

Guild of Metalsmiths. Monthly discussion FORUM

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Here we are again. Pull up a chair, get your coffee, reading glasses, and writing tools. It is time to discuss the news. The Guild currently has 240 paid members, and several that need to renew, they are getting postcards instead of the Forum.

Gene Olson, editor

The **GoM FORUM** is published monthly by the Guild of Metalsmiths, St. Paul, MN. It is intended as a community bulletin board, a place for all members to express their opinions, concerns, debate policy, propose projects & workshops. In short, to help us run our organization. The length will vary due to space considerations as it rides piggyback on the workshop notices and must travel on one stamp. (Long letters may be edited to fit the space available)

Your comments can be mailed to THE FORUM at Gene Olson, The GoM Forum, 8600 NE O'Dean Ave. Elk River, MN 55330-7167 or emailed to: gene@mtn.org

Note: Gene has gotten flak, "Publish, don't publish" If you want something published write: Dear Forum: Letters addressed to Gene will not be published unless cleared with the author.

Pete's Hammerin update

June 5th and 6th, 1999

For those with any Machinist type of interest, we MAY have a scraping demo by Pete's brother in law. There's quite a bit more to it than meets the eye.

And speaking of machinery, there will be a machinery exchange where

you can sell or swap those unused or wrong sized machines and stuff. If you plan on bringing machinery to the hammerin, send a list to the FORUM. We will publish the list. Hope to see you there, this should be a good one.

Fall conference

A short note on the upcoming The Minnesota Guild of Metalsmiths

22 ND Annual Fall Conference
Sept. 24,25,26 1999

We're at a new site this year, At the Little Log House Antique Power Show grounds south of Hastings Minnesota. This new location offers us greater space, a more interesting location and a better space for families.

Featuring **Bill Fiorini**
Kirsten Skiles
Frank Turley

along with a family program produced with the help of Sherri Stanaitis.

Frank has been active in as a blacksmith and teacher with many years of experience, and is the founder and director of the Turley Forge Blacksmithing School in Santa Fe. He currently teaches at all the major craft schools, and was the featured presenter at the Canadian CANIRON II conference in Alberta. In addition was awarded the "New Mexico Award of Honor" for his publication "Southwestern Colonial Ironwork". Frank will be demonstrating traditional forged building hardware and more.

Kirsten Skiles is best known for her chasing and repousse work in copper, steel and other metals. Many

of her creations are naturalistic relief panels and draws on imagery of the Midwest, childhood memories of those great illustrations in children's book's and fairy tales. Repousse is the relief decoration of metal, produced by hammering from the back so that the decoration projects and is one of the oldest technique's used to decorate metal.

Bill is very well known to many for his extensive research in Mokume-Gane and Pattern-Welded Steel (Damacus), his active participation in ABANA (Artist Blacksmith Association of North America) as president, board member, and perhaps most of all for the beauty of his creations. As a ABS Mastersmith he has written, demonstrated, and produced some of the knife work in the country.

Family activities are going to be greatly expanded this year. With a clean indoor building, we will be providing a number of activities and it's time to convince the family to join you for the weekend. Sherri Stanaitis it leading a new program featuring multiple demonstrations, and hands on projects. Four or five activities are planned (depending on time), and we hope to make this weekend a great experience for everyone that comes.

Catered hot meals (for a additional fee of course) will provided, and free camping. For those that want a motel or bed and breakfast, Hastings, Red Wing, and Cannon Falls are near by.

And of course the Auction (find something great to contribute for the good of the Guild), the Gallery (start planning a project, to display old or

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new), open forging stations (now in a separate location) and of course the raffle, again featuring a complete set of blacksmithing tools. And a tailgate corral (Little Giants allowed) for those that contribute at least one item to the auction.

This year we will be seeking more
MORE DETAILS TO COME.

Cordell Kittelson

Don't forget the April 14 Meeting

John Olin's new shop in Mendota Minnesota. (in the old Jazz Emporium/Diamond Jim's building)

Metalsmith articles:

Those of you working on those informative articles for our quarterly magazine. **The copy deadline for the issue 2 of 1999 is May, 3rd**. Send them to: Marcia McEachron, editor, 451 Taft St. NE RM 8 Door 35, Minneapolis, MN, 55413, Fax: 612-781-8435

Please!

The March Board Meeting:

The meeting went quite well. Dick Carlson, brought Ollie along because Thursday the 11th was Ollie's 81 birthday. We had a cake and everything.

Happy Birthday again, Ollie, and thanks again from all of us for being there and teaching us so much.

