

# 'The Forum'



September 2024

Vol. 26 No. 9

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

## TGoM's 47th Annual Fall Conference September 20, 21, 22: *The Madness!*

Featuring Blacksmithing Demonstrations by:

Mark Aspery from Springville, CA and Peter Braspeninx from Grand Rapids, MI

Including pre-conference class with Mark Aspery, gallery, live auction, tailgating, onsite camping, great food, and events for the entire family!

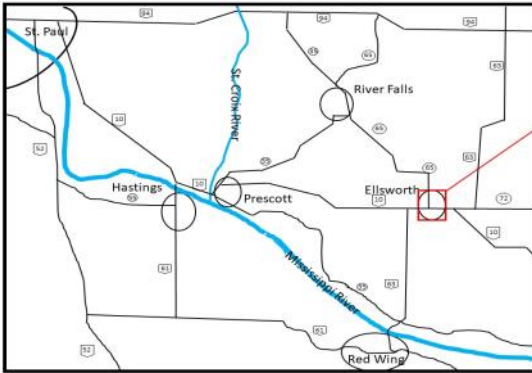
Submit your best "Bottle Opener or Picture Frame" to the live auction for the chance to win cash prizes! (additional details at right). Free attendance for members and non-members on Saturday after 5 pm for viewing of the gallery & participation in the live auction.

### Come join us!

Location: The Pierce County Fairgrounds  
364 N. Maple St., Ellsworth, WI (Map below)

Full details in your conference brochure mailed out recently and also available on our website at the link below:

<https://www.metalsmith.org/fall-conference/#>



Map to Pierce County Fair, Ellsworth, WI

### FINAL REMINDER!

2024 Fall Conference  
2-Contest Theme

Design & create a unique item for one of two contests.

- Basic contest will be a **Bottle Opener**.
- Advance contest will be a **Picture Frame**.

You may 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.**

**Basic Contest** cash prizes will be awarded.

First Place: \$50

Second Place: \$30

Third Place: \$20

**Advance Contest** cash prizes will be awarded.

First Place: \$100

Second Place: \$60

Third Place: \$40

## QUICKNEWS



Class: Intro to Arc Welding Nov. 16  
Details page 6.

## Beginners Blacksmithing 3-day Class FALL 2024 -

Registration OPENS September 1, 2024. Details page 4.



Event: 'Taste' of Blacksmithing  
November 23, 2024.  
Details page 4.

## 2024 Summer Volunteer Ops

Posted on page 5, remaining summer 2024 events for which you can volunteer! There is a wide variety of opportunities to help out and/or learn!

Also: are you looking for other 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.

## October 9 Membership Meeting

Ellad Tadmor is a Professor of Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics at U of M, and he will lead our program on October 9, at Christ the King Lutheran church (8600 Freemont Ave S in Bloomington—map unavailable). He will talk about how recent advances in artificial intelligence (AI) are revolutionizing materials discovery.

He spoke to us years ago at the Historic Fort Snelling Auditorium with a combined meeting with the MN Clockmakers Guild.

Prof. Tadmor uses theoretical models and computer simulations to understand material behavior and failure from the fundamental interactions of their atoms. This requires a multiscale approach that can link processes occurring on atomic scales to the scales of human perception.

I looked at his fall class load, and he is teaching a graduate level course on **Continuum Mechanics**, which is the fundamental subject that serves as the foundation for solid and fluid mechanics. It provides the most general description of the deformation and response of materials to external loading. He says that this is his favorite class to teach because it shows students how most everything they learned in their undergraduate engineering curriculum is unified and generalized in this course.

Note: If you're over 62, you can take the course for the price of books and parking. It's course # is AEM5501. Don't know about you, but I don't think I would be his best student

We will enjoy our customary potluck at 6:30 pm, so be sure to bring a dish to pass and some of your favorite show-n-tell items.

