





April Guild meeting set for Fort Snelling April 14



The April 14 Guild meeting will be held at the Fort Snelling auditorium beginning with a potluck 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.

Some examples of conservation projects she will cover are:

-  a 17th century bell pull with forged iron and cast elements
-  an ancient Turkish iron staff with inlaid silver hidden by corrosion
-  a tarnished silver and copper Christoffle clock case that required special tools to avoid disturbing original patina
-  the New York Eagle, a historic St. Gaudin's sculpture from downtown St. Paul

Time permitting, Kristin will address issues of painted finishes on metal, matching traditional bronze patinas and philosophical issues unique to metal conservation.

The Minnesota Clockmakers Guild has been invited to join us at Fort Snelling to hear Kristen Cheronis speak on metal conservation. They are being invited to bring show and tell tools and clocks they have built. They would like to see projects the metalsmiths have been working on as well. Beginners, show your class projects. Experienced smiths, show your works in progress!

Also, guests and members have been extended a special invitation by the Fort Snelling gift shop to come as early as 5 PM to get a sneak preview of recently acquired period pieces. Credit cards accepted.

See page 13 for a map and detailed directions to the location of this meeting.

Forum deadline for March: Monday, February 16, 2004

If you have activities that will be occurring in late March or in April, please send them by Monday, Feb. 16, 2004 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.

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

Georgia Myers
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Lake City, MN 55041-1869

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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 March, 2004

- Saturday, March 6, Poz-Tong Workshop 9 AM, Monty Bygd's shop, Eau Claire, WI. See February Forum for registration form.
- Wednesday, March 10, Guild board meeting at Myron Hanson's home in Eagan, 6:30 potluck followed by 7 PM meeting. All welcome.
- Saturday, March 28, Animal Heads Workshop, Myron Hanson's workshop in Eagan

Events in April, 2004

- April 3, "Making an Old-Style Folding Knife," 9 AM to 4 PM, Minnesota School of Horseshoeing.
- April 3 & 10, May 1, June 5: art classes hosted by Bob Walsh & Marcia McEachron. First 3 at Minneapolis College of Art & Design, 4th at Minnesota School of Horseshoeing. See pages 7 & 8 for registration form.
- Wednesday, April 14, Guild of Metalsmiths meeting at Ft. Snelling, 6:30 PM potluck, 7 PM meeting.
- Saturday, April 17, Coal Forge Building Class, Flint Rock Ridge Forge, Dick Carlson, blacksmith. 9 AM.
- Saturday, April 17, Forged Tongs Workshop, Minnesota School of Blacksmithing and Horseshoeing, 9 AM
- April 24 & 25, Northern Minnesota Blacksmith Conference

Events in May, 2004

- Saturday, May 8, Hammer Making Workshop, Dick Carlson's Flint Rock Ridge Forge, Hastings, MN, 9 AM
- Wednesday, May 12, Guild board meeting at Myron Hanson's, Eagan, 6:30 PM potluck, 7 PM meeting. All welcome.

NOTE: If anyone has events out there for May, or June, please send to me by Monday, April 19 via either forum@metalsmith.org, or gmyers@rcconnect.com. Thank you!

Animal Heads Workshop

March 28, 9 AM - 4 PM

Cost: \$30

Location: Myron Hanson's shop
4015 Dodd Road, Eagan MN (see map on next page)

Instructors: Bill Krawczeski, Dick Carlson, Myron Hanson,

Charlie Bateman, and Bob Johnson
Class size limited to six students

Register early!

In this workshop we will make an animal head or two. This is an intermediate workshop. Participants should have completed the basic workshops. Instructors will be contacting participants regarding necessary tooling.

Participants should bring eye and ear protection, hammer, usual bucket of tools, and lunch, or there's the option of eating at a local cafe.

Register for this workshop by filling out the form on the next page. You must enclose payment of \$30 with the form.

Call Bob Johnson at 651 699-3919 if you have questions.



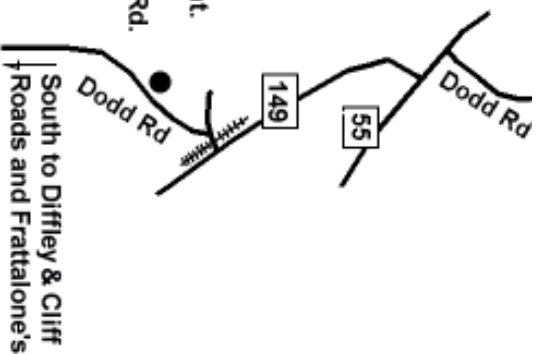
Rams head from Paul Hubler collection.

