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The Forum

The Guild of Metalsmiths Monthly Notice
December 2004 Vol. 6, No. 12

December Guild meeting: See you Sunday, Dec. 12 at CSPS Hall *map below*

The Guild of Metalsmiths normally meet every other month on the second Wednesday. In December, though, we meet on Sunday, December 12 at the “Czecho Slovakian Protective Society” (CSPS) Hall located at 385 Michigan Street in St. Paul.

Mark the date on your calendars and prepare for a great time. There’s really nothing new since we sent out the November Forum. We hold our annual holiday banquet (potluck, as usual), and we also hold our annual meeting and our annual elections. Remember, committee membership is a fine way to know the people who will show you how to be a better blacksmith. And because the Guild’s mission is to educate both the public and our members in the intricacies of blacksmithing and metalsmithing, it’s central to our organization to have active members volunteer to serve not only as committee officers, but also as members.

The meeting begins at 2 PM, but if you wish to help set up, please be there by noon. And start planning now to prepare that exotic dish that only you are so famous for!

Be sure to bring your latest creations for the “show and tell” table.



Forum deadline for January: Monday, Dec. 20, 2004

If you have activities that will be occurring in January or February, please send them by Monday, Dec. 20, 2004 to **Georgia Myers**, editor, by e-mail to:

forum@metalsmith.org
(e-mails will be forwarded to Georgia Myers), or to
gmyers@rconnect.com
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-mail to
forum@metalsmith.org or
gmyers@rconnect.com

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
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Candle Holder Workshop

- **Saturday, Dec. 11, 8:30 AM to 4 PM**
- **Minnesota School of Horseshoeing (map on page 6)**
- **Fee: \$20**
- **Instructor: David Mariette**



Can't think of the perfect thing to get for that special someone for the holidays? How about a candle holder? One that you made even. You made it, and you learned something about blacksmithing at the same time. Does it get any better than that?

Join me on December 11th at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing in Anoka for a Saturday workshop to make a candle holder. We will use several skills of the craft to make a nice adornment for anyone's Christmas or holiday. We will incorporate forging, welding, punching, riveting, and time permitting, some chiseling. Don't be intimidated by the forge welding part. If necessary I will assist you with it.

**Sign up now for this special holiday
workshop!**

**Fill out the registration form on the next page and
send along with a check for \$20 made out to Guild of
Metalsmiths fo**

**Dave Mariette
4020 160th Street East,
Coates, MN 55068**

Candle Holder Workshop
Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004
Minnesota School of Horseshoeing

This will be a one day class. I will try to cover as many aspects of candle holder making as I can. We will use a basic design to which you may be able to add your own touch. My goal is to offer up something that will challenge the pro, but also be do-able for a novice.

Students should have been through the basics and be looking to hone a few of those acquired skills.

Questions, call me (Dave Mariette) at: 612-889-3291 cell, or at home 651-437-1332.

Standard safety equipment will be necessary: A glove or gloves, safety glasses, cotton clothing. Other stuff to bring would be: Hammer, tongs for 3/4 x 1/4 and 3/4 x 1/4. A small shoer's tong would be good also. I have a couple extra pairs I can bring if you do not have them. Bring what you can, we'll make it work.

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Dave Mariette
4020 160th Street East
Coates, MN 55068

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Oxy Fuel Welding Workshop

- Saturday & Sunday, January 29 & 30, 2005
- 9 AM to 4 PM each day
- Registration fee: \$60
- Instructors: Myron Hanson, Dick Carlson, Bill Krawzewski
- Held at Myron's shop in Eagan (map on next page)

This course covers oxy fuel welding with an introduction to cutting and straightening. You should bring normal gear and safety equipment, and each student will be contacted on what else to bring. The class runs two days and is limited to six participants. Send in your registration as soon as possible. Cost is \$60 for the two-day class. Meals are available in the area, or bring your own.

Sign up now!

Register for the Oxy Fuel Welding Class on the back of this page.