— Richard Zielike

## Winning T-shirt Design

Sara Gries is the winner of the 2024 Fall Conference t-shirt design. She received a free t-shirt as her reward! These will be for sale at the Madness on September 20, 21, and 22.

*Congratulations and thank you, Sara!*



Sara Gries



# 2024 Pre-Conference 2-Day Class: Latch Hook & Fire Poker IS FULL!

Thursday and Friday, September 19 & 20, 2024, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm each day

Instructor: Mark Aspery, one of our 2024 Fall Conference demonstrators

## Engraving Class 2024

Date & time: September 28 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: MTM-Jackson Street Roundhouse, 193 Pennsylvania Ave, St. Paul MN 55130

Instructor: William Brezinski [brecwill@gmail.com](mailto:brecwill@gmail.com)

Cost: \$75 Class size: max 8, min 4

**Description:** This is a class on how to add decorations to your metal project. Engraving is a time-honored art form that can be as simple as a few scratches to as intricate as a fowling piece fit for royalty. Personally, I've wanted to add this skill to my collection for a long time, which is why I've organized this class. William Brezinski was the recipient of an educational grant from the Guild and this is his first opportunity to share the knowledge that he gained. The class requires no previous experience.

**Class Manager:** Martin Masters [mastersmw@yahoo.com](mailto:mastersmw@yahoo.com) 651-285-8731

**Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class:** small hammer

**Safety Equipment** – Eye and ear protection

**Lunch Arrangements:** Bring your own food. There are restaurants in the area.

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

To register for this class with a check: Send a check for \$75 written to The Guild of Metalsmiths to:

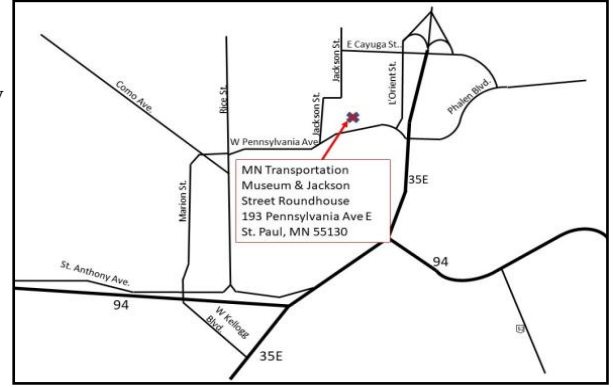
Martin Masters

395 Bucher Ave.

Shoreview, MN 55126

Contact Marty with questions. [mastersmw@yahoo.com](mailto:mastersmw@yahoo.com) or 651-285-8731

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



## Betty Lamp Class 2024

Date and Time: 19 October 2024, Start time 8:00am

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)

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

Cost: \$60 Class size: Maximum 5 students

**Class Description:** A Betty lamp is an 18<sup>th</sup> century oil lamp of Germanic origin that could use any number of household oils (fish oil, fat trimmings, bacon grease, etc.) In this class we will be making Betty lamps by cutting, filing, and bending pieces from thin sheet metal. Pieces will be held together by small rivets while we braze the bottom in the coal forge to make it water (oil) tight. The top will include a light hinge. The forging in this class is minimal and light, making rivets and the spine. Some students may not finish the lamp during class time.

**Class Manager:** Marty Masters Contact Marty with questions: [mastersmw@yahoo.com](mailto:mastersmw@yahoo.com) or 651-285-8731

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

A forging hammer, a small (8 oz or so) cross peen, a medium size flat mill file, small/jewelers square files, a hacksaw with fine blade (18 or 24 TPI), small cold chisel, vernier calipers, long flux spoon, borax flux, tongs for 1/8", center punch, scribe, fine Sharpie. For making small rounds and square holes (1/8" or so) you can either bring a drill and bits or small punches. If you have a vise with good jaws that you can bring that would be helpful.

