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Joining The Guild of Metalsmiths?

Please introduce yourself. Each month we welcome new members to the Guild and offer them a chance to tell us a bit about themselves. (who you are, your goals as a metalsmith, the services you provide, products you make, etc.) Whatever you want to share is fine. So, give us a statement of interests/services up to 254 characters long (letters and spaces). This statement is also printed in the member directory (optional).

Goings on...



...a calendar of GoM events at a glance

Events in April, 2008

- Apr 5 Beginning Blacksmith, C class, session 4
- Apr. 9, Guild membership meeting, Truax Company, New Hope
- Apr 12 & 13, Basic Joinery, Mn School of Horseshoeing
- Apr 12 & 13, Gas Forge Building Workshop, Nowthen
- Apr 19, Hammer Making Workshop at Dick Carlson's-FULL!
- Apr 26 & 27, Northern MN Blacksmiths Conference

Events in May

- May 1, 2, 3, BAM annual Ozark Conference, Sedalia, MO
- May 14, Guild board of directors meeting, Myron Hanson's studio
- May 17, Introduction to Blacksmithing, Gordon Barr, champion-details TBA
- May 24, Forge Building Workshop **CANCELLED!**

Events in June

- June 6-8, Hammer-In at Nowthen
- June 11, Guild membership meeting, Curved Dash Club

Events in July

- July 9, Guild Board meeting at Myron Hanson's
- July 26, 27, Little Log House Power Show, Hastings

Events in August

- Aug. 13, Guild membership meeting Gibbs Farm
- Aug. 8, 9, 10, Almelund Threshing Show (Nordquist)
- Aug. 8, 9, 10, Rose City (Mariette)
- Aug. 16 & 17, Nowthen Threshing Show (Fredell)
- Aug. 21-Sept. 1, MN State Fair

Events in September

- Sept. 19, 20, 21, The Madness at Little Log House in Hastings!

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The Forum

April 2008



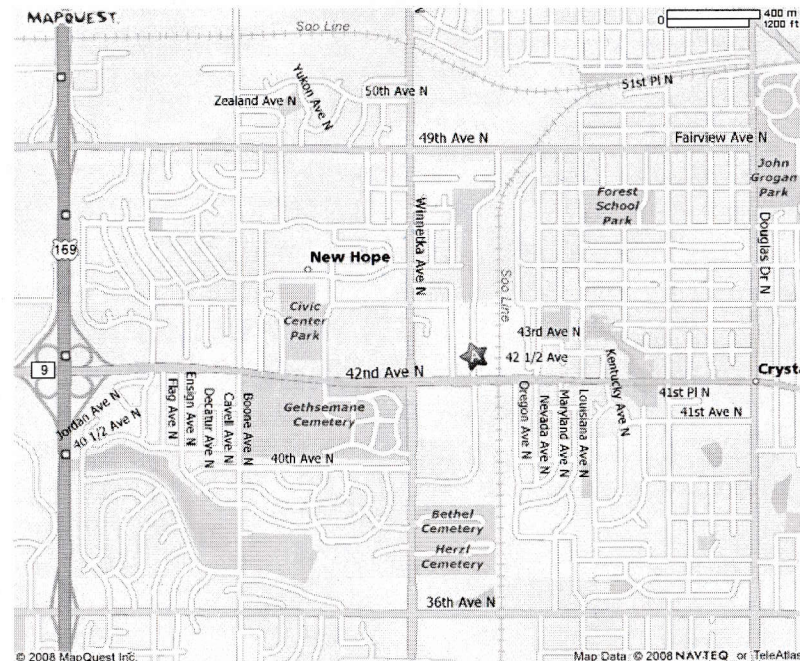
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Membership meeting April 9 to feature several types of seeders

The next membership meeting will be held April 9 at the Truax Company n New Hope, MN (<http://www.truaxcomp.com/>). Truax Company is the result of efforts of Jim Truax, a "shade tree" developer that started out 35 years ago building a grass seeder for his landscaping business. It worked so well, others asked him to build seeders for them.

