

# 'The Forum'



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## Annual Meeting/ Holiday Gathering is Sunday, Dec. 8!

TGoM's annual holiday gathering is set for Sunday, December 8 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—map at right.

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 [ice-manfratt@aol.com](mailto:ice-manfratt@aol.com).

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

## Special Notice!

Due to road work near the MN School of Horseshoeing, we have updated our map (page 7) and have included direction details within the class descriptions for Candle Chandelier, Handled Struck Tools and Box Jaw Tongs classes.

Thanks to Martin Pansch and Marty Masters for the new map and direction details.



Veteran's Day  
2024:

Monday,  
November 11

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

## Congrats to Our 2024 Fall Beginners Class Graduates!



Thanks to the students and instructors for our 2024 Fall Beginning Blacksmithing class. They are, from left: \*Laurel Larkin (assistant to instructors), Bruce Jensen, Jake Schaeppi, Harvey Steele, \*Derrick Phillips, \*David Skaurud (lead instructor), Brenda Hammer, Jeffrey Hammer, Jim Siewert. Missing: \*Larry Wasmund (second week instructor), \*Lee Meilleur (first- & second-week assistant to instructor) Kim Maas (champion & behind the camera).

# Candle Chandelier Class

**Date & Time:** Saturday, Nov. 2, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

**Cost:** \$65 **Location:** MN School of Horseshoeing, 6250 Riverdale Dr NW, Ramsey MN 55303 (new map page 7)

**Class size:** maximum 8; minimum 4

**Instructor:** Don Hogenson

**Class Manager:** Jesse Gavin

**Class Description:** In this class you will be forging, twisting, and riveting together a candle chandelier. You'll be working with round, flat, and short sections of pipe. Students should have completed the basics classes.

**Side note:** Don learned how to make this in a class given by Dave Mariette – far enough in the past that we couldn't come up with the year!

**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" and 3/8" round, thin flat stock and pipe, plus other tools as you see fit – i.e. wire brush, touch mark, etc.

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

**To register with a check:** Contact class manager Jesse Gavin at -715-808-5891 or [jagavin6273@hotmail.com](mailto:jagavin6273@hotmail.com) for instructions

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

## Updated Directions to MN School of Horseshoeing:

Take US10 towards Elk River. Past the exits for Main St, Anoka and Thurston Ave there is a new stop light that comes up quickly, so be watching. Google and Apple don't have this intersection yet. Turn Left and follow the frontage road to Tungsten St. Then turn right on Riverdale Drive.



# Intro to Arc Welding

**Date and Time:** Saturday, November 16, 2024, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Instructor:** Ben Groves

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

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

**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 Manager:** Martin Masters

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

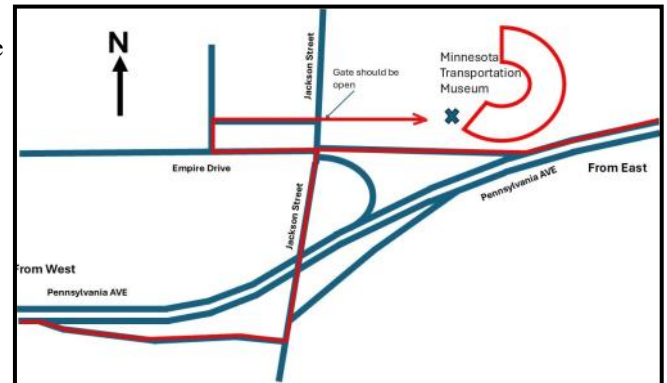
**Other Equipment:** Proper welding gloves, welding leathers or coat, welding helmet (We will have loaner helmets if you don't want to buy one.)

**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:** Contact Martin Masters for instructions: [mastersmw@yahoo.com](mailto:mastersmw@yahoo.com) or 651-285-8731

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# 'Taste' of Blacksmithing

**Date and time:** Saturday, November 23, 2024, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$65 for members, \$75 for non-members

**Instructor:** Rebecca Hrobak, 612-226-8608, [rebelhornbrook@gmail.com](mailto:rebelhornbrook@gmail.com)

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

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

**To register with a check:** Contact class manager Martin Masters at [mastersmw@yahoo.com](mailto:mastersmw@yahoo.com) or 651-285-8731 for instructions.