Pete's notes (Subject to correction & approval)

Minutes of the March 10th, 1999 Guild of Metalsmiths Board Meeting

by Pete Stanaitis

Host Location: Bob and Mary Fredell's home

President Dave Feterl called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

In attendance: Dick Carlson, Dave Feterl, Mike Frattalone, Alexa

Kelly, Bob Johnson, Fred McCluskey, Gene Olson, Guy Paton, Mike Richter, Pete Stanaitis, Ollie Juaire (guest)

Not in attendance: Lisa Havelin

Treasure's Report, Mike Frattalone \$13,176.48 in checking account 236 Paid members and 84 not renewed for a total of 320.

Removing non-renewing members from the roles (for this year): Motion made and passed on voice vote to remove non-renewing members from the roles effective March 1, 1999 and to send them a post card telling them we have done that. Gene will send post cards.

How to handle membership cutoff in future years: Motion made and passed: "Membership will be paid annually and reported quarterly".

Education Committee, Bob Johnson

32 days of workshops are planned for the 1999/2000 season.

Next meeting is March 15th

Mike Richter will become our **video librarian**

Program Committee, Dick Carlson Annual Conference: Demonstrators have been lined up. There will be two raffle items; a forging station and a side draft forge hood. Two drawings will be made from this one set of tickets. Gene will print 3000 raffle tickets by April 10. "Family Activities" are being arranged. There will be about 5 of them.

Membership meetings: They are all set except for the February 2000 meeting.

Publicity Committee, Gene Olson Telephone area codes have been updated in the Guild database to reflect changes from 612 to 651.

Old Business

Nowthen blacksmith shop update, Pete Stanaitis The Nowthen people have accepted our proposal.

Coal Fence Completion, Dave Feterl

Gates still need to be fitted. Gene Olson and Dave Feterl will set a date and complete the task in time for the next Board meeting. Once the gate is locked, we will have to publish new rules and the times available (Duggan's open hours). No one was assigned to this task.

The Forum, Gene Olson Gene is the only editor and doesn't need any help. At this time he puts out "almost anything that comes in".

New Business

New Guild Member Directory, Gene Olson

Gene moves that the board develop at least 3 proposals from which to choose at its next meeting. Motion passed.

Non Profit Status Change; Motion made and passed to accept Bill Hanson's offer to bring in an accountant from another organization to show the benefits of changing this status. Bill and the accountant will come to the next board meeting.

Reprint of The Blacksmithing Study Guide, Pete Stanaitis The board approved an expenditure of up to \$550 to print and bind 50 copies. Pete Stanaitis and Bob Fredell will do it.

Position to Fill, Dick Carlson Dave Gavin has offered to become the Guild Archivist. Dave Feterl and Dick Carlson will contact Dave Gavin at the next membership meeting to accept his offer. We will have to deal with determining what records exist and where and how to

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store them.

Back Issue Service Proposal, Pete Stanaitis

Pete proposed to develop and provide a back issue service to Guild members for one year as a test. Motion to accept made and passed. Pete will "advertise" the service in The Forum, the Metalsmith and on the Guild Website.

Enterprise Accounting, Pete Stanaitis

Pete proposed that we consider accounting for specific Guild activities separately. Motion made and passed to consider the idea for no more than 10 minutes at the next board meeting.

Replacing Firepots at the School of Horseshoeing, Pete Stanaitis A proposal to replace firepots one at a time, with the Guild paying for firepots, but Duggan reducing the rent to partially make up the difference was voiced. A motion to accept the proposal was made and carried. Dave Feterl will discuss it with Dick Duggan on March 27. The Board will continue to develop the proposal at its next meeting.

Next Meeting: May 12, 1999, At Fredell's home

Mail was reviewed.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Fickle Fortune

Gene didn't get the Science Museum commission, but had fun trying.

Metalsmith Back Issue Service Announced

Effective May 1, 1999 for one year, The Guild of Metalsmiths will provide back issues of The Metalsmith to members for \$5.00 each, postage included. (If we loose money on this, we have been

authorized

to go to \$6.00). The back issues will either be supplied from existing extra copies made at the time of printing or they will be reprinted from the Guild's own archives.

One of the main reasons for doing this is to make the "how-to" articles that can be found in the Metalsmith index available to all members.

We tried to initiate a (cheaper) article by article copy service last year, but concerns for copyright problems nixed that idea.

Reprinting a whole issue avoids the whole problem.

