

# 'The Forum'

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## August 11 Guild of Metalsmiths annual family meeting (potluck, sweet corn feed & hog roast) at Dan Pate's farm!

Join your smithing friends and families as we gather once again to celebrate summer with a potluck meal and membership meeting Wednesday, August 11, 6:30 p.m. at Dan Pate's farm (map below). It includes Herb Fick's hog barbeque, potluck dishes by YOU (the membership), and sweet corn prepared by our new "corn cook," Larry Sorenson. And thank you to Dick and Irma Carlson for handling the sweet corn for the past umpteen years! Herb adds: "Of course the early arrivals will help shuck the corn. We hope for a lot of early arrivals."

Herb, the champion for this meeting, says the pig is ordered, he has his pit crew ready, and he's got Brendan Stevens for a demonstration. Myron has offered his demo forge kit, and Kim Maas (TGoM's volunteer coordinator) has put out a call for volunteers to help prep the grounds and clean up the day after the meeting (see page 2).

Herb says: "I am nominally in charge. That means little. Jesse and Taya (Gavin) really do a lot of the work, as in having the supplies, tables and chairs there. There is a regular cadre that shows up to support them."

**Sidenote:** Herb would appreciate email from those willing to confirm participation in the pre meeting grounds cleanup. It takes a few volunteers to shift the cars around and do the mowing, tree trimming, and using the forge time available in the afternoon.

Last year (2020) Dan bought an event tent for the night. We all know how that worked out. In addition, our host, Dan, has always had something new to show as he offers to demonstrate most everything in his shop. This is key for Herb because Dan's tool set and skill set is way different from the typical member of our group, and he has wondrous techniques to share.

Contact Herb with questions about the meeting, [herb@phyque.com](mailto:herb@phyque.com).

**Volunteers needed to help make this meeting a repeated success.** See page 2 for those opportunities. Contact Kim with questions about volunteering: [tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com).

(Three miles south of the Stanton Minnesota airport.)



## Sharing Sad News...

We learned today about the sudden death last night of Dick and Irma Carlson's grandson, Richard Rose. Please keep the Carlson family in your prayers.

Also, longtime Guild member Don Welch passed on July 29. Details are not yet known.

## INSIDE...

### Please sign up to help for TGoM's August 11 meeting!

See page 2 for August TGoM meeting volunteer opportunities. Your help is needed!

### TGoM Fall Conference Sept. 17, 18, 19

See page 3 & 4 for "The Madness" announcements and updates!

### Nowthen Threshing Show August 20, 21, 22

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### Important Notice:

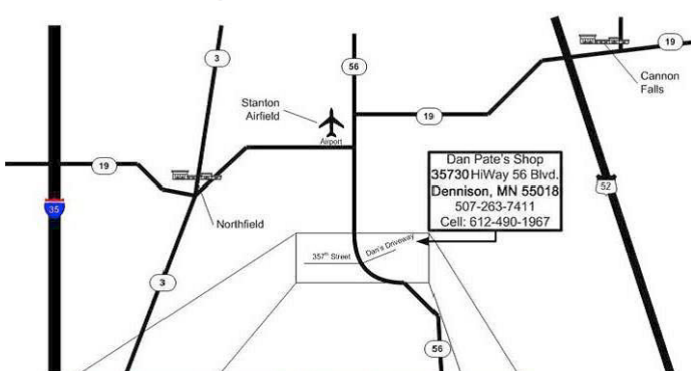
TGoM's old PO Box is officially closed. If you send postal mail to any address other than PO Box 72, Hudson, WI 54016, it will NOT reach us. Please update your records. Thank you!

Taya Gavin, 715-781-4389  
[gavin1137@hotmail.com](mailto:gavin1137@hotmail.com)

### Are you looking for Volunteer Opportunities?

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities and not sure whom to talk to?  
Contact: Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator at:  
[tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com) or  
call 651-328-7219.

Map to Dan Pate's farm



## Volunteer Opportunities for August 11 Guild meeting

### Prepare & Setup Crew for the August 11 Members Meeting

**Requirements/Qualifications:** Willingness to do what it takes to prepare and setup for the August members meeting.

**Specific Tasks and Responsibilities:** Show up at Dan Pate's home at 8:00 a.m. the day of the event to help get the homestead (cleaned up) ready for a fun filled evening. This means moving items to make room for tables/chairs. Mowing and trimming lawn. Please bring your chainsaw and hedge/lawn trimmers.

