

# 'The Forum'

July 2023

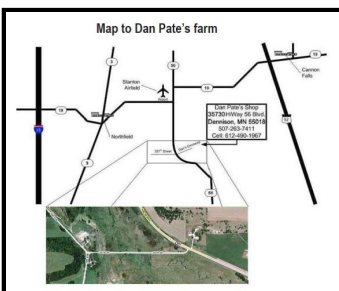


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Remember this? Herb Fick (right) and his crew (Gary Myers and Jim Moenck) stand ready to carve and serve the roast hog at the August 2016 TGoM potluck and meeting out at Dan Pate's country home. This annual event is coming up soon: Wednesday, August 9. It's family time!



## Volunteers needed: August 9 meeting

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

**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 the 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.

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

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

## QUICKNEWS...

### 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.

### 2023 Pre-Conference Class?

The Education Committee is looking for ideas for a pre-conference class that focuses on hardware. Please contact Marty Masters with ideas: [mastersmw@yahoo.com](mailto:mastersmw@yahoo.com)

### August Membership Meeting

Wednesday, Aug. 9 at Dan Pate's country estate. Find Herb Fick's invitation on page 4.

### Oxy/Acetylene Class

Registration will begin in July for this year's Oxy/Acetylene Class scheduled for Oct. 14 & 15. Register

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### Help needed!

Patrick Sullivan is champion for Almelund Threshing Show and needs help! Details page 3

### Summer Volunteer Opps

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

## 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 page 2.
- 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, brochure, 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 OR  
Guild President  
507 469-0205

Mark Lockwood  
Program Committee Co-Chair  
651-452-7740

# 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  |

## 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

## Early Fall Conference Registration

You can register early for the Fall Conference at the Hog/Corn Feed potluck/meeting to be held at Dan Pate's August 9.

Full Weekend Pass \$40.  
1 Day Pass \$25.  
Electrical Hookup \$25. per day  
Primitive Camping is Free.  
Annual Membership \$30

All Five Meals \$55.  
Saturday Breakfast \$10.  
Saturday Lunch \$12.  
Saturday Dinner \$15.  
Sunday Breakfast \$10.  
Sunday Lunch \$12.



## QR Code takes you directly to our website!

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!

## Upcoming blacksmith auction!

Monty and Judy Bygd are having a blacksmith shop auction on Saturday, August 5, 2023.

The address is 1928 80th Street in Eau Claire, WI. We are just a little south of Highway 29 off Highway F/Jeffers Road. We've been having to detour to County Line Road and Highway T to get to Highway 12 (Clairemont Avenue) in Eau Claire as Jeffers Road has been under construction.

Monty suggests googling the address for a map.

## Free lead weights

I have a 5 gallon pail of lead wheel weights that some one can have for free. Contact Randy Purchase at [rarepurchase@comcast.net](mailto:rarepurchase@comcast.net)

## Help needed for Almelund Threshing Show work day Aug. 5

Hello, all smiths!

Almelund Threshing Company will be having their last work day on Saturday, August 5 before the annual Almelund Threshing Show, which is scheduled for August 11, 12, and 13. Typically coffee is at 8 am and work starts at 8:30 am. Lunch is provided, and we will be done by 3 pm. I could use some help in the blacksmith shop with anything from general cleanup to moving/raking gravel around the shop thresholds.

Please contact me if you can make it for the work day, so I can let the Almelund Threshing Company know how many we will have.

Also let me know if you plan to attend for demonstrations during the show so I can have wristbands ready and your name on a list at the east general admission gate for volunteers.

Thanks.

Patrick Sullivan  
651-894-3765  
[smokiemilo@gmail.com](mailto:smokiemilo@gmail.com)

## 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.

## 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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## Oxy/Acetylene Welding 2-day class

Saturday & Sunday, October 14 & 15, 2023, 9:00 to 4:30 each day

Location: Myron Hanson's East Eagan Blacksmith Shop, 4015 Dodd Road, East Eagan, MN

Instructors: Myron Hanson, Bob Brown, and Dick Carlson

Cost: \$125 Guild member, \$145 non-member

Maximum students: 8

New to gas welding? Just want to brush up your basic skills? This class focuses on safety and hands-on learning. Students will be working at individual stations on a shared workbench, with equipment and stock provided. If time permits, bonus demonstrations will show advanced techniques and uses of the oxyacetylene torch.

