

December holiday meeting Sunday, December 13 at the C.S.P.S. Hall in St. Paul

Plan now to attend the best social event of the TGOM year! This annual gathering will once again be held at the Cesko-Slovanský Podporující í Spolek (C.S.P.S.) Hall at 383 Michigan Street in Saint Paul. Tom Phelps, champion of this meeting, invites the crew to arrive by 11 am to help with setup, and he will buy the first round of holiday cheer at the Glockenspiel just downstairs from the CSPS Hall.

Events on the agenda for this special gathering include

- ♪ the annual election of TGOM officers
- ♪ a mini-auction to help raise funds for the Guild
- ♪ and, of course, the most fabulous potluck meal of the year

If you're a new Guild member, be sure to come to this fantastic celebration of food, comradery, and learning. Come early, help set up, enjoy some hors d'ouvres, and settle back for the events of the day to unfold. The grand finale is the potluck meal, but before that you won't be bored by all the activities. Welcome!



Forum deadline for January: Monday, December 21, 2009

The deadline for The Forum is always the third Monday of the month. If you have activities that will be occurring in the next few months and wish to have them published in the next Forum, please send them by Monday, Dec. 21, 2009 to **Georgia Myers**, editor, by email to:

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or mail them to:

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Lake Superior Metalsmiths

Lake Superior Metalsmiths (LSM) meet the fourth Saturday of the month at noon 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. The Northern Minn. Metalsmith's website is www.nmmetalsmiths.org

NEW MEMBERS

Louis Groth
Burnsville, MN

Yoshua Granote
Burnsville, MN

Brian McFadden
Bloomington, MN

Alvin Tangen
Maple, WI

Invitation to enter jewelry exhibition for 2010-11

The Society for Midwest Metalsmiths would like to invite the members of your guild to enter METAL Inclinations2 International Juried Online Jewelry Exhibition for 2010-11. SMM would appreciate if you could post this information or distribute the information to your members.

METAL Inclinations2 International Juried Exhibition 2010-11 will include selections of the most exemplary fine metal art jewelry created by metalsmiths, silversmiths, goldsmiths and jewelers all over the world.

METAL Inclinations2 is sponsored by the Hauser & Miller Co. Refiners and fabricators and produced and presented by the Society for Midwest Metalsmiths, a non-profit organization with a mission to promote, educate and exhibit metalsmiths and jewelers.

DEADLINE: June 30, 2010

METAL Inclinations2 will debut on the Internet October 31, 2010 and continue for one year until October 31, 2011

Go to: <http://a.ocho.purlmail.com> to download a prospectus.

U of Minnesota Iron Pour

Thursday, December 3rd- Noon to 6 pm

Regis Center for Art East Building Courtyard

[Foundry]

Map- <http://www1.umn.edu/twincities/maps/RegCtrE/>

Strap Hinge Class

Date and Time: 16 January 2010, Start time 9:00am

Class Description: Strap hinges can range from the simplest of barn hardware to a web of scrolls that impresses the masses entering a cathedral. Even the humblest of strap hinges takes some know how to get a functional and visually pleasing piece. In this class we will be concentrating on the basics of making a historically accurate pintle mounted strap hinge. This class requires intermediate level blacksmithing skills and students should be able draw and forge weld. Everyone works at a different pace so you might not go home with a complete, ready-to-hang-a-door strap hinge but you should be taking home the knowledge of how to make them on your own (which is good because you'll need at least two to hang that door).

Instructors:

Name	Phone number	e-mail address
Tom Sanders	507-822-2792	Thomas.Sanders@MNHS.ORG
Martin Pansch	612-599-4762	blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com

Class Manager: (Send check for \$40 made out to "Guild of Metalsmiths to...")

Martin Pansch
8750 Yale Avenue
Young America, MN 55397
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Include your name, phone number and email address so I may contact you after receiving the check.

