

# 'The Forum'



December 2023

Vol. 25 No. 12

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

See you there!

## TGoM's annual holiday gathering is Sunday, December 3, 2023!



TGoM's annual holiday gathering is set for Sunday, December 3 at the CSPS 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).

If you're interested in learning more about the CSPS, go to their website <https://www.sokolmn.org>



## QUICKNEWS...

### Handled Struck Tools Class Dec. 2

*Last chance:* registration page 3.

### 2024 Winter Beginning Blacksmithing Classes

Register now for the 2024 Beginning Blacksmithing Classes on page 2.

### Leaf Tongs Class Jan. 27, 2024

Registration page 4.

### Copper Jewelry Class

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

### February Membership Meeting Heads-Up!

TGoM's Board of Directors announces a change in our February meeting. Page 5 for details!

### Scandi-style Knife Class March 2 & 3

Page 4 to register.

### Volunteer?

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

### 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) Wouldn't this be a great gift for your favorite blacksmith?



## 2023 Trivet Class

Students in TGoM's November 18, 2023 trivet class learned the basics of forging a trivet from instructor Derrick Phillips.



2023 trivet class students (left to right) show off their trivets: Stan Littlefield, Matt Navratil, Derrick Phillips (instructor), Kevin Klein, Christine Fischetti, and Adam Dauer.

# Happy Holidays!

# Beginners Blacksmithing Classes Winter 2024

Registration is now open for the three-day Beginners  
Blacksmithing Classes  
January 6, 13, and 20, 2024 in Ramsey

The beginners' basic classes are designed to give everyone the same understanding of the basics, techniques, and terminology. The basic classes or proficiency is required before taking any of the many other classes the Guild offers. This enables those classes to concentrate on advanced techniques without having to spend time on basic concepts.

This 3-day class covers the basics of: Safety, Tools, Fire Control, Forging Dynamics, Tapers (ribbon, fishtail, point), Twisting, Riveting, Shouldering, Upset, Cutting, Splitting, Punching, Heat Treat, Scrolling, Bending, Forge welding.

**Cost:** (covers everything you need, the facility, coal, metal tools and workbook)  
\$180 for members, \$190 non-members  
Minors (under 18) must have a parent present. There will be no sharing of forges.

## Dates and Location:

The classes are held on Saturdays, January 6, 13, and 20 at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing, 6250 Riverdale Dr NW, just off Hwy 10 in Anoka near the Anoka Vocational College.

## What you need to bring:

Eye, ear, and skin protection. This includes safety glasses, earmuffs or plugs and suitable clothing which includes hard shoes, cotton or leather. Synthetic and polyester clothing will burn and melt. There will be sparks and brushes against hot metal.

## Tools:

Tools are provided but if you have a favorite hammer, punches, chisels, and tools, bring them along. A small 1-to-2-pound ball peen hammer would work. We have various hammers for you to try and get a feel for what is comfortable.

## Typical day:

Classes start at 9 but people usually show up earlier to swap stories or show off recent projects. Feel free to bring projects you are working on to show. We break for lunch. You can either bring a brown bag or go out to a local fast-food restaurant. Classes end between 3 and 5.

## To register for the three-day Beginners classes:

Send a check made out to The Guild of Metalsmiths with contact info and email address to:

George Auel  
1865 Wellesley Ave  
St. Paul, MN 55105  
George.Auel@gmail.com  
(\$180 for members, \$190 non-members)

## To register online, follow this link:

<https://www.metalsmith.org/education/>

## GUILD OF METALSMITH'S BOARD MEETING Nov. 8 2023

Called to order at 7:05 by President Larry Wasmund

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

ABSENT: No one.

GUESTS: No guests were present.

MINUTES: Approved motion by Derrick, second by Marty. Passed unanimously.

TREASURE'S REPORT: Taya Gavin

Business #6965 \$5,217.92

Business #7138 \$1,689.61

Savings #7520 \$59,831.17

MEMBERSHIP: Gordon Barr

As far as membership there was nothing new to report.

PROGRAM: Derrick Phillips

The Holiday party is set for Dec. 3 at the CSPS.

