

# 'The Forum'



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## TGoM Spring/Summer 2025 Hammer-In & June meeting; June 6-8, Nowthen Blacksmith Shop, 7415 Old Viking Blvd, Nowthen MN

Join us for the annual TGoM Spring/Summer Hammer-In at the Nowthen Blacksmith Shop! (map below) Whether you're a seasoned blacksmith or a beginner eager to learn, this event is all about forging, sharing skills, and having a great time with fellow smiths.

### Schedule of Events

#### Friday, June 6

3:30 PM – Early arrival & setup

4:30 PM – Late Night – Open forge

#### Saturday, June 7, June Member Meeting

#### All Day Forging

12:00 PM – Potluck & Business Meeting  
Bring a dish to share if you can.

Afternoon – Blind Forging Competition

**Challenge:** Feel an object inside a box and forge it without looking!

**Rules:** Time limit applies. Prizes to be announced.

Evening – Late Night – Open forge continues

#### Sunday, June 8

Morning – Final forging & cleanup

Departure – Pack up and go home happy!

#### Focus Project & Skills Sharing

We will work toward the **Fall Conference contest: Animal heads on useful tools.** Bring any examples or ideas to share. If you'd rather focus on another project or skill, that's perfectly fine!

#### What to Bring

Your own tools if you have them

Specific steel stock if needed (limited stock

available on-site)

Scrap pieces welcome

Enthusiasm for learning and sharing!

#### New to Blacksmithing?

Beginners are highly encouraged to attend! This is a great opportunity to try your hand at smithing in a welcoming environment. If you'd like guidance on a specific project, reach out ahead of time, and we'll do our best to accommodate.

#### Demonstrations & Contact

If you have skills in tool-making or other forging techniques and would like to **demonstrate**, or if you have questions, please contact **Wayne Olson**. (Phone number available in the Forum.)

#### Additional Details

**Camping:** Primitive on-site camping available Friday & Saturday night

**Facilities:** Port-a-potties on-site

#### Equipment:

Five forges available (coal provided)

Additional forge & anvil provided

Bring your own equipment if desired

**No Charge to Participate**

#### Tailgating Encouraged

**Want to forge all night on Saturday? Challenge accepted! I'll stay through Sunday to support those who want to keep going.**

See you there!

**Contact: Wayne Olson,**

[wayneolson10@gmail.com](mailto:wayneolson10@gmail.com), 320.280.0100

## QUICKNEWS

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## 48th Annual Fall Conference

A single-page flyer is now available in PDF format for members to print and pass out. Follow the link below. It's on our website.

<https://www.metalsmith.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2025-FC-Single-page-flyer.pdf>

## Supplier Directory

There is a directory of suppliers that our membership uses. The directory will be updated regularly. Please forward any suppliers information that you would like added to the directory.

Information needed: name of company/supplier, address, phone number, and website. The aim for this project is to help new members find supplies and tools.

To add a supplier or to request a directory, email:

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

## 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.

## 48th Annual TGoM Fall Conference, aka "The Madness"

September 19, 20, & 21, 2025

Featuring Blacksmithing Demonstrations by:

Howard Clark of Runnells IA

Tom Latane' of Pepin WI

Including Pre-Conference class, gallery, silent & live auctions, tailgating, onsite camping, great food, and events for the entire family!

Free attendance for 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

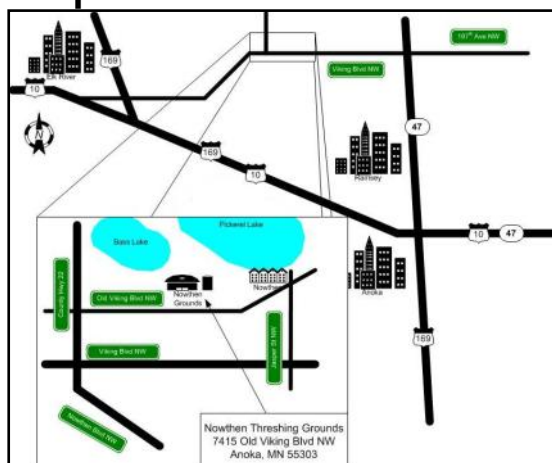
364 N. Maple St.