### Tools & Equipment:

All tools, equipment, and stock are furnished.

### Safety Equipment:

Students should be prepared for sparks and melted/hot metal: common safety garb (leather footwear and clothing made of cotton, leather, or wool - no synthetics, no cuffs or frayed edges) plus eye protection with a #5 lens, either in a face shield (preferred), goggles or glasses. If you wear corrective lenses, bring those, too. Cloth cap is optional, gloves are recommended.

### Lunch:

Pack a lunch, or there are convenience stores/fast food joints in the area.

To register, send a check written to "The Guild of Metalsmiths" and mail, along with your contact information, to:

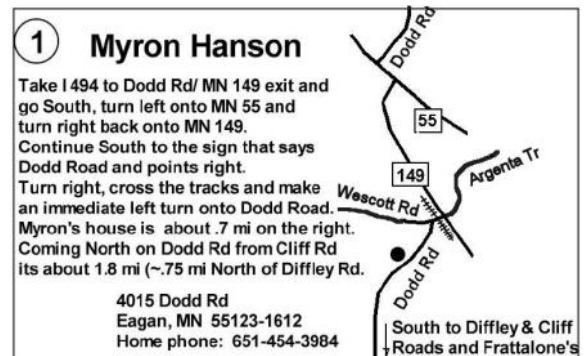
Kim Maas

965 Gorman Ave.

West St. Paul, MN 55118

Acceptance will be in the order sent, based on the postmark, and each person will be notified individually.

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



# Get ready! August 9 Guild Meeting/Corn Roast/Hog Roast/Details Below!

—Prepared and submitted by meeting champion Herb Fick

- The Venue: The Pate Estate. ( I like the alliteration) 35730 Highway 56 Blvd, Dennison MN 55018
- The Hosts: LuAnn and Dan Pate. This might be the seventeenth time we have been there.
- The Date: Second Wednesday in August. (August 9)
- The Time: Serving at 6:30 pm. Business meeting following dinner (brief). Activities start about 8 AM. Volunteers and curious people start showing up before nine o'clock. Lunch is on your own. Sometimes it just doesn't even happen. Sometimes it is at a bar in Randolph, Cannon Falls or Dennison.

## The Demo:

Herb has not obtained a demonstrator yet. Herb has in the recent past talked to Seth Merritt and Brendan Stevens to demonstrate, attempting to showcase the young talent we have. (Note that people have rarely walked away from these demonstrations.) Herb is looking for a bit of guidance on this to see if this is a durable concept. We have also had vendors like Hossfeld the last couple of years. Those demonstrations also got a lot of attention.

Myron has offered a smithing station that will be available for the demonstrators and for teaching experience from noon on. Dan will have tools you have never dreamed of (Dan always has something new to share).

## The Menu:

The menu is a lot like last years because no one has offered an alternative.

Roger Degner is our new corn roast maven and will be keeping a watchful eye on the process! Thank you, Roger! I suspect Dick Carlson helps in some way; he just doesn't take credit for it..

Herb offered the protein (Still pork, and if you ask nicely, chicken). Jim and Gary and perhaps Seth and one or two others will bail out Herb, who is always a bit over extended with the pig part of the deal.

Vegetables, sweets, drinks and interesting stuff like pickled pike bits seem to reliably show up. That is the responsibility of the members for a normal potluck, except this is not really normal. Remember, Dick Carlson started this, and we need to keep it going.

## The Purpose

This is also a good night to bring family and friends. It helps explain why our kind of people gather together. A lot has been going on, so show-and-tell should be really good and difficult to keep moving along. The corn roast started out as "Family Night."

Here is the pitch for the help that it takes in addition to the stellar and consistent efforts put in by the Gavin crew for the meal. People who come early (like 8 AM to noon) have the option to help clean up the Pate estate and enjoy the comradery of the sort of folk who enjoy contributing to the pleasure of the evening. Others learn to handle exotic cars while moving them out of our way. For years we have enjoyed this venue and for years while cleaning up the next day I have asked Dan "How about doing this again?" And Dan says "Yes, let's."

