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**May, 2005**

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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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# Goings on...



## Events in May

- Guild Board of Directors meeting, Wednesday, May 11 at Hanson's Conference Center, Eagan

## Events in June

- Guild meeting June 8 at Nowthen, details on page 3.

## Events in July

- Guild Board of Directors' meeting, Wednesday, July 13. Little Log House Antique Power Show south of Hastings, MN, July 23 & 24, Guild members participate

## Events in August

- Guild meeting August 10 at Dave Olin's shop in Mendota. Details to be announced.
- Almelund, August 13
- Nowthen Threshing Show, August 20 & 21

## Events in September

- Fall Conference, September 16, 17, 18 - brochure & registration available soon

## Events in October

- Tunnel Mill, October 1 & 2
- Guild meeting Oct. 12. Location & program to be announced.

DEADLINE NOTE: If anyone has events out there for June or July, please send to me (Georgia Myers, editor), by **Monday, May 16** via either [forum@metalsmith.org](mailto:forum@metalsmith.org), or [gmyers@rconnect.com](mailto:gmyers@rconnect.com). Thank you!

## June 8 Guild meeting to feature Bob Fredell doing the twist—huh?

Well, not really! Actually, **Bob Fredell** will be demonstrating varieties of twists used in blacksmithing. See his demonstration and much more at the June 8 Guild meeting to be held at Nowthen Threshing Show Grounds. There's a map on page 5.

Francis Whitaker was once asked how many different twists there are. He thought for a moment and replied, "I can think of sixty."

A simple twist can add interest to an element—and if the blacksmith manipulates the bar before twisting, the result can be amazing. We can't demonstrate all of the sixty twist varieties of which Francis was thinking, but we can show you quite a few of them. Additionally, we will explain proper twisting procedures and how to take corrective action when an error has been made.

Our potluck dinner at 6:30 pm will be up to the Guild of Metalsmiths high standard. Plan to arrive early to renew friendships by participating in unloading and reloading chairs and tables.

The location may seem a bit farther to drive for some, but Bob assures us the demonstration alone is worth the trip.

And the Nowthen show grounds are interesting. The Guild has made significant contributions to the facility and blacksmith shop over several years. See what has been accomplished. You might choose to join the Guild members who demonstrate at the fall threshing show.

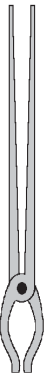
## Bring a favorite tool or class project!

The Education Committee wants you to bring a favorite tool or class project. We want special emphasis for the "show and tell" relating to tools and projects. Tong makers bring tongs. Make sure the animal heads show up. Who will bring examples from Bill's (BTW☺) lady slipper classes? Surely there are new knives to display. Bring them to the meeting.

Remember, this is not just about showing off. People thinking about attending classes want to see the potential results. The Education Committee wants the feedback that "show and tell" offers.

## Forum deadline for June: Monday, May 16, 2005

If you have activities that will be occurring in June or July, please send them by Monday, May 16, 2005 to Georgia Myers, editor, by e-mail to: [forum@metalsmith.org](mailto:forum@metalsmith.org) (e-mails will be forwarded to Georgia Myers), or to [gmyers@rconnect.com](mailto:gmyers@rconnect.com) or mail them to:  
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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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# ABANA

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### ABANA Affiliate Liaison Letter April, 2005

Hello! This month I would like to introduce Wayne Coe, president of the Alex Bealer Blacksmith Association. Wayne has some very good ideas for promoting blacksmithing. Take it away Wayne.

#### ABANA Publicity Committee

At the ABANA Board meeting in Richmond, Kentucky a committee was formed with the intent of getting more shows on television which feature blacksmithing. The committee members are Dan Nauman, Elizabeth Brim, LeeAnn Mitchell and Wayne Coe.

I notice that there is an abundance of woodworking, quilting, gardening, painting, etc. shows on public television. Even on the home improvement and home construction shows, Do It Yourself (DIY) and Home and Garden (HGTV), rarely is there any mention of iron work or the work that blacksmiths provide. I have also noticed that on REDTV, a cable and satellite network, there are a number of farm/human interest shows that could, and on occasion do feature blacksmiths (Texas Country Reporter, Georgia Farm Monitor, Louisiana Agriculture, American Backroads, California Country, Prairie Farm Report, Dakota Lands, as well as others).

