

'The Forum'

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Watch For February 10, 2021 TGoM Membership Meeting To 'Zoom!'

For the Guild's February 10 meeting Pete Stanaitis has filmed a tour of his shop in Baldwin, Wisconsin,, and we will share this on Zoom. Pete will be there to answer questions after it is shown. The video will take approximately 30 minutes.

We seem to do our Zoom "show and tell" at the end of our meetings, so we will continue in that format. I am hoping folks are able to show some creations then.

I will schedule the virtual event later so the Zoom connecting info will be ready for the February Forum. Members will also receive an email containing that connecting info.



Pete Stanaitis

— Derrick Phillips, Program Committee Chair

Tire Power Hammer Build with Allan Kress (Clay Spencer's tire hammer understudy)

Date and Time: Final build weekend will be 1-2 May 2021. Several pre-build weekends for preparing parts will be scheduled as well. Note: Final build weekend may end up being postponed depending on how COVID-19 restrictions are treating us by then.

A few folks had to drop out of the tire hammer build for various reasons, so we have 2 or 3 spots we can fill at this time. Call/email Martin if you want details.

The Guild built Tire Hammers with Clay Spencer in 2007 and since then many have eagerly anticipated it happening again. If you are looking for a simple and effective entrance into the world of mechanical power hammers this is it.

This is a build versus a class. That means we are all working towards the goal of producing our hammers most effectively. Do not expect to learn how to do every step of making one. I expect most of us will learn a thing or two in the process. I learned a bunch at the last one and first got to know a lot of my Guild friends there.

This ad is small and the project is big. I can't cover all the details here. If you have questions, call (leave a message if I don't answer and I will get back to you), text or email me.

If you are interested in helping but not signing up to build a hammer for yourself let me know that as well. We had a lot of great help last time from folks who didn't go home with a hammer.

Note: We are in difficult times. COVID-19 is going to affect many aspects of this build. Don't get into this if you can't be flexible to necessary changes.

Instructor: Allan Kress (direct questions to me, Martin Pansch)

Price of Build: \$2100.00 in three installments. The first check for \$1000 will secure your place in the build. Timing of the other checks will be discussed in meetings. We plan on scavenging as many parts and materials as we can for this build. Any unused funds will be refunded to participants after the final bills are paid on a pro-rated based on how much they participated in the build i.e. if you don't show up to any of the pre-build workshops or assist in other meaningful ways and only show up to the final build weekend you should expect no refund. If costs run over for some reason we will address that with the group at that time. Make checks payable to "The Guild of Metalsmiths"

Class size: Maximum students: 15 Minimum students: 10

Location: To be announced. Within an hour of the Twin Cities.

Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class: There is an extensive list of tools and equipment needed that will be discussed in meetings with the participants.

Safety Equipment: safety glasses, ear plugs and work gloves are mandatory. Other safety equipment dictated by processes being performed.

Special Instructions: Oodles of them to be addressed in meetings with the participants.

Lunch Arrangements: To be discussed in group meetings

Class Manager: Martin Pansch--blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com

201 Nevada Street

Northfield, MN 55057

(612) 599-4762



Beginners Blacksmithing Class presented by Ken Zitur in 2021

The Guild is advertising the following information regarding "Beginners Blacksmithing Classes" being presented by TGoM member Ken Zitur at Ken's Custom Iron in Avon, MN. Ken is president of the Central Minnesota Blacksmiths (CMB).

Facebook Post:

"If you're still looking to learn something new this winter and improve your wealth of knowledge, we have only a few spots left in our 2021 Beginner Blacksmithing Class lineup!

Our classes on Jan 28-29, Feb 20-21, and Mar 13-14 each have at least one spot left - grab 'em while you still can! More info at www.kensiron.com/blacksmithingclasses

Details:

This two-day class will take you from an interest in blacksmithing to using your new skills to make useful objects from hot iron. You will learn techniques like drawing out, bending, scrolling, splitting, twisting, and more to create several small pieces to take home with you. The class is open to students of all skill levels and each class is limited to 10 students. Please note that classes are co-ed unless otherwise indicated.

We will provide:

All necessary equipment and supplies
Coffee, water, and sweets

You need to bring/wear:

- ✓ Long pants
- ✓ Closed toe shoes (boots preferred)
- ✓ Safety glasses and hearing protection (available for purchase)
- ✓ Lunch (or purchase a lunch locally on your lunch break)
- ✓ You may bring your own hammers/tools if you have them

Class limit: 10 students per class

Tuition: \$325

(Early Bird: Registered before December 1st), \$375 (Registered after December 1st)

Location:

37634 County Road 9
Avon, MN 56310
1-320-746-8161
mail@kensiron.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."

President: Larry Wasmund Vice-President: Paul Widenhoefer
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612-599-4762 952-930-0070

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

Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information:

President: Dave Weiss Newsletter editor: John Grump
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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 Zitur

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



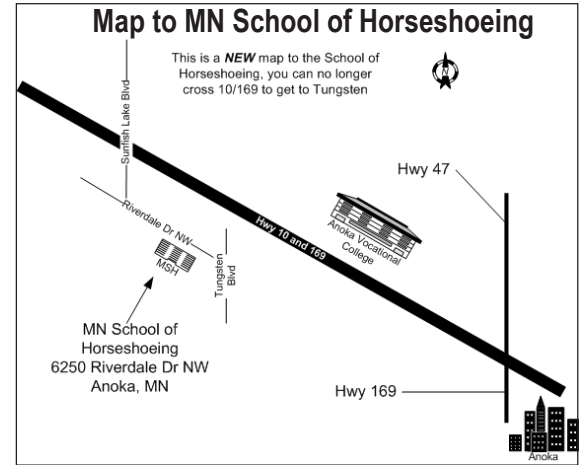
- All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October. Date for December will be announced. For these meetings a potluck meal begins at 6:30 pm and the business meeting begins at 7, with a demonstration or activity starting around 8 (times approximate).
- Education 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 January 2021

None scheduled

Events in February 2021

Feb. 10, 2021, Guild membership meeting virtual via Zoom



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.

The Guild of Metalsmiths
PO Box 72
Hudson, WI 54016

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in the directory
but don't list

Don't List Me
in the Directory

address - phones: home - work - fax - cell - email - web page
(circle items above you **DO NOT** want published)

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Address: _____

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

If you have not been receiving an email notification that The Forum is available, please verify that we have your correct email address.
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@embarqmail.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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