

# 'The Forum'

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*Almost time for 'The Madness'!*

## 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.



### TGoM's Program Committee is looking for help at the registration desk for the Fall Conference

**Position available:** Registration Desk personnel

**Requirements/Qualifications:** Attention to detail

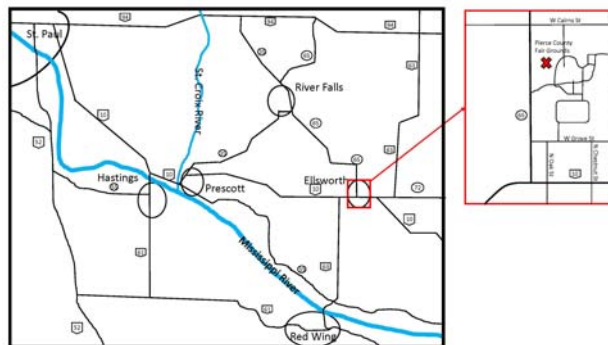
**Specific Tasks and Responsibilities:** 2-hour shifts registering members and guests for the Fall Conference. Handing out name badges, getting release forms signed and

taking payments for event/food.

**Why Should You Join the Team?:** This is an opportunity to visit with the membership and guest while helping with the conference.

**Contact:** Derrick Phillips [derrickphillipsa3o3@gmail.com](mailto:derrickphillipsa3o3@gmail.com)

The 2021 Fall Conference is moving to the Pierce County Fairgrounds, 364 N Maple Street, Ellsworth, WI 54011! You'll find a detailed map of the fairgrounds on page 4, or in your copy of the conference brochure.



### 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)

## Thank you...

Dick and Irma Carlson sincerely thank members and families of The Guild of Metalsmiths for sharing of prayers, support, and condolences related to the passing of their grandson, Richard Rose, on July 31, 2021.



[Read the obituary here.](#)

## INSIDE...

### REMINDER:

Please get your registration forms sent in for the Madness ASAP! The Program Committee is trying to get a head count for meals.

### Schedule change to TGoM Fall Conference brochure item

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

### Fall Conference Gallery is looking for...

Did you have projects this year that will not make it to the Gallery at the Fall Conference? Maybe it was given away or sold or maybe it's too large to bring.

The Gallery will have a location to share your 4"x 6" photographs of your projects. Please bring in your photos to the conference and share.

### 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.

# 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.

**FYI:**

## List of places to stay in Ellsworth area

### Ellsworth, WI

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

### River Falls, WI

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

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

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

**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!

## 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.

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.

# Beginners Blacksmithing Classes Fall 2021

Registration is now open for the three day Beginners Blacksmithing classes

**October 2, 9, 16 at Minnesota School of Horseshoeing,  
Anoka, MN**

The beginners basic classes are designed to give everyone the same understanding of the basics, techniques and terminology. The basic classes or proficiency is required before taking any of the many other classes the Guild offers. This enables those classes to concentrate on advanced techniques without having to spend time on basic concepts.

This 3 day class covers the basics of: Safety, Tools, Fire Control, Forging Dynamics, Tapers (ribbon, fishtail, point), Twisting, Riveting, Shouldering, Upset, Cutting, Splitting, Punching, Heat Treat, Scrolling, Bending, Forge weld.

**Cost:** (covers everything you need, the facility, coal, metal tools and workbook)

\$180 for members, \$190 non members

Minors (under 18) must have a parent present. There will be no sharing of forges.

## Dates and Location:

The classes are held on Saturdays at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing, 6250 Riverdale Dr NW, just off Hwy 10 in Anoka near the Anoka Vocational College.

## What you need to bring:

Eye, ear and skin protection. This includes safety glasses, ear muff or plugs and suitable clothing which includes hard shoes, cotton or leather. Synthetic and polyester clothing will burn and melt. There will be sparks and brushes against hot metal. A mask (non-synthetic) may be required for classroom demonstrations.

## Tools:

Tools are provided but if you have a favorite hammer, punches, chisels and tools, bring them along. A small 1 to 2 pound ball peen hammer would work. We have various hammers for you to try and get a feel for what is comfortable.

## Typical day:

Classes start at 9 but people usually show up earlier to swap stories or show off recent projects. Feel free to bring projects you are working on to show. We break for lunch. You can either bring a brown bag or go out to a local fast food restaurant. Classes end between 3 and 5.