**Why Should You Join the Team?:** This is an awesome opportunity to mingle (work) with fellow members you haven't seen for over a year or if you are a new member, meet fellow members.

### 6 - 8 people to plate the food for the membership at the August Members Meeting

**Requirements/Qualifications:** Willingness to put food on the plates of the members.

**Specific Tasks / Responsibilities and Misc. Info.:** Due to the pandemic and trying our best to keep the membership healthy, we need 6 - 8 servers to plate the food for members. The Program Committee will supply gloves for the servers.

**Why Should You Join the Team?:** Assist in doing our best to keep the membership healthy and safe.

### A Cleanup Crew for Thursday, August 12, the day after the August Members Meeting

**Requirements/Qualifications:** Willingness to help cleanup after the August members meeting.

**Specific Tasks and Responsibilities:** Show up at Dan Pate's home at 8:00 a.m. the day after the event to help get the homestead back in order. This means moving items back that were moved the prior day.

**Why Should You Join the Team?:** This is an opportunity to hangout (work) with fellow members for another day.

**Contact:** Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator

[tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com)

651-328-7219

**Also contact:** Herb Fick

[herb@phyque.com](mailto:herb@phyque.com)

## Demo Opportunity Sunday, August 29

Demo opportunity for a few hours on Sunday, August 29th in north Maplewood, MN by I-694 and White Bear Ave. Peter Bettenberg has visited the site and unfortunately their anvil and forge are in sorry condition, so anyone demonstrating would need to bring their own gear. Additionally, a canopy would be a good idea as you will likely be working outside. Bill Bruentrup has said he is fine with demonstrators displaying/selling their wares, but entertaining visitors is the priority. Please contact Bill directly if interested: 612-581-1620.

Bill Bruentrup

Bruentrup Heritage Farm

2170 County Rd D

Maplewood, MN 55109

<https://maplewoodmn.gov/526/Bruentrup-Heritage-Farm>

## Volunteer Opportunity Available



**Position:** Member of TGoM Board of Directors - Communication Services Chair

**Requirements / Qualifications:** : Should possess solid communication, organizational, and people skills. Ability to completely serve a two year term.

**Specific Tasks and Responsibilities:**

**Attend bi-monthly Board of Director meetings.**

**Work with various volunteers to manage Guild communications channels:**

- Webmaster overseeing The Bellows email reflector and the Guild website
- Editor of The Forum newsletter
- Lead Editor of METALSMITH magazine
- A team watching our Facebook page
- A volunteer overseeing our merchandise on CafePress
- Create and manage Guild brochures, banners, and various content.
- Create and manage t-shirts and over merch for the annual Fall Conference

**Why Should You Apply?:** You would be a voting member of the board. You would get a better understanding of the inter-workings of the Guild. You can help guide the Guild for the next couple of years.

**Contact:** Peter Bettenberg [bettenberg@hotmail.com](mailto:bettenberg@hotmail.com)

## Needs of Fall Conference Found Art

**1. Found Art needs supply donations for the wagon.** Silverware, your metalsmithing mistakes, old yard tools and any other scrap metal you have laying around. We have highly creative members in our Guild that can take old scrap and make amazing pieces. It is truly fun to see something you bring in turn into a marvelous sculpture.

**2. Scrappers needed for the leftovers from the Found Art wagon after the conference.** You will need boxes and a truck to haul way all the metal left over from the conference.

To help out with these things, please contact Herb Fick:

[herb@phyque.com](mailto:herb@phyque.com)

## Schedule change to TGoM Fall Conference brochure

Cigar Box Purse Class will be changing to 1:30 - 4:30. See conference brochure for details of this and all other classes.

## The Guild's official mailing 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](mailto:gavin1137@hotmail.com) 715-781-4389

'The Madness' is on!



# Plan now to attend The Guild of Metalsmiths' annual Fall Conference on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 17, 18, 19, 2021

This September 17, 18, and 19 we will be holding our Madness at the Pierce County Fairgrounds in Ellsworth, WI. The board toured the facility and found that the amenities offered give the conference everything needed and more. There is a building with ventilation, concrete floors, and bathrooms to hold registration, meals, and the auction. Other buildings nearby can hold the demonstrations and there is ample parking all around. Camping is available onsite with or without hookups. We feel this location will provide us an excellent venue for comparable costs to what we are accustomed to.

