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2022 Juaire-Hubler Award & President's Award presented

Below is the wording for each of the recognition plaques given by The Guild for 2022. Congratulations to Wayne Olson and Susan Wood!

Juaire-Hubler Award

For all you have given of yourself, both in time and knowledge, for your many years of service to the organization, and for your enthusiasm for the craft of blacksmithing, the membership of The Guild of Metalsmiths present to you this, the highest honor to be given by the Guild now, and to others in the future in your name.

Wayne Olson is presented with the 2022 Juaire/Hubler Award by President Larry Wasmund.

The Juaire-Hubler award annually recognizes a TGoM member who has given time and knowledge for their many years of service to the craft. It's the highest honor given by TGoM.

President's Award

In recognition for your outstanding contributions made in support of the Guild and its membership. Our organization would not be what it is without your selfless gifts of time, support, and enthusiasm. Your service and continued dedication stand as an example for us all. Not all great works are wrought in iron.



Susan Wood is presented with the 2022 President's Award by President Larry Wasmund.

The President's Award is occasionally given to a member who helps further the goals of TGoM with their outstanding support.

QUICKNEWS...

TGoM Bylaws Change

See page 3 for details on the results from membership voting on the change to TGoM's bylaws.

Flat Bar Tongs Class Saturday, January 28, 2023 Class is full!

Help Wanted: Audio Technician

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Zombie Killer/Chopping Knife Class

Saturday & Sunday, March 4 and 5, 2023. Paul Widenhoefer, instructor. Page 2 to register.

February 8, 2023, TGoM Membership Meeting 'heads up'!

The Wednesday, February 8, 2023, membership meeting will be at the Jackson Street Roundhouse, MN Transportation Museum, (193 W. Pennsylvania Ave, St. Paul, MN 55130).

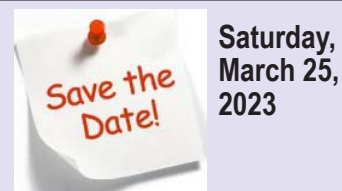
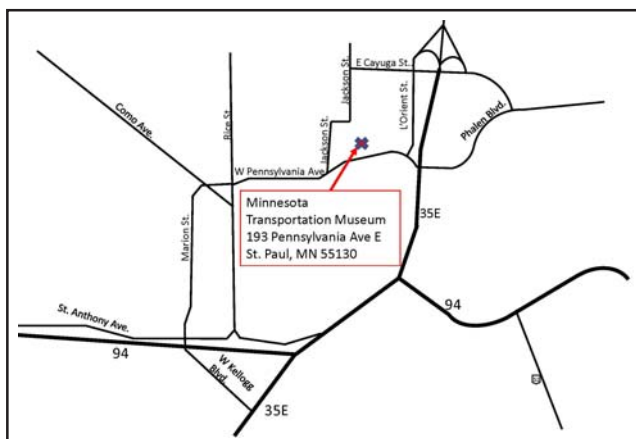
For the meeting, we will have blacksmithing and tool sharpening demonstrations in the blacksmith shop.

We invite all the members to bring items for show and tell. Please remember items that you have shown in the past may not have been seen by some of the newer members.

The usual potluck will start at 6:30 followed by a short business meeting, then show and tell. The champion is Kim Maas ([TGoMvolunteer@gmail](mailto:TGoMvolunteer@gmail.com)), and Gordon Barr (agbarr@metalsmith.org) is the site contact, so contact either one of them if you have any questions

If you have never been to this location, it is loaded with history and activities for the entire family. Check out their website at <https://www.transportationmuseum.org>. If you look at <https://mtm.my-free.website/blacksmith-forge>, you may see some of the pictures of what the blacksmith shop looked like when Nick Heinen, Charlie Bateman and Gordon Barr created it in 2012.

Invite and bring someone new who is interested in the world of metalsmithing to the February Membership Meeting. Show them the wonderful community The Guild of Metalsmiths has to offer.



Saturday,
March 25,
2023

Explore Brass & Copper Decorative Techniques

Registration opens in
February, 2023.

Volunteer?

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.

Flat Bar Tongs Class is full!

Saturday, January 28, 2023, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Zombie Killer/Chopping Knife Class

Saturday & Sunday, March 4 and 5, 2023

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 6) 9 am to 5 pm both days

Instructor: Paul Widenhoefer

Cost: \$140 (covers metal, coal, handle material & some abrasives)

Minimum of 4 students. Maximum of 8 students (More if there are parent/child participants) Minimum age 14-Must be accompanied by an adult.

Lunch: local restaurants or bring your own

Do you fear the zombie apocalypse? Do thoughts of a worldwide economic collapse and pandemics send you scurrying for your bug-out bag? Or perhaps you just want a good chopping knife capable of doing some hard work? If so, we are offering a knife making class for you! It is designed for someone with little forging experience, but can accommodate those with a more advanced skill set.

