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"The lyf so short, the craft so long to lerne"

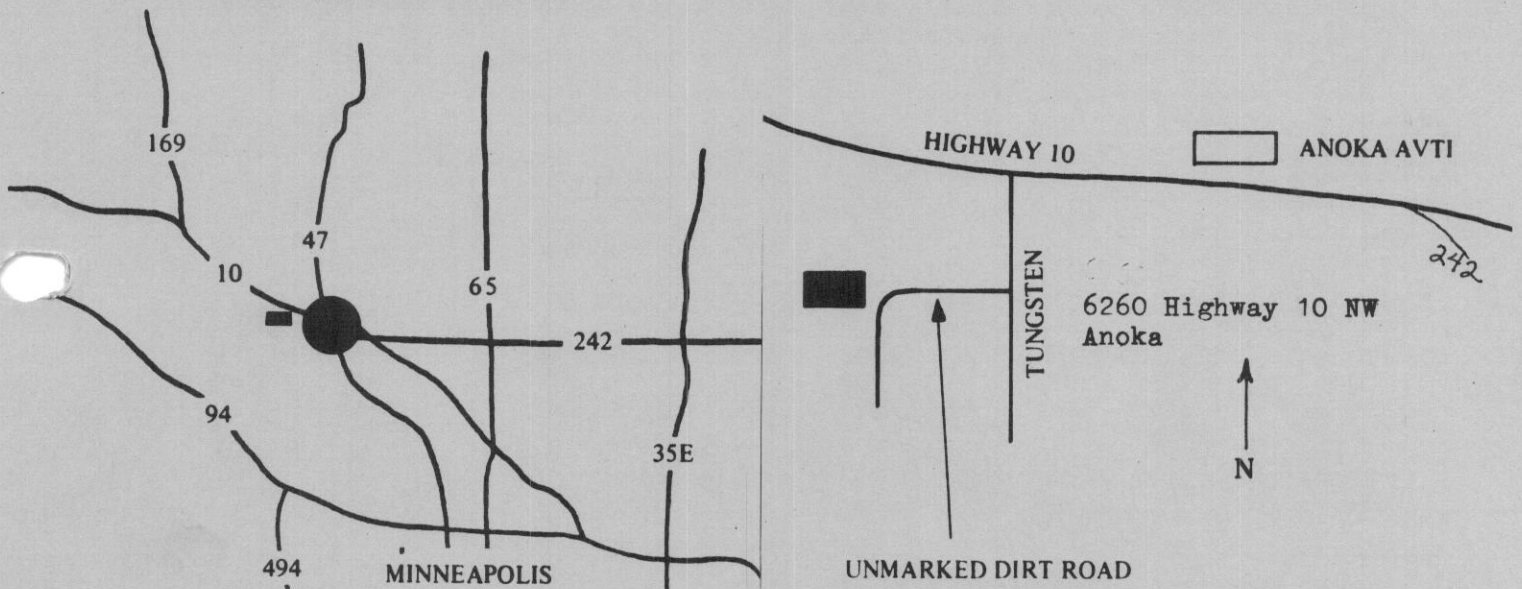
A NEWSLETTER OF THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS: an organization to promote appreciation & study of the Metal Smiths' Art; serving Smiths in any form of metal smithing.

## Next Meeting

Wednesday evening, July 11th, is the date, 6:30 is the time & the MINNESOTA SCHOOL OF HORSESHOEING & BLACKSMITHING is the place for the JULY general membership meeting & potluck. Directions are below; Dan Kral & Mike Knott will be demonstrators.

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## From the President

For all of you that took part in the June 6th meeting at the Hubler forge, Joe De La Ronde's power hammer demonstration at my shop & the Metalsmiths Madness, I'm sure you'll have to agree that for blacksmithing it was the week that was!