## Fall Conference Demonstrators...

**John McLellan will be creating architectural elements, including parts of the grate found in the ABANA Advanced Project list.**



John got started in blacksmithing at the age of 8 when he inherited a forge and anvil from his grandfather. John read all the old books he could find on the subject and built his fires with small pieces of oak since he didn't have access to coal. The high school John attended offered a course in horseshoeing which he took his junior and senior years. This was the first time he got to use a coal fire. Since he already had years of experience in the forge the course was pretty easy for him, and he helped teach it during his senior year.

After John graduated, he continued to teach the Farrier class while he was attending the local Junior College. His major was in agriculture, but the college had a great metal shop, so he took most of the metal classes also.

In 1978 he joined the California Blacksmith Association. This was a real boost to his development. For the first time, he could talk to others that were doing the same things and having the same problems. The first conferences he went to were overwhelming. There was so much to see and learn. Working with the professionals in the group he quickly picked up many advanced techniques.

From 1984 through 1986 John attended CSU Chico to finish his B.S. He drove back to Sacramento every weekend to shoe horses and do any jobs that had come into the shop. The horseshoeing was his major source of income throughout this period as the market for good ironwork in Northern California was nonexistent. It really helps to have a trade that can provide a reliable cash flow.

**Doug Swenson will be replicating Viking-Age blacksmithing tools as found in the Mastermyr Chest in Sweden. See link for info about the chest.**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M%C3%A4stermyr\\_chest](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M%C3%A4stermyr_chest)



Doug Swenson began experimenting at a young age with an 1890s forge and anvil while growing up on a northwestern Minnesota farm. This early experience developed into a life long passion that he continues to cultivate today through ongoing research into the tools and techniques of traditional blacksmithing. Doug does his primary work out of a shop that attempts to recreate the rural village shop of the time period from 1890 to 1910. His work is significantly influenced by early Scandinavian work with a special interest in the Viking age.

## Family Activities at the Conference

Contact is: Sheri Stanaitis home (715) 698-2895  
cell (715) 307-3544

[spaco@baldwin-telecom.net](mailto:spaco@baldwin-telecom.net)

Class limits - 10 people per class. Pre-registration is not required. Pay instructor day of class. Cash only, no checks or credit cards.

### Tinsmithing Class

Saturday 9:00 am - Noon

Make tin decorations including twisted tinsel, embossed and stamped hearts. \$15. Kitty Latané, instructor

### Cigar Box Purse Class

Saturday 1:30 - 4:30 PM

Create a purse from a cigar box. \$15. Kim Maas, instructor

### Altoid Tin Repousse

Sunday 9:00 am - Noon

Fun ways to decorate Altoid tins. **Free.** Jesse Gavin, Instructor.

### Magnetic Art

Design and build magnetic/ferrous creations. Free all weekend!

### Found Art

Herb Fick and company will weld whatever you find on the trailer into art creations. **Free.** Found Art closes at 4:00 pm Saturday!

FYI:

## List of places to stay in Ellsworth area

Ellsworth, WI

David Motel Lodge  
W7670 US Hwy 10  
Ellsworth, WI 54011  
715-273-3333

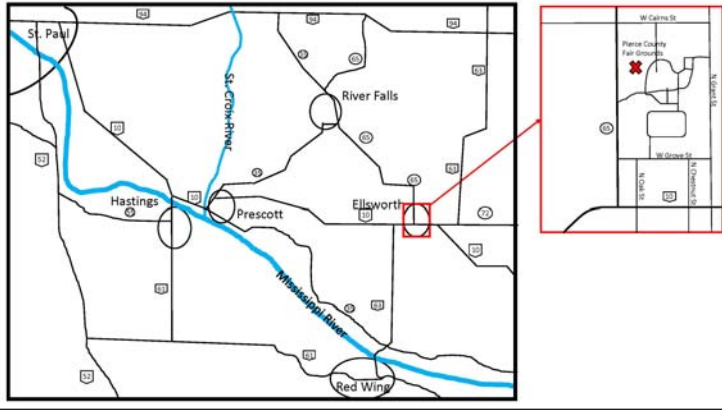
Best Western  
100 Spring Street  
River Falls, WI 54022  
715-425-1045

River Falls, WI

Country Inn  
1525 Commerce Court  
River Falls, WI 54022  
715-425-9500

Econo Lodge  
1207 Saint Croix St.  
River Falls, WI  
715-425-8388

The 2021 Fall Conference is moving to the Pierce County Fairgrounds, 364 N Maple Street, Ellsworth, WI 54011!