Ellsworth, WI 54011

[Single Page Flyer for 2025 Fall Conference.](#)

2025 Fall Conference Brochure available soon.

## Map to Nowthen



## A Taste of Blacksmithing 2025 Saturday, May 3, 2025, 9 am to 4 pm

### Class Description:

This is the day to try blacksmithing. We have designed this for the complete novice. With 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 or just keep hammering and see what amazing shape comes forth. Bring your creativity, safety glasses, and curiosity. We supply everything else.



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

**Class Manager:** Marty Masters 651-285-8731

**Cost:** \$60

**Class size:** Maximum students: 10; Minimum students: 6  
Must be 18 years of age.

**Location** MN School of Horseshoeing  
6250 Riverdale Drive NW  
Anoka, MN 55303

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

Bring your favorite hammer. Gloves are optional

**Safety Equipment:** the usual for forging with coal: gloves, safety glasses, hearing protection, clothing of natural fiber with no cuffs or fraying, and leather boots or shoes.

**Lunch Arrangements:** Bring your own lunch or buy from local vendors

**To register, go to**

<https://stpaul.ce.eleyo.com/course/16723/spring-2025-adult/a-taste-of-blacksmithing>

## 2025 Brass & Copper Decorative Techniques Class, April 12, 2025



Left-to-Right: Pieter Maas, Rob Bullis, Cindy Mae Swee, Jacob Dodge, Anna Petersen, \*Sara Gries (Instructor), Taylor Sample, Heather McNabny, Martin Masters.

Not pictured: host Rick Wessling, and champion Christina Dodge.

## FREE MEMBERS ONLY Open Forge and Potluck May 18, 2025

This event is open to all Guild members. There is no lesson or agenda except to get some iron hot and hit it with a hammer and hang out with fellow blacksmiths. There are sign ups that will guarantee you a forge space. If you just want to stop by and hang out, you are welcome to do so. If there's space at a forge, have at it.

**Instructors:** Harvey Steele in the morning, Marty Masters in the afternoon.

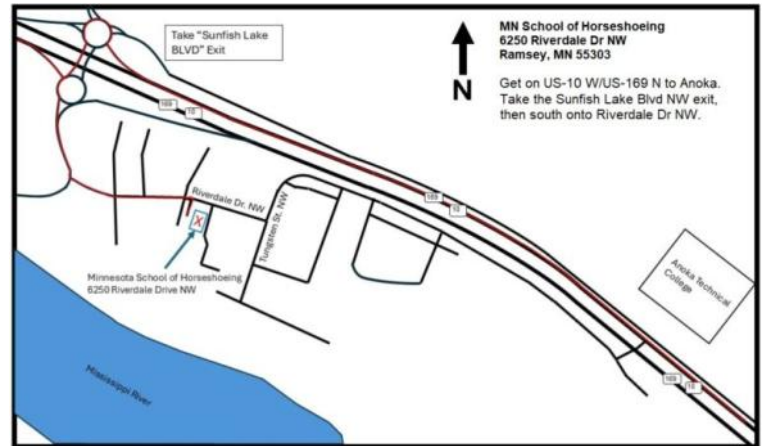
**Location:** MN School of Horseshoeing . Map see below.

**Class Manager:** Marty Masters 651-285-8731

**Price of Class:** FREE TO MEMBERS ONLY

**Safety Equipment:** the usual for forging with coal: gloves, safety glasses, hearing protection, clothing of natural fiber with no cuffs or fraying, and leather boots or shoes.

**Lunch arrangement:** Potluck, bring a dish to share.



## Supplies needed for the Guild!

Kim Maas is the champion/class manager for the Beginners Blacksmithing Classes. The classes use 24, 1½" three ring black binders, annually. If you have any 1½" binders lying around and don't know what to do with them, I would like to take them off your hands. Please contact Kim Maas, 651-328-7219 (text or call), [tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com) to arrange to connect. Or you can bring them to any membership meeting and give them to me then.

