

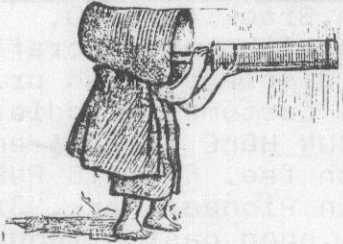
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# METALSMITH

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A NEWSLETTER OF THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS: an organization to promote appreciation and study of the Metal Smith's Art; serving Smiths in any form of metal smithing.



## A Professional Tool:

### GUILD VISUAL LIBRARY

Any members wanting to participate the library should send no more than four slides and four prints of current work to the Guild office. A slide portfolio representative of the best of these will be compiled for presentation to various arts organizations sponsoring juried shows that Guild members have shown an interest in participating in as a group. Anyone interested in participating in the Rosefete' or the Crafts Council Show must submit slides of current work for consideration of entry into the portfolio by 5/3/78. The full Visual Library will be accessible to any one wishing to see examples of members works. The Visual Library is a valuable tool, developing our marketing image and skills is important to each of us.

## Guild Board Meeting ~ Report

On Feb. 18th the board and general membership met to discuss the summer activities and future direction for the new year. It was felt that more input was needed for the newsletter. The possibilities of approaching local merchants to advertize in the METALSMITH and the setting of rates were discussed. A committee was formed to develop a Guild brochure. The areas of co-op buying were outlined and are pretty much set up with Pieter Mass coordinating group buying of coal, coke, steel, welding flux and hacksaws. The possibilities of an apprenticeship was once again outlined and discussed. The Guild sponsored workshops and seminars were discussed, specifically the seminar on design and creativity with Nilda Getty and the "basics in blacksmithing" workshop at the Gibbs Farm Museum on May 20th. The need for compiling a Guild visual library for use in public relations and outreach programs was voiced. Mark Nichols volunteered to coordinate that project. A number of people showed interest in working on the Fridly High School courtyard sculpture. Guild participation in arts and crafts shows was discussed. The field was narrowed down to the Rosefete', Minnesota Crafts Council Show, The Renaissance Festival, and The Gibbs Farm Harvest Festival with the possibilities of the Guild sponsoring its own show. A tentative calendar of events was drawn up and discussion of the sixth National A.B.A.N.A. Conference in the spring led to adjournment. A potluck dinner (look out for Marks crutons) and the usual lively exchange of ideas followed, with a slide show highlighting the La Crosse Blacksmiths Conference and sights from the 77' Renaissance Festival. Looking forward to summer! HUZAH! A special THANKS to our hosts, the good folks at The Coffee House Extempore, 325 Cedar Avenue.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

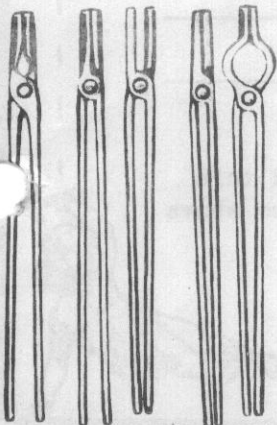
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Check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$6.00 Regular Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 or more Patron Membership

This initial payment of \$6.00 is for your dues for the balance of the year. The annual dues are also \$6.00 and are due and payable January 1st of each year. Make all checks payable to the GUILD OF METALSMITHS and send to: Route 7, Box 754, Mound, Minnesota, 55364.





ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR INFORMATION

Arts Resource & Information Center 870-3131  
The Mpls. Institute of Arts  
2400 3rd Ave S, Mpls. MN 55404  
deNovo: A Guide to MN Artists & Craftsmen Box 12758  
New Brighton, MN 55112

Southwest MN Arts & Humanities Council, Inc.  
Box 583, Marshall, MN 56258  
Toll free 1-800-622-5204

Crafts Connection  
Box 1182, Mpls, MN 55440  
Janet Coplos 920-3195



Joe De La Ronde, our smithing friend from the west asked us to put in a good word for a couple of noteworthy South Dakota Arts Council sponsored festivals. For more local INFO contact; Mark Nichols (612) 472-5278

FT. SISSETON HISTORICAL FESTIVAL

June 3rd and 4th, Sisseton S.D.

