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December 2005

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Date: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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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).

Goings on...



Events in December

- December 10, Poz Tongs Workshop at Monty Bygd's in Eau Claire WI.
- December 11, Guild holiday meeting at Czecho Slovakian Protective Society (CSPS) in St. Paul.
- December 3 & 17, Basics Classes A3 & A4

Events in January

- January 7, Basics Class B1
- January 11, Guild board meeting at Myron Hanson's in Eagan
- January 14, Suffolk Latch Workshop at MN School of Horseshoeing
- January 21, Basics Class B2

Events in February

- February 4, Basics Class B3
- February 4 & 5, Oxy/Acetylene Welding at Myron Hanson's
- February 8, Guild meeting at Children's Theatre in downtown Minneapolis.
- February 11, Viking Axe Workshop at Rochester Welding
- February 18, Basics Class B4
- February 25, Basics Class C1

The Forum

December 2005



Vol. 7, No. 12

December 11 meeting underscores sharing in our Guild of Metalsmiths

The annual December meeting of the Guild of Metalsmiths is just a few days away. As in past years, it's scheduled for the second Sunday in December, rather than the second Wednesday. That change allows, we hope, more of our members and families to attend. Come, one and all!

Food, socializing, show and tell, an AUCTION, and the annual election of officers and committee members takes place at the CSPS Hall in St. Paul (map below).

People start appearing at 11:00 a.m. to help set up tables and other stuff. By 1:00 p.m., we're ready to start the social part with appetizers. Then we'll begin the elections, closely followed by "show and tell," (where you bring stuff you're proud of to share with everyone). This year, we'll have an auction to benefit the Guild. Bring your handiwork, no matter what it is! And finally, we'll EAT! This holiday Guild meeting is the social event of the year. If you bring something home-made for the potluck, bring the recipe to share too!



Forum deadline for January: Monday, Dec. 19, 2005

If you have activities that will be occurring in February or March, please send them by Monday, Dec. 19, 2005 to **Georgia Myers**, editor, by e-mail to:

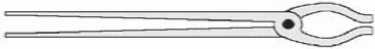
forum@metalsmith.org

(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

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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:

The Guild of Metalsmiths
PO Box 11423
St. Paul MN 55111

^pHome for the Holidays

The Blacksmiths of the Gulf Region still need our help.

Keep them in your thoughts this holiday season. They will need support rebuilding their shops. The ABANA Hurricane Relief Fund is active, and continues to accept donations.



Donations should be by check, US Postal Money Order or Canadian Postal Money Order made out to "ABANA Relief Fund".

ABANA will provide a receipt for all donations of \$250 or more. Please address your donation to:

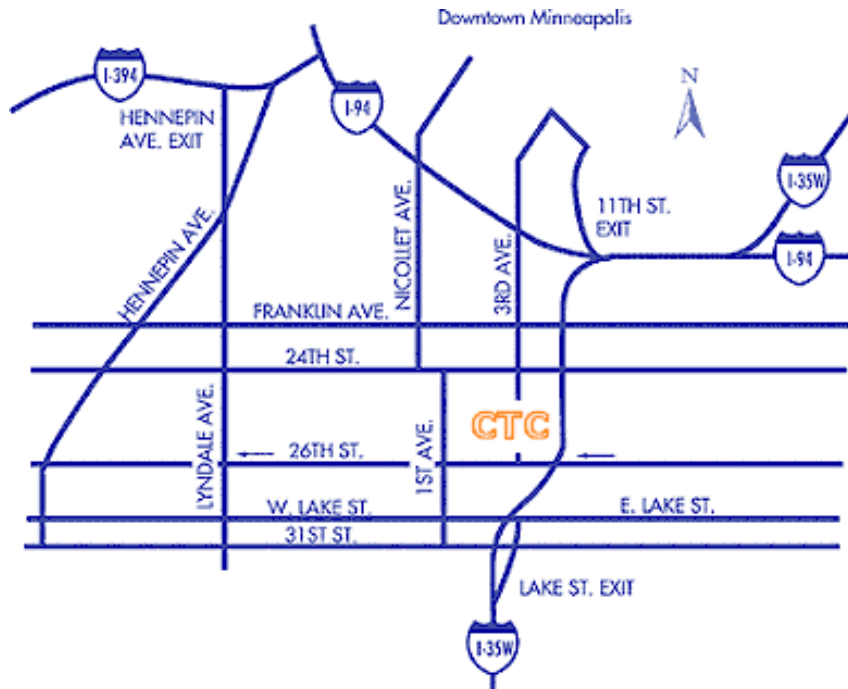
ABANA Relief Fund
P O Box 816
Farmington, GA 30638

Prepare to learn at February Guild meeting

This is a preliminary announcement: The February membership meeting will be at The Children's Theater in Minneapolis on Wednesday, February 8. More details will be coming in the next issue of The Forum, but in the meantime, below are directions to get there, and a map.

