

'The Forum'

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The Education and Program Committees extend an invitation to a trial...

Saturday General Membership All-Day Event Saturday, June 17th

This event will coincide with the June NOWTHEN HAMMER-IN. See page 2.

We invite you to the Nowthen Historical Power Association show grounds: 7415 Old Viking Blvd, Nowthen MN (north of Anoka/Ramsey) (map below)

The day's schedule:

You may arrive any time on Saturday morning. There will be smiths working in the shop all day making fun and beautiful forgings and you can watch or possibly assist. There will be a short **business meeting** conducted by our President, Larry Wasmund at around 11:00 a.m. This meeting will last 25-20 minutes and will be followed by a **potluck meal**.

At 1:30 there will be a group of our blacksmiths competing in a **blind forging contest**. No, they are not blindfolded but they won't know until they are done if they forged the proper item. They must reach into an enclosed box and without seeing the item, using only one hand, determine the shape/item/ textures, etc. and then forge the item with the piece of stock provided. The closest forging to the original will receive special recognition. There will be forging on at least 5 stations all day long.

Enjoy the day socializing with members and friends or watch the forging and ask questions. Stay as late as you want or until things wind up for the night.

Taste of Blacksmithing Sessions

As a special offering there will be a portable shop trailer on-site and you may be able to get a TASTE OF BLACKSMITHING with hands-on demonstration. This is available to anyone who attends, but minor children must be accompanied by their parent. There will be no cost for this "Taste" event that is about 30 minutes long, and you will take your forging with you. Space will be limited for this event so registration and time must be reserved at the trailer that morning.

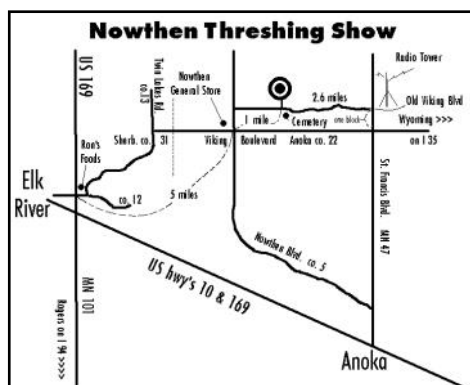
Come on-- get your hands dirty! What to bring...

Anyone is welcome to bring their tools to forge for awhile on one of the five stations existing in the blacksmith building, or bring your own forge and anvil and set up outside for the day.

This will be a family-friendly event. Alcohol in moderation is allowed on the grounds. BYOB and beverages for your family and a dish to pass for the noon potluck. Water and possibly lemonade will be provided at the meal.

We look forward to seeing many or all of you there!

Please contact Larry Wasmund if you have questions: poundedtreasurers@gmail.com



At a recent hammer-in, that's David Skadlock on the left and Jake Dodge in the middle. Jake and Wayne Olson were striking for David, who was forging a knife.

QUICKNEWS...

TGoM Tribute to Bill Krawczeski (BTW™):

We recently lost a beloved, long-time member. Page 3 for a short tribute and pictorial to Bill.

Sweet Corn Cook Wanted

The Program Committee is looking for a sweet corn cook for the August members' meeting. Page 3 for details. Contact Kim Maas, tgom.volunteer@gmail.com

Fall Conference Contest Announcement

Design & create a unique item for the conference; may-be win some cash! Details page 2.

2023 T-Shirt Contest!

Yup, we're having another T-shirt contest this year. Page 4 for details.

2023 Fall Conference

Dates: September 15, 16, 17

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.

Summer Volunteer Opps

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

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 hand 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:

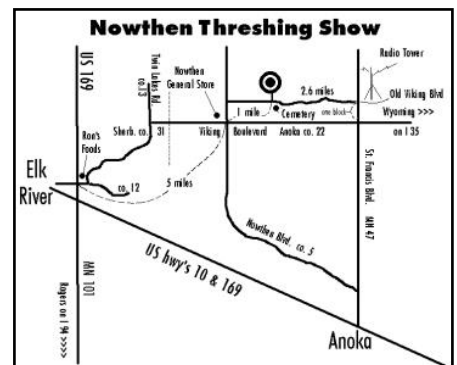
Send a check for \$75 written out to The Guild of Metalsmiths, including your contact info to:

Derrick Phillips
2461 Como Ave
St. Paul MN 55108 Derrick 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.