Price of Class: \$40.00

Class size: Maximum students: 8 **Minimum students:** 4

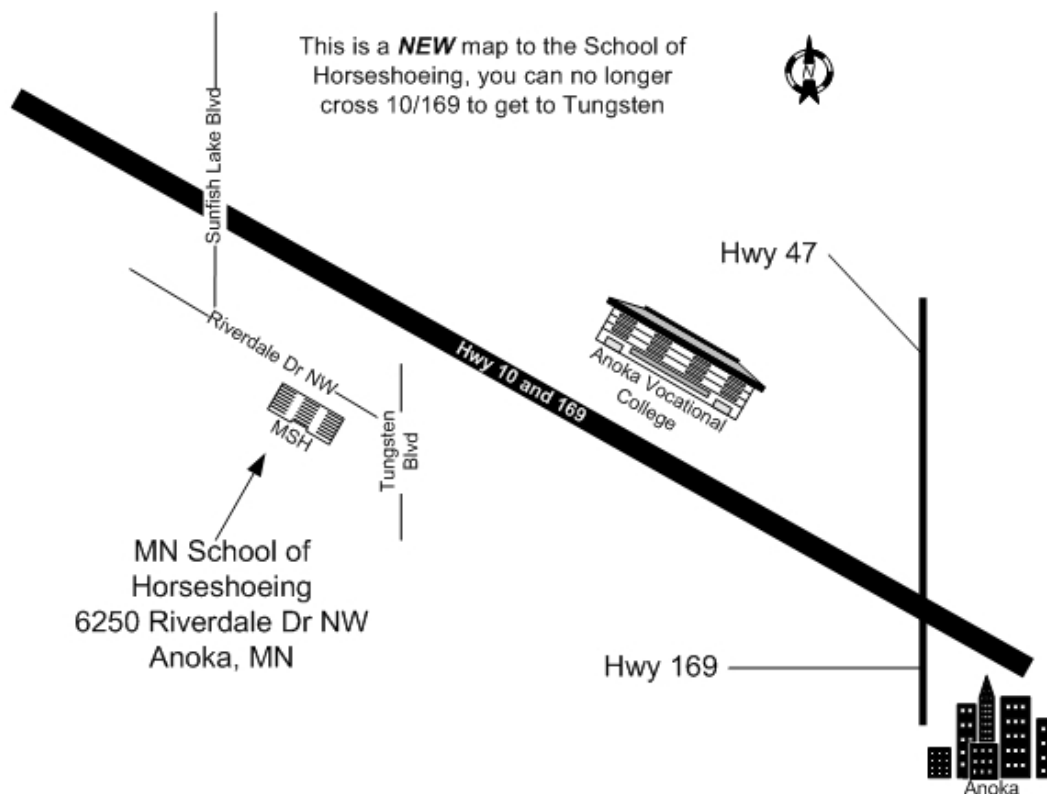
Location: Minnesota School of Horseshoeing (Map below)

Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class. Your favorite blacksmithing hammer, tongs for handling 1/2" square and round stock, files, and any other tools you think might be useful.

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

Other Equipment: Flux will be provided.

Lunch Arrangements: Either bring a bag lunch with you or money to dine at some of the fine eating establishments in the area.



Make a pair of 'Poz' style tongs!

- Where:** Minnesota School of Horseshoeing (Map page 3)
When: Saturday January 30th, 2010 start at 8:30 am, finish by 5:00 pm
Cost: \$40 / student
Class Size: Minimum 5, maximum of 8
Prerequisites: Blacksmithing basics class required
Instructor: Darryl Ponder (952) 401-3266

You are warmly invited to spend a cold January Saturday learning how to make a pair of "Poz" style tongs while gathered around the heat of the coal forges at the MN School of Horseshoeing! These tongs, originally designed by a Mr. Richard Pozniak of Chicago, refined by Robb Gunter and refined further still and championed by our own Monty Bygd, can hold square, round and flat stock all with a single pair of tongs. We will be making a pair designed to hold 3/8 inch square or round stock and quarter inch flat.