Location & Parking

The Children's Theatre Company is located at 2400 Third Avenue South in the Minneapolis Institute of Arts facility. Free parking is available in the 3-level secured ramp immediately south of the Theatre at 25th Street and 3rd Avenue South. Parking is also available in the surface lot on the corner of 24th Street and 3rd Avenue South. A security code available from MIA Information is needed to exit this lot. On-street parking is also available.



Suffolk Latch Workshop

Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$25 per student

Minnesota School of
Horseshoeing (map page 6)

Instructor: Tom Sanders



Suffolk latch

Photo borrowed from njba.abana-chapter.com/textmeets/oct02.htm

Set aside time now to attend this workshop.

Tom Sanders is the former head blacksmith at historic Fort Snelling, and he was involved in the research of artifacts found during the reconstruction of the blacksmith's shop. His training as a blacksmith and historian enabled him to learn what processes were in use, and what the shop produced. He has taught this workshop in the past, as well as the Trade Ax, the Flesh Fork, and 19th Century Blacksmithing for the Guild. Tom is one of the group who produced "The Blacksmithing Study Guide."

Guild member Bob Johnson will assist Tom with this workshop.

We will make the Door Latch as illustrated in the Guild's study guide. The project will include more complex forging, and will include some discussion of the use of the latch in the early 19th century. Originals will be available for examination.

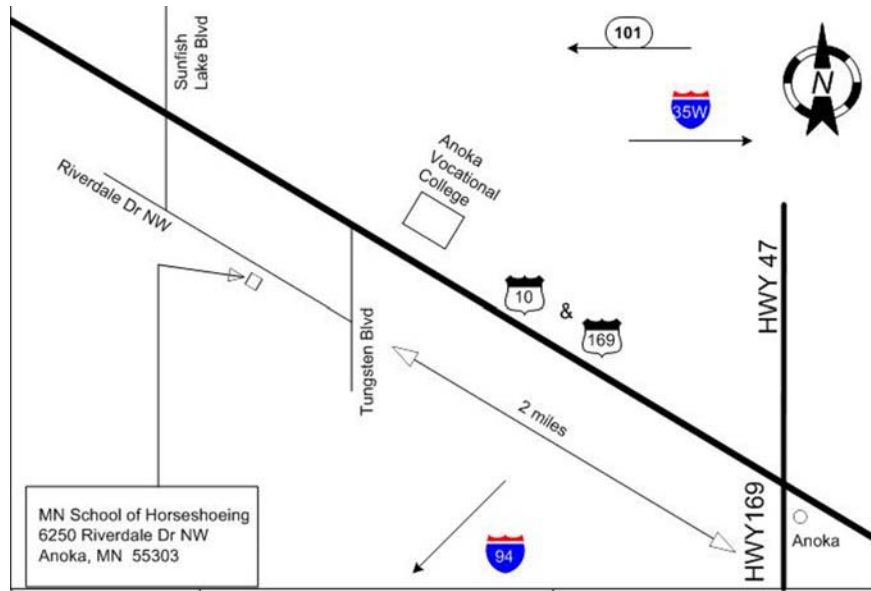
Note: This is a Guild-sponsored event

Register now for...

Suffolk Latch Workshop Saturday, January 14, 2006

See next page for registration form.

Suffolk Latch Workshop to be held Saturday, January 14, 2006 at Minnesota School of Horseshoeing (below)



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THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS IS A 501C3 CHARITABLE TRUST, MAKING ALL CONTRIBUTIONS OR DONATIONS, TAX DEDUCTIBLE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR LIST OF FRIENDS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR PRESIDENT, AL OLSON.

