

# 'The Forum'

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**Mark your calendar now!**

## TGoM's annual holiday gathering is only a month away



TGoM's annual holiday gathering is set for Sunday, December 3 at the CSPA Hall in St. Paul, MN. Join Guild of Metalsmiths families at 383 Michigan St., St. Paul, MN 55102, at the corner of West 7th and Western.

The hall will open at noon. We usually share hors d'oeuvres as people arrive, so bring your favorites if you wish. The annual business meeting is first on the agenda, including awards, elections, and the normal business stuff starting at 1:00 pm and going on for an hour or so.

That leads into show and tell, and possibly an impromptu mini-auction. By then, we'll all have worked up an appetite to sit down to our always delightful holiday potluck. Please bring a dish to pass.

If you're a first-timer to this event, just go upstairs at the front of the building when you get there. An elevator entrance is also located on the side just off the parking lot. Bring your family!

Any questions about this meeting can be answered by contacting meeting champion Mike Frattalone at [icemanfratt@aol.com](mailto:icemanfratt@aol.com).



## Congratulations to graduates of the Fall 2023 Beginning Blacksmithing Class!



(Left to right): David Skaurud (instructor), Chris Fischetti, Vickie Braman, Sam Purple, Rick Lund, and Laurel Larkin. Classmates Cassandra Miller and Anne Miller were not available for the photo.

*NOTE: watch the website for the announcement of the next beginners' classes in January 2024.*

## The Guild of Metalsmiths now has a 'Discord Account'

What is Discord? Discord is an instant messaging and VoIP social platform. The service converts your voice into a digital signal that travels over the Internet. Users have the ability to communicate with voice calls, video calls, text messaging, media, and files in private chats or as part of communities called "servers"

Invitations went out in October to all our members by email. If you did not get an invitation and want Discord, please contact Kim Maas by email at [TGoMvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:TGoMvolunteer@gmail.com) and you will be sent an invitation by email.

## QUICKNEWS...

### Trivet Class 2023

Register info is on page 3 for this Nov. 18 Trivet Class to be held at the MN School of Horseshoeing.

### Handled Struck Tools Class Dec. 2

Registration page 3.

### Leaf Tongs Class Jan. 27, 2024

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### Copper Jewelry Class

Feb. 10, 2024, Jackson Street Roundhouse (MN Transportation Museum). Registration page 4.

### Volunteer?

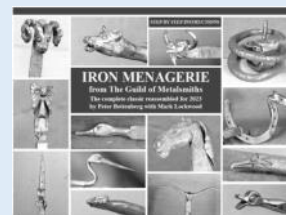
Are you looking for volunteer opportunities and not sure whom to talk to? Contact: Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator at: [tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com) or call 651-328-7219.

### Join smiths to celebrate St. Clement's Day!

Meet your fellow smiths at Torg Brewery on Nov. 19. Page 5 for details.

### New 'Iron Menagerie' book

The new version of The Guild's IRON MENAGERIE workbook is now available to purchase! Cost \$20 (+\$10 S/H if mailed). Contact person: Peter Bettenberg [tgomeditor@gmail.com](mailto:tgomeditor@gmail.com)



## Companies & non-members that donated to 2023 TGoM Fall Conference live auction, tailgate and found art

Please show your appreciation by patronizing these companies!!

**Mississippi Welders Supply Co.**  
5211 Moundview Dr.  
Red Wing, MN 55066  
651-388-1836

**Mississippi Welders Supply Co.**  
1810 Webster St.  
Hudson, WI 54016  
715-381-6964

**Oxygen Services Company**  
1111 Pierce Butler Route  
St. Paul, MN 55104  
651-644-7273

**Toll Welding**  
3005 Niagara Lane  
Minneapolis, MN 55447  
763-551-5300

**Toybox Repair Inc**  
215 Ohio St.  
St. Paul, MN 55107  
651-291-8791

**Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises Headquarters**  
5419 N Sheridan Rd Ste 116  
Chicago, Illinois, 60640

**Allison Waggon**

## TGoM's October 2023 meeting was held at new venue: Brooklyn Park Campus of Hennepin Technical College

Thanks to meeting champion Richard Zielike, the October 2023 membership meeting was held at a new venue, and included tours of both the welding and machine shops at the Brooklyn Park Campus of the Hennepin Technical College. See the October Forum for featured photos.: <https://www.metalsmith.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/102023forum.pdf>



The cafeteria at the Brooklyn Park campus of Hennepin Technical College was the scene for TGoM's October 2023 membership meeting. TGoM President Larry Wasmund (standing) led the October meeting. Seated at the table to Larry's right is Richard Zielike, meeting champion.