Annual TGoM Spring 2023 Hammer-In is June 16 and 17 at the Nowthen Blacksmith Shop!



- **Days and times:** Friday, June 16: 4:30pm-0'dark:thirty.
- **Saturday, June 17: 0'dark: thirty to 0'dark: thirty (all day).**
- **Due to lack of attendance on Sunday—No Sunday event this year.**

This year there will be a regular business meeting scheduled on Saturday. You saw details on the front page! And what a way to jam pack a full day!

Hot stuff will be happening at the annual Spring Hammer-In taking place at the Nowthen Threshing Show grounds blacksmith shop, 7415 Old Viking Blvd, Nowthen, MN (map front page)

The blind forging competition will return on Saturday afternoon. The goal will be a friendly forge-off. An object is placed inside a box and you must create (forge) the unknown object by what you can feel, no peeking! Prizes to be announced!

We will focus our efforts on the Fall Conference contest: Basic Key FOB's and advanced leafs and flowers. If you want to work on skills or another project, that's ok! Come and hang out with a bunch of your friends, make new friends, and share/learn some new skills. Beginners/Newbies highly welcome to come and try your hand at smithing.

Camping on-site is available Friday & Saturday night on primitive sites. Port-a-potties on site. Five forges are open for use. Coal will be provided. I will also bring another forge and anvil for use. Bring any examples you have to share with others. Bring your own tools if you have them. Some **limited** steel stock is available, but if you need specific sizes, feel free to bring your own steel. Scrap pieces ok. This event will give you inspiration to help you with your own design for the Fall Conference contest and help you learn how to make it. If you don't know how to make something, ask ahead and we will try very hard to accommodate.

If you have some skills in the creation of fireplace tools and would like to demo or have any questions about the event, please contact me, Wayne Olson, event champion, at 320.280.0100. There is no charge to participate in this event.

I plan on arriving around 3:30 pm on Friday for anyone who wants to help set up, and I will need some help to clean up very late on Saturday night. Your help is very much welcome. See ya there!

Preliminary Fall Conference Info for You: September 15, 16, 17, 2023

Hotels & Motels:

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

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 54022
715-426-8388

Fall Conference Contest Announcement

Design & create a unique item for one of two fall conference contests. Basic contest will be a *Key Fob Contest* and the advance contest a *Leafs/Flowers Contest*. You can enter one contest, not both.

- Contest is open to all.
- Must be made of metal. All entries must be donated to the Saturday auction.
- Auction sale price will determine winners.
- Contest cash prizes will be awarded.

	Basic Contest cash prizes	Advanced Cash Prizes
First Place:	\$50	First Place \$100
Second Place	\$30	Second Place \$60
Third Place:	\$20	Third Place \$40

We miss you, Bill Krawczeski

That smile...



February 2004: Pat and Herb Fick, and Don Hammer presented Bill with a "schnoolie" on a hammer handle because he was laid up with shoulder repair and was disturbed that he could not really swing a hammer. (Schnoolie, a rubber nipple from a baby bottle, tied here to a hammer handle.)

BTW™: Bill the Welder

Bill Krawczeski, long-respected friend, and member of The Guild of Metalsmiths passed away March 2, 2023, after a few years of ill health. But this tribute is being written out of respect for Bill's living. So much of his life was spent enriching the lives of our metalsmith families.

Bill and Claudette were married for many years. They were regular attendees at Guild meetings, and were instrumental each year at making "the madness" successful. In 2007 Bill received the Juare/Hubler plaque of honor. In 2014 Claudette received the President's plaque. As members of The Guild of Metalsmiths, we know what honors those awards mean.

Bill worked 42 years as a railroad welder before arc. As he worked and walked along countless miles of track, he collected, brought home, identified, and shared his wildflowers.

As an artist-blacksmith, at some point in his career, he decided to start forging those wildflowers in metal, and he became an expert at his chosen art form. He donated many, forged mostly in copper, to the Guild. Among them were lady slippers and trilliums, pictured at left. Some he painted; some he left in natural metal.

Bill was a teacher and mentor to us. So, we have spent the past few years missing him from our gatherings as his life slowly ended. Oh, but he will be remembered not only for what's been talked about here, but also, of course, for his omnipresent coffee thermos.