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The following companies are extending discounts to card carrying members of our organization. **You will need to ask for their Guild of Metalsmiths discount, and show them your membership card.**

Abrasive Resource

1-763-586-9595, 1-800-814-7358, www.abrasiveresource.com

Discount: 25% discount for Guild members. Orders under \$100 must be called in to receive discount.

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1-651-452-7600, www.fastenal.com

Discount: 10% discount on their published website prices, except power tools, whether you shop online or at a store, for Guild members.

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Oxygen Service Co.

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Discount: 15% discount on gases and most items that are not already marked as a sale item for Guild members.

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Discount: The quantity of product purchased dictates the normal "Level" of discount. Smith-Sharpe Fire Brick Supply is offering one discount "Level" better to Guild members. It will vary with types of products, but may average about 10%.

Toll Gas and Welding Supply

1-763-551-5300, www.tollgas.com

Discount: 10% discount on gases and most in-store items, for Guild members.

Mississippi Welders Supply

1-800-657-4422 www.mwsco.com

Discount: 15% discount on gases and most in-store items that are not already marked as a sale item or already at a discount from MSRP for Guild members.

NOTE: For more information, go to www.metalsmith.org

Register for Suffolk Latch Workshop here

Bob Johnson
1302 Osceola Ave
St. Paul MN 55105

Send check for \$25 made out to Guild of Metalsmiths with your registration. You will be contacted before the workshop!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Our neighborhood of smiths

Check this page every month to see what's going on with our neighboring colleagues, and read about activities in their smithing groups.

UMBA

UMBA (Upper Midwest Blacksmith Association) features hammer-ins on December 11 at the Matthew Edel Blacksmith Museum in Haverhill, IA.

Central Minnesota Blacksmiths meeting schedule

Dec 5 @ Ken Zittur 37634 Cty Rd 9, Avon, MN 56310 320-746-2557

Badger Blacksmiths meetings

For information, call Don Hogenson at 715-265-4701 or email Richard Prigge at rcprigg@centurytel.net

Lake Superior Metalsmiths

Lake Superior Metalsmiths (LSM) meets the fourth Saturday of the month from October through April. The meetings are potluck at noon at Dave Hanson's house, 5873 Taft Road, Duluth, Minnesota, 218-721-4572.

Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths

The NMM meetings are the first Monday of the month. Often, but not always, at Keith Johnson's shop in Bemidji. Contact Keith for monthly specifics at keith@greatriverforge.com

New England School of Metalwork

Winter Session Workshops
2005-2006

January 6-9 Tool Forging for the Smith

January 27-29 Coal Forge; Build it, Use it

February 10-13 Botanical Forms

March 10-13 Found and Forged; Vessels or Sculpture

April 7-10 Traditional Joinery in Architectural Ironwork

See the website for class details, call to register 1-888-753-7502 or online at www.newenglandschoolofmetalwork.com Please direct inquiries to dglaser@newenglandschoolofmetalwork.com

Viking axe workshop

Saturday, Feb. 11, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To be held at Rochester Welding

(4505 Hwy 63 N: north end of Rochester on Hwy 63, in the industrial park on the west side of the highway-see map on page 8)



Cost: \$40

Class size: 6 students max

Instructors: John Adams, instructor
Jim Moenck, assisting

Equipment: Bring your own hammers and tongs, and any other tools you normally use for forge welding.

Safety Eqpt: Safety glasses & ear plugs are mandatory. Other safety equipment may include gloves, leather apron, cotton clothing, leather shoes.

In this class John Adams will teach you how to make a Viking-style axe. This style is copied from relics dating back to approximately 1000 A.D., which were on exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Art two years ago. The body will be made of mild steel, with a carbon steel bit forge welded to the mild steel. The size of this axe will be approximately 9", with a 3 1/2" to 4" cutting edge. The axe will have a handle approximately 24" long, which you will make if time allows.