## Pipe tomahawk class produced popular product

Instructor Martin Pansch led a class on October 22 in which students forged pipe tomahawks. As Martin described the product: "A pipe tomahawk was a ceremonial item for Native American people from the late 17th to late 19th century. Often given as a gift at treaty signings, it was a highly decorative item containing symbols of both violence and peace. In this class we will be forging one using mostly traditional techniques."

Students in the class are shown below. Thanks to Marty Masters for managing the class.



From L-R back row: Steven Lampere, Rob Murray, Noah Asher, Emery White, Craig Dunn. Front Row, Martin Pansch (instructor) and Bob Brown. Not Pictured Martin Masters and Doug May

Pipe tomahawk in progress.



What pipe tomahawk should look like when done.



From L-R Martin Masters, Bob Brown, Martin Pansch, Steven Lampere, Rob Murray, Emery White, Doug May, Craig Dunn. Not pictured Noah Asher



## Trivet Class 2023

**Saturday, November 18, 2023, 9 am to 5 pm**

**Instructors: Derrick Phillips and David Skaurud**

**Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)**

**Cost: \$55 per student; Class size: Maximum 8, minimum 4**

**Class manager: Derrick Phillips, 651-230-2363 [derrickphillipsa3o3@gmail.com](mailto:derrickphillipsa3o3@gmail.com)**

**Class Description:** This class is a beginner plus class. Students will hopefully have finished the beginners class, as this class will draw on those skills and add some more. The trivet is an introduction to joinery, forging tenons and using a monkey tool and hot riveting. This class is the making of a basic trivet, many variations can be made from this form. If you think you might be interested in joinery this is a starting project in that direction.



*Image Credit: BlackForestArtWorks*

**Tools & Equipment or other items participants should bring to class:** Tongs to hold 1/2" square stock, and your favorite hammer

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

**Lunch arrangements:** Eat out or bring your own.

**To register for this class:** Send a check for \$55 written to The Guild of Metalsmiths, along with your contact information, to:

Derrick Phillips  
2461 Como Avenue  
St. Paul MN 55108

**Also available: register for this class online.** Follow this link: <https://www.metalsmith.org/education/>

Acceptance priority for this class will be determined by postmark, and each person will be notified individually.

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## Handled Struck Tools 2023

**Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)**

**Instructors: Jesse and Dave Gavin and others**

**Cost: \$85 Class size: Max 8, min 6**

**Class manager: Herb Fick, [herb@phyque.com](mailto:herb@phyque.com)**

**Class Description:** The tools made will be punches with a wire handle and chisels with a wire handle. We will offer the option to use treadle hammers supplied by the teaching staff. (Find out if you really need one of these by trying them.) Tools for the treadle hammers will be supplied. Steel supplied will be 5/8 and 3/4 inch round 4140 AN for the punches and chisels. Handles will be fabricated from 1/4 and or 5/16 inch round mild steel.

The instructor's goal for the workshop is to produce students comfortable with the process of forging and heat treating tools from nominal tool steel. A secondary goal is to have the students comfortable with the use of treadle hammers. We expect to have three treadle hammers of different styles available. The workshop gives one the ability and confidence to modify and/or repair legacy and or neighbor's tools. We forge in the morning, heat treat and install handles after lunch. Much of the time is spent focusing on understanding the heat treat process. There will be enough stock so we can encourage you to make a couple of serious mistakes and still go home with real tools to use.

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Power grinders are supplied. Bring your favorite hammers and tongs suitable for the stock if you have them. So far we have never run out of Guild tools to share. Bring your basic safety gear (leather, cotton, gloves, eye and ear protection and safety shoes). The building will be open by 8 am, introductions and coffee will start at 8:30, in the shop by 9 AM. We usually finish just before 5 pm.

### History:

The lead instructor is Jesse Gavin. He is supported by Dave Gavin, Wayne Olson, and others. For reference probable students are invited to question former students including: Gene Thoma, Bryan Carlson, Derrick Phillips, Wayne Olson, Jim Moenck, or Bob Brown. This class has been going annually for quite a while and has always filled. Credit for that goes to Jesse and Dave.

**To register:** send a check made out to The Guild of Metalsmiths for \$85, along with your contact info, to:

Herb Fick  
519 East Eighth Street  
Northfield MN 55057-2508

**To register online, follow this link:** <https://www.metalsmith.org/education/>

Acceptance priority for this class will be determined by postmark, and each person will be notified individually.



## Leaf Tongs Class 2024

**Date & Time** Saturday, January 27, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
**Location:** MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)  
**Instructor:** Dave Gavin 715-821-9950 and Jesse Gavin 715-808-5891  
**Cost:** \$65  
**Class Size:** Maximum students: 8 Minimum students: 4  
**Class manager:** Jesse Gavin, [jagavin6273@hotmail.com](mailto:jagavin6273@hotmail.com)

**Description:** This class will have you making tongs that will hold on to leaves and other thin and curved shapes without marking the surface or flattening out the veins. This class is for beginners that have gone through and have had some additional practice beyond the basics class. You will be drawing out the reins and forging the boss to shape and matching the sizes of the two.

**Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class:** Favorite hammer for forging and peening rivets, tongs to hold 1/4"x 1", 1/4" x 3/4", 1/4" and 3/8" round, plus other tools as you see fit – i.e. grinder, files, ect.

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

**Lunch Arrangements:** Local restaurants or bring your own.

**To register for this class:** send a check for \$65 written to The Guild of Metalsmiths, along with your name, address, phone number and email to:  
Jesse Gavin  
N8214 330<sup>th</sup> street  
Spring Valley WI 54767

**To register online,** follow this hyperlink to our website: <https://www.metalsmith.org/education/>

Acceptance priority for this class will be determined by postmark, and each person will be notified individually.



## Copper Jewelry Class 2024

**Date & Time** Saturday, February 10, 10 am to 1 pm  
**Location:** Jackson Street Roundhouse blacksmith shop (MN Transportation Museum)  
193 Pennsylvania Ave. E., St. Paul, MN 55113  
**Instructor:** Larry Nevin  
**Cost:** \$65 members; \$75 non-members  
**Class size:** 8 maximum (18years + )  
**Class manager:** Kim Maas, 651-328-7219 , [TGoMvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:TGoMvolunteer@gmail.com)

**Description:** A Copper Jewelry Class will be held Saturday, February 10, 2024, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Jackson Street Roundhouse just in time for Valentines Day. Come and make a custom piece of jewelry for your favorite Valentine or, better yet, for yourself. This class is a wonderful opportunity for beginner metalsmiths and a good challenge for the advanced metalsmith. The class is offered to adults only, 18+. The maximum class size is limited to 8. so don't wait to register.

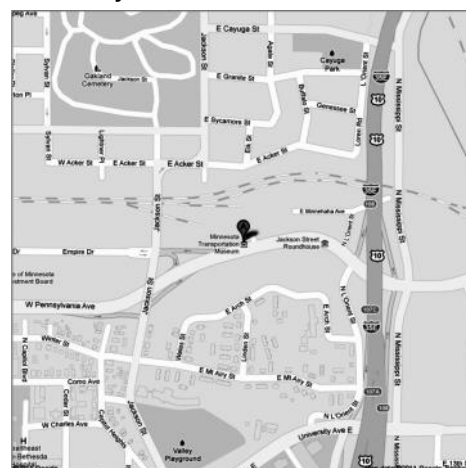
**To register:** Mail your name, address, phone number and email address along with a check written to The Guild of Metalsmiths (\$65 for members, \$75 for non-members) to:  
Kim Maas  
965 Gorman Ave  
West St. Paul, MN 55118

**To register online,** follow this link: <https://www.metalsmith.org/education/>.  
Please feel free to call 651-328-7219 with questions.

Acceptance priority for this class will be determined by postmark, and each person will be notified individually.



**Map: Jackson Street Roundhouse**  
193 Pennsylvania Ave. E., St. Paul, MN 55113





## Hammer rack class finishes up

On Saturday and Sunday, October 28 and 29, five students participated in a class to build themselves a hammer rack, as shown in the photo at right. The project required smiths with intermediate skills. Jesse and Dave Gavin shared their teaching skills with students pictured below.



### Hammer rack class participants:

(Front row): Bob Brown and Wayne Olson

(Back, l to r): Tristan Kabanuk, Marty Masters, Larry Wasmund, Jesse Gavin (lead instructor). Not pictured: Dave Gavin, instructor and photographer.

## Tunnel Mill Crafts

We are located in southern Minnesota near Spring Valley. All classes are taught at 28036 County Rd 1, Spring Valley, MN 55975. For more information on any of the classes or to register, contact us at [jc-adams@msn.com](mailto:jc-adams@msn.com), or call 507-289-4189 Carol Adams.



### 2024 Upcoming Classes and Events

#### Steel Making Workshop using the Japanese Hybrid Brick Tataru

**Class rescheduled from October 2023 to May 3, 4, and 5, 2024**

**With Wayne Potratz**

- Cost per person: -\$275.00 (includes material fee)-plus \$75 for room and board (Friday and Saturday nights with 6 meals)
- Minimum of 6 students
- Start time: Gather at 5PM on Friday October 6 for conversation, then a light meal at 6 PM, followed by Wayne's presentation at 7 PM.
- Discussion and charcoal processing to follow.

The workshop will explore steel-making from the direct reduction of Minnesota Magnetite iron ore into high carbon steel using a charcoal fired Japanese Hybrid brick tataru. The resulting steel bloom can be consolidated, hot cut, and hammered into billets suitable for blade making.