— Georgia Myers



Steel trillium forged and painted by Bill and auctioned off at "The Madness."

Copper lady slipper forged by Bill and purchased by Gene Olson at a Guild auction, who then gave it to his mom.

April 12 Guild Meeting Highlights

Toll Gas and Welding in Plymouth MN was the scene for our April members meeting. Below are photos from Peter Bettenberg sharing meeting activities.



Potluck is always the first (and some might say most important) part of our meetings. Martin Pansch, Mark Lockwood, and Rick Wessling fill their plates!



(Left) Guild President Larry Wasmund starts the meeting.



(Right) Bob Brown shows the copper & mica Roycroft-Style lamp he made this year.

Assistance/Tutoring for Cell Phones, Laptops, and Tablets

Saturday, May 27, 2023

Location: Minnesota Transportation Museum aka: Jackson Street Roundhouse

Tech Support Instructor: Jesse Green

Cost: \$25 for one hour appointment. Appointments are one-on-one with the Tech Assistant.

Are you having trouble understanding how to use or would like to know more about your Android cell phone, laptop computer or tablet supported by Windows? Jesse Green (son of Kim Maas) will be available to assist with your questions and frustrations. There will be six, one-hour appointments available at Minnesota Transportation Museum aka: The Jackson Street Roundhouse. Appointment times available will be: 10-11 am, 11 am-12 pm, 12-1 pm, 1-2 pm, 2-3 pm & 3-4 pm. Appointments are for adults only. You will need to bring your device and questions to the appointment. To register for an appointment, please send your contact information including email address and phone number with best time to contact you, along with a check or money order for \$25 payable to: Kim Maas. Include preferred appointment time (no guarantees) and a brief note of what you're needing help with.

Mail to: Kim Maas, 965 Gorman Ave., West St. Paul MN 55118

Questions: Call 651-328-7219 or email

kimmaas63@gmail.com

Sweet Corn Cook Needed!

The Program Committee is looking for a cook for the August 9 Members Meeting.

Position available: Cook for the Sweet Corn
Requirements/Qualifications: Able to clean sweet corn and cook the sweet corn on an outdoor fire.



Specific Tasks and Responsibilities: Clean and cook 10 dozen ears of corn. Will need to have equipment to cook the sweet corn, a large kettle and fire source. Or contact Dick Carlson and make arrangements to borrow his equipment.

Why Should You Join the Team?: Everyone loves the cooks. Take over the task from last year's cook, Larry Sorensen, who has moved away.

Contact: Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator
tgom.volunteer@gmail.com 651-328-7219



From your librarian...

So, y'all remember being in the 6th grade when you memorized Joyce Kilmer's poem? Betcha remember at least part of it...it's titled *TREES*.

And the closing stanza goes like this:

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

Well, we can't make a tree, but you can make a leaf! Our library has a book "Mastering the Fundamentals of Leaf-Work" by Mark Asprey.

By the time you're done with the exercises in the book, you will be able to 'play God' and create roses, bamboo, cattails, chili peppers, ginkgo leaves and 10 other leaf and plant patterns.

The first 90 pages (after the safety section) are on making tooling to make the leaves. It's got sections on making fullers, bolsters, filing vices, etc. And there are 20 illustrated pages on making modeling hammers. There's a lot of preparation to get started, but after you get the tooling made, you'll have no problem starting your leaf garden.

It's heavily illustrated, with many pages having 6 photographs of preparing tooling and making leaves.

It's here in the library now, but it's usually checked out. Since you ARE (aren't you?) entering a leaf project for the Fall Conference, it's worth reviewing.