This has evolved into a thriving business with several types of seeders being built in his plant. This will be an opportunity to see how they use several commercial off-the-shelf components including hydraulic systems plus formed sheet metal and welded metal frames to build up their units. Processes include welding and preparations for powder coating of the frames for the seeders.

Truax Company is located at 4300 Quebec Ave. N (near the intersections of Highway 100 and 81) in New Hope, MN. It is across the street from the Sunshine Factory, a popular restaurant. Come early (6:30 pm) and join in the pot luck dinner or later (7 pm) for business meeting and demo.



Forum deadline for May: Monday, April 15, 2008

The deadline for The Forum is always the third Monday of the month. If you have activities that will be occurring in the next few months and wish to have them published in the next Forum, please send them by Monday, April 15, 2008 to Georgia Myers, editor, by e-mail to:

forum@metalsmith.org
(e-mails will be forwarded to Georgia Myers), or to gldmyers@embarqmail.com or mail them to:

Georgia Myers
413 W Dakota St
Lake City MN 55041



The Guild of Metalsmiths, St. Paul, MN, 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.

For address change, or to submit comments, please mail to: The GoM Forum

Georgia Myers
413 W Dakota St
Lake City, MN 55041-1869
or e-mail to
forum@metalsmith.org or
gldmyers@embarqmail.com

Guild educational grants

There is grant money available for Guild members to study intermediate and advanced metal-working 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, "The 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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2008 BAM Conference Iron in the Hat

The Iron in the Hat drawing is a big event at the annual BAM Ozark conference each year. This year they are expanding the drawing and inviting neighboring affiliates like us to have an opportunity to participate in the drawing. If you will not be able to attend the conference, tickets will be available locally at the April membership meeting at a cost of \$1 per ticket.

Three prizes will be drawn for at the conference in May. These prizes are:

- 265 pound Ozark pattern double horn anvil with stand, tool tray, hot cut, and bending fork
- BAM box (by Pat McCarty) filled with "signature tools" (Tom Clark)
- Damascus hand forging hammer (by Hank Knickmeyer and Tom Clark)

After purchasing tickets, put your name and address on your ticket and place each ticket into one of three envelopes, one for each of the three prizes. Place your tickets into the envelope of the prize(s) you are interested in, each ticket can be used for only one of the prizes being drawn. If you are the winner of a prize, you will be responsible for shipping of the prize. However, there are a number of members traveling to the conference from the Guild; it should be possible to arrange for someone to transport items back here.

One interesting feature of the drawing this year is that if an affiliate such as our Guild sells at least 100 tickets, the local group will be allowed to keep half of the money collected. This means that for those local people planning on attending the conference and perhaps buying tickets there, it may help our group to buy them early instead.

If you are interested in purchasing Iron in the Hat tickets, please see Rich Herman at the April member meeting.

Wood symposium at Vesterheim Museum April 18-20

The Vesterheim Museum in Decorah, IA will be holding a symposium on Norwegian folk art in wood and related traditions including iron. "Coming Out of the Woodwork" will be held April 18-20, 2008 with classes the week before and after the symposium.

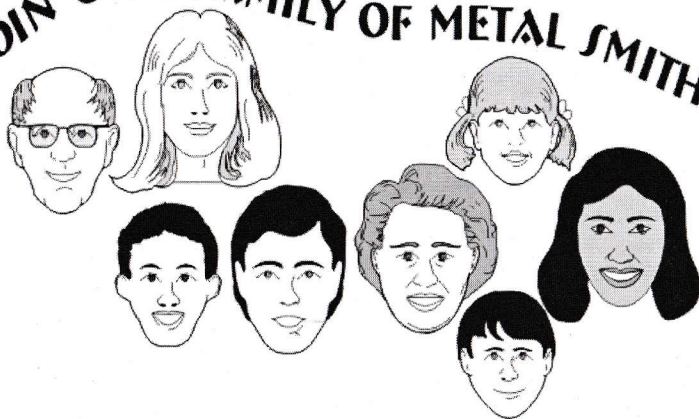
There will be a special exhibit of iron bound woodenware called "Fire and Wood" besides an exhibit of carved kubb stools.

