

'The Forum'

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June meeting venue to be JJ Hill Farm in North Oaks, MN

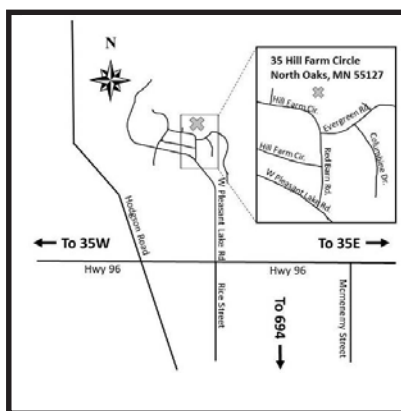
The June 8 membership meeting will be held at the JJ Hill Farm Historical Society at 35 Hill Farm Circle, North Oaks, MN 55127. Meet at 6:30 pm for potluck, then meeting at 7. This is the remaining part of the JJ Hill farm in North Oaks which at one point was over 3500 acres. The three buildings remaining on site offer us an interesting opportunity to learn some history of this important historic site. Hopefully we will be able to have a brief introduction to the farm's history from one of our hosts at the JJ Hill Historical Society.

Parking will be limited, so please carpool if at all possible. We are arranging to have some parking available about 1/3 of a mile away at the North Oaks West Recreation Center Fields at the corner of West Pleasant Lake Road and Red Barn Road. You can drop your food items off at the farm and then park to avoid having to carry your potluck items the 1/3 mile. Again, carpooling is highly recommended. There will be a port-a-potty on site.

Any further questions or concerns, feel free to contact Rick Wessling at rgwessling@gmail.com or call at 612-875-4420. Please email first. If you do call and miss me, please identify yourself and leave a message. I will attempt to get back to you as soon as possible.

Visit the website at <https://www.hillfarmhistoricalsociety.com/>

— Rick Wessling, Meeting Champion



QUICKNEWS...



Bottle Opener Class
July 16, 2022
Page 2 for registration details.

2022 Hammer Making Class
May 7 is FULL!

Bronze Pour Workshop 2022
has been postponed

Fall Conference 2022
See page 5 for an announcement about our upcoming "The Madness."

Looking for Volunteer Opportunities?

If you're looking for volunteer blacksmithing opportunities during the upcoming summer months, go to pages 4 and 6 for a list of community events in Minnesota that host blacksmiths.

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.

Annual TGoM Spring Hammer-In is on!

June 17, 18, 19 at Nowthen Blacksmith Shop

Days and times:

- ▶ Friday, June 17: 7:30pm-11:00pm
- ▶ Saturday, June 18: All Day
- ▶ Sunday, June 19: 8am till 3:00 pm.

Hot stuff will be happening at the annual Spring Hammer-in taking place at the Nowthen Historical Power Association Blacksmith Shop (map below) where we will focus our efforts on the Fall Conference contest: "body adornment" (wearable) items. See bottom of page 5 for clarification.

Come and hang out with a bunch of your friends, make new friends, and share/learn some new skills. Beginners/Newbies highly welcome to come and try your hand at smithing.

This year we will again be conducting the popular and fun blind forge competition. Come try this outstanding forge game. An item is placed inside of a box and without looking, you must forge said item. Supper fun.

Camping on-site is available Friday & Saturday night on primitive sites. Port-a-potties on site. Five forges are open for use. Coal will be provided. Bring any examples you have to share with others. Bring your own tools if you have them. Some limited steel stock is available, but if you need specific sizes feel free to bring your own steel. Scrap pieces ok.

This event will hopefully give you some inspiration to help you to come up with your own design for the Fall Conference contest and help you learn how to make it. If you have some skills in the creation of body adornment items and would like to demo or have any questions about the event, please contact: Wayne Olson at 320.280.0100 wayneolson10@gmail.com.

There is no charge to participate in this event. The Nowthen Power Show grounds are located at 7415 Old Viking Blvd NW, Anoka, MN 55303.



Bronze Pour Workshop 2022 has been postponed until further notice!