Indian and Pioneer crafts demonstrated & displayed with a Fiddlers & Sq. Dance Jamboree, Muzzleloaders & much much more. Free booth space! St. Park Sticker is only fee. FREE camping & admission to public & participants! Should be a good time. For more info Contact; Perry Vining Box 390, Brookings, SD 57006.692-7171

BROOKINGS SUMMER FOLK ARTS FESTIVAL

July 8th and 9th, Brookings S.D.

A heritage theme with arts & crafts demonstrations & displays. Cash prizes for Art, Booths, & Costumes. Peddlers Fair & lots of DOWN HOME music & entertainment. \$15 booth fee. FREE TO PUBLIC Camping allowed in Pioneer Park. 3rd year of festival, good past attendance! For more info; Brookings Summer Festival Box 555, Brookings, SD 57006.692-7171

MINNESOTA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL



GUILD MEMBERS WHO WISH TO PARTICPATE IN THIS YEARS FESTIVAL PLEASE NOTE:

Festival dates are August 19 - 20 and the following five weekends, 13 days, six weekends in all. APPLICATIONS for Festival Guild crew are now being accepted - please fill out the form below.

Last years crew, with great effort and many good times, has created an outstanding set of buildings as an excelent foundation on which to build this years Guild Display. Much remains to be completed, however, and it is the preparation, and the quality and attractiveness of the finishing and display work which will determine our personal sales success at this major arts event.

SATURDAY, MAY 13th, this years Festival Guild crew will meet for an important first meeting at the Metalsmiths Guildhall to: Begin planning display layout & ideas, traffic patterns, sign making, etc.; discussing Guild crew commitment, sales arrangements, whether to place limits on the size of the Guild crew, and whether to charge a fee from late joining Guild members.

Clean up around the Guildhall and Bad Manor will take place in the morning and forenoon, and the meeting will begin in the afternoon when a majority of members are present. The meeting will break up early enough so that a leisurely potluck evening meal can be prepared in Bad Manor's fireplace, and the evening enjoyed.

DON'T MISS this meeting, SATURDAY, MAY 13th, if you are considering Guild involvement in this years Renaissance Festival. SPECIAL DEAL! SAVE 13¢! Bring this application with you on May 13! Also bring sketch paper, notebooks, clean-up tools, FOOD, musical diversions, etc. ( if you don't feel like driving back Saturday eve, some of us will be camping over night and preparing breakfast in the morning).

G I L D H A L L A P P L I C A T I O N

PRITHEE add mye name to ye 1978 Renaissance Festival Metalsmith Gild-Hall :

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ( ALIAS ) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If unable to attend May 13, but you wish to participate, please send this application, and, if possible, a note describing your thoughts on the above issues ASAP.

RETURN TO: David Christofferson, 267 Goodhue St., St. Paul, Mn. 55102



# WORKING IRON

## AN INTRODUCTION INTO THE ANCIENT MYSTERY OF BLACKSMITHING

Offered by the Guild of Metalsmiths in a one day intensive workshop-seminar. Beginning techniques, fire building, and basic forging skills taught by three Guild smiths; Mark Nichols, David Christofferson, and Pieter Maas. If you have been wanting to get into Blacksmithing, This is where to start.