## For further information or to volunteer

Larry Wasmund (507) 469-0205  
 Guild President [poundedtreasures@gmail.com](mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com)

Derrick Phillips (651) 230-2363  
 Program Committee Chair [DerrickPhillipsA3o3@gmail.com](mailto:DerrickPhillipsA3o3@gmail.com)

Taya Gavin (715) 781-4389  
 Treasurer [Gavin1137@hotmail.com](mailto:Gavin1137@hotmail.com)

Kim Maas (651) 328-7219  
 Volunteer Coordinator [tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com)

### Pierce County Fairgrounds map specific to Fall Conference



1. Seyforth Building - Kitchen & Dining room
  2. Kenny Heinz Building - Demonstrator at the north & south ends of the building.
  3. Home Economics Building - Registration, Gallery, Library, location of Friday night Gala.
  4. Location of Found Art
- Dotted outline - Restrooms  
 Tailgating located on the road south of Picnic Shelter.

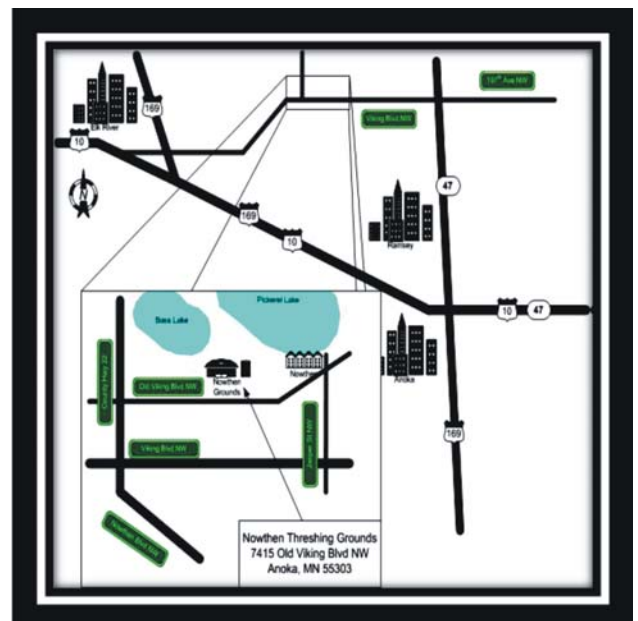
## Nowthen Threshing Show is on!

The dates are August 20, 21, and 22. Guild members will be demonstrating blacksmithing to the public on the Nowthen Historical Power Association grounds north of Anoka during the annual threshing show (map below). The blacksmith shop has 5 forging stations, and we'll be working in shifts to cover 8:00-5:00 Friday, 8:00-5:00 Saturday, and 8:00-4:00 Sunday. Coal will be provided. Bring your own tools and projects to demonstrate our fascinating craft to the general public.

There will be a signup sheet at the August membership meeting or people can email the event champion, Christina Dodge, at [christina.guildmbr@gmail.com](mailto:christina.guildmbr@gmail.com). Volunteer early and you'll be given a pass into the show and your choice of demo time(s). Drop-ins are welcome, too. Just might need to wait a bit for a forge to open up.

Bring family or friends, there are a lot of interesting things going on that weekend: tractor pulls and a tractor parade each day, steam engines firing up, sawmill running, food and beverages and demonstrations of historic village activities, industries and crafts along with the main event, threshing demonstrations.

Please contact Christina Dodge at:  
[christina.guildmbr@gmail.com](mailto:christina.guildmbr@gmail.com)





## TGoM Membership Perks: Discounts

The following companies are extending discounts to The Guild of Metalsmiths members.

You will need to ask for their Guild of Metalsmiths discount, show your membership card, and a Picture ID.

These discounts are a gift to us and can be taken away if they are abused. If you have a hobby shop, no problem. If you are a professional with a few employees, no problem. What is not fair, is turning yourself into a dealership by reselling/trading products that you have purchased with our discount or being a big company and using our discount for your bottom line. Please don't ruin this for everyone. These businesses deserve our recognition and patronage:

Please see The Guild of Metalsmiths website <https://www.metalsmith.org> for additional information regarding discounts and products available. The Guild of Metalsmith > Home > About > Friends of the Guild: Discounts.