It is the intent that each participant leave with a finished pair of tongs. However, this will be somewhat dependent upon the experience level of the participant. I find that the drawing out of the reins (handles) takes some time, as does the accurate slitting of the stock when forming the jaws. If you are comfortable in these processes, you should be able to finish your pair of tongs. We will be bending around some jigs, riveting and generally having a good time. None of the processes are hard and everyone will at the least learn how to make these tongs while back in their own shop.

You will learn the simple tooling required to make a pair of these tongs and will leave with detailed notes and with a DVD of Monty doing a demo making a pair of tongs at an UMBA conference, all reference material that you may use in the future after you leave class and start making additional Poz tongs on your own.

Bring your favorite hammer. Other tooling will be provided or made by you on site.

I want to thank Monty Bygd for his encouragement and help in my putting on this class. His notes and the personal shop instruction time he provided in preparation will prove very valuable. He is truly a great guy and this class would not have been possible without him. Thanks, Monty!

**Send your check for \$40 payable to The Guild Of Metalsmiths
c/o Darryl Ponder
18320 Byrnwood Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55345**

Include your name, phone number and email address so I may contact you after receiving the check.



Minutes – THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors – September 9 2009

Held at the home of: Myron Hanson, 4015 Dodd Rd., Eagan, MN 55123

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 by Rich Herman

Members in attendance: Herman, Frattalone, Rand, Upgren, Sigurdson, Mariette, Hanson, Lindholm, Ponder , Barr, Asmus

Missing: none

Guest: Cliff Larsen

AMENDMENT / APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES: Motion to accept by Hanson and second by Ponder. Motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee-Mike Frattalone

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 11-10-09 BOARD MEETING

DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE 13,079 (UP 1203 FROM 11-12-8)

REMAINING GRANTS 5,325

CASH TOTAL 18,405

EXPENSES SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING ON 9-9-9:

CONFERENCE 5,926

MEETINGS 202

OFFICE SUPPLIES 28

GRANT 750

INSURANCE 350

WORKSHOPS 341

MEMORIAL 73

FORUMS 3 EA 1,155

METALSMITH 1,710

COAL 3,600

TOTAL EXPENSES 14,135

TOTAL DEPOSITS 15,403

COAL 1.7 TONS REMAINING

MEMBERS 286 (UP 17 FROM 11-12-08)

The Financial Report is available to any member upon request to Mike.

Education Committee report-Dave Mariette

The treadle hammer workshop will take place in the spring of 2010.

Dave ordered 24 tons of coal, however there might be a problem getting the entire amount. This issue is still being resolved.

Program Committee- Myron Hanson,

Looking for demonstrators for the 2010 Fall Conference.

Discussed how to increase attendance at our conference by blacksmiths from outside our region.

The next meeting is December 13th at CSPS hall.

Publicity Committee- Roland Sigurdson

The committee is continuing to collect bids for an upgrade of our website.

Roland is continuing to put together a list of significant works of art in Iron and steel in The Twin Cities. He has received recommendations for about 45 sites so far.

Long Term Planning Committee – Dave Upgren

Nothing to report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Rice County is looking for help in building a blacksmith shop at the fairgrounds. Myron has a contact in Faribault who we can potentially work with on this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

An education grant request was made by Mark Carlson for attending a chasing class at the John C Campbell Folk School. After discussions, a motion was approved to award \$500.00, on the conditions that Mark teach a class in the Twin Cities (scheduled with the education committee within 3 months), and that he write an article for the Metalsmith.

Flyod Thompsom has offered his belt grinder plans to the Guild. This subject has been tabled until the next meeting to investigate issues regarding intellectual property and the use of the plans.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next meeting of the board is January 13th, 2010.

AJOURNMENT: 10 PM, Motion by Myron Hanson, accepted without dissent.