**Safety Equipment** – safety glasses, ear plugs, natural fiber clothing (nothing that will melt).

**Lunch Arrangements:** You can either bring lunch or grab something from one of the local dining establishments.

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

To register for this class with a check: Send a check for \$75 written to The Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Martin Masters

395 Bucher Ave.

Shoreview, MN 55126

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



## TGoM Membership Perks

### Discounts

Learn about the companies that are giving The Guild of Metalsmiths discounts. 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 information regarding discounts and products available:

<https://www.metalsmith.org/about/friends-of-the-guild/>

# 47th Annual TGoM Fall Conference Info

## Events Schedule

### Friday, September 20

10:00 am General Conference Setup

11:00 am Gallery Setup

Tailgate Corral Opens

Around 5:00 pm

Potluck Supper!

**Pot Luck starts when set-up for the conference is completed**

After Supper: Gala Party/Gallery

Opening Demonstrator's Slide Show

### Saturday, Sept. 21

7:30 am Registration Opens

7:30 am - 9:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Demonstrations

9:00 am Family Activities:

Simple Necklace and Bracelet

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Found Art

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Family Activities:

Stampin' Up Greeting Card

Creations

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Demonstrations

tions

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Supper

6:30 pm Auction Begins

### Sunday, September 22

7:30 am Registration Opens

7:30 am - 9:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Demonstrations

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Family Activities:

Altoid Tin

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Gallery Closes

1:00 pm-3:00 pm Demonstrations

3:00 pm Mini Auction Begins

3:15 pm Closing/Cleanup

## 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  
715-425-8388

Fall Conference Registration Form can be found in the brochure you received in the mail, or [online here](#):

Conference entrance is cost per family

Full weekend pass = \$45      One day pass = \$30

Conference meals = cost per person. They include:

Saturday breakfast \$10, Saturday lunch \$12, Saturday dinner \$15, Sunday breakfast \$10, and Sunday lunch \$12. See your brochure for full menu.

Meals catered by: Ptacek's IGA, Prescott, WI.

### Camping

Primitive camping is available free of charge.

Electrical hook-up = \$25 per day

Annual membership—new or renew = \$30

When you fill out your form, please include names of all attendees, your address, and phone number.

Early registration will be greatly appreciated.

**Mail registration in by September 1, 2024 to:**

**The Guild of Metalsmiths**

P.O. Box 72

Hudson, WI 54016

For questions or late registration options contact:

- Larry Wasmund, Guild President (507) 469-0205  
[poundedtreasures@gmail.com](mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com)
- Derrick Phillips, Program Committee Chair (651) 230-2363  
[DerrickPhillipsA3o3@gmail.com](mailto:DerrickPhillipsA3o3@gmail.com)
- Taya Gavin, Treasurer (715) 781-4389  
[Gavin1137@hotmail.com](mailto:Gavin1137@hotmail.com)

## Auctions

**Please bring items for the Saturday auction.**

We will be holding our traditional auction Saturday evening. We are asking our Guild members to bring items they have made or items that have fallen out of favor. These items may become another's treasure.

Please remember that this auction is how we garner most of our operating capital, so please be generous!

Sunday's mini auction will be of the demonstrators' weekend works.

## Tailgaters!

Tailgating is encouraged! Every tailgater is requested to donate an item to the Saturday night auction.

## TGoM Education Committee

### Tailgate

Please bring items for TGoM Education Committee

Tailgate.

Proceeds will help fund the Rich Herman Memorial education fund (youth-focused classes).

- Managed by The Education Committee

## New! Craft sale at 2024 Fall Conference

Plans are progressing for a new event at the 2024 Fall Conference

- Sale will be in registration building next to the Guild Gear Sale area.
- Will be open Friday during the "Gala," Saturday before and after the auction, and Sunday.
- Displays will be on similar tables for participants.
- A committee of volunteers is working on further details.

Check your Fall Conference brochure, filled with details.

## Family Activities at the Conference

### Simple Necklace and Bracelet

Saturday 9 am

Learn how to make a Simple Necklace and Bracelet. \$5 per piece.