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# Beginners Blacksmithing 3-day Class - Winter 2025 - January 4, 11, and 18

**Dates:** The classes are held on the following Saturdays of January: 4, 11, and 18, 2025

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

**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 Manager:** 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 online for the three-day Beginners classes:**

Go to the Guild web page and sign up under the EDUCATION tab:

<https://www.metalsmith.org/education/beginners-blacksmithing-class/>

If you prefer to send a check, contact Kim Maas at

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

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# Handled Struck Tools Class 2024

**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 7, 9am to 5 pm

**Location:** MN School of Horseshoeing (new map below) left



**Instructors:** Bob Brown, Wayne Olson, the Gavins, Herb Fick, George Auel

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

**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.

**Bring:** 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.

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

**To register with a check:** Contact class manager Herb Fick 507-649-1611 (CEL) or [herb@phyque.com](mailto:herb@phyque.com) for instructions.

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# Box Jaw Tongs Class 2025

**Date & time:** Saturday, January 25, 2025, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Cost:** \$65 **Class Size:** Max 8, Min 4

**Instructors:** Dave Gavin & Jesse Gavin

**Location:** MN School of Horseshoeing (new map at left)



**Class Description:** This class will have you making tongs that will hold onto 1/4" X 1" flat bar stock. This class is for beginners that have gone through and have had some additional practice beyond the basics class. You will finish drawing out the reins and forging the boss to shape and matching the two different jaws to hold the stock.

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

**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.

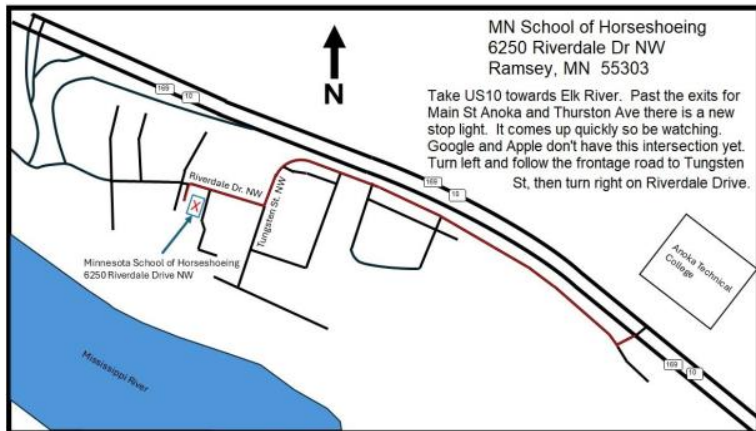
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## The Guild of Metalsmiths – Board of Directors Minutes – September 30, 2024

To reduce September 2024 workload on the majority of the board, the September regular board meeting was postponed until September 30, 2024. The following are the minutes of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Larry Wasmund. Members present included L. Wasmund, P. Widenhoefer, T. Gavin, J. Gavin, D. Phillips, M. Lockwood, M. Masters, and K. Maas. Those absent were G. Barr, R. Zielike, B. Stevens.

The minutes of the last meeting were unavailable, so no official approval was voted on.

**Program Committee** report by Derrick Phillips included the October general membership meeting to be held at Christ the King Church at 86th and Fremont Ave in Bloomington, MN. The potluck supper began at 6:30 PM. Followed by a Presentation entitled “Use of A.I. Advances in Material Discovery” by Ellad Tadmor of the U of M.

The December general membership meeting will be Dec.8 at the CSPS in St. Paul, MN. This will be our annual Holiday Party, Award Presentation and Officer/ Board Elections.

**Education Committee** report by Marty Masters. The 2024 Calendar is well underway with classes already in the book. There was an Engraving class held at the MTM on 9/28 attended by 7 students. Most of the day was spent preparing the tools needed. An Engraving II class will need to be scheduled down the line. These classes are repayment of an education grant received by William Breczinski.

October classes will include the Beginner Blacksmithing on October 5,12 &19 with 5 students. Oxy/Acetylene Welding Class on October 5 & 6, 6 students held at Myron Hanson’s Shop, The Betty Lamp Class on October 19. November classes are Candle Chandelier on November 2 at the MSOH and A Taste of Blacksmithing at the MTM on November 23.

**Publicity Committee** report by Kim Maas. The December *Metalsmith* is in the works with Asa as the guest editor. All articles should go to Asa for publication in this edition. Currently we have 43 users of our Discord threads. T-shirts, hats, and merchandise sales at the Madness totaled just over \$2,000 in sales. The online store for apparel was open October 1-31.

**The treasurer's report** shows that the balance in our accounts checking is \$7,146, our NEON account at \$1,900 and savings at \$52,900. Our remaining coal asset is 21 of 25 tons. Unofficially, the conference netted around \$3,100 in receipts to our balances with a couple minor expenses yet to be received. A portion of the meeting was spent recapping the accounting of the fall conference preliminary financial records line by line. This discussion and review gave us knowledge of another successful conference.

