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1253 Danbury Way

Rich Herman

Send request and check to:

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Tapes requested:

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 yo uare, 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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### Joings on...



### Events in September

- September 8, Guild board meeting, home of Myron Hanson, Eagan, Mn
- ing & Open Forge Weekend, Eau Claire, WI. September 11 & 12, Badger Blacksmiths Annual Gather
- more info. September 18, Tool Making Class. Call Jim Scott at 218-328-5018, or email him at <u>elnjws@uslink.net</u> for
- September 18 & 19, Laura Ingalls Wilder Days in Pepin.
- September 24, 25, 26, Fall Conference of the Guild of **Metalsmiths**

### **Events in October**

- Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 2 & 3, Tunnel Mill Fall Gathering between Stewartville & Spring Valley, Minnesota
- detail available at this time. Wednesday, Oct. 13, Guild membership meeting, no

send to me by Monday, September 20 via either forum@metalsmith.org or gmyers@rconnect.com. Thank you! NOTE: If anyone has events out there for October or November, please

The Badger Blacksmiths announce...

# Annual Gathering & Open Forge Weekend

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 11 & 12

Road. Watch for signs. Club, south of Eau Claire, WI on Highway 37 to Porter Location: Chippewa Valley Antique Engine & Model

Cost: \$10 per day

There is a potluck each day at noon.

Set up is on Friday, Sept. 10, with camping available

Open to anyone interested in blacksmithing

For more information, call **Don Hogenson** at 715-265-4701 or

**Dan Winrich** at 715-834-6043

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### The Madness will soon be upon us!

grounds. It's easy to find--just a little way off Highway 61 outside of Hastings, Minnesota. See page 5 for a map to the every calendar in your life, it's not too late! The Guild of onto 220th Street, then left into the grounds. to be held at the Little Log House power show grounds just Metalsmiths are proud to present our annual Fall Conference, If you haven't already circled September 24, 25, and 26 on

### This is our time to really shine.

for showing in the newly designed gallery. "If you've been creative this year, bring your creations

nowned techniques and talents. tors, Randy McDaniel and Ward Binegar describe their re-If you need some inspiration, listen to our demonstra-

Consider donating something to the live auction

Take in the silent auction and the talegaters.

home some new ones. If you have plants to share, bring them and maybe take

win a prize! Create something special out of damascus waste, and

Learn how to do scrimshaw.

Learn how to do repousse on an Altoid tin

a handmade coal forge, a box of many hand made blacksmithing tools, or a very nice leg vise and companion Purchase LOTS of tickets for the raffle. You could win

want a meal ticket by September 17. You can register any one day only your family can register for \$20. Meal tickets for time, either in advance or at the conference. Send in your the conference are \$35 per person, and we need to know if you Register as a family for the entire conference for \$35. For

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#### Forum deadline for October: Monday, Sept. 20, 2004

If you have activities that will be occurring in October or November, please send them by Monday, Sept. 20, 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 313 Dakota St
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.

expected to lead a workshop expenses and are expected to board). on the topic (or other educa-Metalsmith." They're also our quarterly magazine, "The share what they have learned understood skill, and then to to pay for a portion of their grant program is designed to tional service approved by the public through an article in with other members and the learn some new or poorly Participants are given money metalworking community. bring new skills into the The Guild educational

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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Artist-Blacksmith's Association of North America, Inc. PO Box 816 Farmington, GA 30638 Tel 706-310-1030

ABANA Affiliate Liaison Letter

abana@abana.org

FAX 706-769-7147

www.abana.org

Hello! What a great conference we had in Kentucky! There were plenty of activities to keep everyone very busy. The demonstrations were exceptional, the galleries were wonderful and the camaraderie was unmatched. Everything went as planned. If you were there, you were lucky. If you weren't there, maybe you can make the next one in Seattle, Washington in 2006. Contact Conference Chairman Jerry Kagele at kagele@aol.com, he will have a lot of volunteer positions to fill.

The next free goodies to the Affiliates will be a copy of the winning conference poster by Pamela Webb of Denver, Colorado. You can use this collectable poster as an 'Iron-in-the-Hat' item, an auction item or to start a collection for your affiliate's gathering place. They will be mailed out next week, so expect them soon.