The February meeting will be at the Northfield Foundry. Watch for future details.

The April membership meeting is tentatively to be held at Mississippi Welding Supply in Hudson, Wisc.

June will be at Nowthen.

EDUCATION: Marty Masters

December 2 Handled Struck Tools class, taught by Jesse and Dave Gavin.

January 6, 13, & 20 Beginner Classes: Marty Masters will be the lead instructor.

On January 27 is a leaf tongs class taught by Dave Gavin with Jesse Gavin assisting.

February 10 will have a copper jewelry class, taught by Larry Nevin at the Minnesota Transportation Museum Jackson Street roundhouse blacksmith shop.

COMMUNICATION: Kim Maas

September *Metalsmith* is ready to go to print.

Metalsmith editor, Peter Bettenberg has requested approval to print the December *Metalsmith* in full color. Motion was made, seconded, and approved to allow color on this edition only.

Thirty-eight people are now using Discord. There are currently two people monitoring the site for misuse.

186 PDF files of past *Metalsmiths* (4/1977 through 12/2022) are all scanned and sent to the webmaster for upload on the Guild web page.

OLD BUSINESS:

COAL STATUS:

We took delivery of a full truckload of coal on November 4. Between the cost of the coal and the cost of trucking, adjustments had to be made to pricing. The board of directors, by motion, has increased the price of coal to \$8.00 per bucket, \$88.00 per barrel, \$457.00 per ton. This minor adjustment will keep us in the black on coal sales for this load.

NEW BUSINESS:

Juaire /Hubler and president's award recipients have been decided.

We need volunteers on all our committees.

If Larry Wasmund remains president, he asks for a current board member to step up, or someone to volunteer to conduct the Wednesday night general membership meetings in Larry's absence.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Paula Wasmund, Recorder.

# 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.

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 or to offer for the next "iron in the hat". The photo represents the work product.

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/s: 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.

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

**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.**



# Scandi style/ bushcraft knife class 2024

**Date:** March 2 & 3, 2024  
**Time:** 9 am to 5 pm  
**Location:** MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)  
**Cost:** \$140 per student  
**Instructor:** Paul Widenhoefer  
**Class size:** 8 students max

Are you afraid of being stuck in the wilderness with only a knife at your side? Or do you just want to carve some Dala horses with a Scandinavian blade? Well, we have the knife class for you! This class offering will be for making a scandi-style knife favored by woodworkers, campers, survivalists and woods men and women alike.

We will be covering forging a blade, safety, grinding, knife steels, handles, heat treating, and sharpening for this useful and versatile blade. These are typically short blades 2" to 4" in length with a wood handle. Sheathes will not be covered at this time. Students should leave with one finished (or nearly finished) knife.

Paul Widenhoefer will be the instructor of this class. Paul has been making knives for over fifteen years and has taught knife making classes for the Guild previously. He is also a member of the ABS (American Bladesmith Society).

**What to bring:** Students will be expected to bring safety equipment, favorite hammer and any tongs for small stock you may have.

**Lunch:** Lunch can be purchased at a local establishment or brought with bag lunch style.

**To register for this class:** Send check written to Guild of Metalsmiths for \$140 to:

Paul Widenhoefer  
3618 Robin Lane  
Minnetonka, MN 55305  
Phone or text at 612-408-5007  
Email: [pwidenhoefer@gmail.com](mailto:pwidenhoefer@gmail.com)

**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.**

## Heads Up, People!

# February Membership Meeting Change!

We will be having our February Membership Meeting at the Northfield Foundry and Machine Company at 320 Water St N, Northfield MN 55057.

### There are 2 really big changes:

- It's on Saturday, February 17 at 9:00 in the morning, and
- We might not have a potluck meal

The company was founded in 1920 in Northfield, and they specialize in manufacturing high end, heavy duty non-computerized woodworking machinery such as jointers, planers, shapers, sanders, lathes and table saws.

I (Richard Zielike) was there on a Saturday, years and years ago as a guest of a relative for an open house. It's a rather fascinating place. They closed the foundry part a long time ago. When I visited, they got their casting from a company in Wisconsin, but because of their name, they still got a lot of visits from the EPA.