Olav Mortensen (Norway) will teach two week-long knife-making classes (not including the blades) which would be of interest to smiths who have made blades and want ideas for proceeding further. Tom Latane will teach a two-day class in cold metalwork chisel cutting and embossing sheet for binding chests.

The Vesterheim has an impressive collection of wood and metalwork any smith interested in traditional work, knives, or combining wood and steel should see.

Contact the Vesterheim for a complete list of classes and speakers at 563-382-9681 or go to www.vesterheim.org

JOIN OUR FAMILY OF METAL SMITHS!



Gas Forge Building Workshop Saturday & Sunday, April 12 & 13

Instructors: Jim Moenck & Gordon Barr

Cost: Between \$150 and \$175, possibly less.

Class size: open, no restrictions

Location: Nowthen Blacksmith Shop at Nowthen
Threshing Show site (map on page 5)

This is a workshop in which we will all work collectively to make a venturi-style gas forge. The forge will be a single burner style. The body will be approximately 10" diameter by 12". It will be insulated with a 1" blanket of ceramic fiber, coated with a cementitious finish for durability. Fire brick will be used for the sliding doors on each end, making it possible to pass the stock through to heat the center of a work piece. The forge will set on a stand welded onto it for stability. This forge is a simple, economical forge that should be able to reach a welding temperature.

We expect to keep the cost between \$150 and \$175, possibly less. The final amount will vary, depending on how much material we can salvage, or have donated. The final cost will be determined after all materials have been procured.

We will need various extra equipment: belt grinders, welders, oxy/acetylene setups, etc. I will contact every participant to see if they have any equipment that could be used.

Please bring safety glasses and ear plugs--mandatory! Other safety equipment may include gloves, leather apron, cotton clothing, leather shoes.

Bring your own lunch or eat at a local establishment.

This is a Guild-sponsored class.

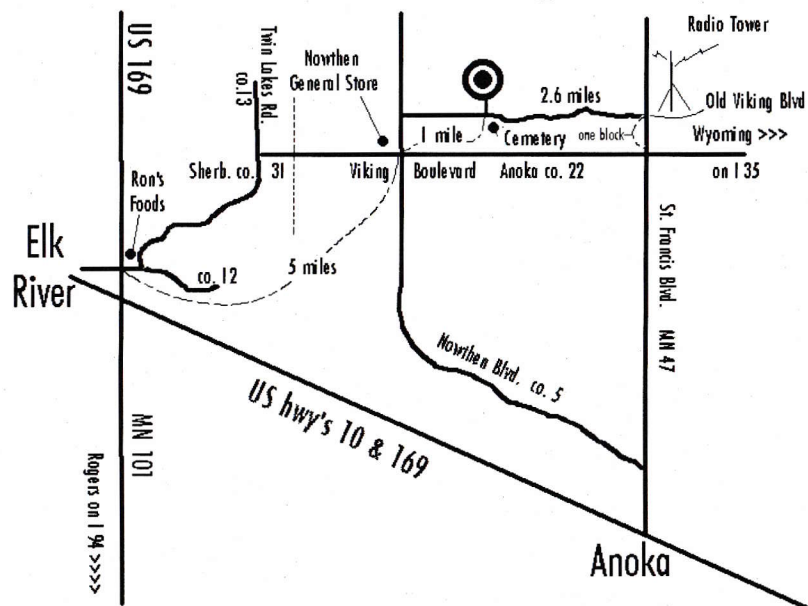
**Sign up soon for this Gas Forge
Building class. Fill out the form on
the next page and send to:**

**Jim Moenck
661 Dorland Road S
Maplewood MN 55119**

Gas Forge Building Workshop April 12 & 13, 2008

Call Jim Moenck at 651 73 5 4461 if you have questions.

Nowthen Threshing Show



Register for "Gas Forge Building Workshop." Fill out form below and mail to:

Jim Moenck
661 Dorland Rd S
Maplewood MN 55119

For questions, call Jim at 651-735-4461 or email jrmoenck@yahoo.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Art show featuring items by Guild of Metalsmiths members!