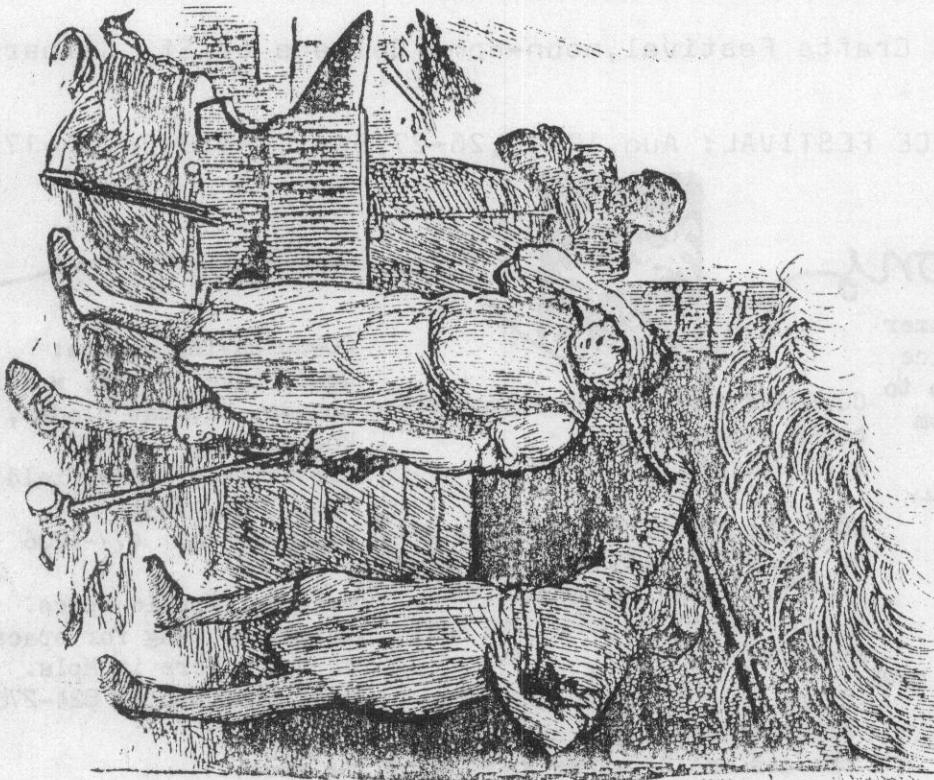
DATE: MAY 20th, 9AM

PLACE: Gibbs Farm Museum  
Ramsey Co. Historical Soc.  
2097 West Larpenteur Ave.  
St. Paul

FEE: Guild members.....\$25  
Non-members..... 30

Meals: Participants responsible for own  
midday lunch, beverages provided.  
Guild will provide a salad and  
sandwich smorgasbord in the evening.

For More Information, Call:  
Mark Nichols 472-5278  
David Christofferson 225-6177  
Pieter Maas 472-1206



# BEAT YOUR HEART OUT!

### APPLICATION

Deadline for applications: May 16; limited participation, first come, first served. Make checks payable to the Guild of Metalsmiths

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN TO: Guild of Metalsmiths, Rt. 7, Box 754, Mound, Mn. 55364

# Guild CALENDAR...

- MAY 3rd - Deadline for slide entries for Rosefete and Minnesota Crafts Festival. Send to Guild office Rt. 7 box 754 Mound, MN 55364
- MAY 13th- All day Renaissance Rendezvous at Guild Hall, Shakopee. Call David 225-6177 or Mark 472-5278 for rides information.
- MAY 16th- Deadline for "WORKING IRON" workshop / seminar registration.
- MAY 19th- Open Board of Directors meeting; Mound, Potluck 6:30, Meeting starts at 7:30. All interested folks welcome! For directions & information; Call Mark 472-5278 or Pieter 472-1206
- MAY 20th- "WORKING IRON" Beginings in blacksmithing seminar/workshop. 9:00am Smithy at Gibbs Farm 2097 West Larpenteur Ave. St. Paul
- JUNE 18th Rosefete Festival, noon-6pm, Mpls. Institute of Arts
- JUNE 24th Minnesota Crafts Festival, noon-6pm, College of St. Catherine, & 25th St. Paul.

MINNESOTA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL: Aug. 19-20, 26-27, Sept. 2-4, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24

## Connections



The Snap-on man has fine hammer handles. Call the main office for your local rep. Be sure to check the grain in the bottom of the handle. -Andy L.

Ⓜ Good Ⓜ BAD Ⓜ UGLY

FOR SALE: Flux, for iron & steel welding. call Andy 644-8580

OPAL triplets & lapis cabs, many other assorted semi-precious stones- Ken Purmort; Silent Stone, 874-8470

COWHORNS for scrimshaw, powder-horns, bugles, etc. - R.W. George, 435- 6649

HEY! got somthing to share, sell, or trade? Submit to CONNECTIONS c/o Piet Maas, Sunnyfield Rd. Mound, Mn. 55364 and get fast fast relief.

Didja hear the one about the blacksmith's dog? Kick 'im in the ass an' he makes a bolt for the door...

CO-op buying scheme: Coal, coke, steel, welding compounds, hacksaw blades, bee's knees, etc. CONTACT: Pieter Maas, Sunnyfield Rd. Mound, Mn. 55364 Organic Iron 472-1206

Wanted : Studio Space. Two Silversmiths lknng for space w/ one or two others in Mpls. call Mary Lou at 824-2781

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c/o Gibbs Farm Museum  
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