I feel that the job of this committee is multi-faceted, to show the public that blacksmithing is alive and well, that it might be something that they would be interested in doing and how to get involved in a local group, what blacksmiths can do for them, and who they can go to in order to get those special items that they want. LeeAnn is looking into the possibility of obtaining grants so that ABANA can get periodic shows made.

Please designate a committee to approach networks, local channels, show producers, and others to let them know what events are going on in their area and who individual blacksmiths are who might be suitable for exposure on their shows. It is obvious that the producers of these shows will be more interested in information from individuals in their local areas rather than some unknown person from Georgia. Please designate these committees and then get that information to Dave Mudge, as ABANA Affiliate Liaison and board member and to LeeAnn as a member of the Publicity Committee.

We, as members of ABANA and the blacksmithing community will be doing ourselves and the blacksmithing community a great service by pursuing these goals.

Sincerely, Wayne Coe  
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## More Fall Conference News

Examples of Bob Becker's work



Popular 'found art' will be back!

Remember when we told you about "Found Art Door Hangers?" Well, this is one of the events being planned for the Fall Conference. Below is a photo showing what they can look like.

The potential is there, though, for you to design your own door hanger out of stuff you or someone else has collected and saved for the conference. The more stuff we have, the better the resulting door hangers will be!

So save your beads, buttons, trims, and fabric embellishments. **Barb Feterl** will show us how rewarding it is to produce a work of art to hang on our own doors, or on a friend's or relative's.



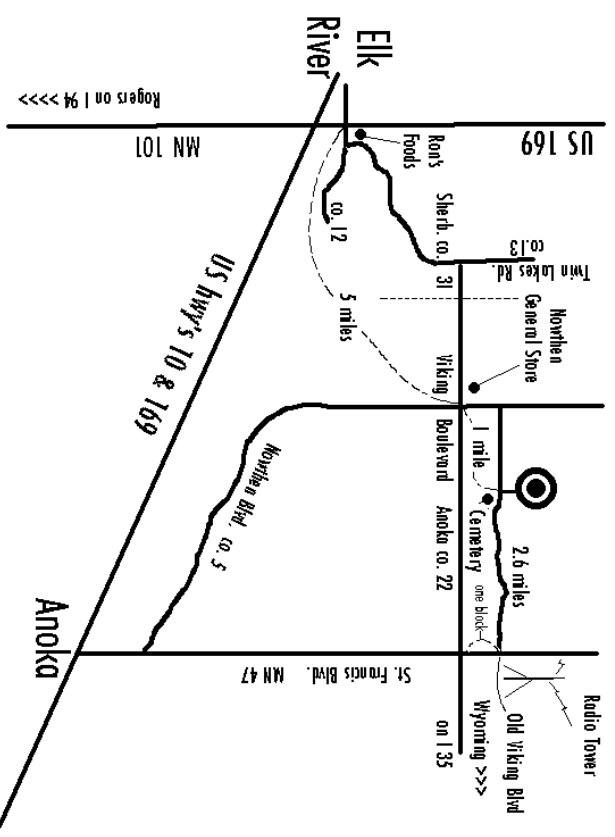
'Found art' door hangers

## Hammer Making Workshop on May 7 cancelled!

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Hammer Making Workshop originally scheduled for Saturday, May 7 has been cancelled.

## Scene of the June 8 meeting of the Guild of Metalsmiths...

### Nowthen Threshing Show



## Possible power hammer rebuilding event

Several members of the Guild education committee have been putting pressure on me to put together some sort of "Little Giant/Mayer Bros" power hammer rebuilding event. If you have any questions about what these machines are, go to [www.spaco.org](http://www.spaco.org) (my website) take the blacksmithing link, then the powerhammer link.

