

'The Forum'

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August 10 TGoM membership meeting: Family Night...See y'all there for corn and roast pork!

—Prepared and submitted by meeting champion Herb Fick

The Venue: The Pate Estate. (I like the alliteration) 35730 Highway 56 Blvd, Dennison MN 55018

The Hosts: LuAnn and Dan Pate. This might be the seventeenth time we have been there.

The Date: Second Wednesday in August. (August 10)

The Time: Serving at 6:30 pm. Business meeting following dinner (brief). Activities start about 8 AM.

Volunteers and curious people start showing up before nine o'clock. Lunch is on your own; sometimes it doesn't even happen. Sometimes it is at a bar in Randolph, Cannon Falls or Dennison. Last year the Merritts seemed to take care of it.

The Demo:

We have gotten a commitment from Brendan Stevens to demonstrate, using Myron's forge. I have asked for an axe but that is not a given. Brendon did the Northern Minnesota group this spring and is an example for demo preparation. He is also taking the day off to help manicure the estate.

Myron has offered a smithing station. That will be available for the demonstrators and for teaching experience from noon on.

Dan will have tools you have never dreamed of (Dan always has something new to share).

The menu is a lot like last years because no one has offered an alternative.

Larry Sorensen has offered the corn roast. I suspect Dick Carlson helps in some way, he just doesn't take credit for it.

Herb offered the protein (Still pork, and if you ask nicely, chicken). Jim Moenck, Gary Myers, and Tom Sheely and one or two others will bail out Herb, who is always a bit over extended with the pig part of the deal.

Vegetables, sweets, drinks and interesting stuff like pickled pike bits seem to reliably show up. That is the responsibility of the members for a normal potluck, except this is not really normal. Remember, Dick Carlson started this, and we need to keep it going.

This is also a good night to bring family and friends. It helps explain why our kind of people gather together. A lot has been going on, so show-and-tell should be really good and difficult to keep moving along. The corn roast started out as "Family Night."

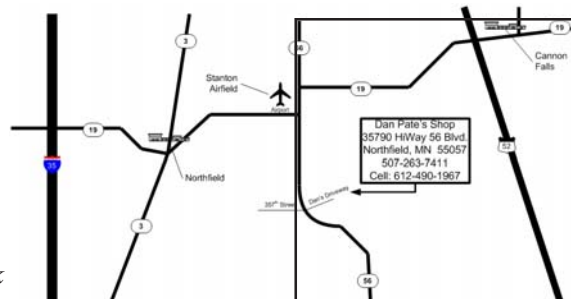
Here is the pitch for the help that it takes in addition to the stellar and consistent efforts put in by the Gavin crew for the meal.

People who come early (like 8 AM to noon) have the option to help clean up the Pate estate and enjoy the comradery of folk who enjoy contributing to the pleasure of the evening. Others learn to handle exotic cars while moving them out of our way. For years we have enjoyed this venue, and for years while cleaning up the next day I have asked Dan "How about doing this again?" And Dan says "Yes, let's."

People take note of this last paragraph: I have used it for several years in a row with amazing results. I really need more than a few people to step up to help. Particularly we need people if the weather looks threatening. Dan has invested in a large party tent that takes some effort to assemble. We will not use it if the weather is good, but it will save the day if it rains. (That has happened once.) We have always managed to leave the Pate estate looking pretty good. Please contact me about your willingness to help. (507 649 1611)

So far, there are no tricks on the route to Dan's. Hiway 56 and 357th Street, Dennison MN. The road is patrolled. I did a practice pig last Saturday! It still works!

— Herb Fick



QUICKNEWS...

45 annual TGoM Fall Conference

Plan now to attend "The Madness" on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, Sept. 16, 17, 18! See page 2 for details. Also check your conference brochure, mailed on July 28.

FYI:

The Jackson Street Roundhouse (at the Minnesota Transportation Museum) is now open for blacksmithing! Contact Gordon Barr for details at agbarr@aol.com

2022 Pre-Conference 2-Day Class: Repousse' Copper Sign

Page 3 to register. There's still plenty of room for students!



Joinery Level I class

Oct. 29 & 30. Page 6 to register.

TGoM Board of Directors Meeting

The board met on July 13. See page 4 to read the minutes.

Looking for Summer Volunteer Opportunities?

If you're looking for more 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.

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!

Location: The Pierce County Fairgrounds

364 N. Maple St.

Ellsworth, WI 54011



Matt Jenkins

Craig Kaviar

Fall Conference 'Family Activities'

Contact is Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator, 651-328-7219 or tgomvolunteer@gmail.com

Earring Crafting

Class Saturday, 9 am

Make your own custom earrings. \$2 per pair. Liz McLean, instructor. Class limited to 10 people. No pre-registration. Cash only.



