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If your membership says 2004.2, your membership has expired. This is your last issue of The Forum unless you renew.

If your membership says 2004.3, you are up for renewal this quarter. Please send your \$30 membership dues to the above address

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Joining The Guild of Metalsmiths?

Please introduce yourself. Each month we welcome new members to the Guild and offer them a chance to tell us a bit about themselves. (who you are, your goals as a metalsmith, the services you provide, products you make, etc.) Whatever you want to share is fine. So, give us a statement of interests/services up to 254 characters long (letters and spaces). This statement is also printed in the member directory (optional).

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Learn all about Hossfeld benders at June 9 Guild meeting

The Guild of Metalsmiths invite all members and their family members to attend the June 9 membership meeting at Flint Rock Ridge Forge, **Dick Carlson**, blacksmith, located on Highway 316 near Hastings, Minnesota.

The meeting begins at 6:30 PM with a potluck supper--bring a dish to pass. The meeting will encompass all you ever wanted or needed to know about Hossfeld benders.

Dick Carlson is the host for this meeting, and he hastens to note that the map to his place (printed in the centerfold on pages 10 and 11) should be followed carefully, as Highway 316 (Red Wing Blvd) is closed right now due to construction. Watch for the anvil sign!

If you're coming from Hastings (north), take Highway 61 to 190th Street, then turn right on 316--local traffic. Dick's house is .7 of a mile south of 190th.

If you're coming from the Red Wing area (south), take the turn off on Highway 61 to the Treasure Island Casino and follow that road to Highway 316. Turn right on 316 and go .3 of a mile to Pine Ridge Road.

Information about Hossfeld benders can be found on their website: www.hossfeldbender.com

In addition to tubing, the benders can...

Bend Pipe and Conduit
 Bend Eye Bolts, "S" Shapes, etc.
 Bend Angles, Offsets, etc., of Heavy Cold Stock
 Bend Heavy Cold "U" Shapes (up to 1 1/4" round or square)
 Sharp Square Bends on Wide Flat Stock (up to 4 1/2" x 1/4")
 Bend Rings and Coils
 Ornamental Iron Work
 Bend Angle Iron (flange inward and flange outward)
 Bend Angle Iron Edgeways (heel inward and heel outward)
 Bend Notched Angle Iron (up to 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 3/16")
 Bend Flat Stock Edgeways (up to 3/8" x 1 3/4")
 Bend Square Tubing (up to 1 1/2" x 1 1/2")
 Bend Rectangular Tubing (up to 1" x 2")
 Shear Bar Stock (up to 1/2" round and square or 3/8" x 2" flat)
 Punch Square and Round Holes in Flat Stock
 See you June 9 at Flint Rock Ridge Forge.

Forum deadline for July: Monday, June 21, 2004

If you have activities that will be occurring in late July or in August, please send them by Monday, June 21, 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
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:

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Notes

Editor’s note...

If you received your Forum last month and noticed that your membership expiration date on the front cover seemed to be wrong, you are probably right. We switched to a new printer last month, and the expiration date for every member said 2004.1.

This issue should have all the dates corrected. Thank you for your patience during this transition time, and apologies for the confusion and anxiety caused by this.

Georgia Myers, editor, “The GoM Forum”

Goings on...



Events in June, 2004

- Wednesday, June 9 at 6:30 PM, Guild meeting at **Dick Carlson's** Flint Rock Ridge Forge, Hastings, MN. Learn about Hossfeld benders.
- Tuesday, June 15, deadline to return your information for our new membership directory. See pages 11 and 12 for a handy form to fill out and return to **Gordon Barr**.
- Saturday, June 19, 10 AM to ?, Hogy's 6th Annual Lumber Sawing Day. See details on page X.

Events in July, 2004

- Wednesday, July 14, Guild board meeting at **Myron Hanson's**, 4015 Dodd Rd, Eagan, MN, home phone 651-454-3984.
 - Wednesday-Sunday, July 7-11, 2004. National ABANA Conference in Richmond, Kentucky. Go to <http://www.abana.org> for full details.
 - July 23, 24, 25, Little Log House show, near Hastings
- NOTE: If anyone has events out there for August or September, please send to me by Monday, June 21 via either forum@metalsmith.org, or gmyers@rconnect.com. Thank you!