We will be covering basic knife forging, knife design, heat treatment, grinding, sharpening and attaching handles. Participants should leave with a finished (or nearly finished) primitive style knife ready for rough use. Due to time and facility limitations this is NOT a class to make a kitchen knife.

Instructor will be Paul Widenhoefer, longtime member of the Guild and the American Bladesmith Society and all-around knife nerd.

To register, please send your contact info including email address and phone # where you can be contacted and a check for \$140 made to "The Guild of Metalsmiths" to:

Paul Widenhoefer

3618 Robin Lane

Minnetonka, MN 55305

Questions? Contact:

Email: pwidenhoefer@gmail.com

Phone: (952) 930-0070 (home) (612) 408-5007 (cell)



Acceptance priority for this class will be determined by postmark.



The Juaire-Hubler Plaque...and its hammer

Many of The Guild of Metalsmiths members have been recognized for giving their many years of service, participation, time, and knowledge of the craft of blacksmithing. They have received their own copy of the plaque shown at left. On that plaque is affixed a hammer in brass forged traditionally by the previous recipient of the award. This year, the hammer for Wayne Olson seen here was forged by Larry Wasmund. Last year's recipient, Peter Maas, received his plaque with a hammer forged by Martin Pansch. The year before, Martin Pansch received his plaque forged by Larry Wasmund, etc. The hammers are historically their own works of art!

Congratulations to all our smiths who have earned the recognition!

2022 TGoM Annual Meeting

Good attendance at the December TGoM annual meeting resulted in a vote by ballot to change the bylaws, seen below. It also resulted in some changes to the 2023 officers and board members, also seen below. Committee heads will be determined at the January board meeting.

President Larry Wasmund stressed that most members of the board and committees have been in place for over 3 years, and that although they will remain into 2023, they will be stepping down and replacements will be asked to step up at the next annual meeting.

Christina Dodge has stepped down for 2023, and the membership heartily thanked her for her service. Meetings have been attended online via "Zoom." This will continue, according to Larry.

Proposed change to TGoM bylaws was voted on and adopted by the membership

Below is a proposed change in the Meeting section of TGoM's bylaws. The TGoM board is proposing to remove the words "THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE", in the paragraph about the membership meetings.

The new language proposes this sentence to state "GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD SIX TIMES A YEAR. MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY, APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST, OCTOBER, AND DECEMBER. THE DAY, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS WILL BE POSTED IN THE 2 PREVIOUS FORUMS."

To read the entire MEETINGS section and/or the bylaws in their entirety, please follow the hyperlink below to the bylaws page on our website, under the "MEETINGS" paragraph:

<https://www.metalsmith.org/about/bylaws/>

2023 Officers

Larry Wasmund, President
Paul Widenhoefer, Vice President
Taya Gavin, Treasurer
Paula Wasmund, Recorder

Board

Derrick Philips
Gordon Barr
Jesse Gavin
Mark Lockwood
Martin Masters
Kim Maas
Richard Zielike

Committees

Programs
Education
Long-Term Planning
Membership
Volunteer Coordination

2022 Handled Struck Tools Class



Above, students and instructors for the 2022 Handled Struck Tools class. Instructors: (Kneeling) Wayne Olson, Bob Brown, George Auel, Jesse Gavin). Students (not in order): Hal Eickstadt, James Petersen, Marcus Maas, Michael Fischer, Steven M. Morehead, Doug May, Joel Kelly, and Rebecca Hrobak. Instructor not pictured: Martin Pansch.

Below, students and instructors for the 2022 Handled Struck Tools class work hard on their projects.



Getting *Metalsmith* back on track.

Peter Bettenberg and Asa Pearson are working very hard to get METALSMITH magazine published on a quarterly basis. But as you know, the magazine is occasionally behind schedule. *Why is this??*

The simple answer is – lack of new content. METALSMITH magazine needs the membership to submit articles to tgomeditor@gmail.com.

What kind of content is METALSMITH looking for? Here are a couple of ideas (but not limited to):

- √ Photos of and a couple paragraphs about your projects – new or old.
- √ Share with the membership the work you do for The Guild.
- √ Subjects that you and other metalworkers might be interested in.
- √ Book reviews

Do you need to be a reporter or English major to submit an article? The answer is *NO*. They accept my submissions, and I am neither a reporter nor have a degree in English. Everyone is invited to submit articles. The METALSMITH editing team is very competent at taking your rough draft and polishing it to make an interesting, engaging article.

METALSMITH is a snapshot in time, a historical documentation of The Guild of Metalsmith, and really should reflect that. One of the goals is to publish Guild-related articles, not reprinting other organization's publications regularly.