— Richard Zielike, Librarian

FALL CONFERENCE T-SHIRT CONTEST

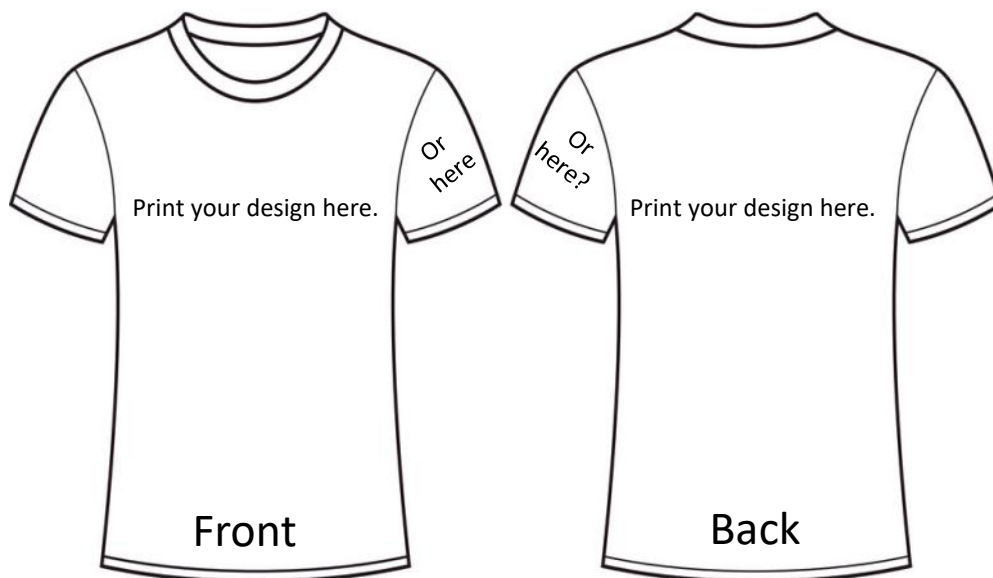
The Fall Conference T-Shirt design for this year's event will be a *Contest!*
What would you like to see on this year's t-shirts? How would you design it?

Rules to the Contest:

- ◆ Design must be Guild or metalwork related.
- ◆ Design must be an original - *your design*. Can be inspired, but not a copy of another's design.
- ◆ Design needs to be a single color line design / drawing, no shading and will be printed on a colored (yet to be determined) t-shirt. White t-shirts just don't work well for metalsmiths.
- ◆ Contest submissions need to be received by: *June 1, 2023* by email.

Email needs to have:

1. Your name.
2. Copy of your design with any suggestion of ink color of design and color of t-shirt idea.
3. Location of your design.



At the June 2023 Members Meeting there will be a vote on the designs that are submitted. No names will be attached to the designs at the time of voting to keep it fair.

Everyone is encouraged to participate!! Will you see your design made into a t-shirt??

Winner of the contest will receive a *FREE FALL CONFERENCE T-SHIRT!*

Send your entry today!

Email it to: Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator

tgom.volunteer@gmail.com

Questions, comments, or concerns?

text or call 651-328-7219

2023 Demonstration Opportunities

Date 2023	Event	Location	Champion, contact info & additional info
6 May	Scouts - Welding & Metalsmithing Merit Badge	Taylor Falls, MN	Patrick Sullivan, smokiemilo@gmail.com 651-894-3765
13 – 14 May	Minnesota Zoo	Almelund Threshing Show Grounds	Rick Wessling, rgwessling@gmail.com
20 – 21 May	Minnesota Zoo's Farm Babies	Apple Valley, MN	All you need is your hammer and some stock. Coal and forges are provided. You do not need to come all weekend or even all day. First time demonstrators are welcome and encouraged.
27 – 28 May			
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
26 – 29 July	Faribault County Fair Sponsored by: Faribault County Historical Society (FCHS)	Blue Earth, MN	No Guild representative. Contact site directly. Randy Anderson, randyulfr@aol.com 507-525-0368. FCHS has a blacksmith shop, coal and various sized stock available to the smith.
26 – 30 July	Scott County Fair	Jordan, MN	Contact: Erika Ediger-Connelly, fair manager by May 1 fairofficestaff@scottcountyfair.com , 952-492-2436 Demonstrator(s) needed Wednesday – Sunday. You will need to have your own tools and can sell your metalworks. Dick Carlson, Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com 651-437-3329
28 – 30 July	Little Log House Antique Power Show	Hastings, MN	
4 - 6 August	Scott/Carver Threshers Harvest Festival	Jordan, MN	Contact Steve Mitton, 612-819-2693 19375 Fairview Lane, Jordan MN. Shop run by Steve. https://www.scottcarverthreshers.org/harvest_festival.htm
11 – 13 August	Almelund Threshing Show	Taylor Falls, MN	Patrick Sullivan, smokiemilo@gmail.com , 615-894-3765
11 – 12 August	Corcoran Country Daze	Corcoran, MN	No Guild representative. Contact site directly at corcorancountrydaze@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_squidmbr@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	Rice County Steam & Gas Engine Show Labor Day wknd	Dundas, MN	Martin Pansch, blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com 612-599-4762 Bring hand tools & a project.
8–10 September	Lamberton Hot Iron Days wknd after Labor Day	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 vary slightly.
9–10 September	Laura Ingalls Wilder Days	Pepin, WI	Tom Latané, tclatan@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.Moblis@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	Boy Scout Blacksmith Merit Badge	Ramsey, MN	Gordon Barr, agbarr@metalsmith.org , 952-894-4821
TBD	Boy Scout Fall Camporee	Carver, MN	Contact information - TBD.
Various dates	Jackson Street Roundhouse, Minnesota St. Paul, MN		Gordon Barr, agbarr@metalsmith.org , 952-894-4821