Need fall conference raffle ideas

The program committee needs some direction on choosing items for the RAFFLE at the Guild of Metalsmiths fall conference.

As you know, we have offered things like forges, hand tools and tool chest, post vises, sets of magazines, and on and on and on. Sometimes we have had a single item and sometimes several.

If you have an opinion on what we might offer in the future, please contact me, **Pete Stanaitis**, and I will compile the information for the committee. Thank you.

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Education Committee begins planning for 2004-2005 class offerings

Did you know the Guild of Metalsmiths offered 25 classes during the 2003-2004 year? I think this is outstanding! What impresses me the most is the fact that so many people are so willing to give their time and share their talents to help perpetuate the craft of blacksmithing and metal work. To all who taught a class, or helped out with a class, we thank you.

The Education Committee met last month to begin planning for classes to be held during the 2004-2005 year. We have set the dates for the Beginning Blacksmithing Classes, and are in the process of selecting classes we think the membership wants to have offered. As these classes become available, they will be posted on our website for you to preview, and announced in the Forum when it is time to register for them.

In order for these classes to be successful, we need people to volunteer as instructors and assistants. This is the only way the Guild can continue to offer these learning opportunities. Next month in the Forum, we will be soliciting for teachers for the classes we have selected to offer this year. I encourage everyone to consider teaching a class, or to assist teaching a class in the future. If you would like to volunteer, contact me by e-mail at jrmoenck@yahoo.com or call me at 651-735-4461.

Jim Moenck
Chair, Education Committee

Hogy's 6th Annual Lumber Sawing Day!

Plan to attend Don Hogenson's 6th annual Lumber Sawing Day on Saturday, June 19 beginning at 10 AM (rain date June 20).

See tractors of the 30s and 40s powering the 1925 sawmill. Lunch will be available on the grounds by the Spring field HCE.

Directions: 2 miles south of Glenwood City, Wisconsin to County Road DD. For more information call Don Hogenson at 715-265-4701.

Minutes, Guild of Metalsmiths board meeting May 12, 2004

Submitted by Herb Fick

Called to order by President Dave Mariette

Minutes from March 2004 meeting were read and approved.

Board members present: Dick Carlson, Herb Fick, Lynn Ford, Mike Frattalone, Myron Hanson, Rich Herman, Dave Mariette, and Jim Moenck.
Missing: John Adams and Brent Wold.

Financial: Mike Frattalone

Current checking Acct: \$22736, \$ 527 in bulk mailing. The accounts including Bulk Mail have \$ 23263, or \$ 3857 more than last year at this time. Reserved for grant fund \$4416. Discretionary Fund balance \$18847

Major expenses in the period were:

\$466 fabric for new gallery

\$586 Grant for Rome H,

\$1000, Roger D. for copies of his DVD library

\$380 tax prep for 2003.

Membership is 335, down 3 from year previous.

(Excludes members who are delinquent from last quarter of 2003.)

57 people have not renewed in first quarter 2004 are included. 87

delinquent in the last quarter of 2003 have been dropped

Education: Jim Moenck chair Rich Herman co chair

2003-04 training sessions have just been completed. Total opportunities include, metal sculpture (twice), oxy fuel, beginning blacksmithing (three groups of four sessions), Poz tongs, coal forge building, hammer making, life drawing (four sessions), Animal head, old style folding knife, and forged tongs with drawn reins.

Tentative schedule for beginning blacksmith training is set.

October 9 is first beginner class, running to March 26 for the final

session of the third group. August 7 is the tentative date for train the trainer

workshop.

The "Instructors workshop" session will include "Modern Masters"

program to involve some of the top blacksmiths for assistance.

"Share a shop" concept is to develop list of folk without shops and try to

get people with shops to share.

Other classes discussed by the education committee:

Tool making by Jim Scott and Basic Joinery by Rome Hutchings.

Next meeting not scheduled.