*Richard Zielike, meeting champion*

## 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.

## Woodworkers Expo

Paul Widenhoefer recently attended a Woodworkers Expo at Canterbury Park. He says it was a great experience with a "great crowd." He's hoping to get organizers to invite the Guild next year. He did show his knives and hopes to get some of our blacksmiths with similar skills and goods in woodworking to join him next time. Paul shared photos shown below.



## 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>

## Large blacksmith table for sale

The table is 12' 1/2" long by 32 1/2" wide and 32" high. Photos below. It was constructed in Saskatchewan, Canada by my Uncle Palmer who later died in WWII, and then later my Dad brought it to Battle Lake where it has been a fixture in his pole barn ever since. My dad was tall and he had it sitting on cinder blocks.

Since it meant so much to my dad, and to me too, by association, I would like to find another home for it other than the burn pile and am willing to sell, give away or donate it to a museum, if such a thing is possible.

I do not have the means to transport it, so it would be up to you to manage that. I would appreciate your ideas and suggestions even if you're not willing to take it yourself.

Contact me at [donadeep@gmail.com](mailto:donadeep@gmail.com). Thank you!  
Donadee Peterson



# 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.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.

## 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.



## Dec. 2023 Events

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

## Jan. 2024 Events

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

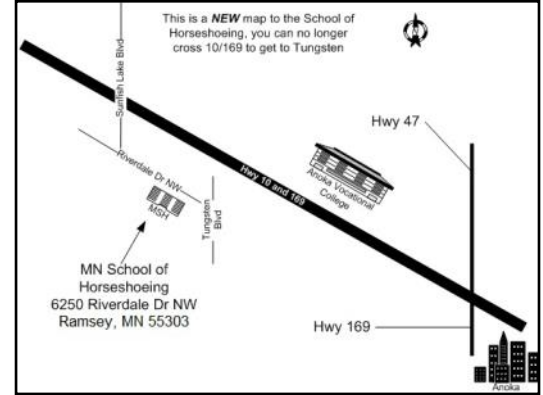
## Feb. 2024 Events

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

## March 2024 Events

- March 2 & 3, Scandi style/ bushcraft knife class, MN School of Horseshoeing

## Map to MN School of Horseshoeing



# Join The Guild of Metalsmiths

Send \$30 dues to the address below. Please circle if you want to be listed in our membership directory and/or check items you don't want listed.

The Guild of Metalsmiths  
PO Box 72  
Hudson, WI 54016

**List Me** in the directory but don't list address - phones: home - work - fax - cell - email - web page  
*(circle items above you DO NOT want published)*

**Don't List Me** in the Directory

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary phone: \_\_\_\_\_

All memberships are family memberships. Persons of all ages, professionals and hobbyists, are invited to join. We do not sell our mailing list

## ELECTRONIC FORUM

If you have not been receiving an email notification that The Forum is available, please verify that we have your correct email address. Contact Gordon Barr at [agbarr@aol.com](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.

## December 2023



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

---

### TGoM now accepts PayPal and most major credit cards

The Guild accepts PayPal and most major credit cards, in addition to paper checks, for the payment of annual dues. This should make it more convenient for members to pay dues.

---

### The Forum

The Guild of Metalsmiths publishes *The GoM Forum* monthly. It is intended as a tool to further our educational mission, to keep members up to date on current happenings, to publicize projects and workshops, a place for all members to express their opinions, concerns, learn more about each other—in short, to help us run our organization

## Guild educational grants

There is grant money available for Guild members to study intermediate and advanced metalworking techniques.

The Guild educational grant program is designed to bring new skills into the metalworking community. Participants are given money to pay for a portion of their expenses and are expected to learn some new or poorly understood skill, and then to share what they have learned with other members and the public through an article in our quarterly magazine, "Metalsmith." They're also expected to lead a workshop on the topic (or other educational service approved by the board).

Application forms are available from the president or treasurer at a regular meeting, or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

The Guild of Metalsmiths  
PO Box 72  
Hudson, WI 54016