For those of you that couldn't attend, Paul Hubler's shop is in one word fantastic! Definitely the most beautiful & interesting blacksmithing shop I've ever been in. Larry Garcia presented some information on Renaissance clothing & Bob Sharp volunteered to have it zeroxed for anyone interested. Thanks Larry & Bob. Paul gave us a super demonstration making leaves, cutting rivets, fullering & a little power hammer work. Exposed beams, glowing brick forge, lineshaft, bellows, Mouraine's warm hospitality, good food & fellowship with fellow smiths all in a country setting. This is about as close to heaven as I've ever been. Thank you Paul & Mouraine ... invite us back soon ...please.

June 8th Joe De La Ronde put on a power hammer demonstration in my shop that will be talked about for some time to come. Joe forged a tomahawk which involved some very impressive forge welding in the power hammer plus some super hammer work in shaping the piece. Joe swings a 6 pound hammer!! For those of you who don't know, Joe is the resident blacksmith in Heritage Square at the State Fair & has travelled all way over here from Iroquois, South Dakota, to give this demonstration & participate in the Madness. I'm sure I'm speaking for the entire Guild in saying 'thank you' from all of us, Joe.

The Metalsmiths Madness was sort of like the good news & the bad news, the good news being Sunday & the bad news being Saturday (rain) which was saved by an excellent job of cooking the pig by Greg Vaut & his crew: Roy Bohn, Larry Garcia & John Moriarty. The pig proved to be a super feast for all. Sunday was in a nutshell an absolute panic! The most fun I've ever had in blacksmithing. I sincerely believe that the Guild should have a Metalsmiths Madness at least once a week from now on! I'd like to thank Debbie Stenger for the neat pennant flags & Paul Hubler & Bob Sharp for the door prizes. The registration for these door prizes is the beginning of our next years mailing list.

The next meeting will be at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing & Blacksmithing. Dan Kral will forge some rams heads & Mike Knott will give a demonstration for silversmiths. Dan was the resident smith at Ft. Snelling for 6 years & Mike is an excellent silversmith so I'm sure this meeting will be super. These meetings are all potluck suppers. Let's all try & make it! See you at Dan's.

# Guild Minutes

The June 6, 1979, meeting was called to order & the Secretary's minutes were approved as read (they were not read, however) The Treasurer's report was not reported either due to the absence of the aforementioned person. The meeting continued, nonetheless.

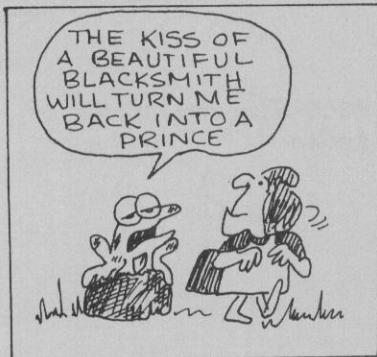
Metalsmiths Madness was discussed & all the loose ends were tied including the rental of a projector, extension cord procurement & items concerning the standard poles, pig roast & safety concerns.

There was little to discuss concerning the Renfest although Larry Garcia provided information on costuming. Marcia McEachron & John Moriarty will be on a committee for the proposed November gallery show of Guild work; there were no volunteers for the brochure committee which ultimately would seek some revisions of the present brochure.

Also discussed was the need for pictures for the Guild portfolio & the request of the Speakers Bureau for smiths.

The next meeting was scheduled for July 11th at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing & Blacksmithing with Dan Kral as host. The meeting adjourned for the potluck & demonstrations.