Rock Painting Play Station Saturday, 9 to 5 or until supplies run out

Enjoy painting and decorating rocks. No fee, class limit, or instructor.



Altoid Tin Repousse Sunday, 9 am to noon

Learn fun ways to decorate Altoid tins. Free. Jesse Gavin, instructor.

Magnetic Art Free All Weekend!

Design and build magnetic/ferrous creations.

Found Art Saturday - closes at 4 pm

Herb Fick and company will weld whatever you find on the trailer into your artistic creation.

Area Hotels & Motels

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

Ellsworth, WI

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

Winning Design for Fall Conference T-Shirt Contest!

Congratulations to Sara Gries, who is receiving a free t-shirt for submitting the winning design in TGoM's first annual t-shirt design contest. 13 designs submitted, 51 members voted. Shirts will be for sale at the conference.



Sara Gries



Body Adornment Items Contest

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!

As in past years, there will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd.



2022 Pre-Conference 2-Day Class - Repousse' Copper Sign

Date and time: September 15th and 16th, 2022 from 8:00 to 4:00 each day

Instructor: Craig Kaviar, Fall Conference Demonstrator

Price of Class: \$200 Guild members, \$240 non-members

Class size: Maximum students 10 Minimum students: n/a

Location: Pierce County Fairgrounds, 364 North Maple Street, Ellsworth WI 54011

Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class: hammers: light ball peen and cross-peen, chisels (might modify), center punch

Safety Equipment: ear plugs

Lunch Arrangements: bring a lunch or dine at one of the local establishments

Class Description: your design that fits on a sheet of legal paper. Your design can be anything you can draw or print. It is suggested that you bring more than 1 copy to the class. All forming is done on cold copper.

Below is a sample that Craig did for the class...



Above photo shows tools Craig used for the sign.

To register for this pre-conference class, send a check for \$200 made out to The Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Jesse Gavin

N8214 330th Street,

Spring Valley, WI 54767

For questions, contact Jesse Gavin, (715) 808-5891, jagavin6273@hotmail.com

Acceptance priority for this class will be determined by postmark.

Oxy/Acetylene Welding 2-day class

Saturday & Sunday, October 8 & 9, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Location: Myron Hanson's East Eagan Blacksmith Shop, 4015 Dodd Road, East Eagan, MN

Instructors: Myron Hanson, Bob Brown, and Dick Carlson

Cost: \$120 Guild member, \$140 non-member

Maximum students: 8

Class description: New to gas welding? Just want to brush up your basic skills? This class focuses on safety and hands-on learning. Students will be working at individual stations on a shared workbench, with equipment and stock provided. If time permits, bonus demonstrations will show advanced techniques and uses of the oxyacetylene torch.

Students should be prepared for sparks and melted/hot metal: common safety garb (leather footwear and clothing made of cotton, leather, or wool —no synthetics, no cuffs or frayed edges) plus eye protection with a #5 lens, either in a face shield (preferred), goggles or glasses. If you wear corrective lenses, bring those, too. Cloth cap is optional, gloves are recommended.

Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class: All supplied, though students may bring their own torch if they'd like

Safety Equipment – common safety garb/gear plus eye protection with #5 lens

Lunch Arrangements: students bring their lunch

To register, send a check written to “The Guild of Metalsmiths” and mail, along with your contact information, to:

Christina Dodge

17645 Baugh St NW

Ramsey, MN 55303

Questions? Email christina.guildmbr@gmail.com

Acceptance priority for this class will be determined by postmark, and each person will be notified individually.



GUILD OF METALSMITHS' BOARD MEETING July 13, 2022 BY ZOOM

Called to order @ 7:05 p.m.

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

Minutes: M/Mark, S/Jesse, Motion approved

Treasurer's Report-Taya-

Business...,6965 \$9,211.59

Business,...7138 3,753.49

Savings.....7520 64,671.79

The Pierce County fairgrounds cashed our down payment check.

Invoice and payment for the sanitation company for Nowthen Hammer-In have been brought up to date. Randy Purchase just gave a gift membership to a Guild member. Money donated to Guild is at the discretion of the board unless specified. We have about \$1300 in the Rich Herman Memorial Fund.

Education-Christina-Our bottle opener class is scheduled for July 16 in Northfield MN. On July 23rd the Boy Scout merit badge class will be at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing. The class calendar for the year has been completed and given to Georgia, and the committee gave her the discretion of when to publish it. The Betty lamp class is not scheduled. The committee has had the last two months off.