The event would deal with the rebuilding, tuning, adjustment, etc. of that brand of hammer. What I need to know is:

### Who among you would have an interest in such an event?

What you need to do:

1. Contact me (see below) if you have such an interest. I think we'd need at least a dozen or so folks, maybe in the 20s to make what I have in mind productive.
2. If you do contact me, give me particulars of your interest if you have something specific in mind. If your interest is only "general, that's fine too. This event would probably occur several months from now and would be a long one-day (Saturday) thing.

### Contact Pete Stanaitis:

Phone: 715-698-2895      Email: [spaco@baldwin-telecom.net](mailto:spaco@baldwin-telecom.net)

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## Fall Conference News

With the Fall Conference of the Guild of Metalsmiths coming up in September, the program committee has been busy setting up demonstrators and events. Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar now: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 16, 17, and 18.

### Friday at the conference

Friday at the conference has expanded into an event. If you've only been showing up on Saturday morning, you've been missing more than just helping set up! Friday also has a pot luck dinner, the gala gallery opening, and slide show presentations by the demonstrators. Best of all, you can attend these events for **FREE\*!**

Setup generally starts mid-morning. This includes setting up the gallery walls, tables, and chairs in the main building. There are lots of other details to attend to for the silent auction and the demonstration areas. The program committee can always put people to work. We can also put you to work for the take down after the conference, too.

The pot luck will start at 5:00 pm. The gallery will open at 7:00 pm, and the slide shows will start at 8:00 pm. We hope to see you there!

\*The registration fee is only required if you attend any of the demonstrations on Saturday or Sunday. We'll start taking your money on Friday, but we don't make you pay if you're only going to be there for Friday.

### Demonstrator is well-known for horses' heads

Dr. Charles R. (Bob) Becker, one of our demonstrators for the fall conference, is an equine veterinarian and blacksmith.

In 1996, he received the Silver Award from the National Ornamental & Miscellaneous Metals Association, (NOMMA) Convention's International Metalcraft Competition in Reno, Nevada for a pair of driveway gates he designed, forged, and installed at his own farm in Oxford, Michigan. He's been featured in articles in the summer 1996 issue of The Anvil's Ring, the July 1996 issue of The Fabricator and the July 1999 issue of Anvil Magazine.

"Although my first love will always be the horse, the art of creating objects with my hands is an essential part of my everyday life. For years, I worked with wood making furniture. In 1980, I discovered blacksmithing.

"The ability to heat metal and shape it with a hammer and anvil into a work of art or an architectural piece is most rewarding."

—Bob Becker 2002

For additional images of his work, see his White Horse Forge website at <http://www.whitehorseforge.com/>.

# Plan now to attend Fall Conference of the Guild of Metalsmiths!

We cannot publicize this event too often. Set aside Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 16, 17, and 18 so you can be around to experience a superb collection of metalsmiths metalsmithing, learning, reading, buying, selling, eating, talking, sharing, and just plain having fun.

Brochures and registration materials will be in the mail soon. This year's well-known demonstrators are Bob Becker and Ralph Sproul. Bob Becker is a horse vet by trade who started blacksmithing in 1980. He won the Silver Award from the National Ornamental and Miscellaneous Metals Association (NOMMA) in 1996. Visit his website at [www.whitehorseforge.com](http://www.whitehorseforge.com).

Ralph Sproul is 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.

Gallery setup starts Friday, with a reception and slide show that evening.

The program includes the traditional live and silent auctions on Saturday. People are invited to participate in a "found art" sculpture session on Saturday, with individual projects encouraged to be entered in the gallery.

We have spouse and family member activities planned ranging from local shopping to "found fabric" where we make decorative door hangers, repousse' using metal mint boxes (the Altoid tin contest), scrimshaw class, tailgating, and food. Catering is arranged.

The conference is held at the "Little Log House" grounds south of Hastings, MN, just off Highway 61. This is the site of the July antique tractor show. Accommodations include onsite primitive camping, and local hotels and motels.

See you there!

## Video Library Tape Review *Seeing is believing*

*In each issue of The Forum, we will attempt to interest you in a particular tape that's available in the Guild video library. A complete listing of the library can be found on the Guild website (<http://www.metalsmith.org/pub/index.htm#videolibrary>) or can be sent by the Tape Librarian, Rich Herman ([racherman@frontiernet.net](mailto:racherman@frontiernet.net) or 651-322-1623).*



### Video Review; Tape T11, a real potpourri!

— by Pete Stanaitis

This 6 hour video covers many aspects of blacksmithing. Various segments were shot between May, 1992 and April of 1995.