## Gilda



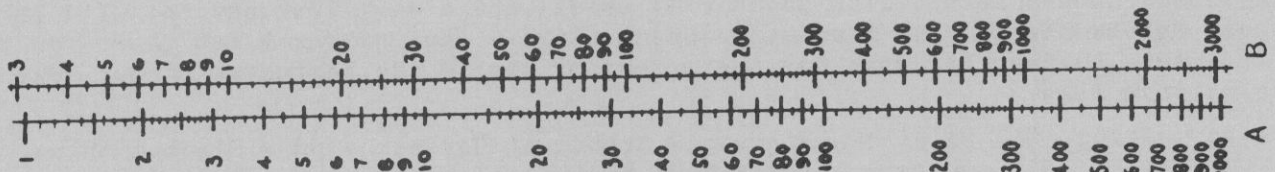
## Tip of the Month

### DIAMETER OR CIRCUMFERENCE OF ANY CIRCLE

By means of this simple chart anyone can instantly find the circumference of a circle when the diameter is known. No table & no figuring are necessary. For example, if the diameter is 8 ft., find the 8 in column A and glance across to column B, & there is your answer--a little over 25 ft. It will be observed that the range of this chart is from 1 to 1,000, but not limited to 1,000. If the diameter should be 10,000 it is simply necessary to add another digit to the circumference. Thus if the diameter is 8,000 ft., the circumference will be a little more than 25,000 ft. If the diameter is in inches, the circumference will of course be in inches. If the diameter is in feet, the circumference will also be in feet.

Likewise, if the circumference is known, simply glance from column B over to column A & there is the diameter. The advantage of this chart over tables is that the chart takes care of fractional quantities as well as whole numbers. Thus if the diameter is 61 or 72 or 83 or 94, the circumference is immediately available. Of course, the results are not as accurate as a table nor as accurate as correct hand computation. But for approximate work, there is nothing better. There is nothing in the world, so far as I know, that occupies so little space as the chart & that will do much, considering its limitless range.

From THE AMERICAN IRONSMITH, October, 1937, courtesy of Paul Hubler, Rockford, MN





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Please retain your membership card as stickers to place in it will be sent out as receipt of renewal fees.

## Letters, Issues & Answers

### HAND WROUGHT IRON SHOW

Dear METALSMITH

The Guild is only as strong as we care to make it. To my mind, it is unfortunate that more did not see fit to partake heartily in the Madness. Not to asperse the success of the Madness but to show a pale & sickly blood of the Guild as a whole.

Yours, Jock

Dear METALSMITH

At the Madness, preceeding the video, Joe De La Ronde called attention to the man's body motion at the anvil. It was a pulling motion from wrist to elbow, shoulder, trunk & knees! As if giving a short tug on a box car. The entire body moves except for the iron hand. The blacksmith's great power comes from distributing stress. A lot of old blacksmiths have very few wrinkles.

Yours truly,  
Jock Spurgin

CEDAR CREEK FORGE announces its first Blacksmithing Workshop. Demonstrating will be

Francis Whitaker  
Demitri Gerakaris  
Bruce LePage

September 24-28th  
9:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:30

Cedar Creek Forge  
N70 W6340 Bridge Rd.  
Cedarburg, Wisconsin 53012

(Located in the Cedar Creek Settlement)  
Contact J. B. English, (414-375-2201)

Fee is \$50 for the 5 day workshop with daily registration \$15 per day. Limited to 100 persons. Registration forms & one-half of fee (\$25) must be received by Aug. 1st with balance due upon arrival. First come, first serve--all attendance must be registered. Make checks payable to Cedar Creek Forge & send with form:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend \_\_\_\_\_ weekly

\_\_\_\_\_ daily

Daily fee \$15 Number of days

Days attending (Circle) M T W Th F

Open to all American artist-blacksmiths, participation will be limited to 200. Selection for participation by juried slides with reservation to refuse exhibit to unapproved pieces. PIECES SHOULD NOT BE ARC WELDED.

August 19-September 30

Wisconsin Fine Arts Association

Ozaukee Art Center

W63 N645 Washington Ave.

Cedarburg, Wisconsin 53012

Jury: Dr. Lazar Brkich, Ass't. Curator of History & Project Dir. of European Village at Milwaukee Public Museum.

Paul Yank, Sculptor & Designer, Dir. of Ozaukee Art Center.

Helmut Summ, Professor Emeritus UW-Milwaukee.

Judges: James Hvale, retired blacksmith, Fellow of the American Institute of Industrial Design.

Ralph Friese, Chicago Land Canoe Base, Voyager & Blacksmith.

Submit 5 slides no later than July 14th of the actual pieces to be exhibited.

