

'The Forum'

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April 13 TGoM membership meeting set

We have scheduled a membership meeting for Wednesday, April 13, at Oxygen Service Company at 1111 Pierce Butler Route, St. Paul MN 55104 (map below). We have been there before, and they are happy to have us back. They have a conference room we have used before, and I hope we will be able to use it again. They always have interesting gear and tools, so it should be a good time. More details in the April Forum, as we will have them then.

These past two years have given us (The Guild) many challenges, as well as the members many personal challenges. We may not be completely clear of all of them yet, but we want to gather as much as we safely can and continue to share in fellowship. I look forward to seeing folks there in April.

Map to Oxygen Service Co.



— Derrick Phillips (Program Chair)



Sara Gries, Brass & Copper Techniques, shared what she's learned from years of exploring/experimenting with brass and copper. Sara taught the February 12 class that included the decorative potential of various processes: etching, creating patina (coloring) by means of chemical or heat reaction ("flame colouring"), plating and removal/abrasion.

See page 4 for photos featuring Guild members learning from Sara.

QUICKNEWS...

Scandi-style Knife Class is full! March 5 & 6 from 9:00-5:00 each day

Sad News...

Raymond (Bud) Lundell passed away. Details page 3

2022 TGoM Conference Announcement!

The Program Committee has determined the 2022 conference contest will be to make a piece of body adornment from metal. This clearly includes traditional jewelry, but could also include armor, metal clothing, or any item that could be worn.

Have fun with this.

— The committee

Joinery Class Part II of III

Registration details page 2.

Volunteer Opportunity

Blacksmith needed at historic Holz Farms in May and September. Details page 3.

March Beginners Class is full!

Save the Date!

Hammer Making Class
May 7, 2022

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 or call 651-328-7219.

Joinery Class: PART TWO OF THREE

Saturday & Sunday, April 30 & May 1, 8:30 am to 4 pm, both days

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)

Cost: \$140 Maximum 8, minimum 4 students

Class champion: Derrick Phillips

The second part of the joinery series of classes is hereby announced. We will be continuing from where Weekend I in October 2021 left off, and punching and drifting, but with round bar, and square bar on the diamond. We will be punching and drifting angled holes through bars and making some new tools to help make this easier/possible.

For those who have taken the first weekend of class you will need to bring the punches and drifts you made in the first class. If you have not taken the first class, this will be a very challenging class if you want to take it.

Specific tool requirement list will be provided to every student.

The overall courses are skills based, to incorporate all that was learned in a class taken by the instructors and taught by Mark Aspery.

The class is open to all students that have taken the beginners class. Understand that if the student has not had a year or so of reasonably consistent practice this class will be extra challenging. Tooling requirements can be requested. All students signing up will be sent this info.

To register for this class, send a check written to The Guild of Metalsmiths for \$140 to

Derrick Phillips

2461 Como Ave

St. Paul MN 55108

Contact Derrick with questions. derrickphillipsa3o3@gmail.com (3 o 3, as in the letter not zero)

Acceptance priority for this class will be determined by postmark.



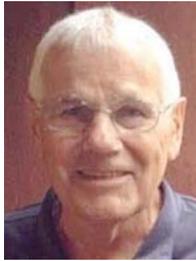
Past TGoM member passes

Raymond Carl Lundell (Bud) of White Bear Lake passed away peacefully on November 18, 2021 at the age of 85. Bud will be dearly missed by his wife of 64 years, Barbara, children Bruce (Barbie), Heidi (Daniel) Loots, Tracy (Mike) Lach; Grandchildren Erik (Christine) Lundell, Danny (Courtney) Lundell, Lisa & Brian Loots, Megan and Molly Lach; great grandchildren Sophie, Henry, and Kennedy; Brother William Lundell.

Bud enjoyed being a resident of White Bear Lake for over 60 years. A memorial service was held on Monday December 12 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, MN. Memorials preferred to Alzheimer's Association or American Cancer Society.

Gordon Barr commented that he taught the beginners classes about 2003 - 2010 with Bud.

He was always well prepared with notes on each move he was to make to demo something in the beginners class. He was a member since 2000.



Raymond (Bud)
Lundell

Volunteer Opp for Guild Members

The City of Eagan is looking for a blacksmith to do demos at our Spring Festival located at historic Holz Farm (4665 Manor Drive, Eagan) on Saturday, May 15 and also on Sunday September 17, 2022. The events are open from 10am-3:30pm.

There is a small blacksmith shed to work from and most supplies are provided. See photos below.

We would prefer if items made during the event to be given away to participants.