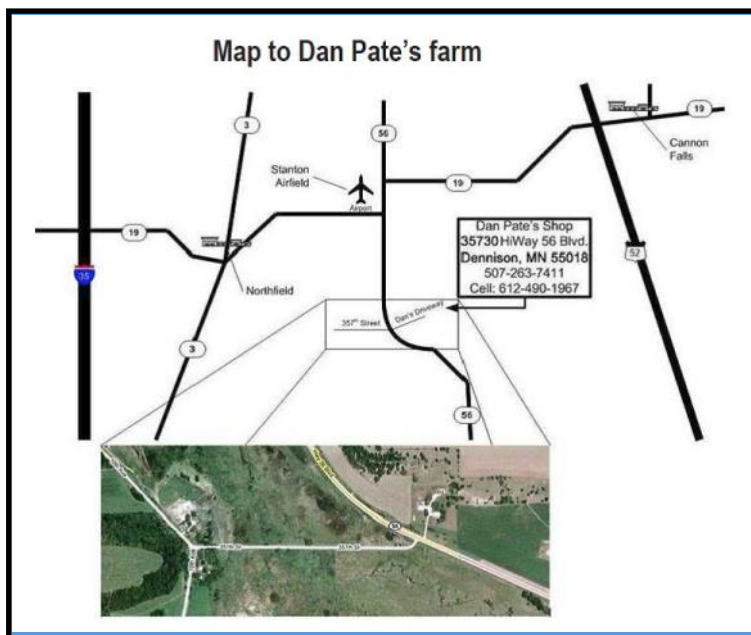
## People: Take note of this last paragraph...

I have used it for several years in a row with amazing results. There seems to always be an adequate assortment of tools for improving the landscape, and time to remain well acquainted with members. People might want to bring their own tools. I really need more than a few people to step up. Particularly, we need people if the weather looks threatening. Dan has invested in a large party tent that takes some effort to assemble. We will not use it if the weather is good, but it will save the day if it rains. (That has happened once.) We have always managed to leave the Pate estate looking pretty good.

Please contact me about your willingness to help. Best to call my cell because I expect to see Northern Minnesota, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and South Dakota between now and then. (507 649 1611)

So far, there are no tricks on the route to Dan's. Highway 56 and 357th street. Dennison MN. The road is patrolled.