Animal Head Workshop
Saturday, March 28
9 AM to 4 PM

1 Myron Hanson

Take I494 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



To reserve a spot at this Animal Heads Workshop, fill out the registration form and send your check for \$30 made out to the Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Robert Johnson
1302 Osceola Ave.
St. Paul MN 55105

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone : _____ Email: _____

Welcome, new members!

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ATTENTION, GUILD MEMBERS!

Gordon Barr, our membership database administrator, requests that each of us take a look at the address label on this issue of "The Forum." Just above your name is a date stating when your membership should be paid. If you're overdue, please take a minute and send in your renewal dues.

Gordon reports that after examining the membership role, 102 members are delinquent in their dues. That's over 25 percent, folks!

If you are delinquent, please send \$30 to:

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St. Paul MN 55111

Thank you!

For Sale: HB Forge

I'm asking \$135 or best offer for the forge body, lined with kiln insulation (quite sufficient for this purpose) that has been thoroughly coated with an insulating product, along with some firebrick for the floor (not pictured) and the nozzle (properly tapered/flared roughly 11 degrees, as per information gathered on Ron Weil's website and others). I have used it enough to know that it works well and have used it few enough times that there is little appreciable degradation. 7" diameter, 13" deep, T-joint is 1" - 1" - 0.75", decreasing in the direction of the 0.75 pipe that has an attachment screwed tight to the end which I tapered on a lathe, so the inner seam is fairly smooth.

If interested, email: phaedruswolffe@yahoo.com (Henry Wolfe)



HB Forge



Nozzle



HB Forge Top

Making an Old-Style Folding Knife

Saturday, April 3, 2004

9 AM to 4 PM

Minnesota School of

Horseshoing (see map on next page)

Instructors: John Adams & Jim Moenck



Participants in this class will be making an "old style" folding knife. Specific style is yet to be determined.

What to bring: Please bring your own eye and ear protection, a couple of your favorite hammers, tongs, wire brush, measuring devices, calipers, and assorted files in various sizes. If you have a belt grinder and leg vise, please bring them, since there are a limited number of these at the school. Cotton clothing is preferable, and suitable footwear (i.e. leather boots) are required.

All materials will be furnished.

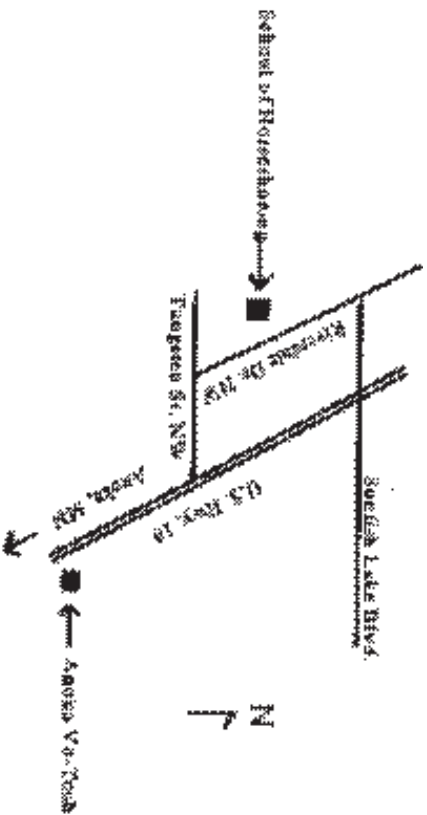
Lunch: Bring your own or eat at one of the local eating establishments.

Register for the "Old-style knife making" class on the next page by filling out the registration form and mailing it, along with a check for \$25 made out to Guild of Metalsmiths, to:

Jim Moenck
661 Dorland Road S
Maplewood MN 55119

If you have questions, contact Jim via email at jirmoenck@yahoo.com or by phone at 651-439-3138, ext 210 days or 651-735-4461 evenings.

“Making an Old-Style Folding Knife”
Saturday, April 3
9 AM to 4 PM
Minnesota School of Horseshoeing (map below)



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Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

