Fire Extinguishers . . .**  
<http://www.hanford.gov/fire/safety/extingrs.htm>

**From "How Stuff Works.com", How Fire Extinguishers Work . . .**  
<http://home.howstuffworks.com/fire-extinguisher.htm>

Take a few extra minutes to be safe.

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## Beginning blacksmith courses advance important mission of Guild of Metalsmiths

Instructors for Workshop C, Beginning Blacksmith Course, are ready to begin their first session on January 24. According to one of the instructors, **Herb Fick**, Group C students can expect to be taught by a highly motivated staff of volunteer teachers all of whom have earned their position by attending the instructors workshop. Herb says, “You might even trademark ‘Instructors Workshop.’ I think **Bob Fredell** has a lot of ownership in the two words.”

Instructors for Workshop C are Herb, **Charlie Bateman**, **Dave Feterl**, **Lynn Ford**, **Don Hammer**, **Jim Hunter**, **Bill Krawczeski**, and **Fred McClusky**. Lots of one on one action is expected. It might be interesting to note that volunteering to teach seems endemic to those who take the course. Or, it may be that they volunteer just to get another taste of the rolls that Bill brings.

Also please note that it is a long standing policy of not penalizing the class by waiting for late arriving students.

## PREVIEW: April Guild meeting set for Fort Snelling April 14



**Susan Wood** announces that the April 14 Guild meeting will be held at the Fort Snelling auditorium beginning at 6:30 PM. A slide presentation and lecture by Kristen Cheronis, a freelance Sculpture and Objects Conservator, will address various issues of metal conservation on historic sculptures and design assessment of outdoor sculptures with contemporary artists. More details and a map will be printed in upcoming issues of The Forum.

## Bob Walsh presented with Juare-Hubler Award at Dec. 7 meeting

Guild president **Dave Mariette** announced at the December 7 Guild meeting that **Bob Walsh** was the recipient of the Juare-Hubler Award for service to the Guild of Metalsmiths.

Stated on the award: “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 Metalsmiths presents to you this, the highest honor to be given by the Guild.”

Bob received his award humbly and responded with a letter printed on the following page. Heartfelt congratulations, Bob!

## Board elections

Guild membership elected **Jim Moenck** and **Rich Herman** to new two-year terms on the board of directors. Also re-elected for a term was **Myron Hanson**. The full board consists of **John Adams**, **Herb Fick**, **Jim**



Photo by Charlie Bateman

Guild President **Dave Mariette** (left) announced that **Bob Walsh** was the recipient of the Juare-Hubler Award at the December 7 Guild meeting. This award is not given annually, and its recipients are chosen by vote of the members of the Guild board.

**Moenck**, **Myron Hanson**, **Lynn Ford**, and **Rich Herman**. Officers re-elected were **Mike Fratalone** (treasurer), **Dick Carlson** (vice-president), and **Dave Mariette** (president). Thanks went to **Bob Johnson**, who left the board.

An auction of items created by Guild members and by Fall Conference demonstrators **Mindy Gartner** and **Lorelei Sims** yielded income for the Guild.

**R. Walsh**  
**Gate & Railing Co.**  
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Guild Members,

At the December meeting, I was awarded the Juare-Hubler Award for service to the Guild. As this was a total surprise to me, when presented with the award, all I could think of to say was "thank you."

Now, after having a little time to reflect on this situation, I would like to share some thoughts.

Yes, in the early years of the Guild, I was highly active. There were, however, many behind the scenes people who provided a great deal of support and guidance in my efforts.

Maxine George, then editor of the Metalsmith, is/was a great person of wisdom and dignity. Maxine's clarity of focus and personal character are simply unsurpassed. Whatever she's behind now, you can be it is or will be a five star program.

I also want to give credit to Marcia McEachron. Marcia spent countless hours, and I mean countless hours, organizing, promoting, and hanging the many early Guild exhibitions. These exhibitions of ironwork were usually in either high profile or well planned locations. Marcia was responsible for getting 2 or 3 Guild demonstrations on the mighty TV news, when we were demonstrating at art fairs. Through these and other efforts, our membership increased considerably.

Again, I want to thank the Guild for this award. It is a high honor to me as I have devoted my professional life to metalworking, and I know some of the finest metalworkers in the Upper Midwest are members of the Guild of Metalsmiths.

I also want to be the first to admit that anything I may have accomplished in the early years of the Guild, I did not do by myself. In addition to Maxine, Marcia, Mark Nicols and Paul Hubler, there have been a great number of enthusiastic Guild members, eager to help launch this organization. I highly respect all of you.

Sincerely,

Robert Walsh

## Address Changes

NOTE: **Dick Carlson's** address has NOT changed! His driveway was moved by the county around the corner to Pine Ridge Road, so it is no longer directly on Hwy 316, but his address is still: 19700 Red Wing Blvd Hastings MN 55033-9013

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**Bill & Kirsten Fiorini & Skiles**  
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**Rod Swinehart**  
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Deer River, MN 56636-9700

**Marlo Cronquist**  
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**Wesley Peterson**  
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Suite C  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

**Anna Persola**  
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**Duane Roll**  
45178 - 160th Ave  
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### FOR SALE:

1. Little Giant trip hammer, serial number 666, 25 lb.
2. 48-inch mandrel cone

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