

'The Forum'

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TGoM's October 14 virtual membership meeting via 'Zoom'

Hello and welcome to cooler forging weather. The Guild of Metalsmith's October membership meeting will be on Zoom again on Oct 14, 2020 at 6:45 p.m.

We at the Program Committee are excited to announce we will be doing a video shop tour of Hans Early-Nelson's shop in North Minneapolis as the demo part of the meeting. He is an accomplished smith with years of experience and willing to let us get a peek at his space.

We will have the business part of the meeting first and show and tell just before the tour.

Hans expects to be there to share comments and answer any questions. Check out his website:

www.primativeprecision.com.

Rick Wessling is the champion for this meeting. Contact him with questions at rgwessling@gmail.com or 612-875-4420

Zoom:

To join the Zoom meeting, we will be sending out an email with a link to the meeting to all current Guild members that have email addresses. If your membership is not paid up and current, this is a good time to do that to make sure you get the email. You should not have a login id and password for Zoom to attend this meeting but will have to download a small Zoom program to make it work. Normally you just have to click on the link in the email and follow the prompts.

The Zoom access information is:

Join us for the October Guild Meeting!

Topic: October Guild Meeting

Time: Oct 14, 2020 06:45 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81616243354?pwd=d0RiOWdzTVdoRzBNUETvYmNlVzgrQT09>

Meeting ID: 816 1624 3354

Passcode: forge

To dial in by your location so you can listen on your phone if you don't have stable Internet...

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 816 1624 3354

Passcode: 574873

Note that Zoom can be accessed from a computer, a tablet, a smartphone, and is even accessible via your 'landline' telephone to listen. See instructions above.

What is 'Zoom'?

Zoom is the leader in modern enterprise video communications, with an easy, reliable cloud platform for video and audio conferencing, chat, and webinars.

Zoom is a web-based video conferencing tool with a local, desktop client and a mobile app that allows users to meet online, with or without video. Zoom users can choose to record sessions, collaborate on projects, and share or annotate on one another's screens, all with one easy-to-use platform.

Gallery Request

What would have been in the Fall Conference Gallery this year, if there had been a (traditional) Fall Conference? The Gallery is a favorite for many of us, and this is the question that we would like you to answer.

Please email pictures of what you would have entered into the Gallery this year to: metalsmitheditor@metalsmith.org. Please include your name, piece name, and materials that were used.

With this information a presentation will be put together to be shared during the December virtual meeting.

Due date for this project is November 15, 2020.

Looking forward to seeing what you have to share this year!

Or, you can mail them to:

Kim Maas
965 Gorman Ave.
West St. Paul, MN 55118

Attention!

Registration for Beginning Blacksmithing Classes for October, 2020 is closed!

Sneak Peak at December TGoM virtual meeting

The Program Committee reports that there will be a December 6 virtual meeting featuring photos by members of items they would have exhibited in our Fall Conference Gallery.

Watch for it!

Furthering our craft is important even now!

The “Meet the Instructor” series has been a feature in *The Forum* for more than a year and a half. It’s a tribute to our all-volunteer staff, but it’s not done—we still have more instructors to feature.

This seems like a good time to pause and address our readers. As co-chair of the Education Committee, coordinating this series has been wonderful. It has helped me to introduce myself to each instructor, and when I receive their write-up, opening that email or letter to read their bio and advice is like opening a present each time—what a gift each gives to the Guild!

Our instructors give their time, their knowledge, their expertise. They also have the traits that help get that knowledge to our wide range of students: patience, persistence, and the sense of how much to teach and when to allow a person to learn by doing. That patience is now more important than ever.

With turbulent times affecting the world, our group has been on a watch-and-wait mode. It’s looking like we will go forward on maintenance mode, and hopefully we keep the momentum generated by our founders and pillars so things can return to speed when the world has regained some normalcy.

