

# 'The Forum'

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## ***In person!***

### **TGoM's holiday gathering is set for Sunday, December 5 at the CSPS Hall in St. Paul, MN**

Join Guild of Metalsmiths families for our annual holiday gathering at the CSPS Hall in St. Paul (address 385 Michigan St, at the corner of West 7th and Western). The hall will open at noon. We usually share hors d'ouvres as people arrive, so bring your favorites if you wish.

The annual business meeting is first on the agenda, including awards, elections, and the normal business stuff starting at 1:00 pm and going on for an hour or so. Your participation is key to this. That leads into show and tell, and possibly an impromptu mini-auction. By then, we'll all have worked up an appetite to sit down to our always delightful holiday potluck. Please bring a dish to pass.

If you're a first-timer to this event, just go upstairs at the front of the building when you get there. An elevator entrance is also located on the side just off the parking lot. Bring your family!

Any questions about this meeting can be answered by contacting meeting champion Mike Frattalone at [icemanfratt@aol.com](mailto:icemanfratt@aol.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.

## **Handled Struck Tools Class Dec. 4**

Registration info for the Handled Struck Tools Class on page 4.

## **The Guild's official mailing address**

The Guild of Metalsmiths  
PO Box 72  
Hudson, WI 54016



## Handled Struck Tools Class

Date: Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021, 8 am to 5 pm

Location: Minnesota School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)

Instructors: Gavin (Plural) Jesse and Dave Phone number: 715-808-5891

e-mail address: [jagavin6273@hotmail.com](mailto:jagavin6273@hotmail.com)

Supported by: Olson, Fick, and others

Cost: \$85

Class size: 8 maximum, 6 minimum

Class description: Prepare your own working tools with an introduction to the preparation and heat treatment of a popular tool steel.

The tools made will be punches with a wire handle and chisels with a wire handle. We will offer the option to use treadle hammers supplied by the teaching staff. (Find out if you really need one of these by trying them.) Tools for the treadle hammers will be supplied. Steel supplied will be 5/8 and 3/4 inch round 4140 AN for the punches and chisels. Handles will be fabricated from 1/4 and or 5/16 inch round CRS.

The instructor's goal for the workshop is to produce students comfortable with the process of forging and heat treating tools from nominal tool steel. A secondary goal is to have the students comfortable with the use of treadle hammers. We expect to have three treadle hammers of different styles available.

We forge in the morning, heat treat and install handles after lunch. Much of the time is spent focusing on understanding the heat treat process. There will be enough stock so we can encourage you to make a couple of serious mistakes and still go home with real tools to use or to offer for the next "iron in the hat". The photo represents the work product. This class has been going annually for quite a while and has always filled. Credit for that goes to Jesse and Dave. (If this is too difficult a time, Jim Scott is thinking he might offer the similar but different workshop using 5160 steel and tools that are longer (hand held) without handles. That would be toward spring and dependent on the turkey season in Missouri.)

The building will be open by 8 am, introductions and coffee will start at 8:30, in the shop by 9 AM. We usually finish just before 5 pm.

**Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class:**

Power grinders are supplied. Bring favorite hammer: (16 to 48 ounces). Tongs appropriate to 1/4 inch, 5/8 inch and 3/4 inch round stock. (So far we have never run out of tools to share so this is not a big deal.)

**Safety Equipment:** the usual for forging with coal: safety glasses, hearing protection, clothing of natural fiber with no cuffs or fraying, and leather boots or shoes.

**Other Equipment:** Bring a sense of humor. You will make a couple of mistakes.

**Special Instructions:** Be on time. We cannot ask students to wait for late comers.

**Lunch Arrangements:** Bag it or go one of the local restaurants. There is a Culvers close and a bar with good lunches.

**History:** The lead instructor is Jesse Gavin. He is supported by Dave Gavin, Wayne Olson, Herb Fick and others. Last year we cancelled the workshop in accord with state guidelines. We shared three different treadle hammers for the eight students. For reference, probable students are invited to question former students including: Gene Thoma, Bryan Carlson, Derrick Phillips, Wayne Olson, Jim Moenck, or Bob Brown.