Plan to attend an art show on Sunday, April 27 at the Great River Road Learning Center at Freedom Park, Prescott, Wisconsin. A gallery opening with artist reception is from 1 to 4 pm where you can view new and private collection art pieces produced by Dave and Jesse Gavin. Their items will be on display until June 1.

Gallery address:

Great River Road Learning Center at Freedom Park
200 Monroe Street
Prescott WI 54021
715 - 262 - 0104

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday noon - 5 pm, and closed on Mondays.

This is the welcome center for Prescott and everyone is welcome!



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Muh Tsyr Yee—Japanese Laminated Cutlery
Jonathan Nedbor—Proficient Forging Techniques
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Badger Blacksmiths meetings

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pbranch@frontiernet.net

Jon Gooding

(715)-688-2067

hdriderjr@baldwin-telecom.net

Lake Superior Metalsmiths

Lake Superior Metalsmiths (LSM) meet the fourth Saturday of the month at noon from October through April. The meetings are potluck at noon at Dave Hanson's house, 5873 Taft Road, Duluth, Minnesota, 218-721-4572.

Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths

The NMM meetings are the first Monday of the month, often, but not always, at Keith Johnson's shop in Bemidji. Contact Keith for monthly specifics at keith@greatriverforge.com. The Northern Minn. Metalsmith's website is up again, different name, www.nmmetalsmiths.org

CALL TO ENTRIES

12th Annual, "Lines into Shapes" Art Exhibition and Sale, September 19th – October 4th, 2008. Open to all artists. Media accepted: oil, acrylics, water media, pastel/graphite/scratchboards, original printmaking, sculpture, fine art pottery, glass, photography, wood, fiber and jewelry. Over \$5,000 in prize monies awarded in 2007. Slide or CD only.

Non-refundable entry fee of \$13 per slide with a max. of 3 entries per artist. Deadline is July 15th, 2008. For prospectus, download entry form from www.artcenterofestes.com or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Art Center of Estes Park, P.O. Box 3635, Estes Park, CO 80517 or call 970-586-5882.

Basic Joinery Workshop

April 12 & 13, 2008

Minnesota School of Horseshoeing (map on next page)

8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Cost: \$75 includes material & fuels

Each student will take home a tenon swage, monkey tool and proper slitting chisel, a butcher and several joinery samples they will make during the workshop.

What to bring, basic tools: Hammer, tongs for 3/8 to 5/8 stock, center punch, measuring device, any slit/drift/punching tools, wire brush and your > safety gear.....eye protection, leather ankle high boot/shoe, hearing protection and non-synthetic clothing. There will also be some specialty tongs for sale, which is optional. Students will be provided the use of these tongs for the class and are not obligated in any to purchase them. This is more than an introduction to the basics of traditional joinery, and completion of Blacksmithing Basics is recommended. Some joinery experience/experimentation is helpful

1. What you will learn: a. Safety, keeping your cool in hot situations; b. Fire Management, the keys to success; c. Joinery fundamentals, the first steps; d. Joinery use in project design; e. Types of Joinery that you too can do! f. Practice, practice, practice, bring it all together.

2. Beginning with a clear head will prevent you from making mistakes that can hurt you. What's so important about Safety? Everything!

3. Why is Fire Management so important? Without proper control of your fire, forging becomes more work than it needs to be.

4. What types of joinery can I use in my design? What materials can I use? How to prepare your material for several types of joints. Plus my favorite topic "Pitfalls and perils of an out of control pyromaniac"

5. The use of forge welding in joinery, when to use a weld instead of a joint.

This is a Guild-sponsored class.

Classes fill up quickly, so register now for this Basic Joinery Workshop!

Registration form is on next page.

Instructor is Rome Hutchings.

