

# 'The Forum'



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## Guild meeting Saturday, February 17 at 9:00 a.m. is 'BYOC' (Bring Your Own Coffee)

### Northfield Foundry & Machine Company

320 Water St N,

Northfield, MN 55057

On Saturday, Feb. 17 at 9 am, e will be hosted by Northfield Foundry. Herb Fick visited it prior to our meeting, and this is most of his report:

"The Foundry dates to 1920 when Mike Machacek moved to Northfield after an argument with the priest in New Prague MN. He developed a line of industrial woodworking machinery that was accepted worldwide. They closed the hot part of the operation in or about 1946.

"Jeff Machacek has offered a tour of the facilities on a Saturday when the shop is quiet. The equipment ranges from large lathes, boring machines, planers that handle very large castings, balancing equipment for large wheels, rollers and arbor motors which are purposely built at the foundry. Their catalog sales are based on table saws, bandsaws, drop saws, and jointers for the furniture industry. Their specials support local manufacturing industry.

"The rules: If we want chairs, we need to bring them. Expect to stand throughout the tour. Expect questions to be welcome. Do not wear your best clothes. This is an old shop, and the floors are not clean.

"The foundry has a website that will be interesting to some, but it is limited. Right now, their shop is booked out for about a year, so don't plan on buying something to take with you. A personal note: Once you are familiar with the name, you will realize you will see their name anywhere you travel in the Western world."

**If you're interested in going out to eat after the meeting, here is Herb's culinary review of local eating establishments:**

**We have a pretty good selection of local eating establishments in town, my view.**

- High end would be the Northfield Golf Club. They do a sandwich type of lunch. They have a liquor license.
- We have a Culver's that is a little better than most Culver's. They have a back room where we sometimes gather groups.
- The bowling alley on the south side of town has become popular with me.
- The Ole Store is up by St. Olaf College and does more interesting food. Usually very good.
- The Quarter Back is right on the highway and is popular. The owner is really good to the high school crowd that works there.
- Lots of people like Hogans, on Main Street. I don't.
- The Reunion on Main Street is a bit upscale and usually good.
- I like Fielder's Choice on the south side of town.
- And there is Perkin's.
- There are some new places I have never tried, but there is no lack of opportunity.

— Herb

**That's it. Remember: Saturday 9 am, Feb. 17, and eat first! If you have questions, contact me, (the meeting champion) Richard Zielike, at [richard@edinaclock.com](mailto:richard@edinaclock.com) or 612-860-6120.**



## QUICKNEWS

### Wire Inlay Class

Online registration is open via Ne-on for Wire Inlay Class on April 20. Page 2 for details.

### May 4: Hammer Class

Registration for the upcoming Hammer Class will be open on March 1. Details in

March *Forum*.

### Copper Jewelry Class is full!

Feb. 10, 2024,

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

Still openings: page 2 to register.

### Beginners Blacksmithing 3-day Class March 9, 16, 23 is FULL!

### 2024 Summer Volunteer Ops

Posted on page 4, summer 2024 events for which you can volunteer!

Are you looking for other 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

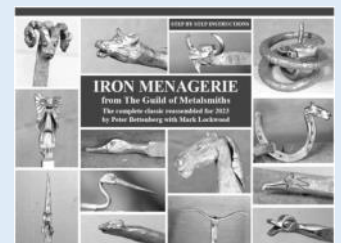
The new version of The Guild's IRON MENAGERIE workbook is now available to purchase.!

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?



# Wire Inlay Class 2024

Saturday, April 20, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Instructor: Martin Pansch, 612-599-4762 [blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com](mailto:blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com)

Location: Jackson Street Roundhouse (map below)

Cost: \$55.00, \$65.00 for non-Guild members

Class size: Maximum 8, minimum 4 students

## Class Description:

The class will focus on wire inlay into mild steel. This is a technique that can be used to add decorative elements to many of your projects. Students will chase grooves in the metal and then chase the bottoms of the grooves square. The two corners thus created will be chased to form an undercut channel. The upper edges of the channels will be chased and filed to create grooves of even width. Copper wire will be planished into the grooves so that the softer metal forms to fit the undercut and it locked in place. Surfaces will then be filed smooth leaving a pattern. This class will concentrate on the basics of the straight lines, curved lines, and dots. We'll cover both wire that is filed flush with the surface of the steel and left as a raised bead.

## Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class.

Students will need a light, soft face hammer for striking tools. This hammer should be light enough that thousands of blows will not be tiring. A cheap Chinese ball peen will likely need no softening. Additional tools include: A mill file, a hack saw, sand paper, sharpening stones (a diamond lap plate works well), paper, pencil, Sharpie™. Students may consider bringing a supplemental light source or other visual enhancement aids as needed. Bring a stool if you prefer to work sitting.