Pictures from the conference will soon be available on a CD from the ABANA store on the web site. Speaking of the web site, www.abana.org it now has drop-down menus to help you find your way more easily. Some highlights of the conference, photographed by our own Brian Gilbert can be seen here: http://lametalsmiths.org/news/images/2004/index.htm

Don't forget to send in your election ballots, found in the latest issue of The Anvil's Ring. There will be a very nice prize for one lucky voter. The winner MUST be able to produce their stub with the winning number on it.

The ABANA Board Meeting will be held October 28-30, 2004 in Seattle Washington. This meeting is open to any ABANA member who wishes to attend. If you have an issue to discuss and cannot attend the meeting, you should have your Affiliate Representative present it to one of the ABANA Board members ASAP so it can find a spot on the agenda. Who is your affiliate rep? Check here: <a href="http://magichammer.freeservers.com/">http://magichammer.freeservers.com/</a>

If your affiliate is not represented, talk to your officers about it. All of the groups should have a representative. All of the reps need to sign up to the Affiliate Liaison e-mail list. Information can be found here: <a href="http://www.abana.org/affiliates/affiliate\_email\_list.shtml">http://www.abana.org/affiliates/affiliate\_email\_list.shtml</a>

This list will become the basis for the Affiliate Liaison Program

Dave Mudge

Affiliate Liaison, Member Services Division & Chairman Internet Committee

985.735.0049 davemudge@abana.org

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### Annual Tunnel Mill Fall Gathering October 2 & 3, 2004

Please fill out the registration form below and send it in by September 20, 2004.

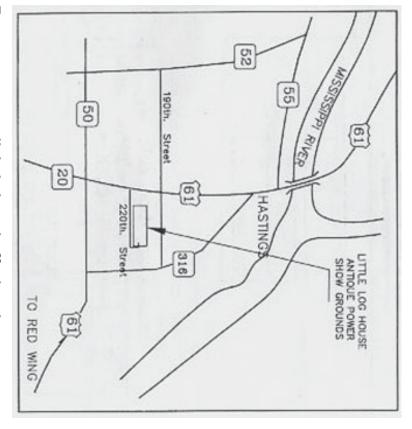
**Directions to Tunnel Mill:** Tunnel Mill is located 20 miles south of Rochester. Take Highway 63 south to Stewartville, turn east on Hwy 30 to County Rd 1, approx. 4.5 miles. Turn south o Co Rd 1, follow Co Rd 1 6.5 miles to Tunnel Mill.

					Lodging:
Primitive car	Americinn	(all in Spring	Super 8	Motel 6	Shady Rest
Primitive camping available at the mill.	507-533-4747 (Stewartville)	(all in Spring Valley, 5 miles south of mill)	507-346-7788	507-346-9993	507-346-2625

### Tunnel Mill Fall Gathering registration form

Total:  OR  Total weekend package \$35 per person  Totluck for persons arriving Friday Evening.  Send registration form to: Carol Adams  4505 Highway 63 N  Rochester MN 55906	Phone: Weekend Admission Fee \$10 each Daily admission fee \$5 each Saturday morning persons @ \$3 ea donuts, fruit, juice & coffee) Saturday lunch persons @ \$5 ea Saturday lunch persons @ \$10 ea Sunday morning persons @ \$4 ea Sunday morning persons @ \$5 ea	Name:
5906		

Map to the Fall Conference...



## For our amateur digital photo buffs, here's a suggestion for a conference live auction item

Burn a CD of digital images you've captured of fall conference demonstrators, gallery items, meeting show-n-tell items, workshops, etc. They don't have to be museum quality images to be appreciated. Group shots are almost impossible to identify the people, but it would be nice to credit the metalsmith for images of finished products. This could be a collaborative effort among our digital camera enthusiasts.

### Found Art? Iron in the hat?

Bring in your steel junk for others to combine into works of art. At the conference, people who know what they are doing will be standing by ready to weld where you tell them. Then stick around to see what kinds of eclectic works of art we can produce!