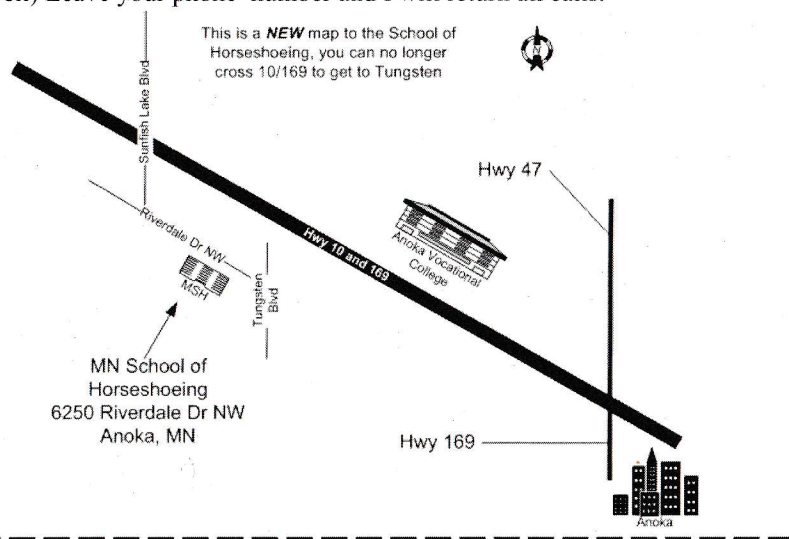
Basic Joinery Workshop

6. Types of forged joints, what their purpose is and how to use them in your work. a. Lap Joint b. Tenon c. Collaring d. Riveting e. Splitting & Drifting f. Forge Welding g. Other types of mechanical joints h. Much, much more!

7. Putting it all together, simple joints to begin with, progressing to more specialized joinery. A series of joints to practice what you have learned. This will be a forging intensive workshop, so get your arm into shape!

8. Note: Students should contact the instructor prior to this workshop to discuss tool requirements.

Instructor: Rome Hutchings, (763) 878-1694 (Home) or (763) 482-1181 (Cell) Leave your phone number and I will return all calls.



Register for "Basic Joinery Workshop." Fill out form below and mail, along with check for \$75 made out to "Guild of Metalsmiths" to:

Rome Hutchings
13633 Ferman Ave NW
Clearwater, MN 55320

For questions, call Rome at 763-878-1694 (home), or 763-482-1181 (cell)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Letter from Rome Hutchings, Chairman, ABANA Membership Services

All,

Time is coming near and I just want to remind everyone who is participating in the BAM Conference Ring Project that 50% of the money from the auction of the rings and Ms Liberty will go back to the participants.

The judging of all ring submitted for the project will take place on the first day of the conference. The rings selected to be mounted into the Ms Liberty frame will all share in the total proceeds for the auction of Ms Liberty. All remaining rings will be auctioned separately and again, 50% of the proceeds will go back to the participants. I believe that there is a second gate or grille project running and so there will possibly be a second round of selection.

We would like all who are making a ring to include a one page bio telling about yourself or your group and what your inspiration is for the work done to create your ring. The bio's will go wherever your ring goes, if it ends up being selected for Ms Liberty, it will go into a book and go to the new owner at auction time. You may include any pictures taken during the creation of your ring.

Current status of Ms Liberty: the Lady has been completed and some pictures taken along the way during the build have been posted on iForgeiron.com at this link:

<http://www.iforgeiron.com/gallery/showgallery.php/cat/725>

These same photos can also be viewed at this link:

<http://www.iforgeiron.com/gallery/showgallery.php/cat/500/ppuser/2228>

If you are not able to attend and will be shipping your ring, you can send it to my address below.

If there are any questions, and I do mean any questions.....please contact me and I will try to answer. If it is something I don't know, I'll get answers and get back to you or any member of your group asap.

In closing, please remember....we are doing this "For Love of the Craft" Help spread the word, this conference is one you don't want to miss!

I hope to see all of you in Sedalia!

Rome H. Hutchings, Chairman
ABANA Membership Services
The Prairie Forge
13633 Ferman Ave NW
Clearwater, MN 55320
(763) 878-1694

Plan now for the Fall Conference - Sept 19, 20, 21, 2008

The Program Committee is already busy setting up plans for the Fall Conference and has a great lineup of demonstrators for this year. For those interested in metal and swords we will have Howard Clark of Runnells, IA showing some of his skills and answering questions. Howard is a well-regarded for his knowledge in the fields of metallurgy, heat treating, Damascus pattern welding, and production of Japanese katana.

