

# 'The Forum'

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

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

This event will coincide with the June NOWTHEN HAMMER-IN. Details below.

**And yes, this is a repeat of page one of the May 2023 Forum. It's important! Map is on page 3.**

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

### 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: [poundedtreasures@gmail.com](mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com)

## QUICKNEWS...

### HELP!

#### Sweet Corn Cook Wanted

The Program Committee needs a sweet corn cook for the August members' meeting. Page 3 for details. Contact Kim Maas, [tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com)

#### Fall Conference Contest

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

#### 2023 Fall Conference

**Dates:** September 15, 16, 17. **Demonstrators:** Glenn Horr, Berkeley Springs, WV, and Allan Kress, Somerville, Alabama.

#### August Membership Meeting

Wednesday, Aug. 9 at Dan Pate's country estate. Watch for details soon.

#### Summer Volunteer Opps

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

## Annual TGoM Spring 2023 Hammer-In is June 16 and 17 at Nowthen

- **Days and times: Friday, June 16: 4:30pm-0'dark:thirty.**
- **Saturday, June 17: O'dark: thirty to O'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. 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. The blind forging competition will return on Saturday afternoon. 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 FOBs 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 onsite is available Friday & Saturday night on primitive sites. Port-a-potties onsite. 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!



## QR Code for TGoM!

The Guild of Metalsmiths now has a QR code. This code is a marketing tool and a way for our membership to go directly to the website.

What is a QR code? Basically, a QR code works in the same way as a barcode at the supermarket. It is a machine-scannable image that can instantly be read using a Smartphone and tablet camera. Every QR code consists of several black squares and dots which represent certain pieces of information.

### How to scan a QR code with the Camera app

- 1) Open your Camera app from the Home Screen, Control Center, or Lock Screen.
  - 2) Select the rear facing camera. Hold your device so that the QR code in this article appears in the viewfinder in the Camera app.
  - 3) Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.
- You'll find your device will automatically open to our website, and you can navigate to your heart's content!

## WANTED! Stories and memories of Bill "The Welder" Krawczeski

Please forward stories and memories of Bill "the welder" Krawczeski for an article in "Metalsmith." These stories and memories will be used as a resource for the article and may not be published exactly as you send them. This is a way to have Bill, the person, documented in Guild history.

Thank you for considering my request.

Please email me at: [tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com)

Kim Maas  
651-328-7219

## 46th Annual Fall Conference aka "The Madness" September 15th, 16th & 17th, 2023

### Featuring Blacksmiths:

**Glenn Horr** from Berkeley Springs, West Virginia and **Allan Kress** from Somerville, Alabama

- Including pre-conference class, gallery, silent & live auction, tailgating, onsite camping, great food, and events for the entire family!
- Submit your best "Key Fob or Leaves/Flowers" to the live auction for the chance to win cash prizes! Additional details below.
- 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

Registration, costs and further details coming this summer!

Look for more information at our website:

<https://www.metalsmith.org>

And check us out on Facebook



### Direct questions to:

**Larry Wasmund**      **Mark Lockwood**  
Guild President      or      Program Committee Co-Chair

## 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

## GUILD OF METALSMITH'S BOARD MEETING May 10, 2023

Called to order at 7:06 by President Larry Wasmund.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordon Barr, Taya Gavin, Mark Lockwood, Marty Masters, Kim Maas, Derrick Phillips, Jessie Gavins, Paul Widenhoefer, Larry Wasmund and Paula Wasmund.

ABSENT: Richard Zielke.

GUESTS: Peter Bettenberg.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Motion for approval by Derrick and seconded by Marty. Passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Taya  
Business #6965 10,466.00  
Business #7138 5,632.00  
Savings #7520 64,749.00

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Gordon  
As far as membership, no changes were made.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Derrick  
June meeting will be at Nowthen.  
August is the hog roast. It will be at Dan Pate's farm.  
Sept 15-17 is the MADNESS. Watch for further details.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: The 2023 and 2024 class calendar is ready for publication.  
Marty will be assuming the Chairmanship in July.  
Gordon is looking for an understudy or method to schedule registration of classes.  
The Hammer-In at Nowthen is on Father's Day weekend, it will run Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Sunday event.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE: Kim  
Kim is undertaking the job of working on a series of articles on '30 years of working with the Guild' for publishing in "Metalsmith." Any stories or names are helpful.  
The t-shirt contest is underway. Kim has only received 2 entries.  
Kim is gathering quotes for shirts and other merchandise.

OLD BUSINESS: Iron menagerie update- Peter presented some options of the paper to be used to print the book on. There will be samples at the June meeting.

COAL STATUS: There is still ample coal for now. A shipment will hopefully be set up for the beginning of July. Because of increasing coal cost and delivery, the price may be adjusted. Price will be determined when we get the costs of delivery.

