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June 8 TGoM meeting to be JJ Hill Farm in North Oaks, MN

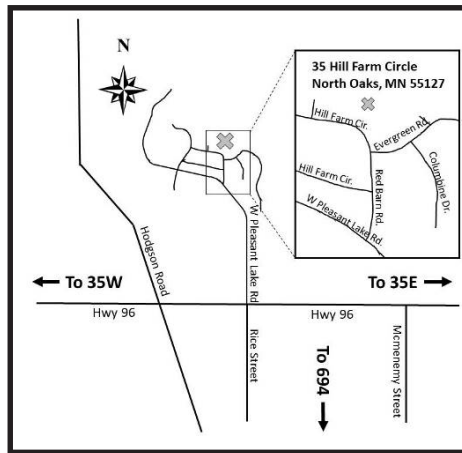
The June 8 membership meeting will be held at the JJ Hill Farm Historical Society at 35 Hill Farm Circle, North Oaks, MN 55127. Meet at 6:30 pm for potluck, then meeting at 7. This is the remaining part of the JJ Hill farm in North Oaks which at one point was over 3500 acres. The three buildings remaining 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.

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

— Rick Wessling, Meeting Champion



Annual TGoM Spring Hammer-In just around the corner!

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.

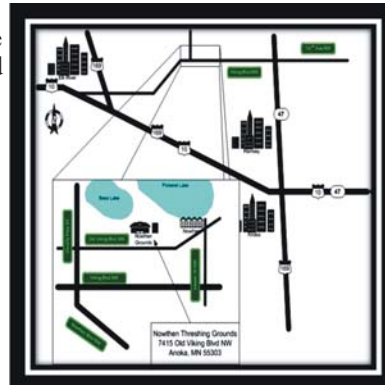
Come and hang out with a bunch of your friends, make new friends, and share/learn some new skills. Beginners/Newbies highly welcome to come and try your hand at smithing.

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. Super 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.



QUICKNEWS...

New 15% discount offered to TGoM members

The Guild of Metalsmiths has been granted a new discount for its membership.

Here is the information on the new 15% discount. The owner's name is George Heriot.

Division V Sheet Metal
218 Ohio Street

St. Paul, MN 55107

Tel: (651) 291-8662

Cell (612) 226-0660

Fax (651) 291-8635

Architectural Sheet Metal Company. Zinc, Steel, Copper, Cor-Ten, Aluminum, Composite.

See page 3 for a full list of merchandise discounts offered to members by companies in Minnesota.

Fall Conference 2022

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

Board Meeting Minutes

For info about the May TGoM board of directors meeting, see page 5.

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.

Contact Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator, with questions at tgom.volunteer@gmail.com or call 651-328-7219.

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 (Jimbohotep) 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.



TGoM Demonstration at Holz Farm on May 15

Thanks to George Auel for taking on the role of blacksmith demonstrator during the Spring Festival at historic Holz Farm in Eagan, Minnesota on Saturday, May 15.



George Auel

Our neighborhood of smiths

The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM)

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poundedtreasures@gmail.com pwidenhoefer@gmail.com
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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 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, 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 (found on the back of your "Metalsmith"), 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 for additional information regarding discounts and products available:
<https://www.metalsmith.org/about/friends-of-the-guild/>

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.ssfbs.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.mwsco.com

See website or phone book for locations. 15% discount on gases and most in-store 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 651-774-7273 800-774-1336
www.oxygenservicecompany.com

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

Division V Sheet Metal

218 Ohio Street, St. Paul MN 55107 651-291-8662
<http://divisionv.com/>

Architectural sheet metal company: zinc, steel, copper, Cor-Ten, aluminum, composite

2022 Volunteer Demo Opportunities

Dates	Event	Location	Contact Info	Addtl Info
4-5 June	Dundas Armed Forces	Dundas MN	Looking for substitute smith for Martin Pansch. He's out of town those dates. Call Kim at 651-328-7219 if you're interested.	
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!
July 26-31	Rock County Fair	Luverne MN	Larry Wasmund 651-322-6626 poundedtreasures@gmail.com	
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	Taylor Falls MN	Patrick Sullivan smokiemilo@gmail.com 651-894-3765	
12-13 August	Corcoran Country Daze	Corcoran MN	corcorancountrydaze@gmail.com	Demo is 10-6. Set up at 9
19-21 August	Nowthen Threshing Show	Nowthen MN	Christina Dodge christina.guildmbr@gmail.com	All experience levels welcome. Bring your own hand tools & projects. Early signup is encouraged in order to get an admission pass by mail.
19-21 August	Butterfield Threshermen's Steam & Gas Engine Show	Butterfield MN	Larry Wasmund poundedtreasures@gmail.com 651-322-6626	All sales go to the show.
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' tlatlane@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 Kavier 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



Craig Kavier



Matt Jenkins

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!