**See map below:**



## 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<br>Volunteers Needed!!  |
| 25 – 30 July                                    | Rock County Fair   | Luverne, MN      | Larry Wasmund, <a href="mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com">poundedtreasures@gmail.com</a><br>651-322-6626 Wednesday - Saturday   |
| 26 – 29 July                                    | Faribault County Fair<br>Sponsored by: Faribault County<br>Historical Society (FCHS) | Blue Earth, MN   | No Guild representative. Contact site directly.<br>Randy Anderson, <a href="mailto:randwulfr@aol.com">randwulfr@aol.com</a> , 507-525-0368<br>FCHS has a blacksmith shop, coal and various size<br>stock available to the smith.   |
| 26 – 30 July                                    | Scott County Fair  | Jordan, MN       | Contact: Erika Ediger-Connolly, fair manager by May 1st<br><a href="mailto:fairofficestaff@scottcountyfair.com">fairofficestaff@scottcountyfair.com</a> , 952-492-2436<br>Demonstrator(s) needed Wednesday – Sunday. You will<br>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><br>651-437-3329   |
| 4 - 6 August                                    | Scott/Carver Threshers Harvest Festival  | Jordan, MN       | Contact Steve Mitton, 612-819-2693<br><a href="http://www.scottcarverthreshers.org/harvest_festival.htm">www.scottcarverthreshers.org/harvest_festival.htm</a><br>Shop onsite - looking for volunteers to help.  |
| 11 – 13 August                                  | Almelund Threshing Show  | Taylor Falls, MN | Patrick Sullivan, <a href="mailto:smokiemilo@gmail.com">smokiemilo@gmail.com</a> , 651-894-3765  |
| 11 – 12 August                                  | Corcoran Country Daze  | Corcoran, MN     | No Guild representative, Contact site directly at<br><a href="mailto:corcorancountydaze@gmail.com">corcorancountydaze@gmail.com</a> 612-314-3232<br>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><br>All experience levels welcome. Bring your own hand<br>tools and a project. Early signup is encouraged to get an<br>admission pass by mail.  |
| 25 – 27 August                                  | Pioneer Power Show   | Le Sueur, MN     | No Guild representative. No contact information. Not<br>open to casual demonstration, but go watch Wyatt, Jim<br>and others demo.  |
| 26 & 27 August                                  | Donnelly Threshing Bee   | Donnelly, MN     | Larry Wasmund, <a href="mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com">poundedtreasures@gmail.com</a><br>651-322-6626  |
| 1 – 3 September<br>Labor Day wknd               | Rice County Steam & Gas Engine Show  | Dundas, MN       | Martin Pansch, <a href="mailto:blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com">blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com</a><br>612-599-4762. Bring your hand tools and a project.  |
| 8–10 September<br>wknd after<br>Labor Day       | Lamberton Hot Iron Days  | Lamberton, MN    | Bob Brown, <a href="mailto:Bbrown474@msn.com">Bbrown474@msn.com</a> , 651-260-2749<br>Friday: mold making Noon–7pm. Strike Iron pour Friday<br>night. Saturday: mold making 9 or 10, 6 or 7pm. Iron<br>pour after sunset. Times may vary slightly.   |
| 9–10 September                                  | Laura Ingalls Wilder Days  | Pepin, WI        | Tom Latané, <a href="mailto:tclatan@gmail.com">tclatan@gmail.com</a> , 715-442-2419<br>Come watch Tom Latané demo. Additional demon-<br>strator space is available for someone willing to set<br>up and demonstrate forge work in late 19th century<br>fashion. Other period craft demonstrations are wel-<br>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)<br>1736 600 St. (2 miles east & 2 miles south of Kiester)<br><a href="http://www.FarmingofYesteryear.com">www.FarmingofYesteryear.com</a> . Bring any personal<br>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<br>each day at Dresser Depot.   |
| Most wknds<br>Memorial Day<br>through Labor Day | The Landing / Three Rivers Park District   | Shakopee, MN     | No Guild representative, Contact site directly.<br><a href="mailto:Zachary.Mohlis@threeriversparks.org">Zachary.Mohlis@threeriversparks.org</a> , 763-694-1139<br><a href="mailto:Michael.Murray@threeriversparks.org">Michael.Murray@threeriversparks.org</a> , 763-694-7788<br>Main number for Three Rivers 763-694-7784. Costume<br>needed (overalls and white button up shirt okay). |
| Various dates<br>during the year.               | Boy Scout Blacksmith Merit Badge at the<br>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.mwsco.com](http://www.mwsco.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.

## 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 Martin Masters, [mastersmw@yahoo.com](mailto:mastersmw@yahoo.com)
- Program Comm. meetings are 7 pm the third Thursday monthly. Derrick Phillips, co-chair [DerrickPhillipsA3o3@gmail.com](mailto: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.



## 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)

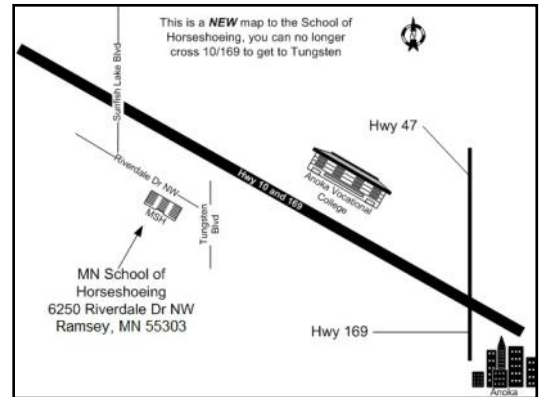
## Sept. 2023 Events

Sept. 15, 16, 17 46th Fall Conference, Pierce County Fairgrounds, Ellsworth WI

## Oct. 2023 Events

Oct. 14 & 15, Oxy/Acetylene Welding Class, Myron Hanson's shop

### Map to MN School of Horseshoeing



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### 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

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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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