Please contact Sarah at 651-402-0256 or slarsen@cityofeagan.com if you are interested or need more information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sarah Larsen
Market Fest and Events Program Specialist

3830 Pilot Knob Rd.

Eagan, MN 55122

Office: 651-402-0256



NOTE TO ALL GUILD MEMBERS:

Please let me know if you are a demonstrator at any event/venue so I can document it and keep track of who is volunteering on behalf of the Guild

Thank you,
Kim Maas
TGoMvolunteer@gmail.com

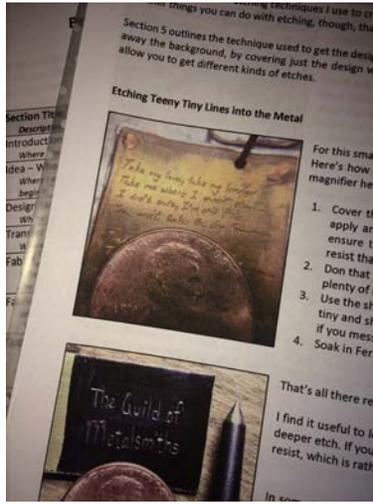
Brass and Copper Decorative Techniques Class photos

Below is a series of photos taken at the February 12, 2022 class presented by Sara Gries. Thanks to Christina Dodge for the photos!

There were 11 in the class: Dick Carland, Craig Dunn, Wanda Quale, Martin Pansch, Bob McLean, Liz McLean, Craig Lofstuen, Lee Meilleur, Cathy Herman, Bob Brown, and Christina Dodge. Sara Gries was the instructor and Christina was the champion.



Sara had pre-etched samples for us so we could get right to the other coloring techniques while our designs were soaking in the etching solution.



Each person got a 16-page "manual" written by Sara in her unique style (fun, humble, interesting). This was packed with great information, from the science behind everything to the design potential, with tips for the seemingly impossible (tiny type shown in this photo).



Demonstrating a design transfer process. Some of Sara's finished pieces were on display - an impressive variety of applied techniques.



Martin and Bob, designing their test images.



We packed the big table with people and supplies. Here, a moment of clear sight to get a photo of Lee, Cathy, and Dick at work.



Bob and Liz, doing the fine work under Sara's lamp.



Sara, describing the etch process. The colored clothespins helped us identify which piece was ours, as they needed to stay submerged for awhile.



Sara demonstrated careful application of a patina solution using a tiny brush.

Our neighborhood of smiths

The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM)

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Badger Blacksmiths meetings

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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



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
www.carhartt.com

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.

Minnesota Glove & Safety & Bob's Workwear

West St. Paul, MN 651-552-8840
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
www.ssfb.com 866-545-6743

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

10% discount for members

Mississippi Welders Supply

Seven locations between MN & WI. 800-657-4422
www.mwsc.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

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

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



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 ic-adams@msn.com, or call 507-289-4189 Carol Adams.



2022 Upcoming Classes and Events

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

Community Education Classes

Beginning Blacksmithing 6:30-9:30 PM

Monday April 11, 18, & 25th 2022 3-night classes 6:30-9:30

Tuesday April 12, 19, & 26th, 2022 3-night classes 6:30-9:30

Official sign up is with Rochester(MN)Community Education. Contact me with any questions. Carol Adams: 507-289-4189

Candle-Holder with Saw-tooth Trammel

Tom Latané, April 22, 23 & 24, 2022

Tin smithing class

Kitty Latané, April 23 & 24, 2022

Exploring Forging Pattern-Welded ("Damascus") Steel

Jeff Harper, May 6, 7, & 8, 2022

Quilt Retreat in the Country

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

Repose

Douglas Pryor, June 2022 (Note: This is a Tentative Event)

Damascus Knife Making

Ric Furrer, August 12-14th, 2022 or August 19-21st, 2022

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
- 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.

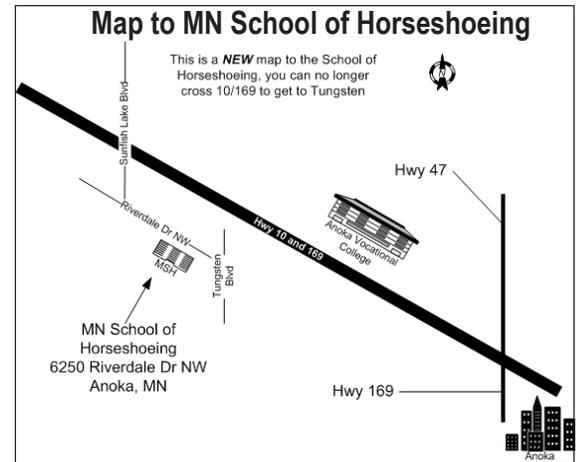
March 2022 Events

March 5 & 6, Scandi-style Bushcraft Knife Class, MN School of Horseshoeing

April 2022 Events

April 13, TGoM membership meeting, Oxygen Service Company, St. Paul, MN

April 30 & May 1, Joinery Class: PART TWO OF THREE, MN School of Horseshoeing



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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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Hudson, WI 54016

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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.

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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.

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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