NOTE: This is a Guild-sponsored event

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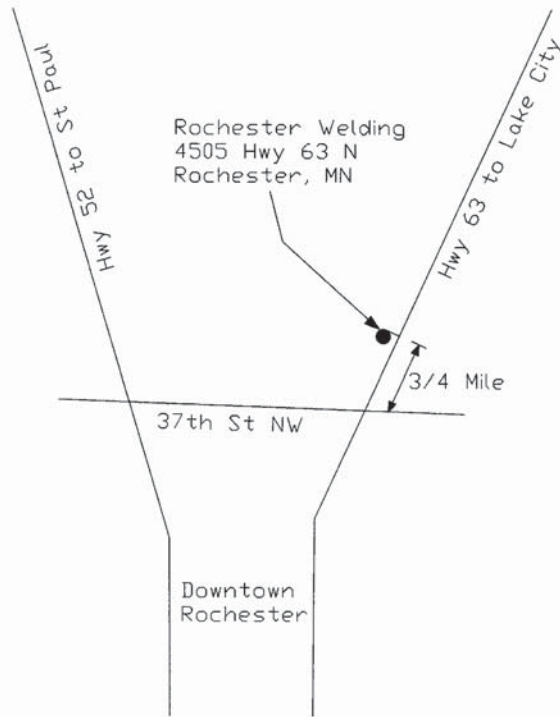
Register now for...

Viking Axe Workshop Saturday, February 11, 2006

See next page for registration form.

Use the form below to register for this Viking Axe Workshop.

Bring your own lunch, or there are several fast food establishments within driving range. We will take about a 45-minute break for lunch.



“Perspective” continued from page 14...

At the last board meeting it was determined that the existing slate of officers and board members are willing to continue. No one will be sad if new talent wants to serve as officers or board members. The existing officers and board members are well aware of the many opportunities for, and benefits associated with, volunteering their talents to the Guild. The existing officers and board members can recommend the positive experience of working as an officer or board member. I believe that if any are replaced, they will continue to find important ways to contribute to the Guild.

It is easy to list past officers and board members as among the most committed volunteers, contributing to the good of organization. I can also easily list important contributors (think coffee, classes, editors, journalists) to the good of the Guild who have never chosen to serve as officers and board members.

The membership should take the time to review the existing bylaws and mission statements. There will be some work needed on this during the coming year.

— *Herb Fick*

Registration form for Viking Axe Workshop

Send check for \$40 made out to Guild of Metalsmiths with your registration. You will be contacted before the workshop!

Send check to:

Jim Moenck
661 Dorland Rd S
Maplewood MN 55119

Phone: 651-735-4461 Email: jrmoenck@yahoo.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Perspective on membership business meetings

The December meeting is important to the welfare of the Guild of Metalsmiths. The main point of the December meeting is to renew the fellowship that is so important to the members of The Guild. It has been arranged for a Sunday afternoon in hopes that people will be willing to travel farther and spend more time than is usual for a membership meeting. The meal has always justified a capital F for Food! Members usually knock themselves out over show and tell. The location is about as central to the membership as possible. Some members just cannot attend Wednesday meetings, and this is their chance. Please try to join us.

The December meeting is also the most significant business meeting of the year. Please recognize that the committees do most of the management of the Guild and its functions without making it a time consuming part of every membership meeting. The December meeting is an opportunity to sign on for new or continuing committee assignments. This is a volunteer organization. Volunteer! No experience necessary. Committee signup sheets will be at the December meeting, and committee members will be available to describe the activities of the committees.

The officers and board members will be soliciting your input on programs, classes, events, publications, and membership meeting possibilities.

The December meeting is the time for election of officers. The president, vice president, treasurer, and approximately half of the board of directors are elected each year. I want to talk about the election and the opportunity to serve on committees from my own perspective. I have been on the board twice, and have participated in committee work. I am not up for election this year. (I think I had to nominate myself last year.) My perspective is not necessarily the consensus of the board of directors.

All members are important and are needed at the December meeting. If you have an issue and cannot attend the meeting, be sure to have someone represent your cause.

Our president wants to be very careful to not present a slate of candidates that looks like “a done deal,” because it’s not. We are a democratic organization.

Historically, the officers and board have been tasked to find and nominate their own committed replacements to run for office or stand to be renewed in their position. Board members are expected to do a lot of committee work, or become a committee chairperson, in addition to being active board members.

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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 Tape Librarian Rich Herman (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 demonstrating the use of the Hossfeld 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 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 snippet’s 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.

Your input is needed--see below Possible treadle hammer workshop in the works!

The Guild would like to offer a treadle hammer workshop, if there are enough people interested in building a treadle hammer. This is a query to see how many members would be interested in participating in a project like this. If there is a sufficient number of probable participants, we will continue the planning process and set the dates to work on this.