Liz McLean, instructor.

Class limits - 10 people per class. Pre-registration is not required.

### Stampin' Up Greeting Card Creations

Saturday 1:30 pm

Have fun creating custom greeting cards using stamps. \$5 fee.

Terri Lind, instructor.

No class limits. Pre-registration is not required.

Pay Liz & Terri on the day of class. Cash only, no checks or credit cards.

### Altoid Tin Repoussé

Sunday 9:00 am - Noon

Learn fun ways to decorate Altoid tins.

Free class. Jesse Gavin, Instructor.

### Found Art

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday!

Herb Fick and company will weld whatever you find on the hay wagon into your very own art creation. Free.

Collect, donate, and bring scrap metal, flatware, auto parts, broken tools, etc. for the Found Art Wagon!

### Magnetic Art

Design and build magnetic/ferrous creations.

Free all weekend!

### Family Activities Contact:

Kim Maas

cell (651) 328-7219

e-mail:

[TGoM.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:TGoM.volunteer@gmail.com)



# Beginners Blacksmithing 3-day Class - FALL 2024 - Registration OPENS September 1, 2024

**Dates:** The classes are held on the following Saturdays of October 5, 12, 19, 2024

**Location:** Minnesota School of Horseshoeing, 6250 Riverdale Dr NW, Ramsey MN 55303, just off Hwy 10 near the Anoka Vocational College (see map page 7).

**Class Description:** 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 weld.

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.

**Class Size: 8**

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

**Class Champion:** Kim Maas at [tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com) or call 651-328-7219

**What you need to bring:** Eye, ear and skin protection. This includes safety glasses, ear muff 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.

**Lunch:** You can either bring a brown bag or go out to a local fast food restaurant. Classes end between 3 and 5.

**To sign up for the three-day Beginners classes:**

Go to the Guild web page [Metalsmith.org](https://www.metalsmith.org) and sign up under the EDUCATION tab: <https://www.metalsmith.org/education/beginners-blacksmithing-class/>

If you prefer to send a check – Mail check payable to: The Guild of Metalsmiths.

Mail check and contact information (name of student, address, email address and phone number)

To: Kim Maas

965 Gorman Ave.

West St. Paul, MN 55118

Direct questions to: Kim Maas at [tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com) or call 651-328-7219

(\$180 for members, \$190 non-members)

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

## 'Taste' of Blacksmithing

Date and time: November 23, 2024,  
9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Jackson Street Roundhouse at MN Transportation Museum, 193 Pennsylvania Ave E, St. Paul MN 55130 (map below)

Price: \$65 for members, \$75 for non-members

Instructor: Rebecca Hrobak, 612-226-8608,

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

Class size: Max 4 students, min 2 students

**Class Description:**

This is the day to try blacksmithing. All are welcome – we have designed this for the complete novice. Hammer in hand, iron heated in the coal forge, anvil at the ready, you'll be making one or more of these take-home projects: a drive-hook, an S-hook, a wrist cuff, or just keep hammering and see what amazing shape comes forth?

Bring your creativity, safety glasses, and curiosity – we supply everything else.

**Safety Equipment:** Bring safety glasses, hearing protection, clothing of natural fiber with no cuffs or fraying, cotton or leather gloves and leather boots or shoes.

Contact Marty Masters with any questions by email: [mastersmw@yahoo.com](mailto:mastersmw@yahoo.com) or call/text 651-285-8731.

