

'The Forum'

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Visit our website at <https://www.metalsmith.org>

You won't want to miss this meeting!

April 12 membership meeting coming up at Toll Gas & Welding, Plymouth MN

Our next TGoM membership meeting will be held Wednesday, April 12 at Toll Gas & Welding Supply, Plymouth (map below).

Join your fellow Guild of Metalsmith friends on Wednesday, April 12 at Toll Gas & Welding Supply, 3005 Niagara Ln N in Plymouth.

Bryan Steckman and his crew have always been wonderful hosts and have agreed to host the Guild again.

What's on tap for this meeting?

- Cobot Demo! See the latest technology!
- 20% discount that night INSTORE! (some restrictions apply)
- Special bargains
- Popcorn
- And more

Please bring a dish to share. Potluck begins at 6:30 pm followed by the business meeting and show and tell.

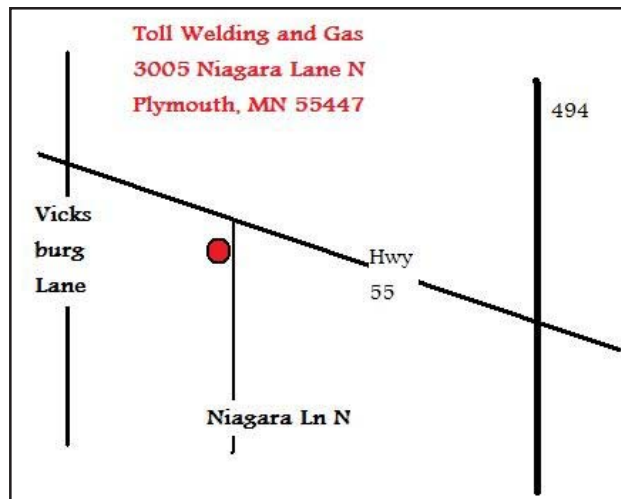
If you have questions, please contact meeting champion Mark Lockwood 763-639-9646. Hope you can make it!



Hirebotics Robots Multiply your Welding Workforce

The maximum speed of the cobot is approximately 1 meter per second. Visit the Toll Welding website (link below) for full details.

<https://www.tollgas.com/hirebotics-cobot-welder/>



QUICKNEWS...

Spring Beginning Blacksmithing Classes

Registration now open for beginners classes March 11, 18, and 25 in Ramsey MN. Page 4 to register.

Help Wanted: Audio Technician

Page 3 for details.

Zombie Killer/Chopping Knife Class March 4 & 5 is FULL!

Explore Brass & Copper Decorative Techniques
Saturday, March 25, 2023 is FULL!

Joinery Class One Saturday & Sunday, April 22-23

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Hammer Class: Making a blacksmithing hammer Saturday May 6, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Page 2 to register.

Put your metalwork in The Guild of Metalsmiths' website gallery!

Page 6 for details on how.

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.

Go to page 5 for the detailed 2023 schedule of summer demo opportunities.

Zombie Killer/Chopping Knife Class is full!

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

Brass & Copper Decorative Techniques is full!

Saturday, March 25, 2023, 9 am to 4 pm

Instructor: Sara Gries

Location: Guided Salvage Antiques, 4430 Lyndale Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55412

Joinery Class One

Date and time: Saturday & Sunday, April 22-23, 2023, 8:30 am to 4 pm, both days

Instructors: Derrick Phillips, and others

Phone number 651-230-2363 e-mail address derrickphillipsa3o3@gmail.com (3 oh 3 not 3zero3)

Cost: \$150.00

Class size: Maximum students: 8 Minimum students:4

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)

Class Description: This is Part One of three in a Joinery class series. 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.

Tools and Equipment or other items **participants are to bring to the class:** Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), hammers (rounding & flat face/peen), tongs to firmly hold (inline and perpendicular) 1/2" round, and square, and 3/4" round, files (hot rasp & 12" bastard), center punch, hot cut chisel, measuring device (non-flammable), worn or broken grinding wheel or a sharpening stone(for polishing for heat treating).

