

'The Forum'

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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

Conference includes:

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, including traditional jewelry, armor, metal clothing, or any item that could be worn, to the live auction for the chance to win cash prizes!

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

QUICKNEWS...

Help Wanted!

Volunteers are needed for helping make our 45th annual Fall Conference another success. Go to page 2 to learn what you can volunteer for.

Fall 2022 Beginning Blacksmithing Classes

Now taking registrations for this series of 3-day classes. Page 4.

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

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

October 12 Membership Meeting

Mark your calendar now to attend TGoM's October 12 membership meeting. Details soon.

Oxy/Acetylene Welding 2-day class

Saturday & Sunday, October 8 & 9, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Page 3 to register.

Joinery Level class 1 of a 3-part class

Oct. 29 & 30. Page 6 to register.

Help Wanted: Audio Technician

Page 4 for details.

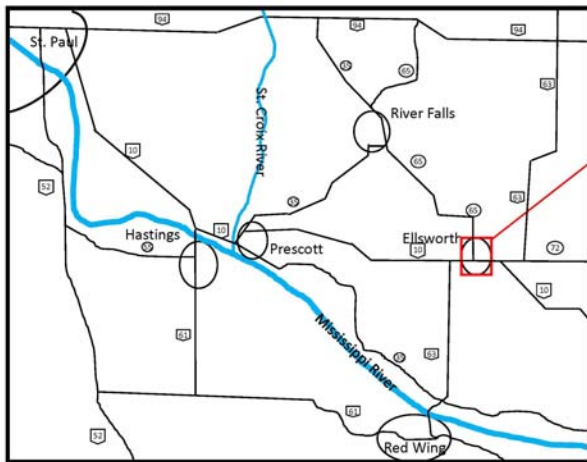
Still Looking for Summer Volunteer Opportunities?

If you're still looking for more volunteer blacksmithing opportunities during the rest of summer, 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.

'The Madness' coming soon!

Follow the link below to open a copy of the 2022 Fall Conference brochure posted on our website and containing full details. <https://www.metalsmith.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2022-Fall-Conference-Brochure.pdf>



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.

Front of the T-Shirt



Back of the T-Shirt



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

October 12 TGoM Membership Meeting Announcement

Plans are under way for the October membership meeting. Check the October *Forum* for an announcement of where it will be held. Also keep in touch with our website <https://metalsmith.org>, and if you're a "bellows" member, the Program Committee will update you there as well.

— Derrick Phillips, Program Committee Co-Chair

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.

Program Committee Needs Help with 2022 Fall Conference

We need folks to sign up for the following areas:

- Registration Desk
- Gallery Registration Desk
- Kitchen

Contact Kim Maas @ tgomvolunteer@gmail.com or call 651-328-7219 to find out what times are available for your service.

Hello from your library!



Your library has quite a few books that had been donated that have never been checked out. During the fall conference, we will be having some of these books out for purchase. All we are asking is that you pay for what you think the book is worth to you. There will be about two boxes of books for you to look through. If you find one that you would like, please take out the library card in the back of the book, sign your name to it and indicate how much you paid for it. We will have a location for you to pay for your new (to you) books

We will also have some books out that are related to classes the Guild is offering this fall. We will have a selection relating to beginning blacksmithing, oxyacetylene welding, and joinery. I would encourage you to look at those books at the fall conference and check out any that you feel could help prepare you for the class. Please be aware that some of these books are rather expensive, and we would appreciate having them returned in a timely manner.

And speaking of expensive books, if one of you has our copy of *The Hammer: The King of Tools*, I would really appreciate having it returned. If you look at the picture you can see that is quite an expensive book. It's really interesting to look at all the hammer patents. Great bedtime reading. I wish I had it to share with you....

-- Richard Zielike, Librarian

If you happen to have this book, please return it!



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 any thing 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.



Beginners Blacksmithing Classes Fall 2022

Registration is now open for the three day Beginners Blacksmithing classes October 1, 8, 15 in Ramsey

The beginners basic classes are designed to give everyone the same understanding of the basics, techniques and terminology. The basic classes or proficiency is required before taking any of the many other classes the Guild offers. This enables those classes to concentrate on advanced techniques without having to spend time on basic concepts.

This 3 day class covers the basics of: Safety, Tools, Fire Control, Forging Dynamics, Tapers (ribbon, fishtail, point), Twisting, Riveting, Shouldering, Upset, Cutting, Splitting, Punching, Heat Treat, Scrolling, Bending, Forge weld.