Location: The Pierce County Fairgrounds

364 N. Maple St.

Ellsworth, WI

Registration, costs and further details coming this summer!

REMINDER!

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

Absentee Ballots for the T-Shirt contest

Absentee ballots will be available for those who are unable to attend the June membership meeting. Email your request for a ballot to tgom.volunteer@gmail.com. The ballots will be sent out on June 9. All ballots will need to be returned by June 16.

GUILD OF METALSMITH'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING May 11, 2022, by Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Wasmund, Gordon Barr, Christina Dodge, Taya Gavin, Jesse Gavin, Kim Maas, Martin Masters, Derrick Phillips, Paul Widenhoefer, Mark Lockwood, and Wayne Olson. **ABSENT:** Richard Zielike,

CALL TO ORDER 7:06 by Larry

MINUTES-motion to approve by Gordon, seconded by Marty, motion passes.

TREASURER'S REPORT-Taya

Business Checking: \$12,747.89

Business Checking: \$3,062.17

Savings Account \$64,670.71

MEMBERSHIP-Gordon- Approximately 300 members and holding steady.

PROGRAM-Derrick

The Fall Conference is scheduled for September 16-18.

The demonstrators will be Craig Kavier of Kavier Forge who will build a table, and Matt Jenkins and Karen (Rudy) Rudolph of Cloverdale Forge. Their demonstrations are TBD. Rick Wessling is in contact with them. Four buildings will be required so that the pre-conference class is not interrupted by people setting up for the demonstrators. The copper repousse class by Craig Kavier was chosen. He will do a small copper repousse sign. The class is not planned out yet, but Jesse Gavin will be the champion. The class was chosen by a poll of committee members. Copper was chosen for the sake of variety.

June 8 Member's Meeting will be at the JJ Hill Farm. Parking may be an issue.

Hammer-in June 17-19. Next year this could be the June Member meeting.

August 10 will be at Dan Pate's place.

EDUCATION-Christina- Recent classes: Joinery 2; Basic Beginner Blacksmithing Session E; Boy Scouts; Hammer Making

Upcoming classes: Bottle Opener July 16 at the Pansch Ranch, Boy Scouts July 23 at the SoH. Next year's calendar is set.

PROMOTIONS-Kim-

Iron Menagerie is in progress. T-Shirt contest has 10 entries. The concepts are being refined. Voting will be at the June meeting. New discount is available: Division Five Sheet Metal, 218 Ohio St, St Paul, MN 55107, will give 15% off to members. Beginners Class-Kim is sending thank-you notes to students along with a copy of "The Forum", a back issue of "Metalsmith", and a flyer for the Fall Conference.

OLD BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS-

Potential storage area for Guild equipment and donated items was discussed. Larry will reach out to the Nowthen management.

Meeting adjourned early due to tornado warnings and power outages.

Submitted by: Marty Masters

2022 TGoM Fall Conference Contest: '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.

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

Sept. 17 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. 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

Repouse

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.

June 2022 Events

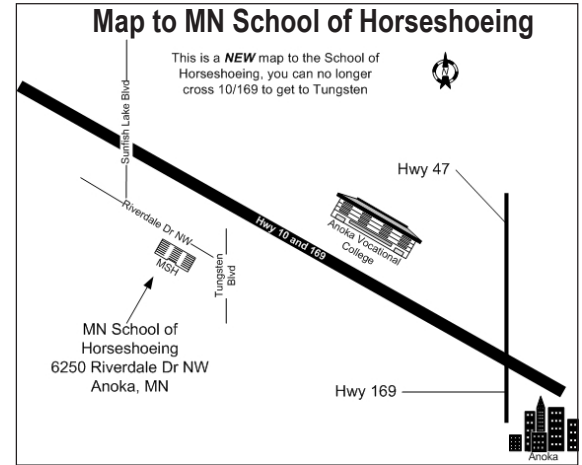
- June 8, TGoM Membership Meeting, James J Hill Farm's blacksmith shop in North Oaks
- June 17, 18, 19 Guild Hammer-In, Nowthen
- June 25, 1st of 3 Bronze Pour Workshops (postponed)

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



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.



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."

June 2022

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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PO Box 72
Hudson, WI 54016