### Carhartt at Work Program

Mall of America  
144 North Garden Bloomington, MN 612-318-6422

or  
Riverdale Village Mall  
12680 Riverdale Blvd. Coon Rapids, MN 952-885-8000  
15% on almost everything in the store, except Flame Retardant (FR) gear, which is 10% off whether you shop online or at Mall of America.

[www.carhartt.com](http://www.carhartt.com)

### Minnesota Glove & Safety & Bob's Workwear

West St. Paul, MN 651-552-8840  
[www.minnesotaglove.com](http://www.minnesotaglove.com)

10% discount off merchandise not already on sale or discounted  
Smith-Sharpe Fire Brick Supply  
2129 Broadway St NE, Minneapolis, MN 612-331-1345  
866-545-6743

[www.ssfbs.com](http://www.ssfbs.com)

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%.

### Garelick Steel Company

Minneapolis, MN 612-521-8857 888-521-8857  
[www.garelicksteel.com](http://www.garelicksteel.com)

10% discount for members

### Mississippi Welders Supply

Seven locations between MN & WI. 800-657-4422  
[www.mwsco.com](http://www.mwsco.com)

See website or phone book for locations. 15% discount on gases and most instore items that are not already marked as a sale item or already at a discount from MSRP for members.

### Toll Gas and Welding Supply

Eight Twin City metro locations. 763-551-5300  
[www.tollgas.com](http://www.tollgas.com)

See website or phone book for location near you. 15% off of gases and most in-store items, for Guild members.

### Oxygen Service Co.

St. Paul, MN 651-44-7273 800-774-1336  
[www.oxygenservicecompany.com](http://www.oxygenservicecompany.com)

15% discount on gases and most items that are not already marked on sale for members.

## GUILD OF METALSMITHS' BOARD MEETING July 14, 2021 BY ZOOM

Called to order @ 7:03 p.m.

Members present: Gordon Barr, Peter Bettenberg, Christina Dodge, Taya Gavin, Jesse Gavin, Mark Lockwood, Martin Masters, Kim Maas, Derrick Phillips, Larry Wasmund, Paul Widenhoefer, and Richard Zielike

**Minutes**-M/A Martin, S/Jesse. Motion passes.

**Treasurer's report-Taya**-The balances are going down because we are paying off the power hammer build. 18 are registered for the fall conference. Some people are paying twice instead of using the family rate, and there is some confusion regarding the electrical hookups.

Business checking	\$11,123.13
Business checking	\$ 2,886.67
Business savings	\$64,665.32
Total	\$78,675.12

**Membership-Gordon**-Nothing to report other than we added 2 new members.

**Program-Derrick**-The corn feed is going forward. We have staffed the open positions.

Fall conference logistics were discussed. We need to move materials to the Pierce County Fairgrounds from the Little Log House and Dick Carlson's. Jesse will provide the tooling for John McLellan.

**Publicity-Peter**-The Forum is on schedule. Peter will edit the September Metalsmith, and Asa will edit the December issue. Seasonal address changes have created problems with sending out the Metalsmith. We will print reminders in the Form and Bellows that we need new addresses for our members who leave during the winter. Peter is designing our conference tee shirts. Various Bellows issues were discussed.

**Education-Christina**-The committee has taken 2 months off. We will not be having a pre-conference class. We have 2 Rich Herman Memorial Classes scheduled for youth on September 25, and October 30<sup>th</sup>. We will not publish the full year's class schedule as we have in the past. Instead, we will announce upcoming classes (in The Forum and at membership meetings as usual) a few months at a time.

**Old Business**-We discussed *The Iron Menagerie*. People have requested more copies, but we felt it needs some updating. The program committee was given a proposal to consider.

**New Business-Kim**-Kim proposed auctioning off Guild cards at the fall conference with photographs of different member projects. She is also updating our Standard Operation Procedure Manual.

The Café Press has been selling Guild merchandise for us, and we need to complete a few forms so we can get paid.

We discussed future fall conference locations, concentrating on the Pierce County Fairgrounds, NowThen, and the Little Log House. We have been in contact with all three.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Zielike, Recorder

# Tunnel Mill Crafts 2020 Classes and Events

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

Check the Tunnel Mill website for full details: [www.tunnelmillcrafts.com](http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com)



## Featured 2021 Classes

### DAMASCUS AXE

**Ric Furrer**

August 20, 21 and 22, 2021

Returning PBS Nova celebrity for his expertise with the Viking swords and his knowledge and experience in Damascus, heat treating, and pattern welded steel. You will should do axes with pattern-welded edges. Starting with a billet of mild steel you will forge out a mirror image axe shape in preparation for folding and welding.