The Communication Committee uses past issues of *Metalsmith* to promote the Guild. They are used in displays for demonstrations, Minnesota Transportation Museum and Minnesota School of Horseshoeing. They are sent to the Beginners Blacksmithing class students in a "Thank you" packet after the class, encouraging students to join the Guild, along with other opportunities to promote the Guild. If you have issues of *Metalsmith* that you would like to donate for promotional purposes, please contact Kim Maas, 651-328-7219 (text or call), [tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com) to arrange to connect. Or you can bring them to any membership meeting and give them to me then. I will make sure that the mailing addresses are illegible before using them.

Thank you.

— Kim Maas

# Intro to Arc Welding 2025

Date & Time: May 17, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Location: MN Transportation Museum/Jackson Street Roundhouse (map below)

Instructor: Ben Groves Class size: Max 4, min 3 Cost: Members: \$125; Non-members: \$150

Class Manager: Martin Masters, 651-285-8731, [martin.masters@gmail.com](mailto:martin.masters@gmail.com)



**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.

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

**Needed Equipment:** Proper welding gloves, welding leathers or coat, welding helmet. We will have loaner helmets and some gloves if you don't want to buy.

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

**To register online** go to The Guild of Metalsmiths website,

<https://www.metalsmith.org/education>

**Or to mail in a check,** contact the class manager by the information listed above to reserve your place.

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



# Calla Lily Class 2025

Date & Time: May 31, 2025, 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 PM

Location: Myron Hanson's Shop. Forging will be out in the open air. (Map below)

Instructor: Myron Hanson Class size: Max 10, min 4

Cost: Members: \$65; Non-members: 75 Class Manager: Kim Maas, 651-328-7219, [tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com)

**Description:** For this class, the Beginners Blacksmithing Class is a requirement. Are you tired of buying your sweetheart a beautiful bouquet of flowers, just to find them in the garbage a week later? Here is an opportunity to learn how to make Calla Lilies. After taking this class, you can make your sweetheart a bouquet that will last forever, reminding them how much you care. No sweetheart, no problem...make them for yourself.

**Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class:** Square faced and/or cross pein hammer, scrolling pliers

**Safety Equipment:** the usual for forging with coal: gloves, safety glasses, hearing protection, clothing of natural fiber with no cuffs or fraying, and leather boots or shoes.

**Lunch arrangements:** Bring lunch or visit one of the many restaurant choices in the area.

**To register online** go to The Guild of Metalsmiths website, <https://www.metalsmith.org/education>

Or to mail in a check, contact Kim Maas, 651-328-7219, [tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com) for additional information.

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



Class Project



Potential use of what you will learn: Myron's outside hand rail.

# Leaf Class 2025

Date & Time: June 1, 2025, 9:00 am Location: Myron Hansons' shop: Eagan (map below)

Instructor: Myron Hanson Class size: Max 6, min 4

Cost: Member \$65; Non-member \$75 Class Manager: Kim Maas, 651-328-7219, [tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com)

**Description:** This is an intermediate class. This leaf can be used in many elements such as railings for staircases, paper towel holders, curtain rods—let your imagination be your guide. This class will expand your skills set.

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

Square faced and cross-pein hammer, scrolling pliers

**Safety Equipment:** the usual for forging with coal: gloves, safety glasses, hearing protection, clothing of natural fiber with no cuffs or fraying, and leather boots or shoes.

**Lunch Arrangements:** Bring lunch or visit one of the many restaurant choices in the area.

**To register online** go to The Guild of Metalsmiths website,

<https://www.metalsmith.org/education>

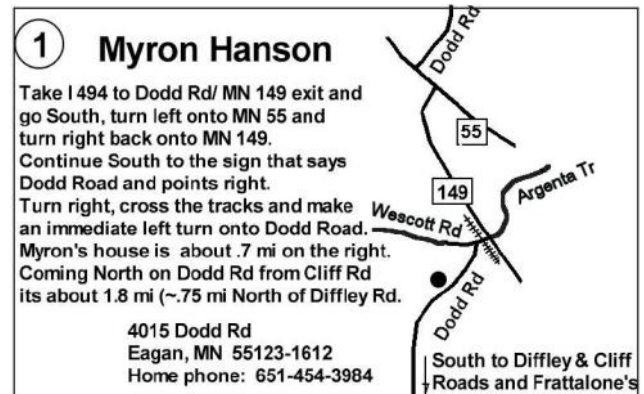
Or to mail in a check, contact Kim Maas, 651-328-7219,

[tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com) for additional information.