**To register for this class:** Send a check for \$85 made out to The Guild of Metalsmiths (with your phone number, email address, and residential address) to our class manager:

**Herb Fick**

519 East Eighth Street

Northfield MN 55057-2508

507 663 0569 or 507 649 1611 (cell) [herb@phyque.com](mailto:herb@phyque.com)

**Acceptance priority for this class will be determined by postmark.**



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## Not sure what to do in the gap between The Madness and the Christmas Party? Come celebrate St. Clement's Feast Day with Beer and Blacksmiths! Observed on Saturday, November 20 Hosted by Torg Brewery and The Guild of Metalsmiths

St. Clement is (one of) the patron saint(s) of blacksmiths and metalworkers. His feast day was a rare day off for these metal artisans when their toils at the forge were replaced by food and drink, and the noise of the shop was replaced by the (one must assume off-tune) singing and toasting in pubs. Whether you are a smith or not, come join us as we celebrate this heritage!

**Where:** 8421 University Avenue NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

**When:** 11 AM to 11 PM (or whenever we run out of steam, some of us are getting old)

- First drink is free for Guild members! Non-Guild smiths get a buy-one-get-one token!
- Bring potluck food/snacks suitable for a gracing Feast of St. Clement!
- Bring show and tell items to impress your fellow Guilders and the non-smithing public!
- Bring your favorite clinker to vie for the title of King Clinker!
- Sing Twankydllo, make toasts, quaff\* good beer!
- Play Bocce Anvil and Pinch the Devil's Nose!
- Blacksmithing demonstrations (weather permitting)!

If we are lucky, Old Clem might even grace us with his presence! Contact Martin Pansch, 612-599-4762, [blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com](mailto:blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com)



# Congrats to The Guild of Metalsmiths' latest graduating class!

October 2, 9, and 16, 2021  
Minnesota School of Horseshoeing



Left-to-right, Lead instructor David Skaurud\*, Tristan Drake, Wayne Olson\*, Tony Brewer, Eric Brown, Jack W. Osborne, Tracie Mickelson, and Erik Mickelson. Not pictured: Brian Tully, Julian Torgeson, Christina Dodge\*, Gordon Barr\*, and Rick Wessling\*. (\* indicates instructor)

Below are a few photos taken as the new beginners class and their instructors started and finished their 3-day class in October. Photos by Christina Dodge.



# GUILD OF METALSMITHS' BOARD MEETING

## September 9, 2021

### BY ZOOM

Called to order @ 7:04 p.m.

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

#### Treasurer's report

Checking (6965) \$11,187.62

Checking (7138) \$ 1,318.26

Savings \$64,666.42

Total \$77,172.30

Minutes approved – Mark Lockwood- moved, Derrick Phillips- seconded – Unanimous

256 Members 24 new members this year. Numbers are stable

#### Education

Beginners class in October is set. David Skarud is the lead, but he can't be there the first day. Christina or Gordon will cover.

Rich Herman classes set in Nowthen Oct 25 and Nov. Need porta-potties

#### Fall Conference

Need coke for the demonstrations because of white ceilings. Sometimes they have it at the SoH. Larry might have 40 pounds.

Food has been ordered. Taya gave the numbers over the weekend. She has not had confirmation back.

73 registered attendees. Dave Gavin will bring the black trailer, but he doesn't want to bring it back. They have bleachers at the fairgrounds, and display cases. The forges are coming from the Little Log House. Dave Gavin will transport them. Derrick and Gordon will help.

Gordon will reach out to Bob Brown. Manning the registration desk is the open issue. Need anvil with 1.25" hardy hole. Larry has one that he will bring. Program Committee is meeting 9-Sep. Education Cmte will supply a box of masks next to the Rich Hermann memorial poster.

Larry will bring hand sanitizer. Need a welder with a #2 tip. Derrick will bring one. Jesse has tanks but not the tip. We also need a bar of 1045 1 3/4" by 3ft. Invoice was received for website rebuild. Taya will pay it. Rich Hermann poster is being printed.

#### Dakota County Fairgrounds

New leadership. They are very open to us running the blacksmith shop. We need to work through expectations on both sides. 30x60 building. It can handle 4 forges. 4-5 anvils. Little Giant power hammer. Forges are in bad shape. They have bathrooms with running water. They are willing to invest in tools and upgrades. We want to be able to teach classes and have weekly hangouts. The fair is the first week in August, and they have a Christmas Pageant.