April 14 Guild of Metalsmiths Meeting - Fort Snelling History Center - Map



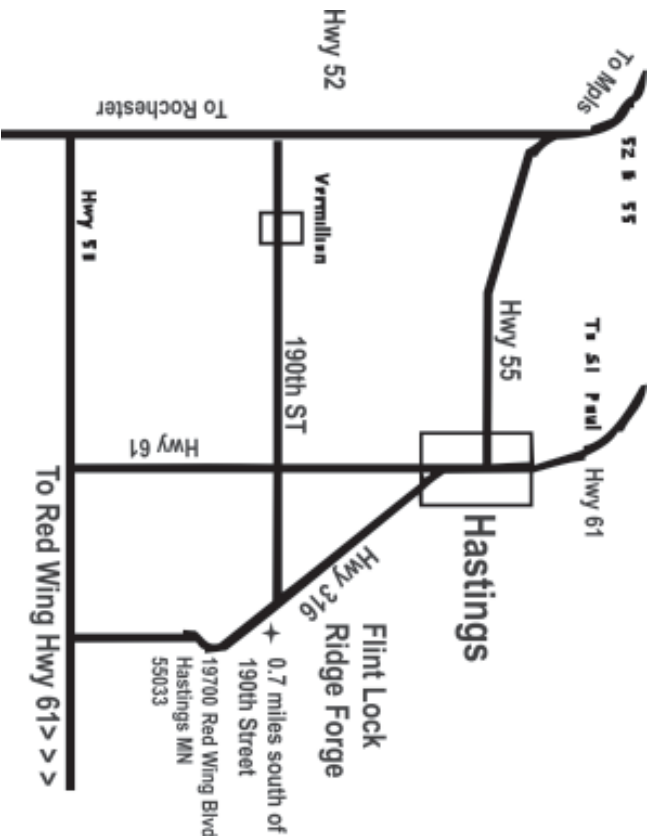
Directions:

Follow signs off Highway 55 directing to “Historic Fort Snelling.” Park in the big lot and walk northeast toward tall vertical sign “Fort Snelling.” Follow the flow of the sidewalk which will lead to the entrance of the subterranean Fort Snelling History Center. Remember to breathe! See you there. (Thanks to **Susan Wood** and **Lynn Ford** for organizing and setting this meeting up!)

Hammer Making Workshop

Saturday, May 8, 9 AM

Flint Rock Ridge Forge, Hastings



Register for the Hammer Making Workshop. Fill out registration form below and mail along with check for \$26 made out to Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Dick Carlson
19700 Red Wing Blvd
Hastings MN 55033

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Coal Forge Building Class

When Saturday, April 17

9:00 AM

Where: Flint Rock Ridge Forge

Dick Carlson, Blacksmith

19700 Red Wing Blvd (new

driveway off Pine Ridge Road)

Hastings, MN 55033

Instructors: Dick Carlson, Myron Hanson, Bill

Krawczewski, Charlie Bateman

See map on next page



Students will make and take home one coal forge, approx. 28" x 42" x 36" high, 10-gage steel, with legs and a new 12" x 14" Centaur-Vulcan fire pot with dumping ash gate.

Participants should bring gloves, hammer, and ear & eye protection. Coffee & cookies available in a.m. Bring a bag lunch or lunch will be available for \$5.

Registration fee: \$175 for members (includes materials).

Class limited to 6.

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Sign up now!

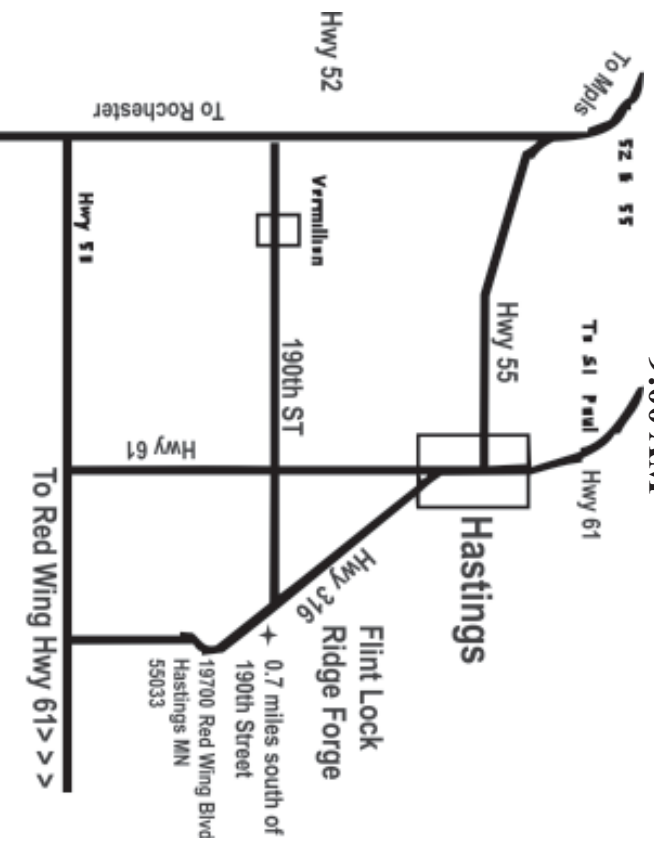
Register for Coal Forge Building Class on back of this page