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



Leaf



# 2025 Fall Conference T-Shirt Contest

The Fall Conference T-Shirt design for this year's event will be a **Contest!**

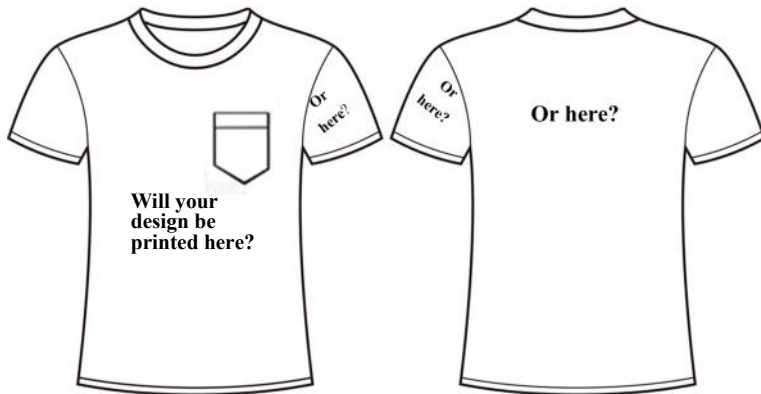
What would you like to see on this year's t-shirts? How would you design it?

## Rules to the Contest:

- Design must be Guild or metal work related.
- Design must be original—*your design. Can be inspired, 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 email or post-marked by: **June 1, 2025.**

## Entries need to include:

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



At the June 7, 2025 Members Meeting at Nowthen 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?

## Special Announcement!

This year's contest seems like a moving target. First, this year's t-shirt has a pocket.

## But the most exciting news is...

Sara Gries, the winner of the contest the previous three years, has graciously volunteered to assist you with your contest submissions. In the past you got me—sorry about that! This year your submission will get the attention it deserves. When you send in your design concept, Sara will assist you to make it print ready.

Don't miss this opportunity to work with Sara. She is extremely talented!!

Looking forward to seeing your designs.  
Good Luck!!

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

## Send your email entry today!

Email entry to: Sara Gries, [Sara013@gmail.com](mailto:Sara013@gmail.com)

or mail entry to:

**Kim Maas**

**965 Gorman Ave.**

**West. St. Paul, MN 55118**

**Questions, comments, or concerns?**

**text or call 651-328-7219**

## 2025 Fall Conference Contest Details

The Fall Conference Contest this year is inspired by The Guild of Metalsmiths workbook, *Iron Menagerie*.

- The basic contest will be an animal head alone on the end of a bar.
- The advance contest will be an animal head on a useful tool.

The June Membership Meeting/Hammer-In to be held on Saturday, June 7 at Nowthen will be an opportunity to ask questions and receive guidance from some of the Guild's experienced smiths. Bob Brown will also be demonstrating an animal head.

You will find inspiration in *Iron Menagerie*, available for purchase on the Guild website or at most membership meetings. You can also check out the videos created by Darryl Nelson on YouTube.

Good Luck!

## 2025 Fall Conference Craft Sale

We will again be having a Craft Sale at the September 20 & 21 Fall Conference.

If you are interested in selling your handcrafted items, please contact me, Paula Wasmund, by text or phone call at 507-469-0404. You can pick a table and let me know how much room you need. There are five 8-foot tables available.

**What does it cost?** A donation to the Guild's live auction and a \$10-\$15 door prize that we will be awarding at noon on Sunday during lunch. Doesn't matter what the door prize is, we just want to thank the buyers of our crafts. You will also be asked to volunteer two 2-hr. shifts to work sales. Consideration will be made if you're watching the demonstrators.

**Pricing your crafts:** Format needed for price tags (below, left).

Vendors (sellers) need to price every item.  
This is how sales are tracked by vendors. Daily tallies of daily sales will be available to vendors. After lunch on Sunday, vendors will receive funds made during sale.