Program: Myron Hanson Chair

Ward Brineger and Randy McDaniel are featured demonstrators for the fall conference. Sherri and Sarah are doing family activities including Altoid repousse, Billy Jack will do scrimshaw again. Ordering metal material for new gallery, fabric for the new gallery has been purchased.

Membership meeting schedule:

June is at Dick Carlson's with Hossfeld benders (confirmed)

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Letter from ABANA president, continued...

ABANA Board member and 2004 Conference Chair Dave Keonig has worked tirelessly with a dedicated group of volunteers to insure the conference will be MORE THAN YOU CAN EXPECT! Volunteers? A great group is already on board to set up and staff the conference. But YOU are wanted TOO! I know that each of you will act as a host as you attend and see an opportunity. Who knows? Just being a good host and escorting someone to a demonstration might lead to an invitation to _____?

One of the best aspects of serving on the ABANA board is the willingness of office staff, board and volunteers working together to further the education and opportunities for artists in iron and metals worldwide. I am constantly astonished, and MOST appreciative, of the time and teamwork volunteered towards this goal. Let me introduce board member, Dave Mudge as an example of extra efforts-Dave is the proprietor of *MAGIC HAMMER FORGE* and a founder/former president of the Louisiana Metalsmiths Association. A "lifelong" artisan in various mediums and an artist/smith since 1985, Dave also enjoys working with web sites and has been a great asset working with ABANA's site. Dave's website is <http://www.davemudge.freeservers.com/>

Dave has assumed responsibility as Affiliate Liaison for ABANA and his reports appear on the ABANA website bi-monthly. But Dave is always looking to do extras for ABANA. The anvil drawing during the elections last year was a program Dave initiated and brought to fruition. Look for a really neat poster available at this year's conference in Richmond. Again, an idea Dave initiated, did all the artist design solicitations, posted and ran the judging web site and then worked with the conference chair to have the posters printed and made available at Richmond. These are just examples of Dave's efforts to "go the extra mile" for you, the members.

One of the great aspects of our organization is every one, from the newest novice to the oldest professional is treated equally and each has something to add. One of the great attractions of ABANA was stated by Francis Whitaker, "No matter how long you are in this, there is always something new one can learn!" And that when Francis was 92 years old!

So be positive and constructive in your actions, share the knowledge, and forge safely.

Looking forward to meeting each of you at Richmond!

Don



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May, 2004

Dear Affiliates,

As I write this, the 2004 ABANA Conference in Richmond, Kentucky is only two months away. Shortly, it will be "pack your bags time" in order to not miss out on a great time for learning and growing. The theme of "Design and Build" for this year's conference is being carried throughout the conference planning. Demonstrators will emphasize design in the project as they show you how to build it.

Three great nights of lectures are planned. Albert Paley will give lectures Wednesday and Thursday nights. Friday, right after dinner, Alfred Habermann will lecture, with a panel discussion afterward where you will be able to ask questions. An opportunity not to be missed! The Patient Order of Meticulous Metalsmiths will also be exhibiting their magic.

Interactive demonstrations are planned by Terry Clark and Peter Parkinson, who will spend their first day in the classroom, working with members to sharpen their design skills. Pack a sketch pad if this tickles your imagination. Selected designs will be built at their demo site Friday and Saturday, with audience members helping with the work. An opportunity just like "Traveling to England to work with two respected smiths, without the time/airfare expense?" WOW!

A teaching station will be operating with "Hands On" opportunities for forging with the experts. Power hammer vendor Dean Curtman will host Uri Hofi at his site demonstrating his unique designs in steel. Vendor Tom Clark will have the renowned Alfred Habermann working on a chosen design project. A great opportunity to see two icons of the craft at work!

Visit the ABANA website at <http://www.abana.org/membership/conference/>

to see the complete list of demonstrators and events, interactive sessions to ask questions and share comments with panelists, a gallery tour on design... the opportunities seem limitless from here!

And not enough can be said to thank all the volunteers who make this possible... Thanks to all!

August is at Mariette's with Tom Latane' demonstrating. October is at Johnnie's discount steel at the new hardware area. Bob Beck is the organizer.

December CSPS. 12 December, Tom Phelps is the organizer. February is at Arms and Armor. Rob Murray is the organizer.