ARCHIVE STORAGE: Gordon relayed that Mike F. has gone through a lot of the stored items. They are eventually going to be stored on digital media, for an easier and less overrun of the storage of these articles.

NEW BUSINESS: There are still open seats on the long-term planning committee. Come on. Get involved, it's great to have new ideas. Contact Larry or Paul.  
Discretionary budgets were set for the committee. A motion was made to approve. Marty approved and Derrick seconded the motion.  
The long-term planning committee discussed the results of the discussion with Ken Zitur of the Central Blacksmith group on how they have financed their building in Albany. All the trees were donated from a property and the sawmill at Albany show-grounds cut them at their power shows, over multiple years. All labor is volunteered by the members.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:01.

Respectfully submitted by Paula Wasmund, Recorder

## HELP! Sweet Corn Cook Needed for August meeting!

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](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com) 651-328-7219



## Help Wanted: Audio Technician

**Requirements/Qualifications:**

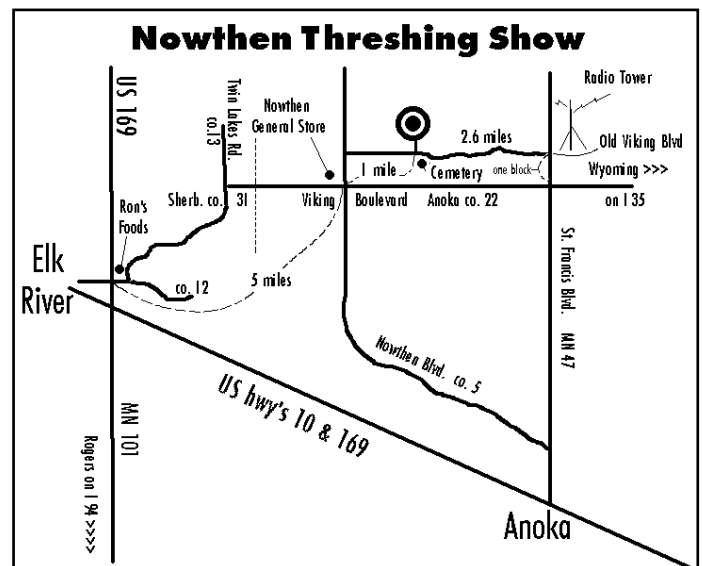
- Ability to lift 50 lbs.
- Possess basic knowledge of audio equipment, or interest in learning.
- Ability to store (temperature/humidity-controlled) and transport approx. 24 cubic feet of audio equipment.
- Must attend entire Fall Conference.
- Must attend majority of membership meetings and the Christmas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

**Contact either:** Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator,  
[tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com), 651-328-7219  
or

Peter Bettenberg, [bettenberg@hotmail.com](mailto:bettenberg@hotmail.com), 651-777-5300.



## Girl Scouts learn metalsmithing!

Below is a photo of the Girl Scouts, along with their helpers, who participated in a class held by Gordon Barr at the Minnesota Transportation Museum's Jackson Street Roundhouse on May 13, 2023. This was the first Metalsmithing Class for Girl Scout Troop 58206.

Kim Maas helped with the day and said, "It was so fun watching the girls and troop leaders. Sara Gries, Monica Walczak, and Taya Gavin helped with the girls. I took pictures and brought snacks. It was a wonderful day. Now that the first one is done, the troop leader said she will be encouraging the leaders to support having more classes with other troops."



Taya Gavin, Kim Maas, Mulu, Gordon Barr, Sara Gries, Cara, Lucia, Sofia and Monica Walczak

## Blacksmith community loses another smith



Ken Zitur

We mark the passing of Ken Zitur, member of Central Minnesota Blacksmiths, and owner of Ken's Custom Iron in Albany MN. Ken's family will host a celebration of life on Sunday, June 25, 2023, at Albany Pioneer Grounds in Albany, Minnesota. There will be a service at 1:00 pm, followed by a meal and time to share memories.

Kenneth Jon Zitur, age 69, of Avon, Minnesota, passed away on May 28, 2023, after a courageous battle with cancer. Ken married MaryLou (Arnzen) in 1992 in St. Cloud.

She survives. He is survived also by his daughter, Samantha, her husband, Justin, and two grandchildren, Blake, 5, and Callie, 1.

Ken and MaryLou's daughter, Samantha Rule, stated, "It is with the heaviest of hearts that we share of my dad's passing. His absence here on earth leaves a giant hole in our hearts, but we know his spirit will live on in the many lives he's touched."

Follow the link below for the full obituary:

<https://www.millercarlin.com/kenneth-jon-zitur/>

## 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](mailto: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.

What does the gallery look like? See it on our website:

<https://www.metalsmith.org/member-gallery/>

Thank you for considering my invitation.

Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator

Email: [tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com)

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## Holz Farm Spring Festival

The Holz Farm is located in Eagan, MN. This year Zach Christiansen spent the weekend of May 20 & 21 at the farm doing blacksmithing demonstrations. Last year George Auel and Zach split up demonstrating there. One did the spring and the other did the fall.

The photos below show the items Zach forged, and the setup for his demonstration at the festival.

Zach said, "We had a great, sunny day at the farm. I made a 1 lb box of 3" duplex nails into tiny swords and the kids gobbled them up as fast as I could make them. Somewhere around 4 dozen in a box. Then I made a bunch of 1/4" square 3.5" stock into J hooks."

—Zach Christiansen, demonstrator



## Volunteer Opportunity Available

The Program Committee is looking for a Set up Crew for the August 9, Membership Meeting.

**Position available:** Set up Crew, August 9th, 2022

**Requirements/Qualifications:** Willingness to do what it takes to set up for the August membership meeting.

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

**Why Should You Join the Team?:** This is an awesome opportunity to mingle (work) with fellow members or if you are a new member, meet fellow members.

**Contact:** Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator

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## Volunteer Opportunity Available

The Program Committee is looking for a Clean up Crew for the day after (the 10th) the August 9th, Membership Meeting.

**Position available:** Clean up Crew

**Requirements/Qualifications:** Willingness to help clean up after the August membership meeting.

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

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

**Contact:** Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator

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## 2023 Demonstration Opportunities

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Champion, contact info &amp; additional info.</b>
19 – 23 July	Rice County Fair	Faribault, MN	Lou Groth, <a href="mailto:loug_33@yahoo.com">loug_33@yahoo.com</a> , 952-895-1515 Volunteers Needed!!
25 – 30 July	Rock County Fair	Luverne, MN	Larry Wasmund, <a href="mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com">poundedtreasures@gmail.com</a> 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, <a href="mailto:randwulfr@aol.com">randwulfr@aol.com</a> , 507-525-0368 FCHS has a blacksmith shop, coal and various size stock available to the smith.
26 – 30 July	Scott County Fair	Jordan, MN	Contact: Erika Ediger-Connolly, fair manager by May 1st <a href="mailto:fairofficestaff@scottcountyfair.com">fairofficestaff@scottcountyfair.com</a> , 952-492-2436 Demonstrator(s) needed Wednesday – Sunday. You will need to have your own and can sell your metalworks.
28 – 30 July	Little Log House Antique Power Show	Hastings, MN	Dick Carlson, <a href="mailto:Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com">Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com</a> 651-437-3329
4 - 6 August	Scott/Carver Threshers Harvest Festival	Jordan, MN	Contact Steve Mitton, 612-819-2693 <a href="http://www.scottcarverthreshers.org/harvest_festival.htm">www.scottcarverthreshers.org/harvest_festival.htm</a> Shop onsite - looking for volunteers to help.
11 – 13 August	Almelund Threshing Show	Taylor Falls, MN	Patrick Sullivan, <a href="mailto:snokiemi@gmail.com">snokiemi@gmail.com</a> , 651-894-3765
11 – 12 August	Corcoran Country Daze	Corcoran, MN	No Guild representative. Contact site directly at <a href="mailto:corcorancountydaze@gmail.com">corcorancountydaze@gmail.com</a> 612-314-3232 Demo is 10 – 6. Set up starts at 9.
10 – 13 August	Pierce County Fair	Ellsworth, WI	Jesse Gavin, <a href="mailto:jafavin6273@hotmail.com">jafavin6273@hotmail.com</a>
18 – 20 August	Nowthen Threshing Show	Nowthen, MN	Christina Dodge, <a href="mailto:christina.guildmbr@gmail.com">christina.guildmbr@gmail.com</a> 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, <a href="mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com">poundedtreasures@gmail.com</a> 651-322-6626
1 – 3 September Labor Day wknd	Rice County Steam & Gas Engine Show	Dundas, MN	Martin Pansch, <a href="mailto:blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com">blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com</a> 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, <a href="mailto:Bbrown474@msn.com">Bbrown474@msn.com</a> , 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, <a href="mailto:tlatanet@gmail.com">tlatanet@gmail.com</a> , 715-442-2419 Come watch Tom Latané demo. Additional demon- strator space is available for someone willing to set up and demonstrate forge work in late 19th century fashion. Other period craft demonstrations are wel- come. Call/email Tom or Kitty for details.
9–10 September	40 <sup>th</sup> Annual Threshing Festival	Kiester, MN	Dewey Roll, 651-590-3634 (leave a message) 1736 600 St. (2 miles east & 2 miles south of Kiester) <a href="http://www.FarmingofYesteryear.com">www.FarmingofYesteryear.com</a> . Bring any personal hand tools & protective gear.
TBA	Pumpkin Train	Dresser, WI	Gordon Barr, <a href="mailto:agbarr@aol.com">agbarr@aol.com</a> , 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. <a href="mailto:Zachary.Mohlis@threeriversparks.org">Zachary.Mohlis@threeriversparks.org</a> , 763-694-1139 <a href="mailto:Michael.Murray@threeriversparks.org">Michael.Murray@threeriversparks.org</a> , 763-694-7788 Main number for Three Rivers 763-694-7784. Costume needed (overalls and white button up shirt okay).
Various dates during the year.	Boy Scout Blacksmith Merit Badge at the School of Horseshoeing	Ramsey, MN	Gordon Barr, <a href="mailto:agbarr@aol.com">agbarr@aol.com</a> , 952-894-4821
TBD	Boy Scout Fall Camporee	Carver, MN	Contact & contact information -TBD.

# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.garelicksteel.com)  
10% discount for members

## Mississippi Welders Supply

Seven locations between MN & WI. 800-657-4422  
[www.mwsc.com](http://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](http://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](http://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 most 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](mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com)  
612-599-4762

Vice-President: Paul Widenhoefer [pwidenhoefer@gmail.com](mailto:pwidenhoefer@gmail.com)  
952-930-0070

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

## Badger Blacksmiths

President: Dave Weiss Newsletter editor: John Grump  
715-379-5007 715-829-4559

[diamondmetalworks13@gmail.com](mailto:diamondmetalworks13@gmail.com)

[johngrump@att.net](mailto: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](mailto:CharleyRB@charter.net)  
218-428-7906

Dave Hanson, VP, [duluthblacksmith@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:olsonironworks@gmail.com). The NMM's website is <https://www.northernminnesotametalsmiths.com/>

## 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](mailto:mail@kensiron.com)

## Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center (CAFAC)

Quarterly blacksmithing classes, exhibits, and open house events. [www.cafac.org](http://www.cafac.org) email: [info@cafac.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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

- Most 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](mailto:christina.guildmbr@gmail.com)
- Program Comm. meetings are 7 pm the third Thursday monthly. Derrick Phillips, chair [DerrickPhillip-sA3o3@gmail.com](mailto:DerrickPhillip-sA3o3@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.



## June 2023 Events

June 16, TGoM membership meeting, in cahoots with Nowthen Hammer-In  
 June 16 & 17, Hammer-In at Nowthen

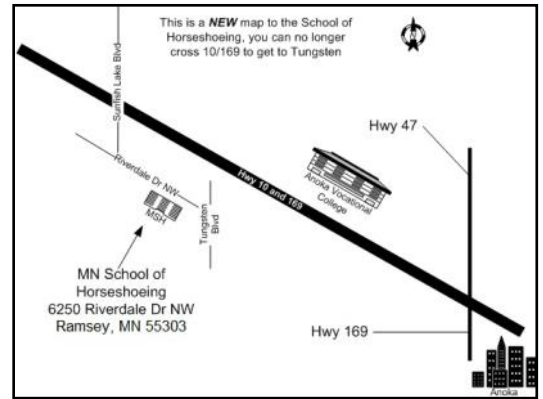
## July 2023 Events

July 19-23, Demo Op: Rice County Fair, contact [loug\\_33@yahoo.com](mailto:loug_33@yahoo.com)  
 July 25-30, Demo Op: Rock County Fair, contact [poundedtreasures@gmail.com](mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com)  
 July 26-29, Demo Op: Faribault County Fair, contact [randwulfr@aol.com](mailto:randwulfr@aol.com)  
 July 26-30, Demo Op: Scott County Fair, contact [fairofficestaff@scottcountyfair.com](mailto:fairofficestaff@scottcountyfair.com) by May 1  
 July 28-30, Demo Op: Little Log House Antique Power Show, contact [blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com](mailto: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](mailto:smokeymilo@gmail.com)  
 Aug 11-12, Demo Op: Corcoran Country Daze, contact [corcorancountydaze@gmail.com](mailto:corcorancountydaze@gmail.com)  
 Aug 10-13, Demo Op: Pierce County Fair, contact [jagavin6273@hotmail.com](mailto:jagavin6273@hotmail.com)  
 Aug 18-20, Demo Op: Nowthen Threshing Show, contact [christina.guildmbr@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com)

## Map to MN School of Horseshoeing



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**All memberships are family memberships. Persons of all ages, professionals and hobbyists, are invited to join.**  
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## 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](mailto:agbarr@aol.com).



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If you have items to be included in *The Forum*, please send them to Georgia Myers, editor, by email to: [gldmyers@embarqmail.com](mailto: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:

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