To sign up for the three day beginners classes:

Send a check made out to The Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Gordon Barr

11021 27<sup>th</sup> Ave

Burnsville, MN 55337

[agbarr@metalsmith.org](mailto:agbarr@metalsmith.org)

(\$180 for members, \$190 non members)

# 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 these 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)



## What's this NEON Database all about?

Ever wonder what the Guild knows about you?

- Your information is stored in a secure database known as Neon.
- You can access your personal information and update it as needed.
- You can block any information you don't want to be seen in the Guild directory.
- You can see the directory of all the Guild members.
- Snowbirds can have two addresses by dates so they never miss a mailing.
- You can renew your membership securely anytime.

You can access this database when you go to

[HTTPS://WWW.METALSMITH.ORG](https://www.metalsmith.org) under the MEMBERSHIP tab.

If you have never been here before, you can click on the CREATE YOUR OWN ACCOUNT and follow the prompts to create your ID and password.

If you have an ID and password, you can click on NEON CRM FOR EXISTING MEMBERS.

Once you enter your ID and password, you can see the pulldown menu to see all that is available.

From here you can update your information, renew your membership and see the directory.

If you have any questions, you can contact:

Gordon Barr at [agbarr@metalsmith.org](mailto:agbarr@metalsmith.org)

Monica Walczak at [membership@metalsmith.org](mailto:membership@metalsmith.org)



# PRELIST: Entering items in the Fall Conference Gallery

Once again the Fall Conference has rolled around, and in an effort to stave off carpal tunnel, I am asking that if you know what you are bringing to the gallery, please send off the description ahead of time.

"How?" you might ask.

1. Go to the Gallery Prelist at the link shown below.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oTpfcGxJVWQ5hrNhy7oNvhzuFzpVOQvVIUGH2Ss\\_z6U/edit](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oTpfcGxJVWQ5hrNhy7oNvhzuFzpVOQvVIUGH2Ss_z6U/edit)

2. Enter in your information (an example entry is posted in the first row) or, just send the following information to me by forwarding it to me: [escherblacksmith@gmail.com](mailto:escherblacksmith@gmail.com)

**Artist/Crafter name:**

**Name of the piece:**

**Material:**

**Auction item (y/n):**

**Any comments you have on the piece:**

Let me know if you have any questions. I appreciate your help!

Thomas Barnett

TGoM Conference Gallery Lackey

612-616-4781

## 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.



## Cowboy Shindig Openhouse: Robert's Favorite Things

**Date:** Saturday, September 11, 2021

**Time:** 12pm – 5 pm

**Location:** Home of Eddie Atkinson

4400 69<sup>th</sup> Ave N.

Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

*RSVP if possible and call with any questions.*

**Laura Beck: 612-210-6674**

Cowboy Luncheon will be served: Pulled BBQ Pork, BBQ Chicken, Salad, Baked Beans, Corn Bread, Peach Cobbler. Water, Lemonaid, and Coffee will be available. Feel free to BYO alcohol.

### Special request:

Daughter Laura said that food (meat especially) is not unlimited, so please bring something to share with the gathering if you can.

Whether you called him Robert, Boomer, Billy Jack, Poppy, or just Hey You, our dad was a great guy. He was generous and loving and insanely talented in so many areas. Please come remember him and peruse many of his favorite things and hobbies from the years. Musical instruments, Blacksmithing, Viet Nam memories, Aviation/Remote planes, Old West Reenactment pics and clothes, and more. Bring your stories and your smiles and celebrate with people who loved him.

\*Masks are optional, completely outdoor event Unvaccinated individuals are encouraged to wear. Hand sanitizer will be provided.



## 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.

## Long-time TGoM member passes

Don Welch, age 92, of Plymouth, Minnesota, long-time member of The Guild of Metalsmiths, passed away on July 29, 2021. Preceded in death by wife, Betty Lou; second wife, Clarine; daughter, Elizabeth Ann; brother, Merle and sister, Darlene. Survived by daughter, Laurel Welch; son, Kerry Welch; grandchildren, Heather, Kryston, Corrie, Richard, Robert and Lisa; 17 great-grandchildren; 2 great- great-grandchildren with 1 more on the way; siblings, Phyllis, Jerome, Jerry, Dick and Val.