A treadle hammer could be one of the most under used pieces of equipment in a shop. One can make dies for it, in much the same fashion as a power hammer, for shaping metal. It can be a "third hand" for striking, while you hold metal and tool in your own hands. It does not require electricity to run. The list goes on and on. I admit that I do not know the full potential of the hammer I bought this past year.

In this work shop, we will make treadle hammers. I expect the cost to run in the \$500-\$600 range, depending on how many people want to make one. There are often price breaks on steel once you reach a certain weight. Obviously, this has an effect on the total cost of the hammer.

This project could take several get-togethers to finish. Each participant would be responsible for making certain parts, with a final work day with everyone to assemble them.

If you are interested in making a treadle hammer in a workshop such as this, please contact me. Here is my contact information.

Jim Moenck
661 Dorland Road S.
Maplewood, MN 55119
Day phone: 651-439-3138, ext 210
Home phone: 651-735-4461
Email: jrmoenck@yahoo.com

If there are enough members interested, we will put the plans in place and announce them at a later date. This will be a Guild-sponsored event.

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Check for \$2500, and letter, was sent to LAMA in care of their president, Jerry Baker, as our hurricane relief effort. Membership dues increase tabled. Some cost comparisons for publishing The Metalsmith are:

Rapid Print \$3.06 (average this year) per copy b/w

Cornerstone \$2.96 (300-350) per copy with color cover sheet

Cornerstone \$1.37 (300-350) per copy b/w

Johnson Printing \$3.60 (330) per copy with color cover sheet

"Camera Ready" is obsolete way of publishing. Electronic files, electronically transferred, are modern technology. Al suggested we do what Dave said last time, have Marcia use Cornerstone for next issue. Hold off on discussion of dues increase. Holiday meeting will have show of hands to see if we want to do color or black & white with reduced cost printing.

5 New Business:

Nominations:

Discussed December meeting election of officers. The board was in effect trying to act as a nominating committee and realized we really have no provision for such a committee. President and vice president are one year terms. The members of the board individually expressed thanks to Al for his efforts benefiting the Guild. Moenck, Hanson, and Herman are completing their terms as directors. Nominations will be invited from the floor at the December meeting. The board wishes to encourage participation, and certainly to avoid even the appearance of trying to "set up" the election.

Rich Herman proposes that the Guild participate with the local Boy Scouts Council to help with a metalworking merit badge, beginning early next summer. Help would be in the form of planning, tool usage, and instructors. The board is generally supportive, but it should be a BSA event, where the Guild is asked to provide specific assistance.

Herb Fick motions the Guild appropriate funds to replace two firepots for MSH. Duggan would agree and forego shop fee until paid for. Also, Rome Hutchings and Ken Zitur would find enough sheet steel to make simple coal "walls" to be mounted on each forge hood, to help contain coal bank. The Guild will reimburse them for materials. Amendment by Carlson to buy a third pot for fall conference raffle prize, to save on shipping costs. Amendment and motion accepted.

Al Olson motions that the Fall Conference registration fee be waived for Roger Degner, because he video tapes the demonstrators and will donate copy to Guild's library. Seconded by Hanson and accepted.

Jim Moenck has offered to do an information welcome package for new members. Members will be asked to become mentors for new individuals.

6 Announcements:

Al distributed asset spreadsheets that need data filled in. He is still looking for answers. Dick Carlson offered one set. Next program committee meeting is 17 November. Forum deadline is 21 November. A note from our president on the insurance questions before the group: The Guild, the board members, the instructors, the workshop owners, and members, are all taking a risk that one of our own members won't turn around and sue them for something. Whether it's result of physical injury or simply advice that was taken blindly without further consideration. We need to look out for ourselves and each other. We need to be in this together and keep the peace within our family of smiths. If we let fear and insurance policies dictate our activities, the art will die, and we will all lose.

8 Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 10:08. Next meeting is 11 January.

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Al Olson suggests that all students must be paid up members in good standing. Membership dues will simply be built into the cost of any class for a previously non-member. Mike Frattalone maintains a list of current members and the instructors will have to verify their students' condition.