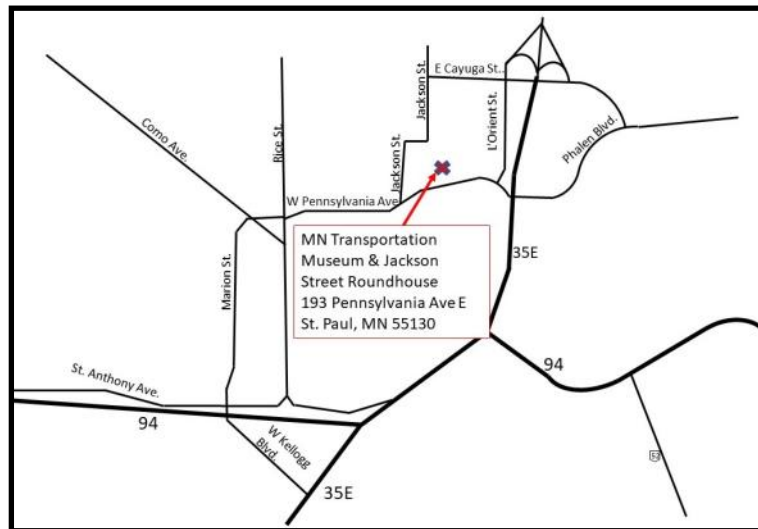
**Lunch Arrangements:** Bring a lunch, snacks, and water (your favorite beverage), there is no formal shut down to break for lunch. You can stop anytime during the class for snacks, lunch or to rest.

**To register for the class,** go to [The Guild of Metalsmiths](https://www.metalsmith.org) website and register online. Or send a check made out to: The Guild of Metalsmiths and mail check along with your contact information (student's name, phone number & email address) to:

Marty Masters

395 Bucher Ave

Shoreview, MN 55126



# 2024 Volunteer Demonstration Opportunities

Date	Event	Location	Champion & contact information
6 – 8 September	Lamberton Hot Iron Days	Lamberton, MN	<b>Contact champion for additional information</b> Bob Brown, <a href="mailto:bbrown474@msn.com">bbrown474@msn.com</a> , 651-260-2749 Features 1860-era reenactors, family activities, and educational opportunities. Blacksmith wanted. Ryan Kuchta <a href="mailto:ryan.kuchta@co.dakota.mn.us">ryan.kuchta@co.dakota.mn.us</a> Tom Latané, <a href="mailto:tclatane@gmail.com">tclatane@gmail.com</a> , 715-442-2419 Dewey Rol, 651-590-3634 (leave message ) Gordon Barr, <a href="mailto:agbarr@aol.com">agbarr@aol.com</a> , 952-894-4821 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 Gordon Barr, <a href="mailto:agbarr@aol.com">agbarr@aol.com</a> , 952-894-4821
7-8 September	Civil War Days, LeDuc Historic Estate	Hastings, MN	
14 – 15 Sept	Laura Ingalls Wilder Days	Pepin, WI	Contact & contact information -TBD. Gordon Barr, <a href="mailto:agbarr@aol.com">agbarr@aol.com</a> , 952-894-4821
?? September	41st Annual Threshing Festival	1726 600th St, Kiester MN	
TBA	Pumpkin Train	Dresser, WI	
Most wknds Memorial Day Thru Labor Day	The Landing / Three Rivers Park District	Shakopee, MN	
Various dates thru the year.	Boy Scout Blacksmith Merit Badge At the MN School of Horseshoeing	Ramsey, MN	Contact & contact information -TBD. Gordon Barr, <a href="mailto:agbarr@aol.com">agbarr@aol.com</a> , 952-894-4821
TBD	Boy Scout Fall Camporee	Carver, MN	
Various dates thru the year.	Jackson Street Roundhouse, Minnesota Transportation Museum	St. Paul, MN	

## 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, brief description of event, champion's name, and contact information. Thank You!!

## 2024 Almelund Threshing Show Volunteers!



Volunteers at the Almelund show August 9-11 were Shane Carlson, Dick Carlson, Champion Patrick Sullivan, Bob Brown, Juliet Anderson, Wayne Olson, Lou Groth, Cliff Larson, and Martin Masters

## Nowthen Threshing Show 2024



## TGoM's famous corn feed/hog roast once again delicious!



Herb Fick with his hog in pre-roasted condition!



