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Rosemount, MN 55068  
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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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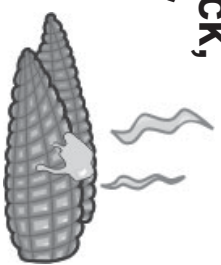
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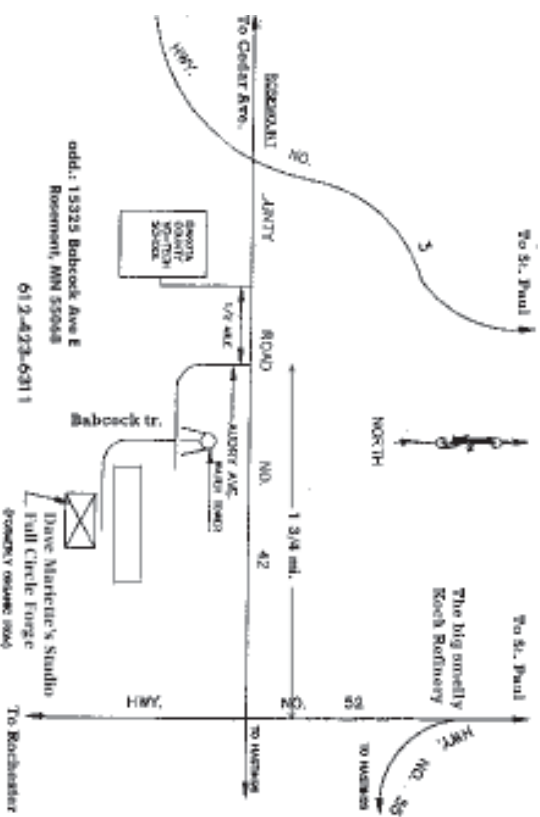
## Annual corn feed, potluck, special demo by master metalsmith scheduled for August 11 Guild meeting



Arranged by **Susan Wood**, the August Guild of Metalsmiths' meeting is set for **Dave Mariette's** shop, 15325 Babcock Ave. in Rosemount, Minnesota on Wednesday, August 11 (see map below).

A traditional potluck and sweet corn feed begins at 6:30 pm. Look for **Dick Carlson** and **John Adams** (with help) to don their aprons and prepare some of the best corn you'll ever eat. Bring a dish to pass--utensils will be provided. This is the more family-oriented potluck of the year, so let's have a great turnout.

Guild member and master metalsmith **Tom Latane** will be demonstrating at this meeting, so you won't want to miss it. Pray for good sweet corn eating weather!



## Forum deadline for September: Monday, August 16, 2004

If you have activities that will be occurring in late August or in September, please send them by Monday, August 16, 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**



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## 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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## Goings on...



### Events in August, 2004

- Wednesday, August 11, Guild membership meeting, Dave Mariette’s shop in Rosmount.
- August 13, 14, 15, Almelund Threshing Show
- August 20, 21, 22, Nowthen Threshing Show

### Events in September

- September 18 & 19, Laura Ingalls Wilder Days in Pepin, WI.
- September 24, 25, 26, Fall Conference of the Guild of Metalsmiths

NOTE: If anyone has events out there for September or October, please send to me by Monday, August 16 via either [forum@metalsmith.org](mailto:forum@metalsmith.org), or [gmyers@rconnect.com](mailto:gmyers@rconnect.com). Thank you!

## ‘Slave auction’ at annual Fall Conference?

Some unique “items” up for the auction block at the Fall Conference this year are the services of **Mike Blue**, **Marcia McEachron**, and **Rome Hutchings**. They’re offering time in their respective shops and their own personal instruction to boot.

Remember back in school when you could bid for a slave for the day or evening? These days, that idea might not necessarily be at all politically correct! So think of it this way: it’s going to be sort of like buying a date for the benefit of the organization. Plan now to bid for the services of Mike Blue, and/or Marcia and Rome. You won’t be sorry!

# Smithing volunteer opportunities this summer...

Members of the Guild of Metalsmiths demonstrate blacksmithing in a variety of summertime events. Participants are welcome to join in.

The 48th annual Almeland Threshing Show is held in Almeland, Minnesota (near Taylor's Falls) on August 13, 14, and 15. There will be a full blacksmith shop with three working stations. Call **Carl Nordquist** at 715-866-8807, or drop him a note at 7587 Hickory St W, Webster, WI 54893.