Make checks payable to Guild of Metalsmiths and send to:

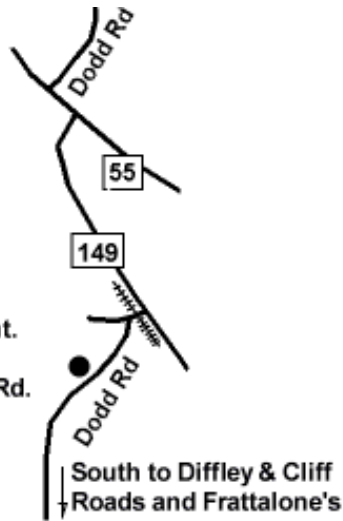
**Bob Johnson
1302 Osceola Ave.
St. Paul MN 55105**

**Oxy Fuel Welding Class
Saturday & Sunday, January 29 &
30, 2005
9 am to 4 pm**

1 Myron Hanson

Take I 494 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 Oxy Fuel Welding Class, fill out the registration form and mail it with a check for \$60 made out to the Guild of Metalsmiths to:

**Bob Johnson
1302 Osceola Ave.
St. Paul MN 55105**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Basic Joinery Workshop

- **Saturday, January 15, 2005**
- **8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
- **Location: School of Horseshoeing (map on page 6)**
- **Instructor: Rome Hutchings**
- **Workshop Fee: \$45**

This is more than an introduction to the basics of traditional joinery. Completion of Blacksmithing Basics is recommended. Some joinery experience/experimentation is helpful.

Workshop fee includes materials & fuel. Each student will take home a tenon swage, monkey tool, and several joinery samples they will make during the workshop.

What to bring: basic tools such as hammer, tongs for 3/8 to 5/8 stock, center punch, measuring device, any slit/drift/punching tools, wire brush. Also bring safety gear: eye protection, leather ankle high boots/shoes, hearing protection, and non-synthetic clothing.

There will be some specialty tongs for sale (optional). Students will be provided the use of these tongs for the class and are not obligated to purchase them.

Sign up now!

Register for the Basic Joinery Workshop on the back of this page.

Make checks for \$45 payable to Guild of Metalsmiths and send to:

**Rome Hutchings
13633 Ferman Ave NW
Clearwater MN 55320**

Basic Joinery Workshop

Saturday, January 15, 2005

What you will learn in this workshop...

1. Safety: keeping your cool in hot situations
2. Fire management, the keys to success
3. Joinery fundamentals, the first steps
4. Types of joinery that you too can do!
5. Practice, practice, practice, bring it all together

Beginning with a cool head will prevent you from making mistakes that can hurt you. What's so important about safety? Everything!

Why is Fire Management so important? Without proper control of your fire, forging becomes more work than it needs to be.

What types of joinery can I use in my design? What materials can I use? How can I prepare my material for several types of joints? Plus, "Pitfalls and perils of an out-of-control pyromaniac."

Learn the use of forge welding in joinery, and when to use a weld instead of a joint.

Learn about the types of forged joints, what their purpose is, and how to use them in your work.

Finally, put it all together, making simple joints to begin with, and progress to more specialized joinery. You'll make a series of joints to practice what you have learned. This will be a forging intensive workshop, so get your arm into shape!

To reserve a spot in this Basic Joinery Workshop, fill out the form below and mail it, along with a check for \$45 made out to the Guild of Metalsmiths to:

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Share a Shop

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

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

— *Jim Moenck, Education Committee*

Share a Shop List for November 2004

We have not heard from anyone interested in sharing a shop since the last issue of *The Forum* went out. If you're interested, simply email **Georgia Myers** (gmyers@rconnect.com) with your name, phone number, and email address (if you have one). We'll list your name in this spot in next month's issue of *The Forum*.

Guild of Metalsmiths Board Meeting Minutes

10 November 2004, 7:19PM, submitted by Herb Fick
Called to order, 7:30 PM by President Dave Mariette
Minutes from September 2004 meeting were read and approved. Moved
by Dick Carlson

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

Visitor, Peter G Stanaitis. Missing: Lynn Ford and Brent Wold.

Agenda by Mariette

Financial: Mike Frattalone

Current checking acct balance: \$24871

\$281 in bulk mailing account.

The accounts including Bulk Mail have \$25152, or \$100more than last
year at this time.

Reserved for grant fund \$4885

Discretionary Fund balance \$20267

Major expenses in the period were: \$401 insurance, \$1661 for T-shirts
and hats that went into inventory, printing of the Forum.