Saturday, June 25, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Informational Session & Pattern Making Workshop

Saturday, July 9, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm: Mold Making (continued Sunday if necessary)

Saturday July 16, 10 am - Evening: Mold Preparation & Pour

Bottle Opener Class 2022

16-July-2022

Maximum students: 8 Minimum students: 4 Cost: \$50

Instructor: Martin Pansch

Location: The Pansch Farm, 8750 Yale Avenue, Young America, MN 55397

How many times have you been sitting in your lounge chair with a cold bottled beverage in your hand and suddenly realized that you had lost your bottle opener? How many times have you cut your delicate hands with a twist top that was installed by malicious robots in the production lines, bent on world domination? How many times have you had a lit fire in your forge and wanted something quick and easy to make, but had run out of ideas? Well, the upcoming bottle opener class is the answer to your problems! With the help of the esteemed Martin (The Blacksmithing Yeti) Pansch and Jim (Jimbohote) Erickson as well as my lowly self, Marty (Martín Fiero) Masters, and perhaps we will teach you to turn your old lag bolts and metal scraps into beautiful, artistic creations that will amaze your friends and family, and defeat that dastardly bottle cap!

Skill Level: Beginners and novices are welcome.

Techniques: We will be practicing slot punching, opening a slot into a circle, forging tapers, various decorative twists, and using top tools for functional and decorative elements.

Lunch: Bring Your Own

Bring: Your favorite hammer and water.

Safety equipment: safety glasses and ear protection **ARE MANDATORY**. Other safety equipment may include: leather apron, cotton clothing, pants, and leather shoes.

Tools: Besides a forging hammer folks might want tongs for 1/4" flat stock and 1/2" square stock, a 1/8" x 3/4" slot punch, hot rasp, rat tail file, and a twisting wrench. No tools are required, but if you have 'em, bring 'em.

To register for this workshop: send a check for \$50 made out to Guild of Metalsmiths AND your contact info to:

Martin Masters 395 Bucher Ave Shoreview, MN 55126 mastersmw@yahoo.com 651-493-8930 (h) 651-285-8731 (c)

Acceptance priority for this class will be determined by postmark.



Welcome, Beginners

Photos below show the March 2022 beginning blacksmithing class! Welcome to the Guild, folks! We hope to see you at our upcoming events. See page 7 for a full list of events. Also see page 4 for a list of events for which you may volunteer to help out in the blacksmith shop!



Oralee Hespenseid



Brent Bobeldyke



Merle Geode



Tariq Muwahid

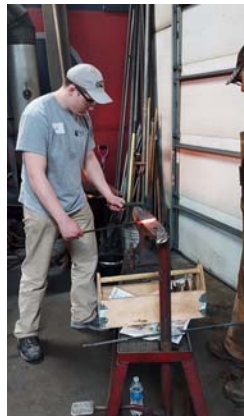


Brian Bergstrom



Sara Gries

Photos by Larry Sorensen



Nathaniel Boyce



Cash Cater



Andrew Gronli

March 19, 2022 Beginning Blacksmithing Class



Back Row: Brent Bobeldyke, Tariq Muwahid, Nathaniel Boyce, Larry Sorensen (instructor)
 Middle row: Merle Geode, Oralee Hespenseid, Sara Gries, Brad Jonson
 Front row: Cash Cater, Bob Brown (instructor), Andrew Gronli

TGoM's April Members Meeting



The April TGoM meeting was well attended by members gathered at Oxygen Service Co. Here they're listening as President Larry Wasmund leads the meeting in their classroom.



John McDonald shared projects during the "show n tell" portion of the meeting.