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.ssfb.com 866-545-6743

The quantity of product purchased dictates the normal "Level" of discount. Smith-Sharpe Fire Brick Supply is offering to 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.mwsc.com

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

Toll Gas and Welding Supply

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

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

Oxygen Service Co.

St. Paul, MN 651-774-7273 800-774-1336
www.oxygenservicecompany.com

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

Division V Sheet Metal

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

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

Our neighborhood of smiths

The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM)

Most 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."

President: Larry Wasmund poundedtreasures@gmail.com
612-599-4762

Vice-President: Paul Widenhoefer pwidenhoefer@gmail.com
952-930-0070

Our website is: <http://www.metalsmith.org>

Badger Blacksmiths

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 Jeff Olson for monthly specifics at olsonironworks@gmail.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

Email: 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

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
- Most 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. Stay tuned for changes.



May 2023 Events

May 6, Hammer-Making Class, MN School of Horseshoeing

May 6, Demo Op Scouts, contact smokiemilo@gmail.com

June 2023 Events

June 16 & 17, Hammer-In at Nowthen

June 16, TGoM membership meeting, in cahoots with Nowthen Hammer-In

July 2023 Events

July 19-23, Demo Op: Rice County Fair, contact loug_33@yahoo.com

July 25-30, Demo Op: Rock County Fair, contact poundedtreasures@gmail.com

July 26-29, Demo Op: Faribault County Fair, contact randwulfr@aol.com

July 26-30, Demo Op: Scott County Fair, contact fairofficestaff@scottcountyfair.com by May 1

July 28-30, Demo Op: Little Log House Antique Power Show, contact blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com

August 2023 Events

Aug 9, TGoM membership meeting, hog roast/corn feed at Dan Pate's

Aug 11-13, Demo Op: Almelund Threshing Show, contact smokeymilo@gmail.com

Aug 11-12, Demo Op: Corcoran Country Daze, contact corcorancountydaze@gmail.com

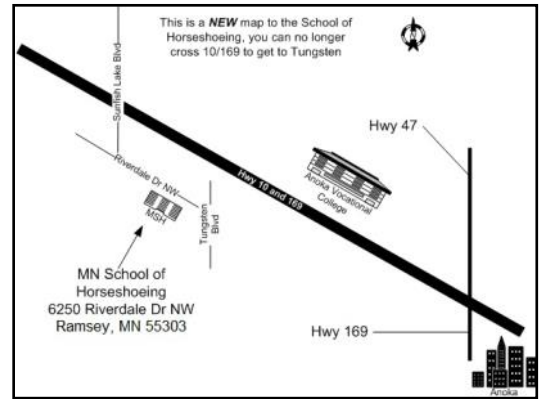
Aug 10-13, Demo Op: Pierce County Fair, contact jagavin6273@hotmail.com

Aug 18-20, Demo Op: Nowthen Threshing Show, contact christina.guildmbr@gmail.com

Aug 25-27, Not a Demo Op: Pioneer Power Show, no Guild rep but go watch Wyatt, Jim & others demo

Aug 26, 27: Demo Op: Donnelly Threshing Bee, contact poundedtreasures@gmail.com

Map to 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 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."

May 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

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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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