Make checks for \$175 payable to **Guild of Metalsmiths** and send to:

Dick Carlson
19700 Red Wing Blvd
Hastings MN 55033

Coal Forge Building Class
Saturday, April 17, 2004

9:00 AM



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To reserve a spot at this Coal Forge Building class, fill out the registration form and mail it with a check for \$175 made out to the Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Dick Carlson
19700 Red Wing Blvd.
Hastings MN 55033

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Hammer Making Workshop

Saturday, May 8
9 AM

Flint Rock Ridge Forge
(see map on next page)
Presented by Dick Carlson, Myron Hanson, and assistants
Registration fee: Members \$26, including materials



Coffee & cookies available in AM Bring a bag lunch, or lunch will be available for \$5 each.

Participants should bring gloves, hammer, and ear and eye protection.

Sign up now!

Fill out registration form on next page and mail with check for \$26 made out to Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Dick Carlson
19700 Red Wing Blvd.
Hastings MN 55033

Call Dick Carlson at 651-437-3329 with questions.

ForgedTongs Workshop



Saturday, April 17, 9 AM to 4 PM
Minnesota School of
Blacksmithing & Horseshoeing (see
map on next page)

Cost: \$25

Instructors: Bob Johnson & Jim Moenck

We will make one or two pairs of bow tongs to hold smaller stock. This involves more complex forging and drawing of the reins, no forge welding. Techniques learned may be used with larger stock for larger tongs.

Bring safety equipment, including eye and ear protection, cotton clothing, usual bucket of tools, lunch, or eat at a local establishment.

Note: this is an intermediate workshop. Participants will have completed the Basics Workshops or have equivalent skills. Instructor will be contacting participants.

Fill out the registration form on the next page and return along with a check for \$25 made out to the Guild of Metalsmiths. Send to:

Bob Johnson
1302 Osceola Ave.
St. Paul MN 55105

Sign up now!



Minneapolis College of Art & Design, 2501 Stevens Ave S

To reserve a spot at this inaugural life drawing and metal fabrication class, fill out the registration form and mail it with a check for \$100 made out to the **Guild of Metalsmiths** to:

Bob Walsh
306 Lake St.
Pepin, WI 54759

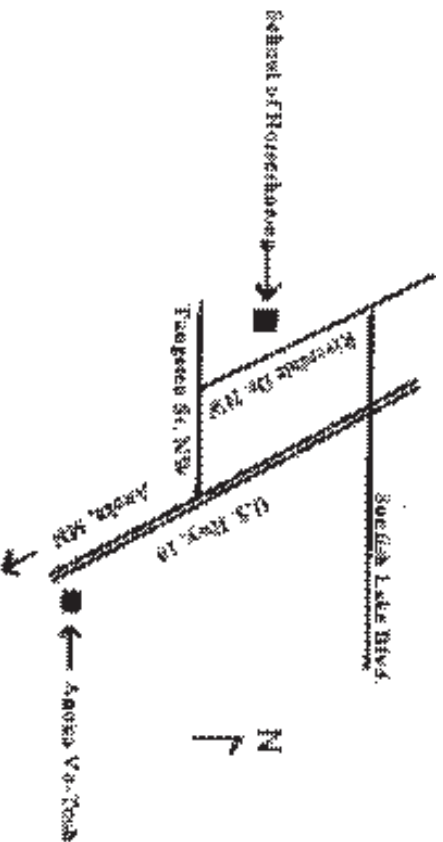
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Forged Tong's Workshop Saturday, April 17 9 AM to 4 PM Minnesota School of Horseshoing



To reserve your spot at this Forged Tong's Workshop, fill out the registration information below and mail it along with a check for \$25 made out to Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Bob Johnson
1302 Osceola Ave.
St. Paul MN 55105

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

3 Life Drawing Classes and 1 Construction/ Fabrication Class Saturday mornings, April 3, April 10, May 15 Location: Minneapolis College of Art & Design (2501 Stevens Ave S, Mpls, map on next page)



Learn how to draw spatial linear drawings like this, then produce the work in metal!

Saturday (all day), June 5 Location: Minnesota School of Blacksmithing & Horseshoing Total cost: \$100

Bob Walsh & Marcia McEachron invite Guild members to sign up now for this series of classes that will result in artistic metalwork worthy of exhibition. After you've completed the three life drawing classes, you'll put your final compositions to work and produce a work of metal art. Your drawings and metalwork will be exhibited at the Fall Conference in September. After that, the sky's the limit!

Fill out the registration form on the next page. Call **Bob Walsh** at 715 442-3102 if you have questions.

Sign up now!

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Pepin WI 54759

For full details on this offering, see page 9 of the February Forum