Here’s the Education plan, short-term:

We are planning a pared-down class schedule, each class to be announced as we go. We begin our fall season with the Beginners Blacksmithing class, hyper-aware of risk. Always safety-focused, we now will be monitoring social distancing and making sure masks (natural fiber, of course) are added to the PPE list. We plan to introduce technology to help with social distancing while watching demonstrations during the class, and ventilate the shop with fresh air even after the coal fires are burning cleanly. That’s all good, and necessary.

Also necessary, but equally sobering, is the need to have only a small portion of our group actively involved in-person, those who are not in the high-risk category. Please do not feel any obligation to participate if you have any thought of being vulnerable to exposure to this virus. Furthering the craft is important, and personally helpful to a lot of us for our mental health, but there are enough trainees who’ve become capable to shoulder the responsibility for now. Please know “we got this” for the time being, we really want to have you rejoin when it’s safe, and you are so appreciated — you have made our group amazing!

Sincerely,
Christina Dodge, TGoM Education Committee Co-Chair

Spotlighting a member of The Guild of Metalsmiths who has generously shared knowledge, talent, and time as a class instructor for TGoM.

*...sharing our
passion for
metalworking!*



Happy Halloween!



Beginners Blacksmithing Classes Fall 2020 now filled

Registration is now closed for the three day Beginners Blacksmithing classes on October 17, 24, 31 at The Minnesota School of Horseshoeing.

If you have questions, contact Gordon Barr, 11021 27th Ave, Burnsville, MN 55337, agbarr@aol.com

TGoM Virtual Fall Conference makes history!

Thank you to all who were able to attend the ad hoc Virtual Fall Conference on Saturday, September 19 for The Guild of Metalsmiths!

A huge thank you to Matt Jenkins and Karen Rufolf from Cloverdale Forge in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and to Farrier Justin Klejeski and B.C.S. Blacksmith for the use of shop and video equipment!

Check out pages 4 and 5 for photos (screen captures) of the virtual demonstrations. Thanks to Peter Bettenberg for submitting the photos.

If you missed the conference, here's a link to the recorded portion from ZOOM;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/1ZvnUcCsSghbXYV1S95Vog9nqdSaDy3H6XrwDMX-bhdzQqtpzX0BZF48mtqY0kUB.mfeO2ZkobGd3mAT8>

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Here is the link to the YouTube portion:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJ08PkJ3u3U&feature=youtu.be>

Personally, I miss the face to face meetings, side chats and the gallery.... but alas, it is a strange year! We hope all of you enjoyed what we were able to do virtually this year.

Keep your eyes out for the invitation to the October Meeting (see page one). If you have any meeting/demo ideas, contact the Program Committee! They are always happy for suggestions and offers of locations!