News from Tunnel Mill

Tunnel Mill is located 85-100 miles south of the Twin Cities in the country five miles north of Spring Valley, MN on County Road 1.

Contact for class registration:
Carol and John Adams
507-289-4189 or 507-289-5246
Email-jc-adams@msn.com



Join us at the mill in 2010. We have some of the most multi-talented instructors in the United States scheduled to teach.

April 30, May 1, May 2 Gothic Style Candle Holder

Instructor: Tom Latane'

Class will cover forge-welding a low tripod with decorative feet. On the tripod will be fastened a pierced triangular sheet steel pan. Students will forge a round or hexagonal central stem with filed bands. This decorative column will support a single candle surrounded by a pierced gallery.



To register for this class, contact Carol and John Adams at 507-289-4189, 507-289-5246, or email jc-adams@msn.com.

Coming soon...

- Kirsten Skiles class May 14, 15, 16
- Damascus class with Bill Fiorini August 20, 21, 22

Watch for details to be announced in January Forum.

June 21, 22, 23 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) Making 18th Century-Style Dividers Peter Ross, legendary blacksmith who spent 21 years as Master of the Shop at Colonial Williamsburg

First Session: The class will work on making 18th century style dividers with a wing and thumbscrew. Students can choose from a few traditional styles, and may opt for rough forged or bright filed surfaces. Generally these tools have a three leaf hinge, but students may wish to try the more complex 5 leaf hinge instead.

There is some forge welding required and some filing necessary to fit and assemble the two halves.

June 24, 25, 26 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) Pre-industrial Scrolls: Putting the Dividers to Work Peter Ross, legendary blacksmith who spent 21 years as Master of the Shop at Colonial Williamsburg

Second session: This session will concentrate on the style of scrollwork found in 18th century English architectural work. The class will identify the characteristic features of this style through making of a simple wall bracket which incorporates several of the common approaches:

- ◆ Forge welded junctions,
- ◆ riveted assemblies,
- ◆ asymmetric scrolls, etc.

In addition, the class will introduce a method of forging and assembly based on using the dividers to lay out accurate spacing. This method is a stark contrast to modern shop methods adopted by most smiths today, and a glimpse into the world before machine tools.

A simple version may be done with no forge welding required but welding experience will enable the student to attempt more elaborate versions of the project.

NOTE: These two sessions are independent of each other. You do not need to take one to take the other. Contact Carol and John Adams for registration information.

Read about Peter Ross:

<http://www.absolutearts.com/artsnews/2003/09/26/31395.html>

Goings on.....a calendar of TGOM events at a glance



- All Education Committee meetings are the first Monday of each month.
- All Program Committee meetings are the third Wednesday of each month.
- All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, October, and December. For each meeting a potluck meal begins at 6:30 pm and the business meeting begins at 7, with a demonstration or activity starting around 8 (times approximate).
- All board meetings are the second Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Potluck meal begins at 6:30, with meeting starting at 7 pm. Most meetings are held at Myron Hanson's home in Eagan.

Events in December, 2009

- Dec. 13, annual Guild holiday gathering and potluck at CSPS Hall in St. Paul, setup starts at 11 a.m.

Events in January, 2010

- Jan. 10, B1 Beginning Blacksmithing
- Jan. 16, Strap Hinge Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Jan. 23, B2 Beginning Blacksmithing
- Jan. 30, Poz Tongs class, MN School of Horseshoeing

Events in February, 2010

- Feb. 6, B3 Beginning Blacksmithing, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 10, Guild membership meeting, Toll Welding in Plymouth MN, champion John McDonald, more TBA next issue
- Feb. 13, C1 Beginning Blacksmithing, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 20, B4 Beginning Blacksmithing, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 27, C2 Beginning Blacksmithing, MN School of Horseshoeing

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To read an electronic (PDF) version of *The Forum* each month, go to our website, www.metalsmith.org.

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<http://www.metalsmith.org/bb/TheBellows.htm>

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.

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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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