Photos by Evrette & Kim Maas

2022 Volunteer Demo Opportunities

Dates	Event	Location	Contact Info	Addtl Info
7 May	Boy Scouts Welding & Metalworking Merit Badges at Almelund Threshing Show Grnds Holz Farm	Taylor's Falls MN	Patrick Sullivan smokiemilo@gmail.com 651-894-3765	
15 May & 17 Sept		Eagan MN	Sarah Larsen slarsen@cityofeagan.com	Contact site directly- Sarah Larsen
4-5 June	Dundas Armed Forces Days	Dundas MN	Martin Pansch blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com 612-599-4762	
25 June	Richfield Historical Society	Richfield MN	richfieldhistory@gmail.com 612-798-6140	Demo is 1-4 PM with set up prior
20-24 Jly	Rice County Fair	Faribault MN	Lou Groth Loug_33@yahoo.com 952-895-1515	Volunteers Needed!
26-31 July	Little Log House Antique Power Show	Hastings MN	Dick Carlson blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com 651-437-3329	
12-14 August	Almelund Threshing Show	Taylors Falls MN	Patrick Sullivan smokiemilo@gmail.com 651-894-3765	
12-13 August 19-21 August	Corcoran Country Daze Nowthen Threshing Show	Corcoran MN Nowthen MN	corcorancountrydaze@gmail.com Christina Dodge christina.guildmbr@gmail.com	Demo is 10-6. Set up at 9 All experience levels welcome. Bring your own hand tools & projects. Early sign up is encouraged in order to get an admission pass by mail. All sales go to the show.
19-21 August	Butterfield Threshermen's	Butterfield MN	Larry Wasmund poundedtreasures@gmail.com 651-322-6626	
27-28 August	Pioneer Power	LeSueur MN	952-994-2713	Not open to casual demos but go watch Wyatt, Jim, & others
27-28 August	Donnelly Threshing	Donnelly MN	Larry Wasmund poundedtreasures@gmail.com 651-322-6626	Threshing grounds looking to set up a blacksmith shop for demos and needs guidance before show.
2-4 September Labor Day wknd	Rice County Steam & Gas	Dundas MN	Martin Pansch blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com	Bring your hand tools and a project.
9-10 September	Lamberton Hot Iron Days	Lamberton MN	Bob Brown bbrown474@msn.com 651-457-0086	Blacksmithing demo help welcome all Saturday; Friday: mold making 12-7 pm; Iron Pour at 10 pm. Saturday: mold making 8 am-11 am. Iron pour at 4 pm
10-11 Sept	Laura Ingalls Wilder Days	Pepin WI	Tom Latane' tclatane@gmail.com 715-442-2419	Come watch Tom demo. Since Pete Stanaitis is retiring, addtl demo space is available for someone wishing to set up & demo forge work in late 19th Century fashion. Call/email Tom or Kitty for details.
Most weekends thru Labor Day	The Landing/Three Rivers Park District Costume needed - overalls & white button shirt OK.	Shakopee MN	zachary.mohlis@threeriversparks.org michael.murray@threeriversparks.org 763-694-7784 (main number for Three Rivers)	

Preview...45th Annual TGoM Fall Conference, aka "The Madness"

September 16, 17 & 18, 2022

Featuring Blacksmithing Demonstrations by:

Craig Kaviar from Louisville, KY

Architectural Pieces and Sculptures

and

Matt Jenkins, assisted by Karen "Rudy" Rudolph from Selkirk, Manitoba

Traditional blacksmithing to design modern-day needs

Including pre-conference class, gallery, silent & live auction, tailgating, onsite camping, great food, and events for the entire family!

Submit your best "Body Adornment" contest items to the live auction for the chance to win cash prizes! (additional details to follow online).

Free attendance for non-members on Saturday after 5 pm for viewing of the gallery & participation in the live auction.

Come join us!



Craig Kaviar



Matt Jenkins

**Location: The Pierce County Fairgrounds
364 N. Maple St.
Ellsworth, WI**

Registration, costs and further details coming this summer!

Fall Conference T-Shirt Contest

The Fall Conference t-shirt design for this year's event will be a contest!

What design would you like to see on this year's t-shirts? How would you design it?

Rules to the Contest:

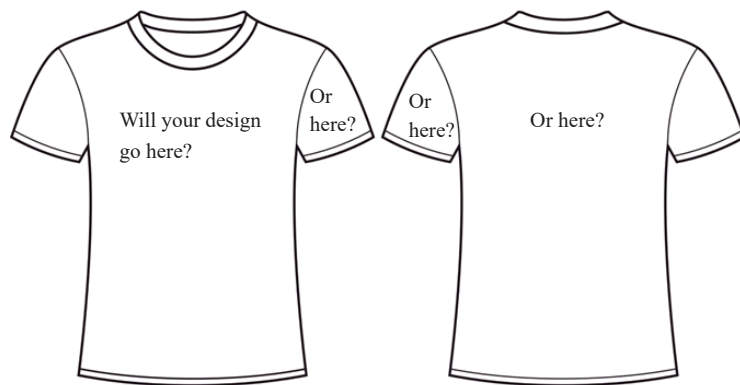
- Design must be Guild or metal-work related.
 - Design must be original - your design. Can be inspired by, but not a copy of another's design.
 - Design needs to be a single color design and will be printed on a colored (yet to be determined) t-shirt. White t-shirts just don't work well for metalsmiths.
 - Contest submissions need to be received by: June 1, 2022 by email.
- Email needs to have:
- 1) your name
 - 2) copy of your design with any suggestion of color of design and color of t-shirt idea.
 - 3) location of your design

At the June 2022 TGoM Members Meeting we will vote on the designs.