Membership is 304, up 13 from year previous. Is Gordon sending
postcards to delinquents? Not yet.

Note: 20% of net annual income goes into grant fund.

There is a question of what additional financial summary should be
extended to the membership. The discussion took about 15 minutes. For the
present, Mike Frattalone offers to expand the annual financial summary he
does for the group and for tax preparation. He will offer it to the member-
ship.

Program: Myron Hanson Chair

Demonstrators are chosen for 2005 conference.

Ralph Sproul (not hammer and tongs guy, but a significant fabricator,
installer and machine shop person). He is working up a two-day program on
shop setup and tools. He will start with a slide show on Friday evening.

Bob Becker, a veterinarian and an artist. Check his web-site.
www.whitehorseforge.com

The conference is set for September 16, 17 and 18 of 2005. This is
moved forward one week from the last two years because it no longer
conflicts with Wilder days.

We are set up for the December meeting at the CSPS hall.

February meeting is set for Marken mfg and the demonstrator is pro-
posed to be a hydrogen generator welding set.

Next program meeting is 18 November, 7 PM

We always need suggestions for meeting places for general membership
meetings. We usually have 60-80 people

Education: Jim Moenck chair, Rich Herman co chair

Basics classes are filled.

Forge welding is successful.

There is a report from Rome on the welding class. Rome promotes working on the equipment in the MSH. Rome has done a tool inventory. Jim will review what needs to be done for tool inventory.

The flesh fork class was canceled for lack of attendees.

Jim Scott was cancelled for September 18.

Study guide class is cancelled right now. Needed 6 people.

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 determined.

Questions for the group: We need to replenish committee members at the December. Marlaine Cox and Bob Murray will be dropping from the Education Committee.

(Herb is assigned a task to prepare committee clip-boards for the December meeting for education and program.)

We want to review the classes offered. Intermediate classes are not filling up. It may be that the announcements were not made far enough in advance. Class schedules are in the Forum. Next Education meeting is 1 December, tentative.

Publicity: Dave Mariette Chair

Forum: We will continue Forum printing with the current vender. Forum averages \$450 for printing and mailing each issue (400 copies). How many people would take the Forum by e-mail? We don't know where the printing price breaks are. We need to ask the membership who early adapters of an e-mailed Forum would be.

The Metalsmith editorial board (Mariette, McEachron and Moriarty) will review the quotes and evaluate the opportunity to use more color and reduce printing costs. This task is still open. We are still at an impasse on offering color printing for the better articles. The board is still considering options for improving the Metalsmith and reducing our printing costs. We need to separate production and distribution costs for the two publications.

Website: We addressed member concerns and comments about updating the website information.

Long Term Planning: Dave Feterl chair: no news Old Business:

Joveta Wyman: Mike Frattalone reread the letter from Joveta Wyman. The letter was offered to the editor of the Metalsmith as a response to the request for interesting articles. Reply to Ms Wyman suggesting that she correspond with the California Blacksmiths Association. Dave will write the letter.

Book vendors at the Conference: The Guild will get a check approximating \$350 as a portion of the Primer book sales.

Directory: Gordon Barr still has the directory. Pete will update the article index to Gordon as a spreadsheet.

New Business:

A list of possible nominations was prepared. Outgoing members will contact possible nominees. Jim Moenck motioned to adjourn at 10:23.

Goings on...



Events in December

- Saturday, Dec. 11, Candle Holder Workshop, MN School of Horseshoeing, 8:30 to 4.
- Sunday, Dec. 12, Guild meeting at CSPS Hall, St. Paul, 2 PM

Events in January

- Guild board meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 12 at Myron Hanson's home in Eagan, 6:30 PM.
- Oxy Fuel Welding class, Saturday & Sunday, January 29 & 30, 2005, 9 AM to 4 PM each day, Myron Hanson's home in Eagan
- Basic Joinery Workshop, Saturday, Jan. 15, 8:30 to 4:30, MN School of Horseshoeing

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

Wishing everyone a very happy and peaceful holiday season!

Georgia Myers, editor, The GOM Forum

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St. Paul MN 55111 but don't list
address - phones: home - work - fax - cell - email - web page
(mark items above you DO NOT want published)

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