A basic set of small chisels will be provided for students for use in the class. Those over-achievers who want to make their own prior to class can request detailed descriptions of the needed tools.

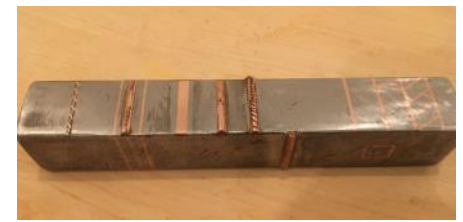
**Safety Equipment** – safety glasses & ear plugs are mandatory.

**Lunch arrangements:** Either bring a bag lunch with you or money to dine at some of the establishments in the area.

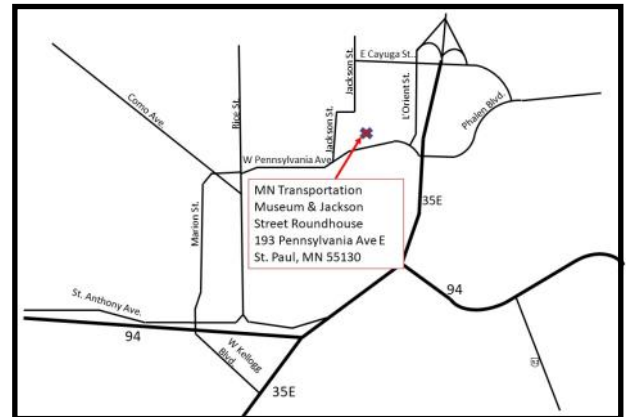
Class manager is Gordon Barr. For questions, contact Gordon at [agbarr@aol.com](mailto:agbarr@aol.com) 952-894-4821

To register online: [click here to our website Education page](#)

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



Test piece of 1018 with copper wire inlay



# 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: [click here to our website Education page](#)

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



## 'Joinery One' 2-Day Class

**Date & Time** April 27 and 28, 2024, 8:30 am to 4 pm both days

**Instructors:** Derrick Phillips and others

**Cost:** \$160

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

**Class size:** Maximum students: 8 Minimum students: 4

### Class Description:

This is Part One of Three in a Joinery class series. The overall courses are skills based, to incorporate all that was learned in a class taken by the instructors and taught by Mark Aspery. In this first 12 hours of instruction the student will learn the importance of proper tool making to accomplish successful joinery. We will concentrate this portion on forging tooling to perform ½” slot punching and drifting with ½” round and square drifts. The class is open to all students that have taken the beginners class. Understand that if the student has not had a year or so of reasonably consistent practice, this class will be extra challenging.

### Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class:

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), hammers (rounding & flat face/peen), tongs to firmly hold (inline and perpendicular) ½” round, and square, and ¾” round, files (hot rasp & 12” bastard), center punch, hot cut chisel, measuring device (non-flammable), worn or broken grinding wheel or a sharpening stone (for polishing for heat treating).

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

**Lunch Arrangements:** Bring your own lunch or eat at one of the local establishments. We will take an hour break around noon.

**To register for this class:** send a check written to -The Guild of Metalsmiths for \$160 to:

Derrick Phillips  
2461 Como Ave  
St. Paul MN 55108

**To register online:** [click here to our website Education page](#)

**Contact Derrick with questions.** [derrickphillipsa3o3@gmail.com](mailto:derrickphillipsa3o3@gmail.com).

**Acceptance will be in the order submitted, based on the online transaction date or postage date, and each person will be notified individually.**

## Leaf Tongs Class January 27, 2024



(Back row:) Laurel, Jim, Larry, Adam, Rick, and Richard.

(Front row:) Matt, Gordon, Larry, and Dave (instructor).

(Not pictured) Jesse (photographer)

## Craft Sale at Fall Conference?

We had a suggestion to have a craft sale at the 2024 Fall Conference. I need to know who is interested to sell their hand-crafted items at the conference. If we have enough interest, we will meet and figure out how to make it happen. Please contact me at [TGoMvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:TGoMvolunteer@gmail.com) or text at 651-328-7219. Thank you, Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator



## 2024 Demonstration Opportunities

Date	Event	Location	Champion & contact information
18 May	Scouts – District F Spring Welding & Metalsmithing Merit Badge	Taylor Falls, MN Almelund Threshing Show Grounds	Patrick Sullivan, <a href="mailto:smokiemilo@gmail.com">smokiemilo@gmail.com</a> 651-894-3765
11 - 12 May	Minnesota Zoo	Apple Valley, MN	Rick Wessling, <a href="mailto:rgwessling@gmail.com">rgwessling@gmail.com</a>
18 – 19 May	Minnesota Zoo’s Farm Babies		
25 – 26 May			
19 May	Spring Festival, Holtz Farm	Eagan, Mn	Zach Christiansen, <a href="mailto:ziggmo@gmail.com">ziggmo@gmail.com</a> , 763-568-2614
21 September	Harvest Festival, Holtz Farm		
7 - 9 June	Nowthen Hammer-In	Nowthen, MN	Wayne Olson, <a href="mailto:wayneolson10@gmail.com">wayneolson10@gmail.com</a> .
8 June	Guild Membership Meeting	Also at Nowthen	June’s Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday the 8th.
17 – 21 July	Rice County Fair	Faribault, MN	Lou Groth, <a href="mailto:loug_33@yahoo.com">loug_33@yahoo.com</a> , 952-895-1515
23 – 28 July	Rock County Fair	Luverne, MN	Larry Wasmund, <a href="mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com">poundedtreasures@gmail.com</a> 651-322-6626
24 – 27 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.
24 – 28 July	Scott County Fair	Jordan, MN	Contact: Erika Ediger-Connolly, SCF manager <a href="mailto:fairofficestaff@scottcountyfair.com">fairofficestaff@scottcountyfair.com</a> , 952-492-2436 Contact Erika by May 1 <sup>st</sup> .
26 – 28 July	Little Log House Antique Power Show	Hastings, MN	Dick Carlson, <a href="mailto:Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com">Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com</a> 651-437-3329
3 August	Fisherman’s Picnic Bally’s Blacksmith Shop	Grand Marais, MN	<a href="mailto:Don Hammer, carshaper@yahoo.com">Don Hammer, carshaper@yahoo.com</a> , 218-370-0122
8 - 11 August	Pierce County Fair	Ellsworth, WI	Jesse Gavin, <a href="mailto:jagavin6273@hotmail.com">jagavin6273@hotmail.com</a>
9 – 11 August	Almelund Threshing Show	Taylor Falls, MN	Patrick Sullivan, <a href="mailto:smokiemilo@gmail.com">smokiemilo@gmail.com</a> 651-894-3765
10 August	Torii Finland Heritage Center	Finland, MN	Don Hammer, <a href="mailto:carshaper@yahoo.com">carshaper@yahoo.com</a> , 218-370-0122
16 – 17 August	Corcoran Country Daze	Corcoran, MN	<a href="mailto:No Guild representative. Contact site directly at corcorancountrydaze@gmail.com">No Guild representative. Contact site directly at corcorancountrydaze@gmail.com</a> 612-314-3232
17 – 18 August	Nowthen Threshing Show	Nowthen, MN	Christina Dodge, <a href="mailto:christina.guildmbr@gmail.com">christina.guildmbr@gmail.com</a>
24 - 25 August	Pioneer Power Show	Le Sueur, MN	No Guild representative. No contact information.
24 - 25 August	Donnelly Threshing Bee	Donnelly, MN	Larry Wasmund, <a href="mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com">poundedtreasures@gmail.com</a> 651-322-6626
30 August - 1 September	Rice County Steam & Gas Engine Show	Dundas, MN	Martin Pansch, <a href="mailto:blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com">blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com</a> 612-599-4762
6 – 8 September	Lamberton Hot Iron Days	Lamberton, MN	Bob Brown, <a href="mailto:Bbrown474@msn.com">Bbrown474@msn.com</a> , 651-260-2749
14 – 15 September	Laura Ingalls Wilder Days	Pepin, WI	Tom Latané, <a href="mailto:tclatane@gmail.com">tclatane@gmail.com</a> , 715-442-2419
?? October	Woodworkers Expo 2024	Canterbury Park Shakopee, MN	Paul Widenhoefer, <a href="mailto:pwidenhoefer@gmail.com">pwidenhoefer@gmail.com</a> 952-930-0070
TBA	Pumpkin Train	Dresser, WI	Gordon Barr, <a href="mailto:agbarr@aol.com">agbarr@aol.com</a> , 952-894-4821
Most wknds Memorial Day Thru 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
Various dates thru 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.
Various dates thru the year.	Jackson Street Roundhouse, Minnesota Transportation Museum	St. Paul, MN	Gordon Barr, <a href="mailto:agbarr@aol.com">agbarr@aol.com</a> , 952-894-4821

Contact the Champions and see what you can do to help with any of these events. If you know of an event where a Guild member is demonstrating but not listed, please email [TGoMvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:TGoMvolunteer@gmail.com) to get it listed. Information needed for listing: event name, date(s), location, champion’s name, and contact information. Thank You!!