Safety Equipment: Proper clothes and shoes, safety glasses, gloves if desired, hearing protection

Lunch Arrangements: **On one's own**

To register for this class:

Send a check for \$150 written out to The Guild of Metalsmiths, including your contact info 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.

Hammer Class: Making a blacksmithing hammer

Date and time: Saturday May 6, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Instructors: Derrick Phillips and others

Price of Class: \$75.00

Class size: Maximum students: 8 Minimum students: 4

Location: Minnesota School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)

Class Description: This class will teach you the skills you need to make a hammer. With this knowledge you will then be able to expand your tool chest with other handled tools. All handled tools such as top fullers, punches and flatters start with this same process. We will begin with a piece of tool steel, punch the eye, shape both striking ends, heat treat and add the handle. You will go home with your own hammer. There will be an assortment of weights to choose from so you can make a hammer to fit your size and needs. **This is an intermediate skill level class.**

Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class: Bring your favorite hammers; one for striking hot metal and one for striking punches and drifts. A tongs for holding 1-1/2" stock if you have that size

Safety Equipment: : the usual for forging with coal: safety glasses, hearing protection, respirator or dust mask for grinding, clothing of natural fiber with no cuffs or fraying, and leather boots or shoes.

Lunch Arrangements: Bring your own lunch or eat at one of the local establishments. We will take an hour break around noon.

Class Champion: Derrick Phillips

To register for this class:

Send a check for \$150 written out to The Guild of Metalsmiths, including your contact info to:

Derrick Phillips

2461 Como Ave

St. Paul MN 55108Derrick Phillips

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.



Beginners Blacksmithing Classes Spring 2023

Registration is now open for the three day Beginners Blacksmithing classes March 11, 18, 25 in Ramsey MN.

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, Ramsey MN 55303, just off Hwy 10 near the Anoka Vocational College.

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.

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 with contact info and email address to:

Gordon Barr

11021 27th Ave

Burnsville, MN 55337

agbarr@metalsmith.org

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

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.

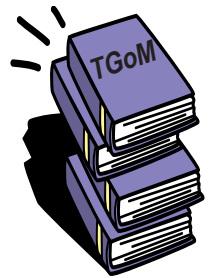
Specific Tasks and Responsibilities:

- 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

Hello from your library!



So I've been The Guild of Metalsmiths librarian for, gee, I don't know how long, but I've got a lot of books here. And there is a lot of information in these books.

So, I thought of having a quiz to test your knowledge of metal. See how well you do.

1. Name the three important properties of a metal.
2. What happens to the strength of a metal when the hardness of the material increases?
3. What is DIELECTRIC strength?
4. What properties do the metal would be the most critical for making a hammer?
5. The percent of elongation is a good measure of what other mechanical property?
6. What is AUSTENITE?
7. In addition to water, what are the other 4 quenching mediums?
8. Of the four stages of quenching, which is the most violent?
9. Why is tempering also referred to as DRAWING?
10. What is the carbon content of steel, cast iron, and wrought iron?

Well, I got all these questions from METALLURGY FUNDAMENTALS. It's a book we received from the Roland Sigurdson estate. If you knew all the answers to the questions, you don't need to check it out...but...

If it's not there, we have plenty of interesting and inspirational books!

— Richard Zieleke, Librarian

Volunteer Opportunities

- Contact Gordon Barr at agbarr@metalsmith.org 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.