Communications/Publicity-Kim-The website gallery was discussed, and we need to encourage more members to put their work on the website. We also discussed how often we need to update the Friends of the Guild and the places where we meet on the website. Peter will be editing the March, June, and September issues of *Metalsmith*, and Asa will be doing the December issue. Craig trained both Georgia and Kim on the MailChimp app. The bellows went down in June, and we decided to have it on auto renew and auto pay. There were 13 submissions for the fall conference T-shirts with 51 members voting on their choice. Mark updated us on the Iron Menagerie project. We have a GB of scans made so far, and 27 out of 40 pages are prepared for publication. We would like some current members to do additional projects for the publication.

Program-Derrick-The August meeting is going to be at Dan Pate's with Herb coordinating the program. We have two locations in mind for our October meeting, and the Christmas program is moving ahead. The fall conference is coming along nicely.

New business-Larry was contacted about an estate that is available for a permanent location. Most of the evening's discussion centered on this and other buildings that were available and equipment in them. The Board discussed expanding the location of our membership meetings to include areas outside of the Cities, possibly on Saturdays, to reach those who can't make it to our metro weekday evening meetings

There is a nonworking foundry at the Roundhouse that the board decided to donate to an individual who's interested in repairing it. The library has authorization to cull some books.

The conference trailer tires are getting cracks. We decided that if all of the trailer tires are the same size, we will replace the fall conference tires with the tires on the white trailer (used for the table and chairs) and get new tires for the white trailer.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:07

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Zielike, Recorder

Help needed for August 10 membership meeting and for clean-up day after

The Program Committee is looking for a Setup Crew for the morning of the August 10 meeting, and a Cleanup Crew for the day after the August 10 membership meeting (Aug. 11)

Requirements/Qualifications for Setup Crew:

Willingness to do what it takes to setup for the August membership meeting.

Specific Tasks and Responsibilities for Setup Crew:

Show up at Dan Pate's home at 8:00 a.m. the day of the event to help get the homestead (cleaned up) ready for a fun filled evening. This means moving items to make room for tables/chairs. Mowing and trimming lawn. Please bring your chainsaw and hedge/lawn trimmers.

Why should I join the team? This is an awesome opportunity to mingle (work) with fellow members, or if you are a new member, meet fellow members.

Requirements/Qualifications for Cleanup Crew:

Willingness to help clean up after the August membership meeting.

Specific Tasks and Responsibilities for Cleanup Crew:

Show up at Dan Pate's home at 8:00 a.m. the day after the event to help get the homestead back in order. This means moving items back that were moved the prior day.

Why Should I Join the Team?: This is an opportunity to hangout (work) with fellow members for another day.

Contact for both days:

Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator

tgom.volunteer@gmail.com

651-328-7219

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Help Wanted: Audio Technician

Requirements/Qualifications:

- Ability to lift 50lbs.
- Possess basic knowledge of audio equipment, or interest in learning.
- Ability to store (temperature/humidity-controlled) and transport approx. 24 cubic feet of audio equipment.
- Must attend entire Fall Conference.
- Must attend majority of membership meetings and the Christmas Party.

Specific Tasks and Responsibilities:

- Bring enough/proper audio gear to each membership meeting.
- Bring all audio gear to Fall Conference.
- Set-up and personally manage all audio operations.
- Audio liaison to demonstrators and their helpers.
- Clean, maintain, and test audio gear on a regular basis.
- Determine audio needs for coming year and work with board on purchases.

Contact either: Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator,

tgomvolunteer@gmail.com, 651-328-7219

or Peter Bettenberg, bettenberg@hotmail.com, 651-777-5300

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2022 Volunteer Demo Opportunities

Dates	Event	Location	Contact Info	Addtl Info
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' tlatane@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	Shakopee MN	zachary.mohlis@threeriversparks.org michael.murray@threeriversparks.org 763-694-7784 (main number for Three Rivers)	Costume needed - overalls & white button shirt OK.

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.

Sept. 17 Volunteer Opp for Guild Members

The City of Eagan is looking for a blacksmith to do demos on Sunday September 17, 2022. The event is 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.