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## What to bring to the conference

- has come in handy the last couple of years, too. winter. Have clothes in the car for all seasons. A rain slicker unpredictable. It might be summer and then again, it might be Weather in late September in the upper Midwest is
- outside. And they are not exactly soft, either, so bring something insulating to sit on. Those bleachers can get awfully cold if it is 45 degrees
- the demonstrators are using flux or a wire wheel Safety glasses! These are absolutely necessary if any of
- you want to volunteer to help with the welding.) and/or dirty. (Don't worry, professionals will be around to do activities is 'Found Object Art'. The raw materials may be sharp the actual welding. Contact Herb Fick, fick@rconnect.com, if Gloves, especially for the kids. One of our conference
- Auction item donation(s).
- photos of already installed items. Work in progress is fine, too. Gallery item(s). The more the better! Bring drawings or
- nice prize' will be awarded. Damascus Waste Product creation. Remember, 'a really
- Plants/seeds/bulbs for the plant exchange
- Odd stuff for the Found Object Art the odder the better.
- assistant contact Sarah Delaney, s-dela@umn.edu.) repousse activity. (If you are willing to spend an hour as lab Altoids Tins. We can always use more for the chasing/
- spend it the same weekend. Tail gate items. Make some money at the conference and
- too horrible to contemplate. The idea of a wedding dress encountering a doggy landmine is between and around the buildings need to be landmine-free. used for wedding ceremonies and receptions. The grassy areas much of an issue in the past, but the grounds are now frequently forget plastic bags for the doggy landmines. This wasn't as year, but there is an area in the field set aside for them. Don't Tie out stake. Dogs aren't allowed inside buildings this
- on and a tail gater or 2 will have something you just have to T-shirt or a hat. have. And, of course, you'll want to buy some raffle tickets and Money! There will be auction items you'll want to bid

Sarah Delaney, Program Committee

#### We invite you to the mill in the valley... Tunnel Mill Fall Gathering October 2 & 3, 2004

will be plenty of interesting demos...iron, glass, silver, pottery.... ering at historic Tunnel Mill. It's that time of year, and there Carol and John Adams invite you to the annual Fall Gath-

will also be an open forge time for other blacksmith projects. be plenty of blacksmithing demos, plus show and tell. There We'll be working on our iron-smelt process, and there will

growing! finishing touches, including lighting, and the grapes are still We installed the grapevine gate and are still working on

this year. Any volunteers to help cut wood? hands-on. We hope to be able to fire up our wood fire kiln again We'll have our usual Raku demo with the opportunity to do

Wine and cheese Saturday afternoon is also on the agenda.

Fill out the registration form on the back and send it in by Monday, September 20.



Historic Tunnel Mill near Spring Valley, Minnesota

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#### Address changes Tim Petersen

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### SPECIAL ALERT FROM MEMBERSHIP DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR:

PLEASE CHECK THE DATE ABOVE YOUR MAILING LABEL ON THIS ISSUE OF THE FORUM. IF IT SAYS 2004.1, YOUR MEMBERSHIP HAS EXPIRED AND THIS IS YOUR LAST COPY OF THE FORUM.

### Late breaking Fall Conference news!

We have mentioned in an earlier Forum that one of our fall demonstrators, Randy McDaniel, wrote a popular Blacksmithing primer. Randy's publisher called me to see if there was a place for them to participate in Randy's visit to the conference.

The Publisher is Finney-Hobar. The representatives, Al Krysan and Ann Schmitz, made a short presentation to the program committee at our last meeting. The committee invited them to set up a two-table area to present and sell copies of Randy's book, "A Blacksmithing Primer, second edition".

In their words they are excited to participate in the Madness They will share proceeds with the Guild. The publisher has an extensive catalog, and they will be offering a wide selection of books on blacksmithing, metal work, and related crafts at the Madness.

The publisher is an ABANA member, and as of Thursday a member of The Guild. Check them out at <a href="https://www.chesterbookco.com">www.chesterbookco.com</a>, and <a href="https://www.finney-hobar.com">www.finney-hobar.com</a> or even call at 800-888 8515. They are based in St Louis Park. They are described as a publisher and distributor of educational materials

– Herb Fick

### Randy McDaniel - Artist in Forged Metals



"Children's Gate" at Hershey Gardens, Pennsylvania

Reprinted by permission of Randy McDaniel, Dragonfly Forge. Photo by Randy McDaniel.