Using this method we form the eye for the handle with the fold rather than a chisel and drift.

Once the axe blank is rough forged to shape you will weld up a small billet of layered steel which will become the inserted edge. In this way you get the experience of pattern-welding as well as axe making.

### SMALL AXE HEAD for NORWEGIAN STYLE WALKING STICK

**Tom Latane'**

September 10, 11 and 12, 2021

Students will each forge a small axe head like those used on some eighteenth century walking sticks in Norway. These walking sticks were called Bergmannsstav in Norway where they are thought to have been introduced by German workers in the mining district.

The eye can be forge-welded or punched depending on preference.

### Tunnel Mill Annual Fall Gathering

October 1, 2 and 3, 2021. Check back for details.

### Exploring Forging Pattern-Welded ("Damascus") Steel

**Jeff Harper**

Rescheduled to: October 8, 9 and 10, 2021

### Directions to Tunnel Mill:

Tunnel Mill is located 20 miles south of Rochester Minnesota. Take Hwy 63 out of Rochester to Stewartville, turn east on Hwy 30 to County Highway 1 (approx 5.5 miles). Turn south on County Highway 1. Follow CO HWY 1 6.5 miles to Tunnel Mill on the left side of CO RD Call about camping on the grounds. 507-378-4983 or 507-289-4189, Carol Adams. Lodging available in Spring Valley, 5 miles further south on CO RD 1.

## Upcoming classes at Raspberry Island Folk School

Raspberry Island is located on beautiful, historic Big Sandy Lake, about 2 1/4 hours straight north of the Twin Cities. We started offering summertime classes in blacksmithing and pottery on our island several years ago, mainly taught by Gary. Over the years, offerings have come to include workshops taught by well-known and sought-after instructors in the folk arts.

After cancelling all classes last year and for the first part of summer this year, we have decided to hold a few classes which may interest members of the Guild. Jeff Harper will be teaching a Beginning Damascus Class August 21-22 and I will be teaching a Forging a Finnish Puukko with Birchbark Handle Class August 28-29. Details can be found here:

<https://raspberryyislandfolkschool.blogspot.com/>

Thank you.

Gary Hill

Raspberry Island Folk School

50569 218th Place

Mcgregor, MN 55760



Information in this publication is provided as a service for our 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.

# 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.guildmbr@gmail.com](mailto:christina.guildmbr@gmail.com)
- Program Comm. meetings are 7 pm the third Thursday monthly. Derrick Phillips, chair [DerrickPhillipsA3o3@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## August Events

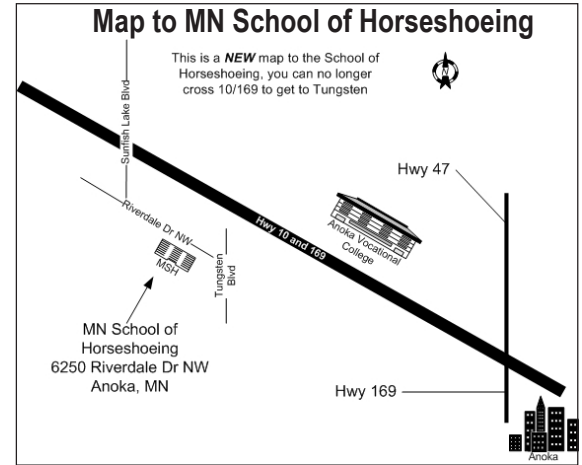
August 11, membership meeting/corn feed. Dan Pate's farm.  
 Nowthen Threshing Show demo op, August 20, 21, 22.

## September Events

Sept. 17, 18, 19, Fall Conference at Pierce County fairgrounds, Ellsworth WI

## October Events

Oct. 13, membership meeting, details tba.



## 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

### List Me

in the directory  
 but don't list

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

### Don't List Me

in the Directory

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](mailto: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](mailto:gldmyers@embarqmail.com) by the third Monday of the month, if possible.

## The Guild of Metalsmiths on the web

Visit our website at <https://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.

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### 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.

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## 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.

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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, "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 72  
Hudson, WI 54016