— Derrick Phillips, TGoM Program Committee Chair
derrickphillipsa3o3@gmail.com

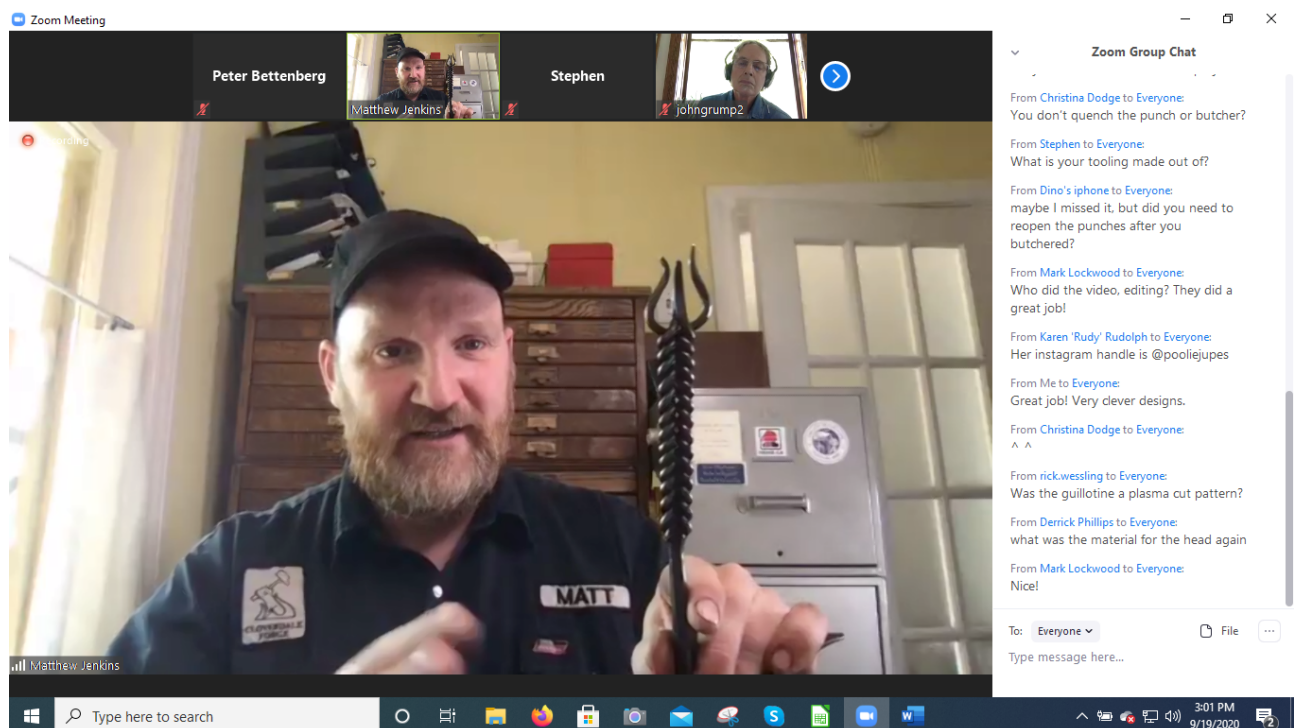
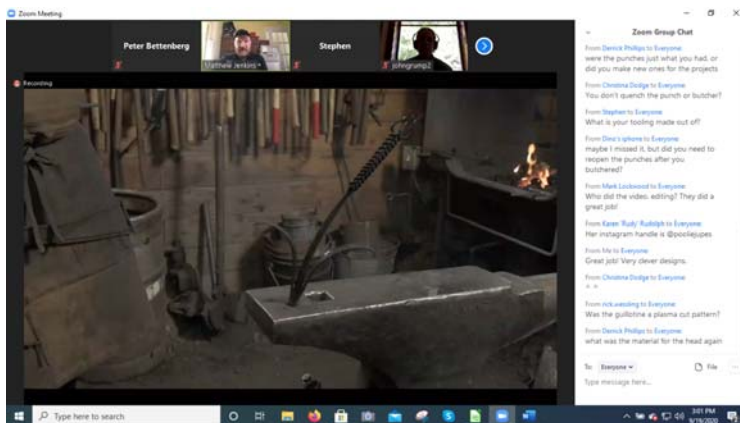
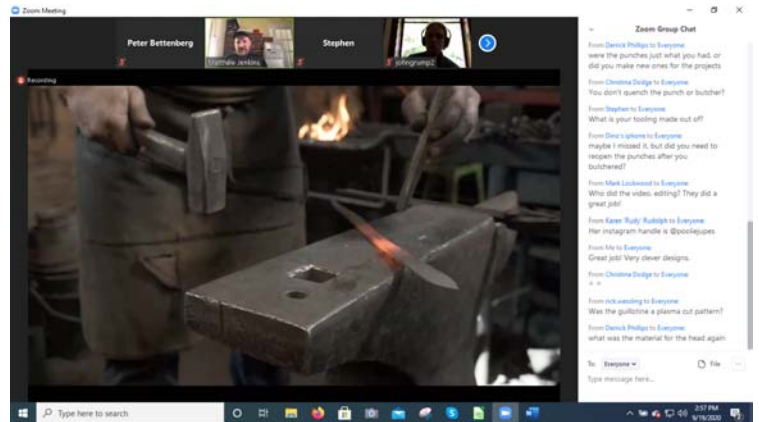
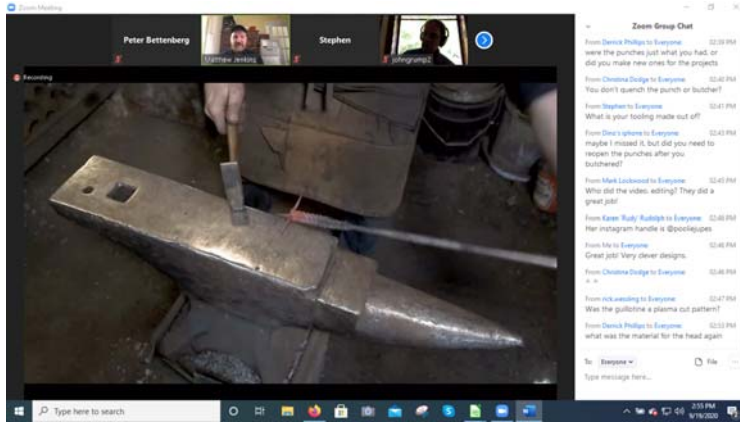