## Craft Sale hours:

Friday 2 PM – 10 PM

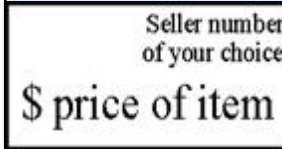
Saturday 7:30 AM – 6 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM – 1 PM Packing up your crafts will be after lunch Sunday.

**Cancellation policy:** Please give at least 10-day notice if you need to cancel your reservation unless it is an emergency. This will allow someone on the waiting list to take advantage of the cancellation.

**Door Prize Rules:** You may sign up for door prize with each sales transaction with the Craft Sales. If you have more than one transaction in a day, you may sign up with each transaction. \*Must be present at conference to win. \*One prize per person.

— Paula Wasmund



# Get Connected to the Guild!

The Guild of Metalsmiths Website: <https://www.metalsmith.org/>



## The Bellows

The Guild offers an email reflector service. We refer to this service as "The Bellows". There are currently over 375 Guild members that subscribe to "The Bellows". Members use this service to ask questions of a large metalworking brain trust, get updates on Guild happenings and discuss general metalworking topics.

If you want to join "The Bellows" email reflector discussion list, send an email saying you want to join the Bellows discussion list to [webmaster@metalsmith.org](mailto:webmaster@metalsmith.org).

## The Forum

*The Forum* is the Guild's monthly newsletter. When you join the Guild you will automatically sign up for the newsletter. *Forum* comes out the first of each month. If you are not finding it in your email "in" box, check your spam.

## NEON

Follow the directions to sign up for NEON at the Guild's website: <https://www.metalsmith.org/membership>

Members having a login for our Membership Database can:

- CHECK your membership status
- CHANGE or RESET your password
- RENEW your MEMBERSHIP
- CHANGE your ADDRESS
- View the MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY (address book)
- Download the MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY (address book)
- Enroll in CLASSES \*\*\*
- CHECK classes that you are registered for

Members are encouraged to renew your membership/pay your dues with your Neon account, which accepts most major credit cards. By renewing online, your membership is updated instantaneously. No delay, no snail mail, no treasurer trip to the bank and no manual posting of payment. Much less work for everyone!

## Facebook

Send a friend request to The Guild of Metalsmiths. The monitor will then friend you.

## Discord

Email a request to join the platform to: [tgomdiscord@gmail.com](mailto:tgomdiscord@gmail.com) or [tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com). The monitor will send you a link to join.

## Membership Meetings

The best way to connect with the Guild is to attend the bi-monthly membership meetings. There are notices sent out on a few of the platforms listed above. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of February, April, August, October. \*June-Nowthen Hammer-In, \*December (first Sunday) - Holiday Party. And let us not forget the Fall Conference held at Pierce County Fairgrounds in Ellsworth, WI, during the third full weekend of September.

## 2025 Demo Opportunities

On page 6 of this issue of *The Forum* you will find a full list of upcoming demonstration opportunities and events available for you.

Also, we have posted that list on our website for your ease of viewing and deciding which events you'd like to help out with.

To check out the list online in PDF format, go to:

<https://www.metalsmith.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2025-Demonstration-Opportunities.pdf>

**Please contact the champions and see what you can do to help with any of these events.**

## Content Needed for *Metalsmith*

With summer coming, many of you will be going on adventures, demonstrating, and making stuff in your shop. We would love to hear about it. The editorial team for *Metalsmith* is always looking for content.

You do not need to be a professional writer. Our editorial team will help you polish it up.

Send your contribution to: [tgomeditor@gmail.com](mailto:tgomeditor@gmail.com).