Joinery Class: PART ONE OF THREE

Saturday & Sunday, October 29 & 30, 2022, 8:30 am to 4 pm, both days

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)

Cost: \$150

Maximum 8, minimum 4 students

Class champion: Derrick Phillips

This is Part One of Three in a Joinery class series. A related project class will be taught this spring as we continue to spread these skills. The overall courses are skills based, to incorporate all that was learned in a class taken by the instructors and taught by Mark Aspery. In this first 12 hours of instruction the student will learn the importance of proper tool making to accomplish successful joinery. We will concentrate this portion on forging tooling to perform ½” slot punching and drifting with ½” round and square drifts. 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 \$150 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.



TGoM Membership Perks: Discounts

The Guild of Metalsmiths members enjoy the special benefit of discounts offered by various companies. Please see The Guild of Metalsmiths website for information regarding these discounts and products available:

<https://www.metalsmith.org/about/friends-of-the-guild/>

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:

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

Ric Furrer, Door County Blacksmith, August 19, 20 & 21, 2022

Three Day Damascus Knife Class (Pattern-welded). One steel billet is provided with the class fee and other billets are available for purchase.

Heads up for the Annual Fall Gathering, Sep 30, Oct. 1 & 2

Special Event this year: A Metal Making demo with Ric Furrer: This year Rick Furrer will demonstrate Wootz Crucible Steel making, in addition to everything else that will be going on! This process needs to start Friday night and go through Sunday, so helpers to set up and carry out the smelt will be needed. We hope you can get involved.

In years past John Adams did bloomery smelts, so let us continue that steel-making tradition at the Tunnel Mill Annual Gathering.

Ric Furrer of Sturgeon Bay, WI will demonstrate Wootz Crucible Steel making from raw materials to forged bar stock over the weekend, as well as a special pattern-welded billet.

And, as in years past there is a green coal area for others to try their hand at forging and plenty of social time for catching up with friends and making new ones. So come and enjoy an outdoor fire pit, forging in the great outdoors and meeting of friends we have not seen for a while. Nothing like standing (or sitting) around a campfire with friends. Food available. Coffee & hot cider. Bring things for show & tell. Display your quilts in the quilt barn! Wine sampling (or drinking) 4:00 in the barn.

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

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.

August 2022 Events

August 10 TGoM Membership Meeting, Dan Pate's estate. Map page 1.

Volunteer Op: Almelund Threshing Show, Taylor's Falls, August 12-14. Contact Patrick Sullivan, 651-894-3765, smokiemilo@gmail.com

Volunteer Op: Nowthen Threshing Show, August 19-21, Nowthen, MN. Contact Christina Dodge, christine.guildmbr@gmail.com

Volunteer Op: Butterfield Threshermen's, Butterfield MN, August 19-21, Contact Larry Wasmund, 651-322-6626. poundedtreasures@gmail.com

September 2022 Events

Volunteer Op: Sept. 2-4, Volunteer Op: Rice County Steam & Gas Show, Dundas, MN. Contact Martin Pansch, blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com

Volunteer Op: Spet. 9-10, Lamberton Hot Iron Days, Lamberton MN, Contact Bob Brown, bbrown474@msn.com

Volunteer Op Possibility: Sept. 10-11, Laura Ingalls Wilder Days, Pepin WI. Contact Tom Latane' for possible demo work.

Sept. 15 & 16, 2-day pre-conference class, Pierce County Fairgrounds, Ellsworth WI

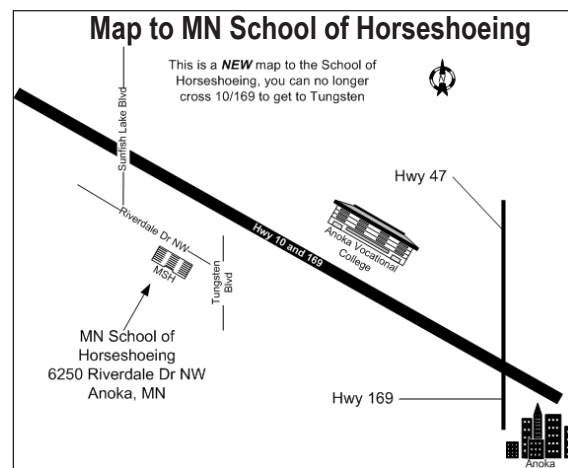
Sept. 16, 17, 18, 45th Annual Fall Conference for TGoM, Pierce County Fairgrounds, Ellsworth WI

October 2022 Events

Oct. 8 & 9, Oxy/Acetylene 2-Day Class, Myron Hanson's shop, Eagan

Oct. 12, TGoM membership meeting, details TBA

Oct. 29 & 30, Joinery, Part I of III, MN School of Horseshoeing



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
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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.

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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:

The Guild of Metalsmiths
PO Box 72
Hudson, WI 54016