TGoM's Virtual Fall Conference Highlights—Saturday, September 19, 2020

Matt Jenkins and Karen Rudolf demonstrated (via pre-recorded video with live narration by Matt) their 366 Hooks project, in which they completed a hook a day for a year (2019), including leap day! They talked about their inspirations and showed a demo-video of the making of some hooks.

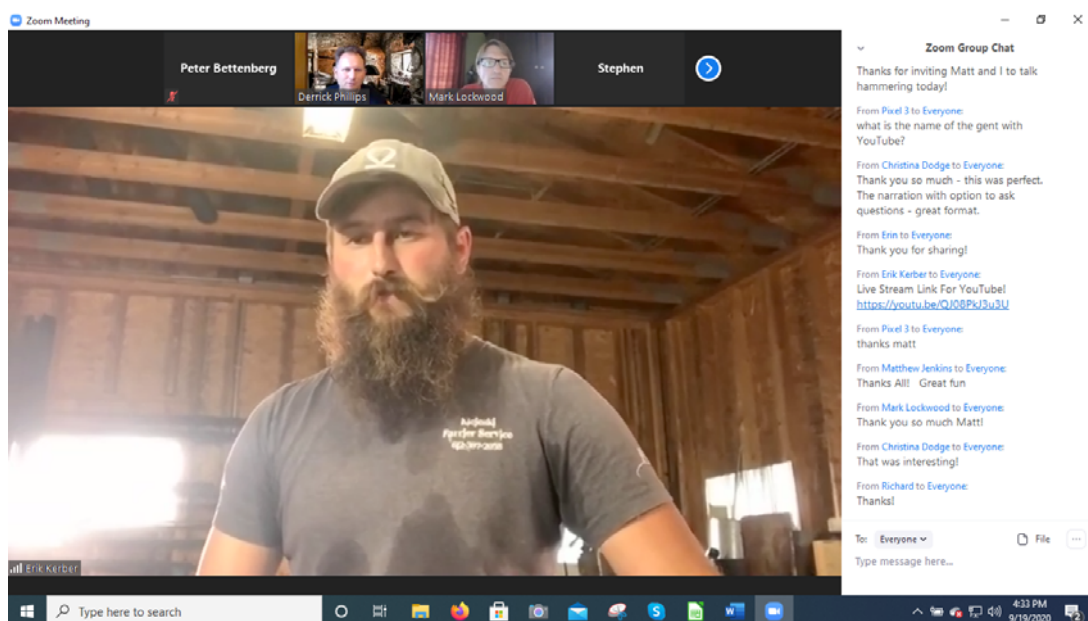
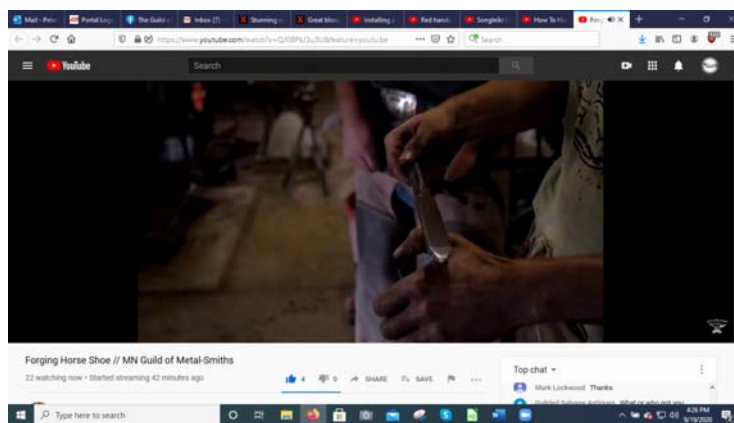
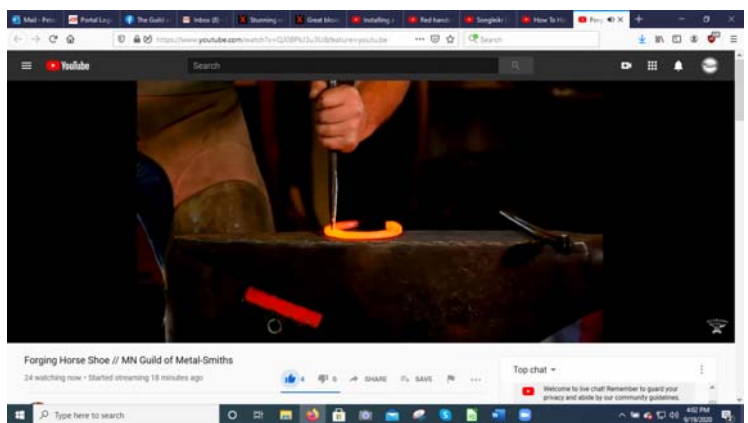
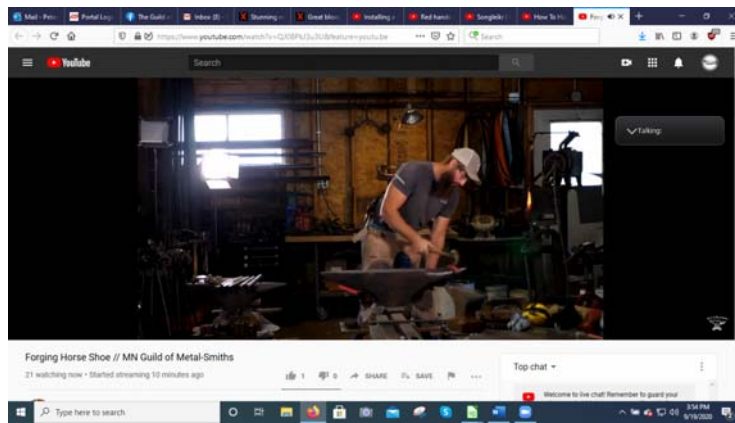
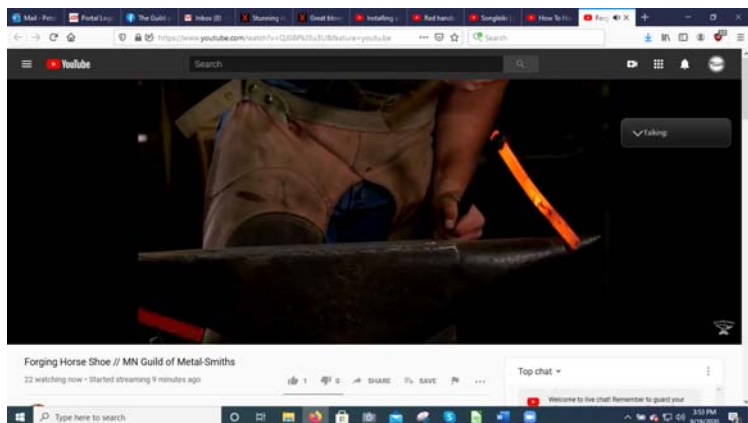
Below are some screen captures shared by Peter Bettenberg of Matt making a braided wheat hook.