A sampling of the contents:

-Monte Bygd making craft items and demonstrating treadle hammer tooling.

-Bob Bergman using the 50 lb Little Giant to produce several useful pieces of power hammer tooling. Bob also gives lots of good advice in the use of the power hammer.

-Monte Bygd demonstrates the use of the Hosfeld Bender.

-Tom Latane' displays stamping and chasing tools that he uses everyday, as well as special tooling that he makes for individual jobs.

-Bob Walsh demonstrates special tooling that he uses in his shop (including treadlehammer tooling), with a little of his own special humor thrown in.

-Bob Fredell discusses George Dixon's "Yellinesque" methods for texturing sheet metal.

-Bob Fredell leads a workshop in making 18th century kitchen hardware. The focus of this segment is mostly on his demonstration of a "Peter Ross Style" Flesh Fork.

This is the kind of tape that you can watch for a half hour or so at a time, since most of the individual segments are fairly short. The audio is generally very good, but as usual, since the shots are all unplanned, sometimes you get to see the back of a head or have a little sunshine coming in at you.

Interspersed within the segments are little snippets of the social aspects of the Guild, a typical "Show & Tell" session, for instance. You even get to see some faces that some of us haven't seen for a while.

I'd say that this video would be very useful to the beginning and intermediate smiths or anybody who is just getting familiar with the power hammer or the treadle hammer. But there are also tips for the advanced and professional smith.



## Blacksmithing tools stolen

My name is Inv. Rob Bowker. I work for the Isanti Co. Sheriff's Office in Cambridge.

We recently had a theft from the Troolin Farms east of State Hwy. 65 out of Cambridge MN, where a large number of family blacksmithing tools were stolen. A very old upright steam engine was also taken, and it was very rare and valuable and not found very easily.

The subjects also took an upright drill press with a large flywheel on it, including a chisel set, drill set with chucks, and numerous blacksmithing tongs.

I have sent out an alert to other investigators throughout MN, and they suggested contacting some of the blacksmithing associations. If you could let your members know about this theft and the missing items, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your help!!!!

Inv. Rob Bowker

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## WANTED:

Welding curtain or screen.

Contact Lynn Ford at 612-724-0092.

## To the members of the Guild of Metalsmiths...

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the many people who gave their time, knowledge and love of blacksmithing during the past year. I want to give a big thank you to all the volunteers who taught a blacksmithing class. Without all these generous people, we would not have any classes.

Thank you to everyone who participated in these classes. Our craft is alive and well because you have the desire to learn these skills. And last, but not least, I want to thank all the members of the Education Committee. It is your dedication to the education program, and to the Guild of Metalsmiths, that lets us offer the number and quality of the classes that we do.

I would also like to take this opportunity to challenge you to become part of the education process within the Guild. We need members who are willing to give their time, knowledge and talent to teach the classes that the members have told us they want offered.

If you have the desire to teach, or help teach a class, please contact me. The Education Committee will help you plan, schedule, and promote your class.

When the schedule for the upcoming year is published soon, you will see there are classes that we need teachers for. Please consider this opportunity, and contact me if you are willing to help.

Thank you.

Jim Moenck, chair

Education Committee

Guild of Metalsmiths.

## Special endorsement by Guild member:

For the blacksmith who has everything, consider this. Buy him or her the new "Hammer Therapeutic Nook Hammer." It's simply a genuine Wal-Mart baby pacifier combined with a genuine hickory handle as endorsed by **Bill (Krawczeski)** the Welder (BTW ©). Fitting and available by appointment from and with **Don Hammer**. A wonderful gift for the blacksmith in your life who suffers temporary impairment (except mental) and/ or lack of clutter and scrap iron associated with the general disease of blacksmithing.

See **Herb Fick** for details on how to purchase your very own Hammer Therapeutic Hammer.