If you are more interested in artistic expression then Mick Maxen of Herts, England may be of interest. Mick uses pattern welded steel for items other than knife blades forging vessels and other items with wonderful shapes and beautiful patterns in the material and has won numerous awards at the Royal Show in England.

Either of these demonstrators would be a major draw, having both at the same conference will make this a definite must-see event.

In addition to the demonstrators there will be family activities again this year including rug making, Altoid Tin Repousse, Found Art, plus plans are being made to have broom making classes again.

The Exhibition Gallery will be available for everyone to bring an item to show off how much you have learned. This year we are improving the security of the gallery area to help protect the items on display.

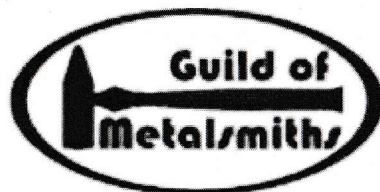
Tailgating will be available for those looking to share their old tools or get new ones. There are other events possibly occurring for our conference, more info will be provided as things are set.

All this will start with setup on Friday September 19th in the afternoon at the Little Log House south of Hastings, Minnesota. Friday night there will be the grand opening of the Gallery plus an introduction of the demonstrators and slide show and discussion of their work.

Demonstrations and family activities will continue on Saturday with the silent auction on Saturday afternoon and a live auction Saturday evening. This year the live auction will feature the Gate Project completed by one of the workshops sponsored by TGoM. More information on the Gate Project and information on how everyone may participate will be provided in future announcements.

Demonstrations will continue on Sunday with the conference concluding in the afternoon. As always, help will be appreciated with the set up and tear down of the conference.

— Rich Herman



Next Hammer-In set for June 6-8 at Nowthen!

The next Hammer-In is scheduled for June 6-8 (Fri-Sun) at the Nowthen Show Grounds. Put it on your calenders now. Primitive camping, water, and biffy's available. "Town" is not far away.

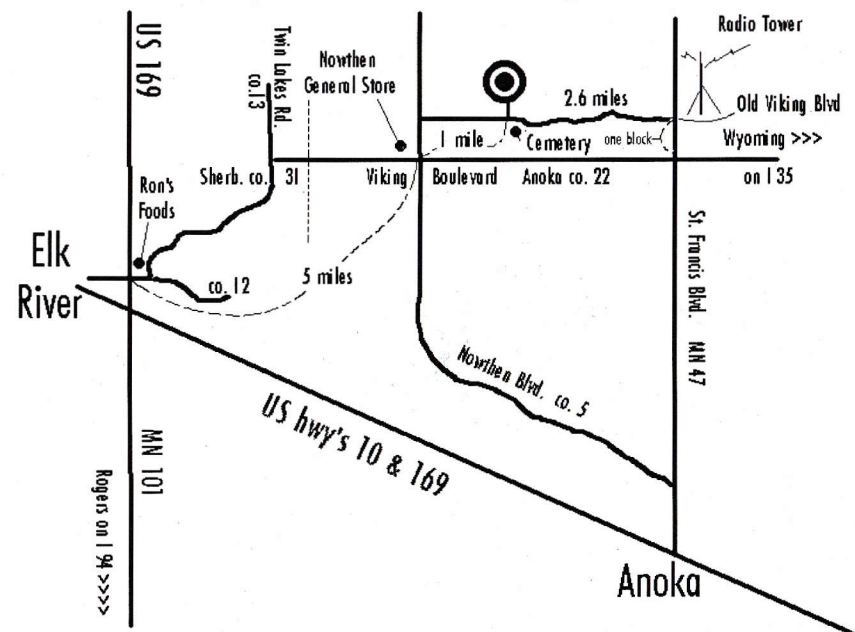
Saturday evening will include a potluck and fellowship. We're working on having a small refrigerator if that helps. But plenty of room for coolers, crock pots, seating, etc. Bring a chair. We'll bring a couple tables.