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### Share a Shop

opportunities during the year, especially during the busy sumand practice the craft. not having a place to do blacksmithing. Even though there are blacksmithing, or any of us in this situation for that matter, is mer and fall months, it can be difficult to find anywhere to learn One of the most frustrating hurdles for a beginner in

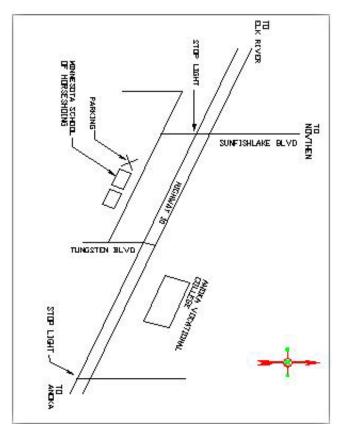
each year who probably don't have a shop set up yet. These are eight students per class. That's twenty-four new blacksmiths people who are eager to learn more about this craft we all love We offer three beginning blacksmithing classes each year,

name, place of residence and phone number. We will publish compile a list of people who don't have a shop and would like our shop with someone who doesn't have one. We want to us who have a shop to share a morning, afternoon or evening in address this situation. We are calling it the Share a Shop The rewards will be mutual. your shop and share a little of your time and talent with them in your area. Give him or her a call, and invite them over to take a minute and see if there is some one on this list that lives this list in the *The Forum*. Once this list is out, we ask that you to spend time with some one who has. The list would have their **Program.** The concept is simple. It is opportunity for those of Our Education Committee is developing a new program to

a little luck, some one in the Guild just might give you a call to come over to their shop. a Shop list". The list will be published in *The Forum*, and with gmyers@rconnect.com, and reference in the subject line "Share your name, address and phone number to Georgia Myers, So, if you are searching for some place to hit hot metal, send

Jim Moenck, Education Committee

#### Map: Minnesota School of Horseshoeing



#### Help Wanted!

2001 as a national symbol for all Americans of German descent. New Ulm, Minnesota is celebrating their 150th anniversary, and in so

them so they can be finished before cold weather sets in. do and are looking for someone that is good at soldering copper to assist doing, is restoring their Hermann Monument, voted by U.S. Congress in According to Guild member Gene Olson, they have a lot of soldering to

being 30 ft up on a statue that normally sits on top of a 102 ft monument). If and is on the ground surrounded by scaffold (you don't have to worry about you are interested in this, or know somebody you think would do a good job The Hermann statue has been taken down from the top of the monument

503 C Street NE 301-758-9687 - cell phone Washington, DC 20002 Conservation Solutions, Inc Steve Servis

Email: <u>steveservis@conservationsolution.com</u> www.conservationsolution.com

New Ulm is west of Mankato and East/South/East of Redwood Falls.

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# Detach and return with payment Beginning Blacksmithing Workshops

Name (print)
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Email (if you have one):
Indicate Workshop choice by letter A, B, or C:
First Choice Second Choice Third Choice
Check one of the following:  I am a member of The Guide of Metalsmiths. Enclosed is my registration fee of \$120, which includes payment for a copy of "The Blacksmithing Study Guide."
I am a member of The Guild of Metalsmiths. Enclosed is my registration fee of \$105. I already have a copy of "The Blacksmithing Study Guide."
I am not a member of the Guild of Metalsmiths. Enclosed is my registration fee of \$150, which includes payment for a copy of "The Blacksmithing Study Guide" and membership in The Guild.
Make check payable to: The Guild of Metalsmiths Return to: Don Halverson 1009 Case Avenue St. Paul, MN 55106-3907
NOTICE:  > You are not registered until your payment is received.  > You will receive confirmation of your registration after Oct. 9.
> Checks will be deposited after the start of the first scheduled workshop or, for new members, after Oct 9.