The workshop will feature a PowerPoint presentation about the process and comparisons to other iron smelting traditions. Each workshop participant should come away with a piece of high carbon steel in an amount suitable for a small blade or other tool

**Check the Tunnel Mill website for full details:**

<http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com>

From TGoM's Library...

## 'The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Knives, Daggers, and Bayonets'



Well, it has over 700 color photographs of implements to be killed with....

Any of us who have taken a Guild class on blacksmithing (etc.) always hear the safety lecture:

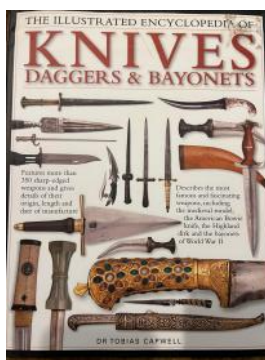
- Black metal can still be very hot.
- Polyester can melt into your skin.
- Grinders can cut more than metal.

If you want, you can ask me how I know that. This book is not about safety.

"Knives Daggers and Bayonets" was donated to TGoM at the fall conference. It covers the evolution of knives, the different types and styles of daggers, and the invention of bayonets and their roles in combat. It features a directory of more than 350 examples of knives, from ancient Egyptian flint knives to modern commando knives. The pictures are great, the knives show a lot of artistic talent, and they are beautiful to look at, but I have to admit that I got a little queasy after seeing one bayonet after another and how they developed to accomplish their purpose.

If you have questions about the library or how to check out books, contact Richard Zielike at [richard@edinaclock.com](mailto:richard@edinaclock.com)

*Thank you to our librarian,  
Richard Zielike*



Not sure what to do between The Madness and the Christmas Party?  
**Come celebrate St. Clement's Feast Day on November 19 with beer and blacksmiths!**

Hosted by Torg Brewery and The Guild of Blacksmiths



**St. Clement** is (one of) the patron saint of blacksmiths and metalworkers. His feast day was a rare day off for these metal artisans when their tools at the forge were replaced by food and drink, and the noise of the shop was replaced by the (one must assume off-tune) singing and toasting in pubs. Whether you are a smith or not, come join us as we celebrate this heritage!

**Where:** 8421 University Avenue NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

**When:** The brewery is open 1PM to 8PM on Sunday. Show up any time there and look for blacksmiths. We should be easy to spot.

- \* First drink is free for Guild members!
- \* Bring potluck food/snacks suitable for a grazing Feast of St. Clement!
- \* Bring show and tell items to impress your fellow Guilders and the non-smithing public!
- \* Play Bocce Anvil (if I can repair them in time) and Pinch the Devil's Nose!
- \* If we are lucky, Old Clem might even grace us with his presence!

**Questions? Contact Martin Pansch, 612-599-4762,  
[blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com](mailto:blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com)**

# 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.ssfbs.com](http://www.ssfbs.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.mwscow.com](http://www.mwscow.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."

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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 [raspberrylakefolksschool.blogspot.com](http://raspberrylakefolksschool.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.



### Nov. 2023 Events

Nov. 18, Trivet Class, MN School of Horseshoeing  
Nov. 19, St. Clement's Day celebration, 1 to 8 pm, Torg Brewery

### Dec. 2023 Events

Dec. 2, Handled Struck Tools Class, MN School of Horseshoeing  
Dec. 3, Guild Membership Meeting at CSPA Hall

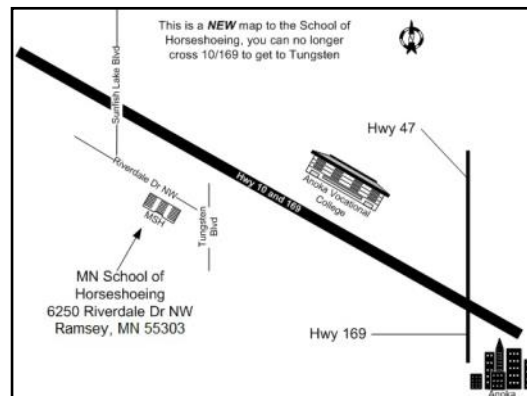
### Jan. 2024 Events

Jan. 6, 13, 20, Beginner Blacksmithing Class, MN School of Horseshoeing  
Jan. 27, Leaf Tongs Class, MN School of Horseshoeing

### Feb. 2024 Events

Feb. 10, Copper Jewelry Class, Jackson Street Roundhouse blacksmith shop  
Feb. 14, TGoM membership meeting, details TBA

### 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)

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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](mailto:agbarr@aol.com).



## Address Service

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."

To reach our website quickly, just scan the QR code below.

November 2023



Your membership expiration date will show on the address label of your quarterly "Metalsmith" magazine.

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### 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.

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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:

The Guild of Metalsmiths  
PO Box 72  
Hudson, WI 54016