One or all may be selected & all must be for sale. (The Ozaukee Art Center will retain 25% of the sale price.) ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE FOR RETURN OF SLIDES. Slides & notification slip will be returned on July 25th. A jury & entry fee of \$10 must accompany the entry form. Make checks payable to the Ozaukee Art Center. \$1,500 in cash awards will be given as prizes. Winners will be notified & a formal presentation will be made on Sept. 28th. Pieces to be exhibited must be received by Aug. 15th. Judging & the opening of the show will be Sunday, Aug. 19th, with a reception in the afternoon for participating artists & the public. Pieces should be picked up between Sept. 30th & Oct. 5th. Pieces may be sent via UPS to J. B. English, Cedar Creek Forge, N70 W6340 Bridge Rd., Cedarburg, WI, 53012. If the piece does not sell, arrangements may be made with English for return shipping: freight, handling, insurance & packaging pre-paid.

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Jury & entry fee \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope for slide return & notification.

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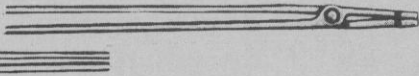
## Connections

Museum quality TINNERS STAKES, BRAKE, CRIMPERS, CUTTERS, etc. 20 pieces, \$550

Marvin Wullweber, Virgil, S. Dak. 57379  
Anyone interested could write to him & he will list & describe each piece. As to delivery, he plans on coming to Mpls. some time in summer & could bring them along. He also has a cone mandrel & swage block & will sell if the price is right.

Do we have a FARRIER that would like to demonstrate the making of a horseshoe & how to put it on a horse for a Guild meeting? Where's Andy?

Summer is here. Let's make sure that all silversmiths demonstrating at art fairs get either a poster or the Guild address (11898 Knolls Path West, Lakeville, MN 55044) so we can recruit them into the Guild. This organization will only be as good as YOU make it.



Rose Feté feet took me along the paths of crafts & to my delight, members of the Guild, all in a row.

John Moriarty & Mike Knott had areas right together & I chatted with them both. John was showing his jewelry for the first time in quite a while & Mike's pieces were their usual fine selves.

Next were Bob & Carol Sharp, Bob's smiling face telling me that they were doing okay sales wise & generally enjoying themselves.

I thought Mouraine was busy but at least I got to talk to her. Paul Hubler was so busy smoking & stroking (oh, these technical terms!) that I never did get him to look up. I was there, Paul, & I did wave a hello.

Next, a nice surprise, in the person of Mara Niesen. Mara informed me that she'd like to be scheduled for the entire Renfest.

Last was our dear President (Oh, the power of the office when the President has a fuller in his hand!) Bob Walsh. He told me later by phone that consensus was the Feté magnifique!

(The proceeding has been an attempt at 'filler' material by your Sect/Treas/Ed/Roving Reporter)

### THE ANVIL - GOD'S WORD

Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith's door,  
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;  
Then looking in, I saw upon the floor  
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had," said I,  
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"  
"Just one," said he, and then, with twinkling eye,  
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."

And so, thought I, the anvil of God's Word,  
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon;  
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,  
The anvil is unharmed--the hammers gone.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

The STILLWATER HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE FOUNDATION of Stillwater, Minnesota, is having a folk craft fair at the old courthouse on July 27 & 28th. Bob George has been invited there (that's what happens when you get your picture in the paper) to demonstrate blacksmithing. Anyone else interested in demonstrating & selling their craft at this event may contact: Tom Langford (612) 439-6676 for details.

### A NOTE FROM THE SECT/TREAS/ED:

As the summer months approach with their monthly meetings (June, July & August are the months with a meeting every month) I have become aware of a potential problem with the newsletter. The newsletters are, by the by-laws, to precede the scheduled meetings by 3 weeks with newsletters article deadlines one week before that. When meetings are every other month, as they are the rest of the year, there is little or no problem compiling info & articles. With these summer meetings, however, there is no "composition" space. In one case the newsletter article deadline is immediately after the meeting. I see two solutions: the summer newsletters will, by necessity, be a bit shorter than the others & articles, tips, reports, ads, etc. can be brought to the meeting. I know no other way of handling this & would welcome suggestions & HELP with compiling.

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