#### Roundhouse

Coming along. Fire suppression system is under spec.

#### Communications

*Forum* is running like clockwork. *Metalsmith* for September is a little late. T-shirts are designed and are at the printer. Hope to get them Tuesday or Wednesday. Website is up and running. Spam email levels is down 97%. Treasurer email has been blown up. The new one is [mstreasurer@metalsmith.com](mailto:mstreasurer@metalsmith.com).

#### October meeting

Roundhouse October 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### Complementary Membership

Do the bylaws preclude giving members free membership? It has been interpreted that way. It could be a good idea to reword the bylaws to allow complementary membership. That should probably happen next year in Jan-Feb timeframe. We have typically given one to a person or organization for hosting a member meeting. Also demonstrators. Give Dan Pate a membership for the pig roast? Yes, but do it the day after the roast. He can only technically have one every other year.

#### Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Martin Masters in the absence of Richard Zieleke, Recorder



## 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.

## Our neighborhood of smiths

### The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM)

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President: Larry Wasmund Vice-President: Paul Widenhoefer  
[poundedtreasures@gmail.com](mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com) [pwidenhoefer@gmail.com](mailto:pwidenhoefer@gmail.com)  
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  
715-379-5007 715-829-4559  
[diamondmetalworks13@gmail.com](mailto:diamondmetalworks13@gmail.com) [johngrump@att.net](mailto: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](mailto:CharleyRB@charter.net), 218-428-7906  
Dave Hanson, VP, [duluthblacksmith@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:keith@greatriverforge.com). The NMM's website is [www.nmmetalsmiths.org](http://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](mailto:mail@kensiron.com)

### Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center (CAFAC)

Quarterly blacksmithing classes, exhibits, and open house events  
[www.cafac.org](http://www.cafac.org) email: [info@cafac.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://raspberrylakefolkschool.blogspot.com) for details or call: 218-851-6085

Gary and Janet Hill Raspberry Island  
50569 218th Place McGregor, MN 55760

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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.

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## *Tunnel Mill Crafts 2022 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)

### 2022 Upcoming Classes and Events

#### **Community Education Classes; Beginning Blacksmithing**

6:30-9:30 PM

Monday April 10, 17, & 24th 2022

3-night classes 6:30-9:30

Tuesday April 11, 18, & 25th, 2022

3-night classes 6:30-9:30

#### **Candle-Holder with Saw-tooth Trammel**

Tom Latané, April 21, 22 & 23, 2022

#### **Tin smithing class**

Kitty Latané, April 22 & 23, 2022

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

May 5, 6, & 7, 2022, Jeff Harper

#### **Quilt Retreat in the Country**

Start- Fri May 20, 2022 4PM, Ends- Mid afternoon Sun May 22, 2022

#### **Repose**

June 2022, Douglas Pryor (tentative event)

#### **Damascus knife making**

August 11-13th, 2022 or August 18-20th, 2022, Ric Furrer

Possibly a wooden chest and steel hinge combination class with Derek Olson and Tom Latané'

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

#### **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.



# 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.

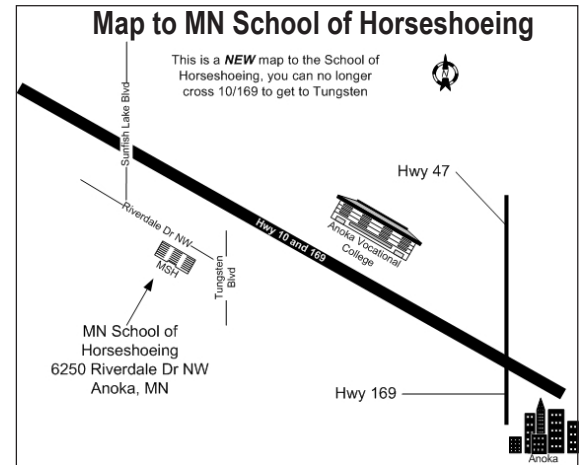
## November Events

Saturday, Nov. 20, St. Clement's Feast Day, Torg Brewery, 8421 University Avenue NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

## December Events

Saturday, Dec. 4, Handled Struck Tools Class, MN School of Horshoeing

Sunday, Dec. 5, Annual TGoM Holiday Party and Annual Meeting, CSPA Hall, St. Paul, MN



## 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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### 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

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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:

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