Don was a brick layer by trade, blacksmith by passion, a member of Metalsmith Guild, and Veteran of the Korean War. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at Washburn-McReavy Glen Haven Chapel. View Don's obituary at the link below:  
<https://www.startribune.com/obituaries/detail/0000398524/>

## WROUGHT IRON LIQUIDATION SALE

Wrought iron rods and nails from retiring customer to be liquidated

Rods come in sizes 5/8", 3/4", 7/8", 1", 1 1/8", 1 1/4", 1 1/2", all in various lengths

Nails are 4 1/2" cut (not forged) wrought iron ranging from straight to broken

ALL PRICES ARE 50% OFF THE OLD WISCONSIN WOODCHUCK PRICE LIST

FOR INSTANCE: Old 5/8" price/foot \$6.00, New \$3.00

PRICES VARY BY DIAMETER

Please call or write David Hozza for price list

Cell: 612-816-1540 Email: [davidhozza@aol.com](mailto:davidhozza@aol.com)



Break Test on 5/8" Rod



## After action report: Corn roast, August 2021

Thanks to all who showed for the August meeting! We've done this for years that I've failed to count, and the hosts claim to do this because it suits them. (The Pates also do this a couple times a year for the Metal Meet group.)

This is a review intended to offer members comfort with the thought of managing a membership meeting. Try it! You just might really like it.

First, I need to respond to some who claim to think (in jest, I am assuming) I may feel a bit free with assigning tasks and asking for "voluntolds" to show up and spruce up the meeting venue. The response is that I find it rewarding that a large percentage of those volunteers came to me toward the end of the evening and thanked me for the opportunity to make a contribution to the success of the meeting. The opportunity to feel appreciated for championing a meeting is open to all members! I am betting that Gavins can offer a similar report based on the management of food and seating.

### Physical report:

We ate a 270 pound (Live weight) PIG. I've never done one larger than 250 in the past. I had ordered something less than 200 and there was thankfully a mistake. It had been prepped by Gary, Jim, Seth, and Tom using eight garlic bulbs, eight Jalapeño peppers, approximately two quarts of marinade of varied description, almost two pounds of butter (in the back strap), a quart of lemon juice, and one hind quarter was brined to produce nice pink ham. The stuffing was a gaggle of smoked chickens. We brought the temperature to 160 F before letting it rest (and snacking) for about an hour before carving. This is for those who collect recipes. I believe Larry Sorensen said we used 12 dozen ears of corn. Thanks, Larry. Tom and Wendy brought the buns. The rest of the food is a mystery. I usually fill up on meat and don't find the opportunity to go through the dinner line. But thanks to those who served. Dan and I had cookies at the end of the evening while we discussed the rough improvements for next year.

Lunch for the work crew was supplied by the Merritt family. Our plan had been to order pizza from Cannon Falls, but the change was wonderful.

**Special notes:** Thanks to Brendan for another demonstration. I have the bracket that was the demo piece. The brush pile created by the tree trimming people was huge and appreciated. A Merritt asked me for a chainsaw, and I hesitated. Mistake. If a Merritt kid asks for your chain saw, mower, tractor, or the keys to your truck, it will be just fine. All that, and I met some new people!

— Herb Fick



Gary Myers, Herb Fick, Jim Moenck: the early preppers!



Larry Sorensen, our new corn guy!



Sacrifice is ready!



Dinner scene

## 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

#### 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 website 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.

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



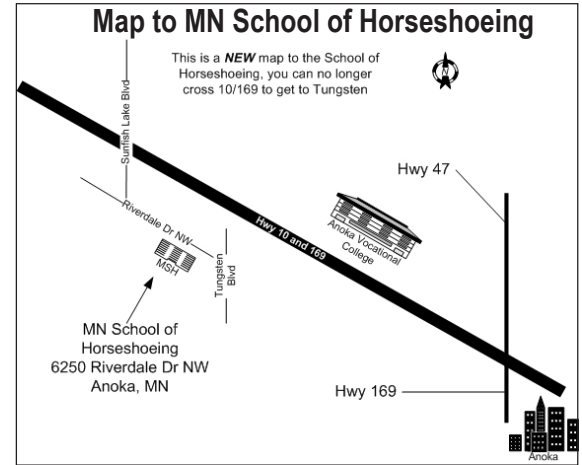
- All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October. Date for December will be announced. For these meetings a potluck meal begins at 6:30 pm and the business meeting begins at 7, with a demonstration or activity starting around 8 (times approximate).
- Education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

## September Events

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

## October Events

Oct. 13, membership meeting, Minnesota Transportation Museum (roundhouse)



## 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

**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](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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## 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)

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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