See page 5 for screen captures of Ferrier Justin Klejeski demonstrating a horse shoe.



Fall Conference virtual meeting highlights on 'YouTube'...September 19, 2020

Justin Klejeski is a ferrier friend of Brendan Stevans and demonstrated making a horseshoe and answered questions about that. Below are screen captures from his virtual demonstration. Thanks to Peter Bettenberg for these.



Note: The information below is provided as a service for TGoM members. Members may submit items for sale and upcoming events that are considered relevant to our group, and they will be published as space permits. The Guild of Metalsmiths is not responsible for these items or events.

Tunnel Mill Crafts 2020 Classes and Events

We are located in southern Minnesota near Spring Valley. For more information on any of the classes contact us at jc-adams@msn.com, or call 507-289-4189 Carol Adams.

Check the Tunnel Mill website for full details:
www.tunnelmillcrafts.com

Annual Tunnel Mill Fall Gathering October 2, 3, & 4, 2020

Come and join us in the valley.

Social distancing and masks provided! In fact, how about tying your own mask?

We all need to get out and enjoy the great outdoors and admire the beautiful fall colors. They're early this year, so hurry! Hence the Annual Fall Gathering at Tunnel Mill. Come for the day or weekend!

Come and enjoy an outdoor fire pit, forging in the great outdoors, and meeting of friends we have not seen for awhile. There's nothing like standing (or sitting) around a campfire with friends.

🔥 Enjoy Myron's french fried curly potatoes and Roger's great fry bread.

🔥 Anyone need a bottle opener? Dave Weiss will show you how to make one!

🔥 Also a Damascus demo. Other forging to take place.

🔥 Food available.. Coffee & hot cider..

🔥 Bring things for show & tell. Display your quilts in the quilt barn!

🔥 Wine sampling (or drinking) 4:00 in the barn.

Hope to see you there!



2020 Classes at Tunnel Mill

Tom Latane' October 9, 10, & 11, 2020.
Combination padlock

Tom Latane' Oct 16, 17, 18 (rescheduled from May 15, 16, 17)
Candle-Holder with Saw-tooth Trammel.

Kitty Latane' Oct. 17 & 18, 2020 (rescheduled from May 15, 16, 17)
Tinwork

Check the Tunnel Mill website for full details:
www.tunnelmillcrafts.com

Our neighborhood of smiths

The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM)

All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October, except December. For these meetings 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). To check your membership expiration date, see the mailing label on your latest copy of "Metalsmith."

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Vice-President: Paul Widenhoefer

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Our website is: <http://www.metalsmith.org>

Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information:

President: Dave Weiss

Newsletter editor: John Grump

715-379-5007

715-829-4559

diamondmetalworks13@gmail.com johngrump@att.net

Badger website: <https://sites.google.com/site/badgerblacksmiths/>

Lake Superior Metalsmiths

Lake Superior Metalsmiths (LSM) meet the fourth Saturday of the month. Potluck at noon with meeting to follow.

Contacts are:

Charley Brown, President, CharleyRB@charter.net, 218-428-7906

Dave Hanson, VP, duluthblacksmith@yahoo.com 218-391-4466

Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths

The NMM meets the first Monday of the month at Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers (LIRPF) show grounds, 1/4 mile east of the north entrance to Itasca State Park.