Prior to every class, whether it's at the MSH or someone's home shop, safety issues must be talked about, including grinding, welding, hot iron, fire extinguisher locations, sparks, sharp tools, clothing, safety glasses, crushed fingers, shrapnel, and safety rules. Instructors need to reiterate blacksmithing is inherently dangerous activity. Ask if there are any questions too. Members who hold classes at their home shop may risk losing their homeowners coverage if a claim is made stemming from a blacksmithing class. The insurer would likely be on the hook for the first occurrence but would likely drop them after that. These members are taking a risk for the Guild. For that we are grateful. If this is an unacceptable risk to that member then they should not have classes at their home shop. All classes and events will have to be categorized and advertised as "Guild Sponsored Event" or "Not Guild Sponsored Event." For example, Tunnel Mill, Mike Blue's classes, Tom Latane's class, Badger Blacksmith classes, are not Guild events, (The money doesn't go to us) and we need to specify this when it appears in publications or website. There's no harm in announcing/advertising them, just make sure it's not construed as a Guild event. We don't know what Duggan's insurer thinks about our building usage. Demonstrations that are "Guild sponsored events" for threshing shows, pioneer days, and museums, for example, need to be accepted by the board and be specifically advertised as a "demonstration." If individual members have private demonstrating arrangement it's not Guild event.

The Fall Conference will need to be thought about differently when it comes to demonstrator tenders. Audience members must stay away from demonstrator and work area. Safety talks should happen each morning at demonstration areas, and Tender should enforce rules set up by the board throughout the day. Safety glasses are a must. Membership meetings should not be participation events (public can attend), demonstrations only. Our Website, The Metalsmith, and The Forum should contain safety disclaimer.

We can't ignore insurance and litigation, but we have to accept the fact that we cannot completely insure ourselves. We cannot even afford to try to completely insure ourselves. It's imperative to be safety conscience. Corporate America has realized this, and that's why they use release forms, and Workman's Comp, and safety briefings/training, and insist that you go to the medical office if you are injured in the slightest way, etc. They don't want to be sued. And still, there will always be loopholes. The Guild is also a small nonprofit and that could be advantage in the event of lawsuit. Either we accept some risk or we shut down classes. "Demonstration only" would have to be our only means of education.

Discussion: We could attempt to calculate our projected annual accident insurance expense into a daily cost per student, and include in class fees. This would make the accident insurance a user based cost. Herb moves that all students in Guild sponsored classes be required to be members. Passed.

Pending further input from insurance agents, Al Olson will present to board members between now and next meeting options to vote on for insurance coverage. Al will also raise issue in president's letter in Metalsmith. There will be a time-limited discussion of the subject at the holiday meeting.

This could be your last issue of *The Forum!*

Sadly, the members below will no longer receive "The Forum" if they do not renew their membership status this month. Please send your annual dues of \$30 to the address on the front label. Also, please read the editorial article on pages 16 & 17 written by board member Herb Fick.

If your membership lapses, we will miss you!

Roger Abrahamson
Roger Bruvold
Mark Carlson
Kevin Crofton
Ed Fasula
Charles Gumbusky
Tim Held
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Daniel Kral
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Guild of Metalsmiths Board Meeting Minutes

9 November 2005

Agenda by Al Olson President

Submitted by Herb Fick

1 Call to order, 7:28 PM by President Al Olson

Minutes from 14 September 05 meeting were read and approved.

Board members present: Myron Hanson, Gary Myers, Dick Carlson, Herb Fick, Mike Frattalone, Jim Moenck, Rich Herman, Bob Beck. Dave Mariette was not present.

2 Amendment / Approval of Previous meeting's minutes

Motion by Beck, Hanson second to approve minutes. Pass

3 Committee reports:

Financial: Mike Frattalone

The accounts including Bulk Mail have \$16822, or \$8329 less than last year at this time. Reserved for grant fund \$4575. Discretionary Fund balance \$12,247.

Major expenses in the period were: Printing and mailing of three forums \$1490; Bulk mail \$200; Workshops \$1181; Metalsmith \$1230; Coal and delivery \$5157 (23 ton); Internet \$105; Hurricane relief \$2500. (\$412 was a direct donation at the conference.); Members 259 (fourth quarter down 45 from last year. Lost 97 members (non renewals) in the last 3 quarters. New coal prices are: \$6.25 per five-gallon pail, \$57 for a 55-gallon drum.