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)

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President: Larry Wasmund Vice-President: Paul Widenhoefer
poundedtreasures@gmail.com pwidenhoefer@gmail.com
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

Raspberry Island

50569 218th Place

Mcgregor, MN 55760

2023 Demonstration Opportunities

Date 2023	Event	Location	Champion, contact info & additional info
6 May	Scouts - Welding & Metalsmithing Merit Badge	Taylors Falls, MN Almelund Threshing Show Ground	Patrick Sullivan, smokiemilo@gmail.com 651-894-3765
27-28 May	Dundas Armed Forces Day	Dundas MN	Martin Pansch, blacksmithingveti@gmail.com 612-599-4762 – bring hand tools
19 – 23 July	Rice County Fair	Faribault, MN	Lou Groth, loug_33@yahoo.com , 952-895-1515 Volunteers Needed!!
25 – 30 July	Rock County Fair	Luverne, MN	Larry Wasmund, poundedtreasures@gmail.com 651-322-6626 Wednesday – Saturday
28 –30 July	Little Log House Antique Power Show	Hastings, MN	Dick Carlson, Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com 651-437-3329
11 – 13 August	Almelund Threshing Show	Taylors Falls, MN	Patrick Sullivan, smokiemilo@gmail.com 651-894-3765
11 – 12 August	Corcoran Country Daze	Corcoran, MN	No Guild representative. Contact site directly at corcorancountydaze@gmail.com 612-314-3232 Demo is 10 – 6. Set up starts at 9.
10 – 13 August	Pierce County Fair	Ellsworth, WI	Jesse Gavin, jagavin6273@hotmail.com
18 – 20 August	Nowthen Threshing Show	Nowthen, MN	Christina Dodge, christina.guildmbr@gmail.com All experience levels welcome. Bring your own hand tools and a project. Early signup is encouraged to get an admission pass by mail.
25 – 27 August	Pioneer Power Show	Le Sueur, MN	No Guild representative. No contact information. Not open to casual demonstration, but go watch Wyatt, Jim, and others demo.
26 & 27 August	Donnelly Threshing Bee	Donnelly, MN	Larry Wasmund, poundedtreasures@gmail.com 651-322-6626
1 – 3 September Labor Day wknd	Rice County Steam & Gas Engine Show	Dundas, MN	Martin Pansch, blacksmithingveti@gmail.com 612-599-4762 Bring your hand tools and a project.
8–10 September wknd after Labor Day	Lamberton Hot Iron Days	Lamberton, MN	Bob Brown, Bbrown474@msn.com , 651-260-2749 Friday: mold making Noon–7pm. Strike Iron pour Friday night. Saturday: mold making 9 or 10, 6 or 7pm. Iron pour after sunset. Times may vary slightly.
9–10 September	Laura Ingalls Wilder Days	Pepin, WI	Tom Latané, tclatane@gmail.com , 715-442-2419 Come watch Tom Latané demo. Additional demonstrator space is available for someone willing to set up and demonstrate forge work in late 19 th century fashion. Other period craft demonstrations are welcome. Call/email Tom or Kitty for details.
9-10 September	40th Annual Threshing Festival	Kiester, MN	Duane (Dewey) Roll, 641-590-3634 (leave a message.) 1736 600 St (2miles east & 2 miles south of Kiester, MN. www.FarmingofYesteryear.com Bring any personal hand tools & protective gear.
TBA	Pumpkin Train	Dresser, WI	Gordon Barr, agbarr@aol.com , 952-894-4821 10 – 4pm each day at Dresser Depot.
Most wknds Memorial Day through Labor Day	The Landing / Three Rivers Park District	Shakopee, MN	No Guild representative, Contact site directly. Zachary.Mohlis@threeriversparks.org , 763-694-1139 Michael.Murray@threeriversparks.org , 763-694-7788 Main number for Three Rivers 763-694-7784. Costume needed (overalls and white button up shirt okay).
Various dates throughout the year.	Boy Scout Blacksmith Merit Badge at the School of Horseshoeing	Ramsey, MN	Gordon Barr, agbarr@aol.com , 952-894-4821
TBD	Boy Scout Fall Camporee	Carver, MN	Contact & contact information -TBD. Looking for demonstration and limited hands-on experience, preferably on merit badge tasks.
Various dates throughout the years.	Jackson Street Roundhouse, Minnesota St. Paul, MN Transportation Museum		Gordon Barr, agbarr@aol.com , 952-894-4821 Forges and anvils available for use by Guild Members every Wednesday and Saturday. Occasional visitors to demonstrate to.