There was a discussion on handling guild hard assets. Adam Robrahn is currently our equipment and tools recorder, tracking and keeping a record of guild owned equipment locations. Adding an asset manager was talked about, a storage locker was discussed. This discussion was unresolved and continued to the November board meeting.

A donation to the guild of the original animal heads created and photographed for *Iron Menagerie* was received from Marcia McEachron, with the agreement the guild display them in our gallery each year and at other guild functions. The discussion ensued on how to handle these gifts without losing track of their locations and how to maintain them in the condition in which they were donated. A display in the blacksmith shop at the Roundhouse was discussed with mixed reactions.

The Rich Herman Memorial Education Fund spurred a conversation on the official name being changed for soliciting memorial funds for other members. Considering, it originated from the Herman Family and the description still formally states, “Rich’s dedication to the Boy Scouts of America, his love of teaching blacksmithing to the scouts and others, the funds are dedicated to education of blacksmithing to youths who may not otherwise be able to afford the blacksmithing experience.” The board felt that it should remain as is. If others donate memorials, those memorials could be named and tracked separately.

The Guild had a request to provide a PDF file of the female blacksmith coin that was featured on one of our conference t-shirts. The board discussed the fact that we do not copyright the designs, that the rights of dispersal would revert to the original designer. This design, as I believed, was co-designed by Peter Bettenberg. If the permission is granted the board feels credit should be given to the guild and the designers by the future user.

The board approved a grant/scholarship to Larry Wasmund to attend the Mark Aspery class on the Level II Grill at the Tunnel Mill in September. This was given to assist Carol Adams and Tunnel Mill to hold the class, allowing the three registered students to attend. Without a fourth student, finances would not have allowed the class to go forward. For repayment of this grant, Larry Wasmund has agreed to complete an article for the December *Metalsmith* and to offer a class on Advanced Scroll Designs sometime in the 2025-26 calendar year.

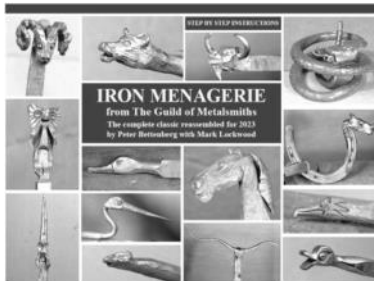
There was a short discussion on the positions of officers and board members that would be up for election at the December general membership meeting. Names were discussed for replacements of the President, Vice President and possible board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Wasmund, Acting Recorder.

### New ‘Iron Menagerie’ book

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



# 2024 Oxy/Acetylene Welding Class

October 5 & 6 at Myron Hanson's studio



(left to right) Michael Quackenboss, Dave Weiss, \*Myron Hanson, Guy Sevenz, \*Bob Brown, Jason Iannone, \*Dick Carlson, Owen Baker, Noah Baker (\*instructors)

## Wayne Olson's picture frame!



### Correction!

In September TGoM held our annual Fall Conference. Our smiths forged picture frames and entered them in a contest where first, second, and third prizes were selected via our auction. In October we featured photos of the winning frames in this newsletter, but unfortunately there was an error showing Wayne Olson's picture frame. Above is the correct prize winner for Wayne. Side note: his wife Lisa painted the picture!

Congratulations, Wayne, and our apologies for the error.

— The editor

Not sure what to do in the gap between The Madness and the Holiday party?

## Come Celebrate St. Clement's Feast Day with Beer and Blacksmiths!

Saturday, 23 November 2024

Hosted by Torg Brewery and The Guild of Metalsmiths



**St. Clement** is (one of) the patron saint of blacksmiths and metalworkers. His feast day was a rare day off for these metal artisans when their toils at the forge was replaced by food and drink, and the noise of the shop was replaced by the (one must assume off-tune) singing and toasting in pubs. Whether you are a smith or not, come join us as we celebrate this heritage!  
**Where:** 8421 University Avenue NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432  
**When:** The brewery is open 1PM to 11PM on Saturday, though most of us don't show up until 3 or 4. Show up any time in there and look for blacksmiths. We should be easy to spot.

- ◆ First drink is free for Guild members!
- ◆ Bring potluck food/snacks suitable for a grazing Feast of St. Clement!
- ◆ Bring show and tell items to impress your fellow Guilders and the non-smithing public!
- ◆ Play Bocce Anvil and Pinch the Devil's Nose!

If we are lucky Old Clem might even grace us with his presence!