### 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"

# 2025 Demonstration Opportunities

Date	Event	Location	Champion & contact information
			<i>Contact champion for additional information</i>
3 May	Gammelgarden Museum Opening Day	Scandia, MN	Patrick Sullivan, <a href="mailto:smokiemilo@gmail.com">smokiemilo@gmail.com</a> 651-894-3765
3-4 May	Minnesota Zoo's Farm Babies	MN Zoo, Apple Valley, MN	Rick Wessling, <a href="mailto:rgwessling@gmail.com">rgwessling@gmail.com</a>
10-11 May	Minnesota Zoo's Farm Babies	MN Zoo, Apple Valley, MN	Rick Wessling, <a href="mailto:rgwessling@gmail.com">rgwessling@gmail.com</a>
17 May	Boy Scout Jamboree	Stearns Scout Camp, South Haven, MN	Gordon Barr, <a href="mailto:agbarr@aol.com">agbarr@aol.com</a> , 952-894-4821
17-18 May	<a href="#">Minnesota Zoo's Farm Babies</a>	MN Zoo, Apple Valley, MN	Rick Wessling, <a href="mailto:rgwessling@gmail.com">rgwessling@gmail.com</a>
18 May	Spring Festival, Holtz Farm	Eagan, Mn	<a href="mailto:Kevin.Klien@comcast.net">Kevin Klien</a> , <a href="mailto:kpklein@comcast.net">kpklein@comcast.net</a>
18 May	Scouts – District F Spring Welding & Metalsmithing Merit Badge	Taylor Falls, MN	<a href="mailto:Patrick.Sullivan@smokiemilo.com">Patrick Sullivan</a> , <a href="mailto:smokiemilo@gmail.com">smokiemilo@gmail.com</a> 651-894-3765
6-8 June	Nowthen Hammer-In	Nowthen, MN	Wayne Olson, <a href="mailto:wayneolson10@gmail.com">wayneolson10@gmail.com</a> .
	Guild Membership Meeting	June's Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday the 8th.	
28 June	Midsommardagen, Gammelgarden Museum,	Scandia, MN	Patrick Sullivan, <a href="mailto:smokiemilo@gmail.com">smokiemilo@gmail.com</a> . 651-894-3765
16-20 July	Rice County Fair	Faribault, MN	Lou Groth, <a href="mailto:loug_33@yahoo.com">loug_33@yahoo.com</a> , 952-895-1515
22-27 July	Rock County Fair	Luverne, MN	Larry Wasmund, <a href="mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com">poundedtreasures@gmail.com</a> 651-322-6626
23-26 July	Faribault County Fair Sponsored by: Faribault County	Blue Earth, MN	No Guild representative, Contact site directly. <a href="mailto:Randy.Anderson@aol.com">Randy Anderson</a> , <a href="mailto:randwulfr@aol.com">randwulfr@aol.com</a>
	Historical Society (FCHS)		507-525-0368.
23-27 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> ., 7151 190th St, Jordan
25-27 July	Little Log House Antique Power Show	Hastings, MN	Dick Carlson, <a href="mailto:Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com">Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com</a> 651-437-3329
2 August	Fisherman's Picnic	Grand Marais, MN	<a href="mailto:Don.Hammer@carshaper.com">Don Hammer</a> , <a href="mailto:carshaper@yahoo.com">carshaper@yahoo.com</a> , 218-370-0122
	Bally's Blacksmith Shop		
7-10 August	Pierce County Fair	Ellsworth, WI	Jesse Gavin, <a href="mailto:jagavin6273@hotmail.com">jagavin6273@hotmail.com</a>
8-10 August	Almelund Threshing Show	Taylor Falls, MN	Patrick Sullivan, <a href="mailto:smokiemilo@gmail.com">smokiemilo@gmail.com</a> . 651-894-3765
9 August	Torii, Finland Heritage Center	Finland, MN	Don Hammer, <a href="mailto:carshaper@yahoo.com">carshaper@yahoo.com</a> ., 218-370-0122
15-16 August	Corcoran Country Daze	Corcoran, MN	<a href="mailto:No.Guild.representative.Contact.site.directly@corcorancountrydaze.com">No Guild representative. Contact site directly at corcorancountrydaze@gmail.com</a> 612-314-3232
16 August	Spelmansstämman, Gammelgarden Museum,	Scandia, MN	Patrick Sullivan, <a href="mailto:smokiemilo@gmail.com">smokiemilo@gmail.com</a> . 651-894-3765
15 - 17 August	Nowthen Threshing Show	Nowthen, MN	Christina Dodge, <a href="mailto:christina.guildmbr@gmail.com">christina.guildmbr@gmail.com</a>
22-24 August	Pioneer Power Show	Le Sueur, MN	No Guild representative. No contact information.
23-24 August	Donnelly Threshing Bee	Donnelly, MN	Larry Wasmund, <a href="mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com">poundedtreasures@gmail.com</a> . 651-322-6626
29-31 August	Rice County Steam & Gas Engine Show	Dundas, MN	Martin Pansch, <a href="mailto:blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com">blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com</a> 612-599-4762
5-6 September	Lamberton Hot Iron Days	Lamberton, MN	Bob Brown, <a href="mailto:Bbrown474@msn.com">Bbrown474@msn.com</a> , 651-260-2749
13-14 September	Laura Ingalls Wilder Days	Pepin, WI	Tom & Kitty Latané, <a href="mailto:tclatane@gmail.com">tclatane@gmail.com</a> , 715-442-2419
20 September	Harvest Festival, Holtz Farm	Eagan, MN	No Champion, contact Kim Maas if interested, <a href="mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com">tgom.volunteer@gmail.com</a> , 651-328-7219
TBA	Pumpkin Train	Dresser, WI	Gordon Barr, <a href="mailto:agbarr@aol.com">agbarr@aol.com</a> , 952-894-4821
Most wknds	The Landing / Three Rivers Park District	Shakopee, MN	No Guild representative, Contact site directly.
Memorial Day thru Labor Day			<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
Saturdays & Sundays in December	Santa's Train Shop	St. Paul, MN	
	Jackson Street Roundhouse		
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.	<a href="#">Jackson Street Roundhouse</a> 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 and it is not listed here, please email information to [TGoM.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:TGoM.volunteer@gmail.com) to get it listed. Information needed for listing: event name, date(s), location, Champion's name, and contact information.