The theme has yet to be established. Besides just getting together, it's always a fantastic chance to learn and/or teach a thing or two.

There are 5 forging stations in the shop, so bring some stock, hand tools and your toys. Don't worry if you don't have "It all" yet. Bring what you can and show up. Actually, when do blacksmiths really have it all.....?.....thoughtless statement.

Look for more details in the next Forum. Contact me, Al Olson, with questions, 651-683-0906.

Nowthen Threshing Show



**Agenda – THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors
– March 19, 2008**

Held at the home of: Myron Hanson, 4015 Dodd Rd., Eagan, MN
55123

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 by Rich

Members in attendance:

Herman, Hanson, Frattalone, Fick, Phelps, Myers, Sigurdson,
Mariette, Heinen

Missing: Barr

AMENDMENT / APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S

MINUTES: Motion to accept by Myron and second by Herb.

Motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee-Mike Frattalone

DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE

\$14,756 (UP 2,303 FROM 3-14-7)

REMAINING GRANTS 7,075

CASH TOTAL 21,831

EXPENSES SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING ON 1-09-08:

WORKSHOPS 1,736

CONFERENCE 87

FORUMS 2,160

MEETINGS 173

SALES AND USE TAX 258

AWARDS, MEMORIALS 161

METALSMITH 8

DUES OVERPAYMENT 5

MISC 16

TOTAL EXPENSES 4,604

TOTAL DEPOSITS 4,631

COAL 7.2 TONS REMAINING OF 24 TONS

MEMBERS 313 (DOWN 7 FROM 3-14-7)

Mike handed out the year end summary for 2007 (attached to this report).

Tax accountant needed the average hours per week that officers and board members spent on Guild business in 2007. This information should be submitted to Mike.

Education Committee report- Dave Mariette

Add animal heads for fall

Jim Scott struck tools

Welding Steckman, Lindholm volunteered to help

Axe workshop

Basics by Latane (Jay Close model)

\$50 toolbox workshop

Four-inch folding knife workshop ... size could change

Next meeting 2 Apr at Mariette's

Program Committee- Myron Hanson

Cancelled Transportation museum. Now setting up for Truax, a manufacturer of ag equipment

March 19 Board meeting minutes continued

June at the Curved Dash Club, Nick Heinen Champion

August at Gibbs Farm, Al Olson champion

October at Machacek, in Northfield, Herb Fick Champion

December 14th at CSPS Hall, Frattalone and Phelps champions

Madness

Mike has confirmed the demonstrators

Publicity Committee- Roland Sigurdson

March Metalsmith is ready to go Friday. Call for members familiar with web site design to assist with improving the site. Submissions to Georgia on time please, the third Monday of each month

Long Term Planning Committee - Gary Myers

Bylaws voted down

Contention seems to be makeup of the board and officers voting rights. Officers are not included in the makeup of the seven member board. Officers are support staff to the board. No definition of general membership meeting exists in current bylaws. No reference to Robert's Rules of Order. The bylaws were approved by the board of directors and recommended for approval to general membership meeting. Next board meeting Gary will present revised bylaws.

Discussion tabled

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Donation proposal for the John C. Campbell Folk School for a new Blacksmith shop expansion (http://www.folkschool.org/index.php?section=articles&article_cat_id=9&article_id=55)

Recommended action: advertise in the Forum for individual members of the Guild to donate.

Blacksmith Organization Fundraiser – Roland. No action. One time donation to the Oakeshott museum was proposed at general meeting. Alternative proposal by Roland for the Guild to offset the cost of window grills up to \$100. Roland's motion amended to cap the donation at \$500 in materials. Motion passed. Wood turners guild want to investigate a project involving wood and forged steel for the Landmark Center. They can write up an article and publish in the forum. Thank you note from Dick Carlson's daughter. Thank you from Rich for condolences for father in law

AJOURNMENT: 9:25 PM motion by Myron, accepted without dissent.

Next board meetings:

19 March, 14 May, 9 July

Submitted: Al Lindholm