New display for your demonstrations and the workplace

There is a display now available for members to have while demonstrating or at your workplace. The displays have:

- ◆ two issues of Metalsmith - sample of the quarterly magazine
- ◆ three copies of the current Forum - sample of the monthly newsletter
- ◆ 10 Guild pamphlets - information about the Guild
- ◆ 20 membership applications

Display is a mesh file holder 3 tier vertical/free standing or mount/hanging office wall folder organization, Dimensions: 3. 6 (L) x 12. 75 (W) x 11. 5 (H).3

To get a display for your demonstrations or for your workplace, contact:

Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator

Email:

TGoMvolunteer@gmail.com

Call or text: 651-328-7219



MN Transportation Museum hosted TGoM's February 8 meeting

Enjoy the pictures below of the membership meeting held at the Minnesota Transportation Museum in St. Paul. Following our usual potluck, members listened to a business meeting and many items shown and told! Then we adjourned to the blacksmith shop in the roundhouse where demos featured a few of our members and their artwork.



Tunnel Mill Crafts 2023 Classes & 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

Quilt Retreat in the Country

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

Folding Pocket Candleholder with Tom Latane'

June 10th and 11th, 2023

Tin Smith Class with Kitty Latane'

June 10th and 11th, 2023

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>

Put your metalwork in The Guild of Metalsmiths' website gallery!

To get your metalwork on the website is easy. Email Craig, our webmaster, and he will help you get your metalwork on the website. Email Craig at webmaster@metalsmith.org.

Members' metalwork in the website gallery is a wonderful way to promote the Guild by showing the talents of our membership. It is also an easy way for you to share your metalwork with your friends, family, and customers.

We need to enhance the gallery to promote the benefits of being a member of the Guild.

Thank you for considering my invitation.

Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator

Email: TGoMvolunteer@gmail.com

651-328-7219

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.

March 2023 Events

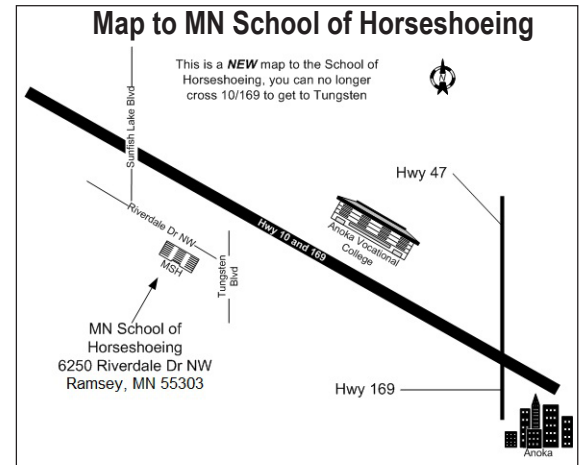
- March 4 & 5, Zombie Killer/Chopping Knife Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- March 11, Spring 2023 Beginning Blacksmithing Class 1 of 3, MN School of Horseshoeing
- March 18, Spring 2023 Beginning Blacksmithing Class 2 of 3, MN School of Horseshoeing
- March 25, Spring 2023 Beginning Blacksmithing Class 3 of 3, MN School of Horseshoeing
- March 25, Brass & Copper Decorative Techniques, Guided Salvage Antiques, 4430 Lyndale Avenue North, Minneapolis

April 2023 Events

- April 12 TGoM membership meeting Toll Welding, Plymouth
- April 22-23, Joinery Level I, 2-day class (skills)

May 2023 Events

- May 6, Hammer-Making Class



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."

March 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:

The Guild of Metalsmiths
PO Box 72
Hudson, WI 54016