Thank You!!

# 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 Kim Maas ([tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com)) and Laurel Larkin ([frogwench@comcast.net](mailto:frogwench@comcast.net)) co-chairs.
- Program Comm. meetings are 7 pm the third Thursday monthly. Derrick Phillips [derrickphillipsa303@gmail.com](mailto:derrickphillipsa303@gmail.com) or Mark Lockwood [mlockwood851@gmail.com](mailto:mlockwood851@gmail.com) co-chairs.
- Most board meetings are the second Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November via ZOOM.

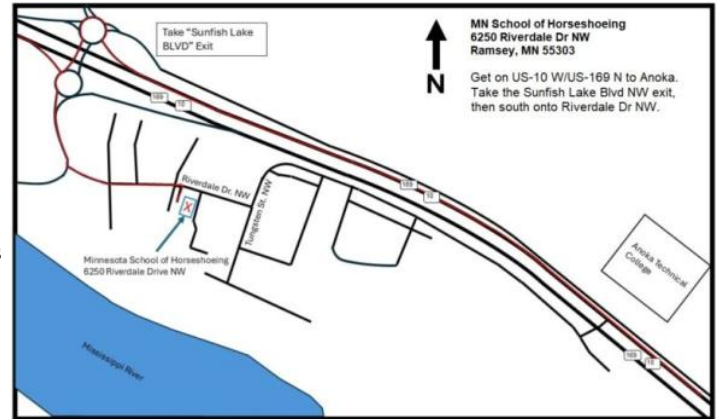
## May 2025

- May 1-4, [Blacksmiths Association of Missouri \(BAM\)](#) annual conference, Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO
- May 3, A Taste of Blacksmithing, MN School of Horseshoeing
- May 10, Hammer Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- May 17, Intro to Arc Welding, Jackson Street Roundhouse
- May 18, Free to Members Open Forge, MN School of Horseshoeing
- May 31, Calla Lily Class, Myron Hanson's shop, Eagan

## June 2025

- June 1, Leaf Class, Myron Hanson's shop, Eagan
- June 6, 7, 8, Spring/Summer Hammer-In, Nowthen Threshing Show grounds
- June 7, TGoM June Membership Meeting, Nowthen Threshing Show grounds

## Map to MN School of Horseshoeing



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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.

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**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@metalsmith.org](mailto:agbarr@metalsmith.org).



## 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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### 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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