Members of the Guild will demonstrate blacksmithing at the 34th annual Nowthen Threshing Show on August 20, 21, and 22 at Nowthen, Minnesota, 15 minutes northwest of Anoka—a Guild tradition for the past 15 years. Beginners and old-timers are welcome. Bring your own hand tools. A large amount of line shaft equipment has been donated to the blacksmith shop, and some of it will be installed by the time of the show—perhaps even running! Sign up at the August Guild meeting and get a free pass to the show grounds. For more information, call **Bryan Steckman** at 763-521-6917, or **Bob Fredell** at 763-389-5119.

## Get out and volunteer!

I spent part of Saturday, July 24 at the Log House. Good company was assured. I had a goal to fabricate a texturing hammer. **Dick Carlson** and **Bill Krawczeski** were there to coach, and **Gary Myers** seemed happy to strike for me. People I've not seen in years stopped by and said hello. These are opportunities that are not available to those who just stay home on the weekend, no matter how nice home is. Get out and volunteer. It may look like giving, but there is a lot of satisfaction involved.

—*Herb Fick*

## Prepare now for Fall Conference!

### Fall Conference highlight: two well known demonstrators!

Inside these pages you'll find many articles related to the Guild of Metalsmiths annual Fall Conference, more affectionately known as "The Madness." Scheduled for September 24, 25, and 26, the conference showcases all that is good and vibrant about our guild.

Demonstrators this year are two well-known metalsmiths, Randy McDaniel and Ward Brinegar.

Mr. McDaniel, from Westminster, Maryland, is the author of a widely-read and used instruction book, "A Blacksmithing Primer." He's also an artistic creator of such works as the gate at the Children's Garden, located at Hershey Gardens, PA. To see a beautiful photo of this gate, go to <http://www.drgnfly4g.com/>

Randy's blacksmithing experience includes a wide diversity of works from designing and producing items from business card holders and furniture to large scale lighting, grates, grilles, fountains, and sculptural pieces.

Mr. Brinegar had the good fortune to learn from Francis Whitaker. Since 1989 he's been working in Santa Fe, New Mexico, specializing in custom residential ironwork. He combines traditional forging with joinery with machining and fabrication for distinctive work.

At the conference he will cover both elementary and specialty techniques he has developed. He will also address the topics of business operation and how to survive as a self-employed smith.

# Guild of Metalsmiths Board Meeting Minutes

14 July 2004, 7:32PM

Submitted by Herb Fick

Called to order, 7:30 PM by President Dave Mariette

Minutes from May 2004 meeting were read and approved.

Board members present: Dick Carlson, Herb Fick, Lynn Ford, Mike

Fratitalone, Myron Hanson, Rich Herman, Dave Mariette, and Jim Moenck.

Missing: John Adams and Brent Wold.

## Financial: Mike Fratitalone

Current checking acct balance: \$18992

\$ 437 in bulk mailing account.

The accounts including Bulk Mail have \$19428, or \$1822more than last

year at this time. Reserved for grant fund \$4416. Discretionary Fund

balance \$15012. Major expenses in the period were:

\$511 to print and mail 500 Forums (~\$1 each)

\$2411 aluminum stock to build new Gallery

\$1161 for four hundred Metalsmith magazines

Membership is 309, down 4 from year previous. (Includes members who

are delinquent from last quarter.) Note: 20% of net annual income goes into

grant fund.

## Education: Jim Moenck chair, Rich Herman co chair

Three-page schedule for tentative classes was distributed. 24 weekends

are used for classes. It was noted that nothing is planned on Christmas or for

New Years day. A separate schedule of construction projects is still being

worked on.

Teacher's workshop for 7 August is scratched. New date to be deter-

mined. Schedule dates offered will now be reviewed instructors. As an

example Myron will talk to Bill and Bob Johnson about Oxy Acetylene

workshop. 8 attendees max.

Animal heads on 9 April is with Myron Hanson and Dick Carlson.

Hammer class 7 May at Dick Carlson's. Jigs and scrolling by Lynn Ford.

Basic Joinery on 15 January with Rome Hutchings not confirmed. Tool

making by Jim Scott

Construction projects are a separate schedule, including things such as

Air Hammer, Coal Forges, Copper Fountain, Design Classes, Hoods,

Presses, Smithin' Magician etc. Example Dick Carlson offers to do another

coal forge session.