One of the things I appreciate about being a member of the Guild is all the opportunities the Guild has granted me. One of many opportunities is that my 11 y/o grandson and I have our photographs and articles published in METALSMITH, therefore we are “published” photographers and authors (who would have thought)! This opportunity alone allows us to brag to our friends and family while sharing METALSMITH with them. A sense of pride comes with this opportunity.

Please consider writing articles and sharing your photographs with the membership via METALSMITH.

— Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteer Opportunities

- 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.

FYI:

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

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

Forge for sale

We are asking \$200 or best offer. We are located in the Rochester area. It is being stored in a climate controlled storage unit in NW Rochester. It is easily accessible to look at. I can be reached at 507-261-0672.

— Paula Alberts





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.mwscow.com

See website or phone book for locations. 15% discount on gases and most instore items that are not already marked as a sale item or already at a discount from MSRP for members.

Toll Gas and Welding Supply

Eight Twin City metro locations. 763-551-5300
www.tollgas.com

See website or phone book for location near you. 15% off of gases and most in-store items, for Guild members.

Oxygen Service Co.

St. Paul, MN 651-774-7273 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

Our neighborhood of smiths

The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM)

All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October, except December. 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). To check your membership expiration date, see the mailing label on your latest copy of "Metalsmith."

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612-599-4762 952-930-0070

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

50569 218th Place

Raspberry Island

Mcgregor, MN 55760

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

Community Education Classes; Beginning Blacksmithing

New instructor this year! Luke Venhuizen

3-night classes 6:30-9:30

Monday evening classes, April 17, 24 & May 1, 2023

Tuesday evening classes, April 18, 25 & May 2, 2023

Barn Quilt Block Class

April 20, 2023, 9:00 - 5:00

Come to Historic Tunnel Mill in the valley and paint your own Barn Quilt Block.

During the class you will work on your pattern that you have chosen from one of the offered blocks and start taping and painting your barn quilt block. Tips on taping and painting your barn quilt block will be taught.

We will offer some basic patterns and sizes for you to choose from ahead of class.

Time needed to accomplish projects may vary, so we will discuss the possibility of an extended class time if needed.

The product we are using is an aluminum composite which is very light weight and durable for exterior use.

Sizes to choose from are 4x4, 3x3, 2x2 and/or 12"x12".

Prices are as follows \$200.00, \$150.00, \$100.00 and \$50.00. each.

Quilt Retreat in the Country

Friday May 5, 4:00PM-, Sunday May 7, (mid afternoon) 2023

Come to Tunnel Mill for two lovely days in the country and a quilt retreat (or what ever you wish to do)

Bring your sewing machine and quilting supplies.

Folding Pocket Candleholder

Tom Latane'

June 10th and 11th, 2023

Students will forge a wrought version of a brass candlestick shown to me by another smith.

Tin Smith Class

June 10th and 11th, 2023

Come to Tunnel Mill in the country for a Tin Smith class taught by Kitty Latane'

Choice of Tinware Projects

Mark Aspery 3-day Class at Tunnel Mill

Friday August 11th - Sunday August 13th 2023: Extra 1-day class Monday, August 14th.

This 3-day class is going to appeal to someone who has completed the basics and is looking for something more.at Tunnel Mill

To register for classes or find more information, go to our website at <https://www.tunnellmillcrafts.com>

**Tunnel Mill Address:
28036 County Highway 1
Spring Valley, MN 55975**

Call for information: 1-507-289-4189

Email Us: jc-adams@msn.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.

January 2023 Events

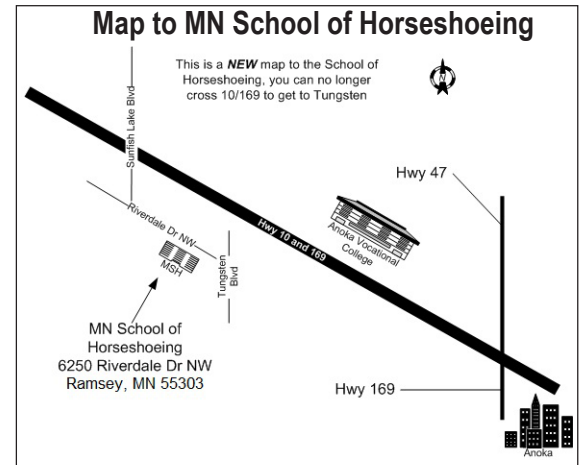
Jan. 28, Flat Bar Tongs Class, MN School of Horseshoeing-Class is full!

February 2023 Events

Feb. 8, TGoM Membership Meeting, MN Transportation Museum, Jackson Street Roundhouse

March 2023 Events

March 4 & 5, Zombie Killer/Chopping Knife Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
 March 25, Brass & Copper Decorative Techniques, Guided Salvage Antiques, 4430 Lyndale Avenue North, Minneapolis



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

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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."

January 2023

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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Hudson, WI 54016