Education: Jim Moenck Chair

Education Committed met November 2. We reviewed classes that have been held, and are proud to announce that all classes offered have filled, and were well received by students and teachers.

Two classes have been added. John Adams will offer Viking axe class on February 11, 2006. Hydraulic press workshop to be held March 18 and 19. John Adams will teach this class. Both will be held at his shop in Rochester, and Jim Moenck will assist. Dave Hartwig will offer a forge hood workshop at a date not yet determined. Gene Olson will offer a copper fountain workshop at his shop; a date is not set yet. Phil Swan will offer a goldsmithing workshop at Gene's shop within week of copper fountain workshop. The committee is planning gas forge clinic, for the purpose of getting members together to show and tell what works, or what doesn't work, with their forge. Jim Moenck will make up syllabus for clinic and advertise in Forum. The Committee agreed to schedule its 2006 meetings, using the same timetable as was used for 2005. Jim Moenck reported the Guild's set of tools at the School of Horse Shoeing is once again complete, and have been painted fluorescent orange for identification. Discussion regarding Guild sponsoring the Boy Scouts metalworking merit badge. We will pursue this opportunity to see if this is feasible. Next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2006. Jim will forward the class spreadsheet to Tom Barnett for the Website.

Program: Myron Hanson Chair

Next meeting is 17 November. We will discuss the next conference demonstrators. Membership meeting schedule: 11 December CSPS Hall in St Paul, Sunday meeting. 8 Feb Children's Theater, Minneapolis. Sue

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Brockman. 12 April FOCI Glass, Tom Phelps. We always need suggestions for meeting places for general membership meetings. We usually have 60-80.

Publicity: represented by Al Olson.

Website change group meets every month. Website will be remodeled in a way that does not yet show. The structure will be modified to have separate sections. Example will be membership services section (Mike Frattalone). Clarification was asked for at the previous board meeting on how many copies were paid for when The Forum was printed. The Forum printing charges are only for those Forums mailed.

Long Term Planning: no report

Special Projects: Como Conservatory. John Yust will prepare a drawing.

Unfinished Business

Insurance: 8:10 Start. Budget of 45 minutes max. Industrial Coverage Corporation: Our current policy with Industrial Coverage Corp (Underwritten by The Hartford) is meant for situations where a Guild demonstrator injures a spectator. It is not meant for situations where member injures himself or herself or another member during hands-on class type of environment. Members would need to depend on their own health insurance for that situation. We can purchase additional accident insurance above our current liability coverage. Industrial Coverage Corp categorizes the Guild as an "Association - Trade, Non Profit." Quotes based upon 300 members:

\$1,365 for \$5,000 Accidental death, \$15,000 Accidental medical

\$1,755 for \$5,000 Accidental death, \$50,000 Accidental medical

\$1,785 for \$15,000 Accidental death, \$50,000 Accidental medical

All ICC quotes carry \$50 deductible and no higher deductibles are available. Al Olson visited a local agent that is also underwritten by The Hartford. He was told they couldn't come close to same price for same general liability, much less accident coverage. Workmen's Comp is meant to prevent one employee from suing employer or another employee. But we aren't an employer.

Al Olson also spoke to Amy Dorn at Apollo Insurance in St. Cloud (CMB's agent) and she will get back with quotes. She asked whether or not the board has its own insurance. (No. How would this look if the board protected themselves and not our instructors, or individual members?) Beth Newton (member) said that she hasn't had time yet to review our situation. Paul Hetchler (member) suggested that members cannot sue their own organization by virtue of a common law. However, Al contacted a lawyer (member) about this and that does not appear to be true. Al contacted ABANA and was referred to Clare Yellin. She indicated we are judged by the worst (riskiest) thing we do, as if we do it every day, not twice per month. She suggests that we talk to agents of our own members who are in the business and are happy with their agent with the intent of getting an agent who understands blacksmithing. She does not propose a solution for all affiliates. Al will try to find agents this way.

We now have a liability release form to be signed each year by all GOM members prior to attending Guild events. This is meant to ensure everyone acknowledges that blacksmithing is inherently dangerous activity and members are responsible for their own safety. Instructors will have to administer the release form for classes. The form will be changed to say member, not participant. Forms are available electronically from Al, or paper forms from Mike Frattalone.

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