## Call from committee redoing 'Blacksmithing Study Guide'

From the desk of Don Halverson, Chair, Committee for the Blacksmithing Study Guide

The "Blacksmithing Study Guide" for the Guild of Metalsmiths has now been in circulation for five years. It was published and has been made available for our beginning blacksmith classes since the 98-99 winter school season.

In the spirit in which it was prepared by two very accomplished blacksmiths, **Bob Fredell** and **Pete Stanaitis**, I am asking you to help us in the continuing process of improving and enhancing this valuable asset to the guild. It is the intent that this study guide be expanded and revised, and to do this we need your input.

What do we want? We want the notes and revisions that you've jotted down in your copy of the study guide.

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What else do we want? We want you to read the back of the cover sheet to your study guide, and if you could help start some of these new sections, we would like you to join or send your material to the Committee for the Blacksmithing Study guide.

What are we trying to create? We want to create a group to plan, collect, and prepare the materials to make the Blacksmithing Study Guide start growing in the way the original authors intended.

Every great journey starts with a single step. This is step one

Please send material to:

Don Halverson 1009 Case Ave.

Saint Paul, MN 55106

or e-mail at scrolling8@aol.com

If you would like to be informed about meetings for the Committee for the Blacksmithing Study Guide, you may also contact me at 651-772-3087, and I will add you to my list. Thank you.

Don Halverson

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#### Beginning Blacksmithing Workshops The Guild of Metalsmiths 2004-2005 Program Year

ning Blacksmith Workshops Important: this is the only notice you will receive on the Begin-

non-members. Therefore, membership in the Guild of do not issue copies of "The Blacksmithing Study Guide" to Metalsmiths is required in order to take the workshop Projects" in The Blacksmithing Study Guide. Please note-We Unit 1, "Conquering the Basics" and Unit 2, "Beginning blacksmithing workshop, the student will be able to complete with little or no experience. After completing the beginning beginning basic blacksmithing processes is designed for people The Guild of Metalsmiths comprehensive workshop in

#### The course of instruction

the basic (also known as traditional) blacksmithing processes of item because the blacksmith must be well grounded in the blacksmithing processes rather than immediately making an these workshops, we concentrate on practicing the basic ing, slitting and heat-treating. Safety is always stressed. In fire control, drawing out, upsetting, punching, bending, twistinstructional emphasis is on the student learning and practicing Each workshop consists of four all day sessions. The primary

requiring use of the skills they have learned. students will make one, or perhaps two, hand forged items As the workshop progresses from one session to the next,

already have a copy of "The Blacksmithing Study Guide," you stock that you will use, and a copy of "The Blacksmithing will not receive nor pay for a second copy. Study Guide" if you are a new member. Exception: if you fee includes use of the tools that you will need, coal and iron your situation (see the registration form, pages 11 & 12). The The cost of a four session workshop varies depending on

Minnesota School of Horseshoeing. See map on page 13 NOTE: Beginning Blacksmithing Workshops are held at the

## Beginning Blacksmithing Workshops

Registration Form

Workshop location:

Minnesota School of Horseshoeing 6250 Riverdale Drive NW

Ramsey, MN 55303

Sunfish Lake Boulevard.) the intersection of Hwy 10/169 and (Just north of Anoka, one block south of

Workshop Time:

held on Saturday. 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All classes are

a blacksmith hammer to all sessions Bring hearing and eye protection, appropriate work gloves, and

historically been full by the end of the Fall Conference. Sign up soon. These workshops will fill quickly and have

shop in priority order A, B, or C. Please sign up for one of the three workshops listed below. Each workshop contains four sessions. Please select the work-

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October 23, 2004 Workshop A Workshop B

November 6, 2004 December 4, 2004 January 22, 2005 January 8, 2005

February 19, 2005 February 5, 2005

December 18, 2004

March 26, 2005 March 12, 2005 February 26, 2005 February 12, 2005 Workshop C

Registration deadline: After the Fall Conference on October 9 DETACH & RETURN WITH THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT

registration form must be received by October 9. ference. This year the classes are starting Oct. 23 so your Note: In the past years classes were filled during the Fall Con-

Fill out information on back of this page, tear off, and return as instructed

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