Setting up tables at Pate's



The hog before carving.  
Photos George Auel



Photos by Christina Dodge





# Intro to Arc Welding

Date and Time: November 16, 2024 from  
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Instructor: Ben Groves

Cost: \$150 Class Size: Max 4, Min 2

Location: MN Transportation Museum, Jackson Street  
Roundhouse (map page 4)

## Class Description:

If you've ever wanted to know more about welding but didn't have a way to do it, here's your chance. There's something mysterious and magical about welding. Welders sit so close to this fountain of sparks that most people would jump back from. They join steel (and other materials) together as if they were one.

This one-day class will be a survey of three common modern arc welding techniques which are appropriate for hobby welding:

- Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW/Stick)
- Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW/MIG)
- Flux Cored Arc Welding (FCAW)

Each technique will be explained and demonstrated. Then the student will have hands-on time to practice.

**Class Champion:** Martin Masters

**Safety Equipment** – Wear clothing made of natural fiber with no cuffs or fraying, and leather boots or shoes.

**Other Equipment:** Proper welding gloves, welding leathers or coat, welding helmet (We will have loaner helmets if you don't want to buy one.)

**Lunch Arrangements:** Bring a bag lunch or eat at a local restaurant.

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

**To register for this class with a check:** Send a check for \$150 written to The Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Martin Masters  
395 Bucher Ave.  
Shoreview, MN 55126

Contact Marty with questions. [mastersmw@yahoo.com](mailto:mastersmw@yahoo.com) or 651-285-8731

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



# 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)

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/>

## 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 [raspberryislandfolkschool.blogspot.com](http://raspberryislandfolkschool.blogspot.com) for details or call: 218-851-6085  
Gary and Janet Hill  
Raspberry Island  
50569 218th Place  
McGregor, MN 55760

## 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

### Swivel Jaw Tongs Class with Tom Latane'

October 25, 26 and 27, 2024

Students will forge a pair of tongs having one jaw that pivots allowing the tongs to grasp a range of sizes of stock and grip tapered items such as axes.

**Check the Tunnel Mill website for full details on these classes:**

<http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com>

## TGoM 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 2023 to all our members by email. If you did not get an invitation and want Discord, please contact Kim Maas by email at [tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@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.

## September 2024

- Sept. 19 & 20, Pre-Conference Class, Mark Aspery
- Sept. 20, 21, 22, Fall Conference at Pierce County Fairgrounds
- Sept. 28, Engraving Class, Jackson Street Roundhouse

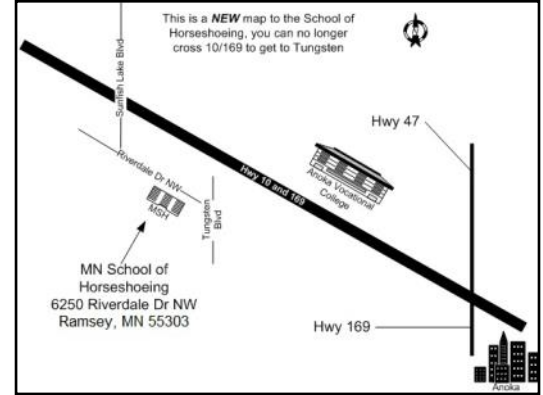
## October 2024

- Oct. 9 membership meeting, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN
- Oct. 4 & 5, O/A Welding, Class Full
- Oct. 5, Beginners Class A-1, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Oct. 12, Beginners Class A-2, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Oct. 19, Beginners Class A-3, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Oct. 19, Betty Lamp class, MN School of Horseshoeing

## November 2024

- Nov. 16, Intro to Arc Welding, Jackson Street Roundhouse
- Nov. 23, 'Taste' of Blacksmithing, Jackson Street Roundhouse

### 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

<p><b>List Me</b> in the directory but don't list address - phones: home - work - fax - cell - email - web page <i>(circle items above you DO NOT want published)</i></p>	<p><b>Don't List Me</b> in the Directory</p>
---	--

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.

September 2024



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