Special note: The road to Dick Carlson's forge is under construction and closed. A map with alternate routes will be in the Forum.

An extra forge was made at the coal forge workshop for a fall conference raffle item. The program committee is looking for tools for a toolbox raffle. Member hand made tools are sought. We always need suggestions for meeting places for general membership meetings. We usually have 60-80 people.

Publicity: Dave Mariette Chair

We needed to change the Forum printing vendor and we authorize Georgia to place the next two printings with the current printer.

Web site is active: Tom Barnett is rebuilding the exchange portion.

Long Term Planning: Dave Mariette

Did not meet.

Old Business:

Anna Persola will do a written review on the drawing classes as a paycheck

New Business:

Dave is no longer the ABANA rep. Mary Fredell will take the job. Stanaitis on membership: Pete suggests we go back to annual dues. He was part of the Board when quarterly dues started. Idea was to make it easier for folks to join mid-year, but instead we made it harder for folks to understand WHEN they need to renew. No other clubs that Pete belongs to have this quarterly process.

Motion made by Moenck and second by Fick to go back to annual dues. Discussion followed of the quarterly system in relation to other groups. There is some sympathy for those who find January dues difficult. Initial thoughts are that publications would continue through January and February if member dues are delinquent. Reasons for delinquency include people do not check their renewal date. A result is that we have difficulty concluding what the active membership is (publishing quantities). We do not know what the burden of quarterly dues have for Gordon Barr, the keeper of the database. Mike Fratalone (treasurer) likes the quarterly system now in effect.

The motion was amended to: Go back to simplified billing to stay in conjunction with our fiscal year. Use a two month grace period for publications. Implementation is on the condition that we come up with a good transitional plan. Note that for two thirds of the paid membership (205) there is no transition issue. We table the motion.

Stanaitis on marketing: Pete suggests The Guild needs a marketing focus for the conference raffle, for conference attendance and for anytime the Guild wants to "sell" an idea to the public or to the membership.

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Perhaps a marketing committee is in order (publicity committee?). Do we have any members trained in this discipline who would share their skill with us? Is there a member who would act as an advisor to other committees as needed?

Item 1 A. In recent years we have not gotten satisfactory returns from the conference raffles and events. In the far past the raffle prizes were obtained at little or no cost to the Guild. Lately the items have been obtained at higher cost without greater returns from the event. We seem to be putting all our efforts into getting the prizes in place but very little if any effort into selling the tickets. We may not know how.

We need to determine where do we want the profits to be. Are we willing to do something to change?

We need to define what the purpose of the raffle is, (attendance, profit, xxx?). We need to do what needs to be done to meet the purpose to the best of our ability. If we can't meet the objective, we should either change the process or eliminate the event.

The program committee can work on the "supply" side. This needs help on the marketing end unless we do not care about the sales end of things.

Letter from Bob Walsh: Bob Walsh submitted a letter supporting his "studio tour report" on the shop of Lew Chouwen. His point is that he thinks his pictures of an outstanding piece of work deserve color printing for the Metalsmith magazine. What followed is a discussion of the cost of printing the Metalsmith. There had negative reaction to the last use of color for the Metalsmith because of the cost. With the discussion of color and cost, Mike Fratalone offered the publication of the Minnesota Water Garden Society as an example of color printing available. Mike will see what cost structure that printer would offer to The Guild.

Why do people leave The Guild? Pete ran a quick survey exercise of the board to develop and rank reasons for people leaving. He came up with 13 reasons from eight people. As an example, we focus on blacksmithing, and could better serve some who focus on non-ferrous. This is the beginning of what should be a project to see if the board can better meet the needs and expectations of the membership. Watch for this! Lynn Ford will work with Pete Stanaitis and Mike Fratalone to develop a first try limited interview of ex members.

Deadline for updating information and current membership is 15 June. Gordon Barr will prepare a format for voluntary information. Including member since.

Next board meeting is 14 July 2004. Agenda for next meeting. Re-member to include a discussion of lifetime dues.
Adjourn at 10:03

Welcome, new members!