Cost: (covers everything you need, the facility, coal, metal tools and workbook)

\$180 for members, \$190 non members

Minors (under 18) must have a parent present. There will be no sharing of forges.

Dates and Location:

The classes are held on Saturdays at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing, 6250 Riverdale Dr NW, just off Hwy 10 in Anoka near the Anoka Vocational College. (Map page 7)

What you need to bring:

Eye, ear and skin protection. This includes safety glasses, ear muff or plugs and suitable clothing which includes hard shoes, cotton or leather. Synthetic and polyester clothing will burn and melt. There will be sparks and brushes against hot metal. A mask (non-synthetic) may be required for classroom demonstrations.

Tools:

Tools are provided but if you have a favorite hammer, punches, chisels and tools, bring them along. A small 1 to 2 pound ball peen hammer would work. We have various hammers for you to try and get a feel for what is comfortable.

Typical day:

Classes start at 9 but people usually show up earlier to swap stories or show off recent projects. Feel free to bring projects you are working on to show. We break for lunch. You can either bring a brown bag or go out to a local fast food restaurant. Classes end between 3 and 5.

To sign up for the three day Beginners classes:

Send a check made out to The Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Gordon Barr
11021 27th Ave
Burnsville, MN 55337

agbarr@metalsmith.org

(\$180 for members, \$190 non members)

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 1/2" slot punching and drifting with 1/2" 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.



2022 Volunteer Demo Opportunities

Dates	Event	Location	Contact Info	Addtl Info
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 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)	

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.

FYI:

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

Studio Moving Sale!

**Lost my lease and must move.
3-day sale of Art, Sculpture, Antiques, Tools, Materials [including tama-hagane steel bloom and wootz], and Curios!**

Friday October 21st- 5-9 pm
Saturday, October 22nd- 9 am-9 pm
Sunday, October 23rd- 10 am- 6pm

1101 Stinson Blvd NE
Minneapolis, MN 55413
Use Middle door on West side

Email: potra001@umn.edu
Text: 612-707-4350

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

TGoM volunteers show the public what we do!

Right, top to bottom:
Dan Pate; Myron Hanson;
Mike Frattalone LuAnn Pate,
Bob Brown and Myron
Hanson; and Wayne Olson,
Herb Fick, Cliff Larsen,
Roger Degner, Mary Fredell,
and Jim Moenck at the
August 10 TGoM
membership meeting at Dan
Pate's country estate.



Photos above:
clockwise: Gary
Myers, Roger
Degner, Myron
Hanson,
Gordon Barr
and Wayne
Olson demo at
Little Log House
Antique Power
Show on July
30.



Photo at Left, left to right:
Jesse Gavin and Wesley
Waring; Bob Brown, Wayne
Olson, and Roger Degner; and
Dean Ziegenbein at the August
19-21 Nowthen Threshing
Show.



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.

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.

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. 1, Beginning Blacksmithing Class 1 of 3, MN School of Horseshoeing

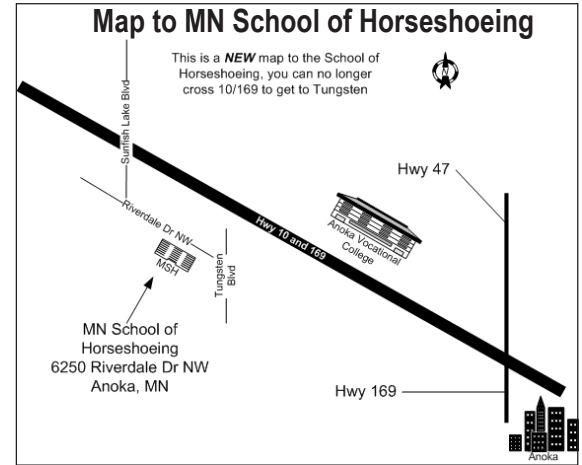
Oct. 8, Beginning Blacksmithing Class 2 of 3, MN School of Horseshoeing

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

Oct. 12, TGoM membership meeting, details TBA

Oct. 15, Beginning Blacksmithing Class 3 of 3, MN School of Horseshoeing

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
 in the directory
 but don't list

Don't List Me
 in the Directory

address - phones: home - work - fax - cell - email - web page
(circle items above you DO NOT want published)

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

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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:

The Guild of Metalsmiths
PO Box 72
Hudson, WI 54016