To order a back issue, write the Volume and Issue numbers on a slip of paper along with your mailing address. Include a check for \$5.00 to made out to Guild of Metalsmiths. Send it to:

Pete Stanaitis

2476 10th Ave.

Baldwin, Wi. 54002

I will be billing the Guild only for my actual out-of-pocket costs (copies, postage, etc. but not for travel phone calls and so on) for this service and will be keeping detailed records throughout this one year test. I will report the results to the board. Make your thoughts on this subject known to your favorite board member. At the end of the year, the service automatically ceases unless the board re-authorizes it.

If you have any questions about the service or how it works, contact me at 715-698-2895.

Pete

Letters:

One response to Alexa's question

on flue installation we need more for an article, keep em coming.

Want Ads:

Any notice **MUST** be in my hands by the end of the month.

Jail For Sale:

Submitted by member: Rod Larson: Wade Demolition Co. is salvaging the jail in Milaca Minn. There are 6 jail cells. Each has a door made of 1 inch steel rods joined by 3/8 inch flat bars. Each door weighs about 200 lbs. The walls, floors, and ceilings are covered with steel plate (3/16 - 1/4 inch thick). The asking price for doors or plating is \$.25/lb. Delivery price is negotiable. (I called Discount Steel in North Mpls. and their current prices are: \$.48 per pound for used mild steel round stock and \$.28 per pound for used mild steel plate. - Rod)

If you are interested in this material contact:

Terry Wade
15046 110th Ave
Milaca, MN 56353
tel. 320/983-3520

Employment Opportunity

We received a letter from Murphy's Landing, Shakopee, MN saying they were looking for a blacksmith for the Spring/Summer season. Smith must be able to make and repair tools of the 1800's and talk to the public about the period and techniques.

Contact Nicole or Deanna at
612-445-6901

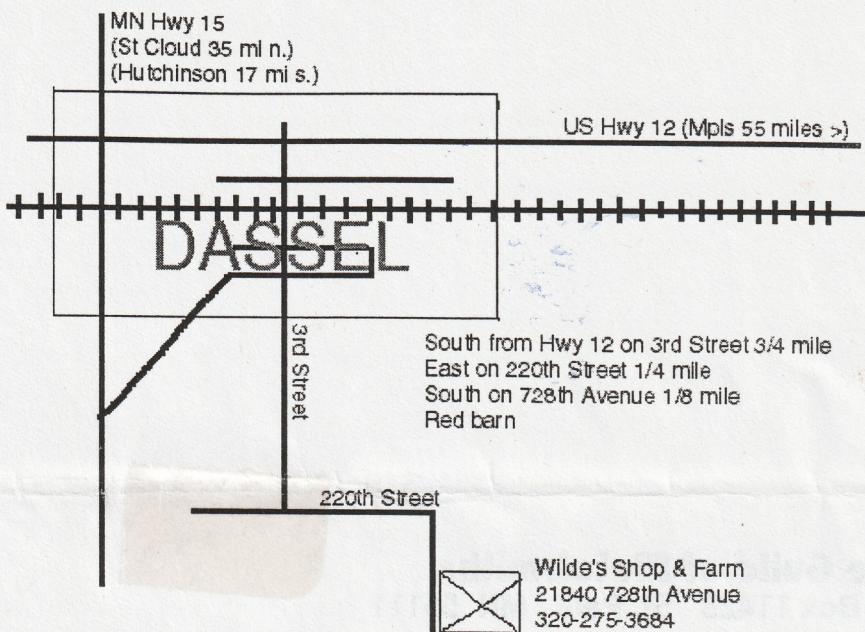
Guild of Metalsmiths Educational Workshops

Lost foam Casting Workshop

When: Saturday May 1st, 1999
9:AM till 4:30PM

Where: Robert Wilde's studio and
foundry, Dassel, MN

Instructors: Bob Wilde
21840 728th Ave.
Dassel, MN 55325
320-275-3684



Cost: Includes materials Check payable to: The Guild of Metalsmiths
\$20.00 members \$30.00 nonmembers

Class Size: 10 students

Class Description: Participants will make an item, approximately 64 cu. inches, in styrene foam (high density beadboard), build gating system, bed the foam in sand, pour the aluminum and clean the casting.

You need to bring: A sack Lunch. Eye, ear, and hand protection. Cotton, wool or leather work clothes, leather work shoes.

Dassel is 55 miles west of the Twin Cities on US Highway 12.

(Guild members get first chance at these workshops)

SEND TO: Robert Wilde, 21840 728th Ave, Dassel, MN 55325. 320-275-3684.

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