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651-735-7357

DieBlackKnight@yahoo.com

Andy Carlson
1910 - 38th St NW
Rochester, MN 55901
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Carls-Al@yahoo.com

Address Changes

John Donelson
12519 - 37th St SE
Clearlake, MN 55319

Henry Brock
brock@wisc.edu

Classified ad

I have a 250# Chambersburg utility hammer that I would like to sell. It is virtually brand new with very few hours on it, about 40. It has the safety cap, about a \$15K option, verifiable by contacting Chambersburg Engineering Company. A new hammer of this size will run \$100K+ as quoted to me by CECCO themselves. This one comes with a 15 hp Ingersol Rand three cylinder, dual stage compressor with 19 gallon tank. All you have to add is another 20 gallon tank to provide sufficient ballast.

I'm asking \$8K for the whole shebang, FOB in the vicinity of Argyle WI. I would like to sell this as soon as possible.

[Andy Vida losan@metlabs.net](mailto:Andy.Vida.losan@metlabs.net)

24th anniversary of World Championship Blacksmiths' Competition

2004 marks the 25th Anniversary of the World Championship Blacksmiths' Competition at the Calgary Stampede. Although primarily a farriers contest, the committee continually strives to include a creative forging component to better represent the craft of the blacksmith.

This year we are introducing a mail-in creative contest for those unable to make the trip to Calgary. For more information check out www.stampedeagriculture.com and click on "EVENTS" at the bottom of the page, then go to "BLACK-SMITH EVENTS."

For information and criteria for the "live" contest go to "World Championship Blacksmiths' Competition" then click on "Creative Classes" at the bottom of the page.

Event Description

This contest exists to allow blacksmiths to participate in the World Championships without having to attend the Stampede. Modeled after the incredibly successful Mail-In Shoe Contest, participants are asked to create an article of their choosing, using the materials and criteria described under "Regulations". The item will then be submitted for judging at the 2004 World Championships in July.

Entry Closing Date:
June 15, 2004 6:00 PM

**Guild membership directory info form,
continued from page 9**

Statement of interests: _____

Classes taken: _____

Indicate if you were a member of the following committees in 2001, 2002, 2003, or 2004. Indicate which year and also add any committee you were on that is not listed.

Committee and year: _____
(Board of Directors, Conference, Education, Financial, Long-Range Planning, Program, Publications, Publicity)

Office held and year: _____
(president, vice president, treasurer, librarian, Forum editor, database/ mailing list, webmaster, Forum printer, Metalsmith publisher, Metalsmith back issues)

NOTE: If you prefer not to have these details printed in the directory, please indicate this and we will publish only your name.

Publish details: Yes _____ No _____

Return form via email to: **AGBARR@AOL.COM**
OR

Return form via mail to: **Gordon Barr**
11021 27 Ave.

RETURN BY JUNE 15!Burnsville MN 55337

**By popular demand...
New Guild membership
directory in the works!**

In order to produce a new membership directory for Guild of Metalsmiths members, we need your help. We need to update the database in anticipation of this new publication. Please send the following information to **one of the following** addresses:

Email to: **AGBARR@AOL.COM**
Mail to: **Gordon Barr**

11021 27 Ave
Burnsville MN 55337

Please return by Tuesday, June 15, 2004!

Last name: _____

First name: _____

Middle Initial: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip code: _____ Country: _____

Company Name: _____

Web address: _____

Email address: _____

Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Work phone: _____

Fax number: _____

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Map to June 9 Guild members meeting at Dick Carlson's Flint Rock Ridge Forge just south of Hastings, Minnesota

If you're coming from the north out of Hastings, take Highway 61 to 190th Street and turn right on Highway 316 (local traffic only). Watch for the anvil sign on Dick's mailbox.

If you're coming from the south, Red Wing area, take Highway 61 to 190th Street and turn right, then turn right again on Highway 316, or take the turn off Highway 61 to Treasure Island Casino and follow that road to Highway 316. Turn right on 316 and go .3 of a mile to Pine Ridge Road. Watch for the anvil sign!

Join fellow Guild members and families at Dick Carlson's forge just south of Hastings on Wednesday, June 9 at 6:30 PM. Just remember that Highway 316 is closed due to construction. Follow the map below.