## Program: Myron Hanson Chair

The fall Conference is in order. Need a workshop to fabricate the Gallery in August. (Wednesday workshop) We always need suggestions for meeting places for general membership meetings. We usually have 60-80 people.

# ABANA 2004 Conference pictorial...



Illinois blacksmith Mindy Gardner demonstrated treadle hammer repousse.



Daryl Nelson demonstrated forging animal heads.



In the "Teaching Station," Peter Ross guided spectators through demonstrations of controlled hand forging principles, ergonomics, and function of tools.



The live auction, held on the last day of the conference, was highlighted by Lorelei Simms, who assisted the auctioneers by announcing each piece as it was lifted to the auction block. Seen in the background are banners created by various ABANA affiliates across the U. S.



Photo of the coffer created by the "Patient Order of Meticulous Metalsmiths" for the 2004 ABANA conference. Repousse panels on this piece depicted the story of St. Clement and the blacksmith. See *The Anvil's Ring*, page 20, Winter 2004 for the story.

# ABANA 2004 Conference pictorial...

I attended the 2004 ABANA conference in Richmond, Kentucky in July and was fortunate enough to snap some photos that I'm sharing with you in this issue of *The Forum*.

—*Georgia Myers*



In the vendor/demo area, a booth containing the "Patient Order of Metaculous Metalsmiths" showcased the 12-bolt coffer with repousse panels, chased handle, and feet with lock in the lid they created for the ABANA

Conference--an item that was later auctioned off for \$12,500. Photo shows overall

**project designer Tom Latane from Pepin, Wisconsin.**

Other contributing members of the group were Peter Renzetti, Carl Close Jr., Paul Spaulding, Tina Chisena, and Nigel Tudor.



Blacksmiths from the Czech Republic were sponsored by Mississippi Forge Council, and drew crowds of spectators as they forged a large "ABANA grille" to be offered later for auction. The photo above shows Daniel Cerny holding a component of the grille while Jan Stanek strikes for him. Also on the Czech team was Gert Bruyninx, in the background.

## Guild of Metalsmiths Board Meeting Minutes (continued from page 6)

### **Publicity: Dave Mariette Chair**

**Forum:** We will continue forum printing with the current vendor. Georgia, take this as authorization.

**Metalsmith:** Mike Frattalone got bids from Cornerstone Copy (Burnsville), the Vendor to the Minnesota Watergarden society. There is a difference in what the two printers accept as "camera ready" copy. The Metalsmith editorial board (Mariette, McEachron and Moriarty) will review the quotes and evaluate the opportunity to use more color and reduce printing costs.

### **Long Term Planning-no report**

#### **Old Business:**

**Directory:** Gordon Barr has the database up to date and ready to print except for maps and pictures. Rich Herman will contact Gordon with information on the maps. Other organizations listing is available from the ABAMA website. **Tasks:** Update maps, do a cover and try the new printer. Publicity (Mariette) will move it along

#### **New Business:**

Dues and membership cycle:

**Note:** Current dues only just cover the costs of mailing. Motion by Rich Herman, seconded by Dave Mariette. Amendment to previous motion regarding transition: Roughly half of the members have no transitional issue. Those with membership due second quarter will own \$22.5 to finish current year. Those with third quarter membership due will owe \$45 to carry the balance of the year and the following year. Those with fourth quarter membership due will owe \$37.50 to cover balance of year and the following year. New members attending the fall conference are offered a \$30 membership extending through the following year. New member is defined as someone not a member for the previous five consecutive years.

Renewals are accepted for up to two years. Motion dies 1 positive, two abstain and 5 negative. The Guild will go back to sending membership due postcards to delinquent members.

Next board meeting is 8 September 2004. Adjourn at 10:00

## Live Auction

The live auction takes place Saturday night after supper. There is a professional auctioneer handling the bidding. You have to get a piece of paper with a number to bid, but unlike the movies, you can scratch your nose without having to worry about buying something by accident. I showed up empty handed the first year and felt terribly guilty. Don't repeat my mistake. Here are things I've seen the last few years at the auction to give you some ideas:

### Handmade Tools

Hammers  
Punches, chisels, drifts, chasing/repousse tools  
Tongs, tong reins  
Spring swages and 'smithin magician' type items  
Tong stands, 3rd hand, free standing post vice

### Metal Handmade Items

Shepherd's hooks, plant hangers, other hooks  
Candlesticks, bells, fountains  
Knives  
Sculpture and other decorative items  
Demonstration piece

### Other Handmade Items

Quilts, do-wrap hats, tool rolls  
Honey, wax

Jelly, jam, other canned goods

### Other Metal Related Items

Antique tools  
Stock from commercial donors such as welding supply places, etc.  
Metal related prints, pictures, books

### Suggestions

Garden items such as topiary\* frames, garden hose guide stakes, trellises, bird baths (or bird bath stands).  
Leather shot/sand bags (for sheet metal shaping). Leather aprons.  
Stands for shot bags, grinders, etc.  
Hammer racks and other shop organization items.