Contact Keith Johnson for monthly specifics at keith@greatriverforge.com. The NMM's website is www.nmmetalsmiths.org

Central Minnesota Blacksmiths (CMB)

Meet on the first Monday of each month. Potluck followed by demo. Locations are different every month so please call or write for info

President: Ken Zitir

320-746-8161

mail@kensiron.com

Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center (CAFAC)

Quarterly blacksmithing classes, exhibits, and open house events
www.cafac.org email: info@cafac.org

Tunnel Mill Crafts

Blacksmith shop, traditional iron work, classes

Located 20 miles south of Rochester MN, near Spring Valley MN
507 289-4189 or 507 289-5246

Carol Adams jc-adams@msn.com,

<http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com/>

Sandy Lake Forge on Raspberry Island

Blacksmith shop offering classes, workshops and more. See raspberrylakefolkschool.blogspot.com for details or call: 218-851-6085

Gary and Janet Hill

Raspberry Island

50569 218th Place

Mcgregor, MN 55760

Goings on...a listing of TGoM events at a glance

- All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October. Date for December will be announced. For these meetings 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).
- Education Comm. meets first Thursday of each month. Contact Christina Dodge, co-chair: christina.gldmbr@gmail.com
- Program Comm. meetings are 7 pm the third Thursday monthly. Derrick Phillips, chair DerrickPhillipsA3o3@gmail.com
- 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.



Events in October

Tire Power Hammer Build-cancelled for October, switched to May 2021-watch for updates

Oct. 14, Guild membership meeting via ZOOM!

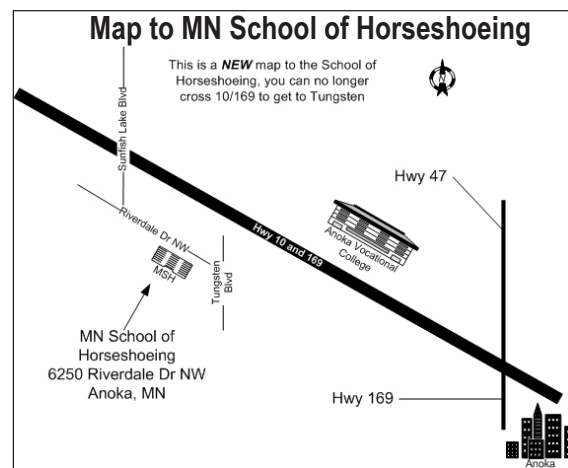
Oct. 17, 24, 31, TGoM Fall Beginning Blacksmithing classes, MN School of Horseshoeing

Events in November

No events planned for November

Events in December

Dec. 6, Guild holiday gathering will be virtual this year. Watch for details.



The Guild has a new address

The Guild of Metalsmiths

PO Box 72

Hudson, WI 54016

Please update your records! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me. Thank you!

Taya Gavin, Treasurer

gavin1137@hotmail.com 715-781-4389

Join The Guild of Metalsmiths

Send \$30 dues to the address below. Please circle if you want to be listed in our membership directory and/or check items you don't want listed.

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City, State, Zip Code: _____

Primary phone: _____ Secondary phone: _____

All memberships are family memberships. Persons of all ages, professionals and hobbyists, are invited to join.

We do not sell our mailing list.

ELECTRONIC FORUM

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Contact Gordon Barr at agbarr@aol.com.



Address Service Requested

If you have items to be included in *The Forum*, please send them to Georgia Myers, editor, by email to: gldmyers@embargo.com by the third Monday of the month, if possible.

The Guild of Metalsmiths on the web

Visit our website at <http://www.metalsmith.org>

Looking for something? Try the search engine. On our home page, at the top of the right sidebar, enter your query and click on "Search."

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Your membership expiration date will show on the address label of your quarterly "Metalsmith" magazine.

TGoM now accepts Paypal and most major credit cards

The Guild accepts Paypal and most major credit cards, in addition to paper checks, for the payment of annual dues. This should make it more convenient for members to pay dues.

The Forum

The Guild of Metalsmiths 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.

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, "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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