No names will be attached to the designs at the time of voting to keep it fair. Everyone is encouraged to participate! Will you see your design made into a t-shirt?

Winner of the contest will receive a FREE FALL CONFERENCE T-SHIRT!

Send your entry today! Email to: Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator tgom.volunteer@gmail.com



2022 TGoM Fall Conference Contest Announcement: 'body adornment items'!

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

More Volunteer Opportunities

The items below are in addition to the list of volunteer opportunities found on page 4 of this issue.

- Contact Gordon Barr at agbarr@aol.com or 952-894-4821 if you would like to volunteer to help throughout the year with Boy Scout blacksmith merit badge at the MN School of Horseshoeing.
- Contact Patrick Sullivan at smokiemilo@gmail.com or 651-894-3765 if you would like to volunteer to help throughout the year with Boy Scout welding merit badge in Chisago MN.
- Volunteers will be needed for the Boy Scout Fall Camporee to be held in Carver, MN. Dates to be determined. They will be looking for demonstration and limited hands-on experience, preferably on merit badge tasks.

FYI:

The Jackson Street Roundhouse (at the Minnesota Transportation Museum) is temporarily closed until further notice. Gordon Barr will notify TGoM of occasional demonstration opportunities

May 15, Sept. 17 Volunteer Opps 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. We would prefer if items made during the event to be given away to participants. Please contact Sarah Larsen, Market Fest and Events Program Specialist, at 651-402-0256 or slarsen@cityofeagan.com if you are interested or need more information. Thank you for your consideration.

Blacksmith Instructor needed by Aspire Artisan Studios, Victoria, MN

Hello, I am looking for blacksmith instructor/s for this summer. We had blacksmith classes lined up from May -Oct. this year, but unfortunately our instructor is dealing with unexpected health issues. Each year we have new and returning students that have enjoyed learning blacksmith techniques over a coal forge. We have 2 coal forges and 3 anvils available for an instructor to use. We are also considering purchasing gas forges if needed for classes. We have 1 student traveling from Michigan this summer that wanted a 4 day 1 on 1 class with an instructor. They were planning on arriving June 19-23. Our folk school is located in Victoria, MN, but if I can find an instructor that is located in a different area with a campground located close to their blacksmith shop our student may be interested in traveling to your location. Please share this information with fellow blacksmiths and maybe we can offer some classes yet this summer and possibly accommodate the needs of our traveling student.

Geraldine Johnson geraldine@aspireartisanstudios.org

We are devoted to our mission: To enrich the community by providing educational opportunities that encourage students to develop their unique talents and artistic abilities.

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, or call 507-289-4189 Carol Adams.



2022 Upcoming Classes and Events

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

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

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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.

May 2022 Events

May 7, Hammer Making Class, MN School of Horseshoeing--class is full!

June 2022 Events

June 8, TGoM Membership Meeting, James J Hill Farm's blacksmith shop in North Oaks

June Hammer-In, Nowthen

June 25, 1st of 3 Bronze Pour Workshops (postponed)

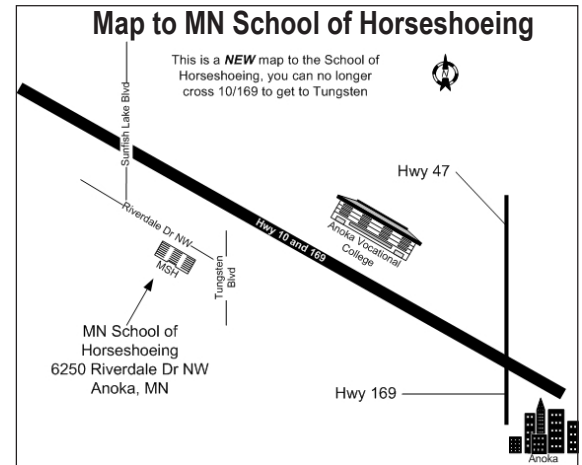
July 2022 Events

July 9, 2nd of 3 Bronze Pour Workshops (postponed)

July 16, 3rd of 3 Bronze Pour Workshops (postponed)

August 2022 Events

August 10 TGoM Membership Meeting, Dan Pate's estate



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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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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

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Contact Gordon Barr at agbarr@aol.com.



Address Service Requested

If you have items to be included in *The Forum*, please send them to Georgia Myers, editor, by email to: gldmyers@embarqmail.com by the third Monday of the month, if possible.

The Guild of Metalsmiths on the web

Visit our website at <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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