\* Topiary frames are like 3-D line art. For more information see <http://www.hort.wisc.edu/mastergardener/Features/indoormaplants/topiary/topiary.htm>

— Sarah Delaney

*Letter to the editor...*

## Life Drawing & Fabrication classes produce inspiration and poetry

I am honored to report to the Guild my experience with the Figurative Drawing and Fabrication Workshop that took place from May to June. First and foremost, I would like to thank **Bob Walsh** and **Marcia McEachron** for their instruction and inspiration.

I would also like to thank the Guild for the scholarship they rewarded me. Without the Guild's (or Bob's) assistance, this experience would not have been possible for me.

I wrote a poem reflecting my experiences. In ode to its purpose, I would like you to know that this is the first poem I have written in over five years. I figured that it would be more interesting than the five-paragraph essay I had previously written.

Oh yes, the joy that risk brings.... Isn't that why we are all metalsmiths?

— Anna Pesola, Clearwater, Minnesota

**Editor's Note:** Please read Anna's poem in the Fall issue of *The Metalsmith*.

## Classified ads

**Wanted:** Looking for an anvil. Please call Anna Pesola at 320 558-9246 or 320 558-6096.



Plan now for Fall Conference Sept. 24, 25, 26

## More feedback on Life Drawing & Construction Fabrication Class!

Once again we credit **Bob Walsh** and **Marcia McEachron** for inspirations conceived in their drawing and metal fabrication classes held in four sessions during April, May, and June 2004.

Among the fabulous results of these classes is a metal sculpture (pictured below) created by **Phil Swan** that is now a garden gate. **Mike Frattalone** was quoted as saying, "It's marvelous!" Let's hope Phil and Desiree (his wife) bring the sculpture to the Fall Conference so it can be on exhibit in our gallery.



*Letter to the editor...*

## Plan for the auction at the Madness

I encourage members to bring something of their own work for the auction. Think also of past auctions when member-made items offered by those we might call "master" have been available.

The opportunity to bid for the time with Marcia (McEachron), Mike (Blue) and Rome (Hutchings) is special, and worth a great deal to members who feel a need to learn and or to use special equipment.

Plan to raid your annual gift giving budget to convince yourself that these items are worth bidding up. Of course the Guild also needs the money. It stresses me to see some of these things go for too little money just because of the buyers did not plan for the opportunity.

Plan also for the opportunity to bid on demonstration items as a lasting reminder of the lessons taught. These items can rest on your workbench until you are driven to practice.

— *Herb Fick*

Prepare for the Fall Conference,  
examine your budget closely and...

# BRING MONEY!

### **New Members 7/25**

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New Underwood, SD  
57761 605-754-6902

### **New members 6/1 & 6/29**

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Minnetonka, MN 55345  
952-933-0659

John Pallansch  
10010 Saratoga Way  
Maple Grove, MN 55369  
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Royal Stubbs  
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## **Blacksmithing classes for 2004-2005**



The dates for the Basics Blacksmithing Classes have been set for the upcoming year. Again, we have three sessions scheduled, with the first one beginning on October 9. The schedule is printed below, and has been forwarded for placement on our website.

This year looks to be another great year of opportunity for learning new blacksmithing skills and techniques. Many people will be sharing their time, talents and knowledge to help perpetuate the craft we all love. Watch for new classes as they are scheduled for the upcoming year.

### **2004-2005 Basics Class Schedule - all classes held at Minnesota School of Horseshoeing**

October 9	Basics Class A1
October 23	Basics Class A2
November 6	Basics Class A3
December 4	Basics Class A4
January 8	Basics Class B1
January 22	Basics Class B2
February 5	Basics Class B3
February 19	Basics Class B4
February 12	Basics Class C1
February 26	Basics Class C2
March 12	Basics Class C3
March 26	Basics Class C4

Details for registration will be forthcoming in future Forums.