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

## TGoM 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.

# 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.mwsco.com](http://www.mwsco.com)  
See website or phone book for locations. 15% discount on gases and most in-store items that are not already marked as a sale item or already at a discount from MSRP for members.

## Toll Gas and Welding Supply

Eight Twin City metro locations. 763-551-5300  
[www.tollgas.com](http://www.tollgas.com)  
See website or phone book for location near you. 15% off of gases and most in-store items, for Guild members.

## Oxygen Service Co.

St. Paul, MN 651-774-7273 800-774-1336  
[www.oxygenservicecompany.com](http://www.oxygenservicecompany.com)  
15% discount on gases and most items that are not already marked on sale for members.

## Division V Sheet Metal

218 Ohio Street, St. Paul MN 55107 651-291-8662  
<http://divisionv.com/>  
Architectural sheet metal company: zinc, steel, copper, Cor-Ten, aluminum, composite

# Our neighborhood of smiths

## The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM)

Most membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October, except December. For most meetings a potluck meal begins at 6:30 pm and the business meeting begins at 7, with a demonstration or activity starting around 8 (times approximate). To check your membership expiration date, see the mailing label on your latest copy of "Metalsmith."

President: Larry Wasmund [poundedtreasures@gmail.com](mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com)  
612-599-4762

Vice-President: Paul Widenhoefer [pwidenhoefer@gmail.com](mailto:pwidenhoefer@gmail.com)  
952-930-0070

Our website is: <https://www.metalsmith.org>

## Badger Blacksmiths

President: Dave Weiss Newsletter editor: John Grump  
715-379-5007 715-829-4559  
[diamondmetalworks13@gmail.com](mailto:diamondmetalworks13@gmail.com)  
[johngrump@att.net](mailto:johngrump@att.net) Badger  
website: <https://sites.google.com/site/badgerblacksmiths/>

## Lake Superior Metalsmiths

Lake Superior Metalsmiths (LSM) meet the fourth Saturday of the month. Potluck at noon with meeting to follow.

Contacts are:  
Charley Brown, President, [CharleyRB@charter.net](mailto:CharleyRB@charter.net)  
218-428-7906  
Dave Hanson, VP, [duluthblacksmith@yahoo.com](mailto:duluthblacksmith@yahoo.com)  
218-391-4466

## Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths

The NMM meets the first Monday of the month at Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers (LIRPF) show grounds, 1/4 mile east of the north entrance to Itasca State Park. Contact Jeff Olson for monthly specifics at [olsonironworks@gmail.com](mailto:olsonironworks@gmail.com). The NMM's website is <https://www.northernminnesotametalsmiths.com/>

## 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



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- 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.

## November 2024

- Nov. 2, Chandelier Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Nov. 16, Intro to Arc Welding, Jackson Street Roundhouse
- Nov. 23, 'Taste' of Blacksmithing, Jackson Street Roundhouse

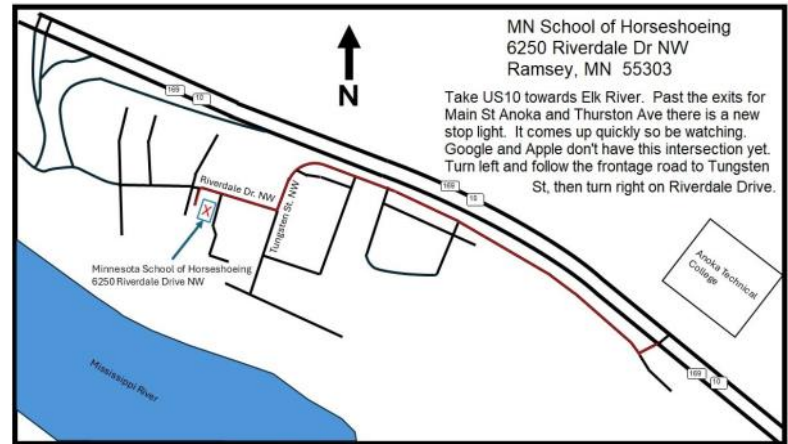
## December 2024

- Dec. 7, Handled Struck Tools Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Dec. 8, TGoM Annual Meeting/Holiday Party, CSPS Hall, St. Paul

## January 2025

- Jan. 4, Beginning Blacksmithing Class C1, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Jan. 11, Beginning Blacksmithing Class C2, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Jan. 18, Beginning Blacksmithing Class C3, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Jan. 25, Box Jaw Tongs Class, MN School of Horseshoeing

## Map to MN School of Horseshoeing



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### The Forum

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## Guild educational grants

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

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

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