## GUILD OF METALSMITH'S BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2024 Called to order at 7:10 PM by President Larry Wasmund

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Lockwood, Marty Masters, Derrick Phillips, Jesse Gavin, Richard Zielke, Larry Wasmund, ABSENT: Kim Maas, Paul Widenhoefer, Gordon Barr Joining Late: Taya Gavin, Brenden Stevens,

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

TREASURE'S REPORT: Taya absent, approximate balances

Business #6965	\$5,000
Business #7138	\$ 1,600
Savings #7520	\$58,000

MEMBERSHIP: Gordon Absent—As far as membership there was nothing new to report.

PROGRAM: Derrick

The February general membership meeting will be Saturday February 17 at the Northfield Foundry starting at 9:00 AM and wrapping up near noon. No potluck meal but hopefully a group can meet at a local venue for lunch.

The April membership meeting is tentatively to be held at Mississippi Welding Supply in Red Wing MN

June will be at Nowthen.

August will be the Hog Roast at Dan Pates

Madness will be September 20-22. One demonstrator is set; the second is being worked with.

EDUCATION: Marty

On January 27, is a leaf tongs class. Taught By Dave Gavin with Jesse assisting. February 10 will have a copper jewelry class, taught by Larry Nevin at the MTM. March 2 & 3 is a Scandi Knife class taught by Paul Widenhoefer at the school of Horseshoeing. March 9-16-23 is a Beginners class with lead Instructor Larry Wasmund held at the School of Horseshoeing Several interesting classes coming in April including Taste of Blacksmithing, Brass and Copper Decorating Techniques, Wire Inlay, Advanced Joinery I. WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

COMMUNICATION: Kim Maas Absent

December Metalsmith is ready to go to print. 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: 24 tons available

Larry Wasmund briefed the board on the three elements of the Long Term Planning.

1. Building and Maintaining active Members
2. Financial resources include dues, donations, and grants.
3. Long term facility and maintenance.

The long-term planning committee will be scheduling a meeting in April. Any interested parties should watch for announcement on the bel-lows.

NEW BUSINESS:

We need volunteers on all our committees. Due to small attendance, no new business was brought forward

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Wasmund, President, and acting Recorder.

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## Fall Conference T-Shirt Contest

The Fall Conference T-Shirt design for this year will be a *Contest!!*

What would you like to see on this year's t-shirt? How would you design it?

**Rules to the Contest:**

- ◆ Design must be Guild or metal-work related.
- ◆ Design must be original—*your design. Can be inspired by, but not a copy of another's design.*
- ◆ Design needs to be a single-color line design / drawing, no shading and will be printed on a colored (yet to be determined) t-shirt.
- ◆ Contest submissions need to be received by: **June 1, 2024, by email.**

**Entries need to include:**

- 1) Your name.
- 2) Copy of design (include suggested ink and shirt color).
- 3) Location of your design on the shirt.

**At the June 2024 Members Meeting there will be a vote on the designs that are submitted. No names will be attached to the designs at the time of voting to keep it fair.**

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

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

Send your email entry today!

Email entry to: Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator

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

or mail entry to:

965 Gorman Ave.

West St. Paul, MN 55118

**Questions, comments, or concerns?? Text or call 651-328-7219**

# 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 dealer 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.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

## 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>

## 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.

# 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. **Watch each Forum for date and location changes.** 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 via ZOOM.

## Feb. 2024 Events

Feb. 10, Copper Jewelry Class, Jackson Street Roundhouse blacksmith shop (FULL)  
 Feb. 17, TGoM membership meeting, Northfield foundry

## March 2024 Events

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

## April 2024 Events

April 8, TGoM Membership Meeting, Mississippi Welding Supply, Red Wing MN  
 April 20, Wire Inlay Class, Jackson Street Roundhouse  
 April 27-28, Joinery Level I (skills), 2-day class

## May 2024 Events

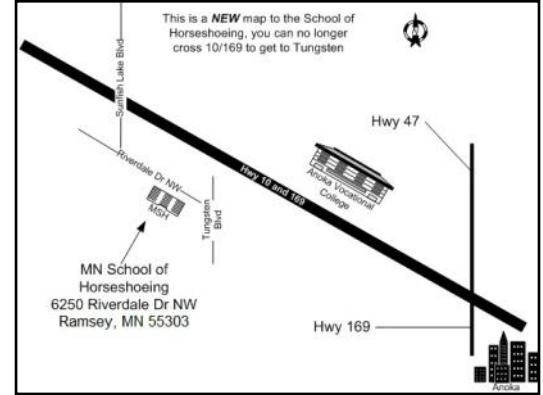
May 4, Hammer Class, MN School of Horseshoeing

## June 2024 Events

### June 7-9, 2024 Hammer-In, Nowthen

June 8, TGoM Membership Meeting at Nowthen (during Nowthen Hammer-In)

## 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  
**Don't List Me** in the Directory  
*(circle items above you DO NOT want published)*

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.

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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:

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PO Box 72  
Hudson, WI 54016