

The Forum

April 2011



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Dear TGOM Members,

At our recent TGOM Board meeting, we reviewed our annual financial situation. After doing a bit of "back of the napkin" mathematics, we reaffirmed our notion that mailing costs are a huge drain on our financial solvency. In fact, if you do the math, you will discover that approximately 66 percent of your annual dues go toward mailing you *The Forum*. Maybe it's just me, but I think we can do more interesting and useful things with our money than buying paper and postage.

To that end, members of TGOM Board have stepped up and voluntarily offered to stop getting their paper copies of *The Forum* and simply get an electronic version delivered to our email. We are asking you to do the same.

We know that not everyone in our organization is ready or capable of moving to a 'paperless' world, but for those of you that are able and willing, we would appreciate it and know that it will strengthen the financial status of the organization.

If you're ready to go paperless, please sent an email to Gordon Barr at: agbarr@aol.com with a message in the subject line reading: *E-Forum only please*.

Thank you.

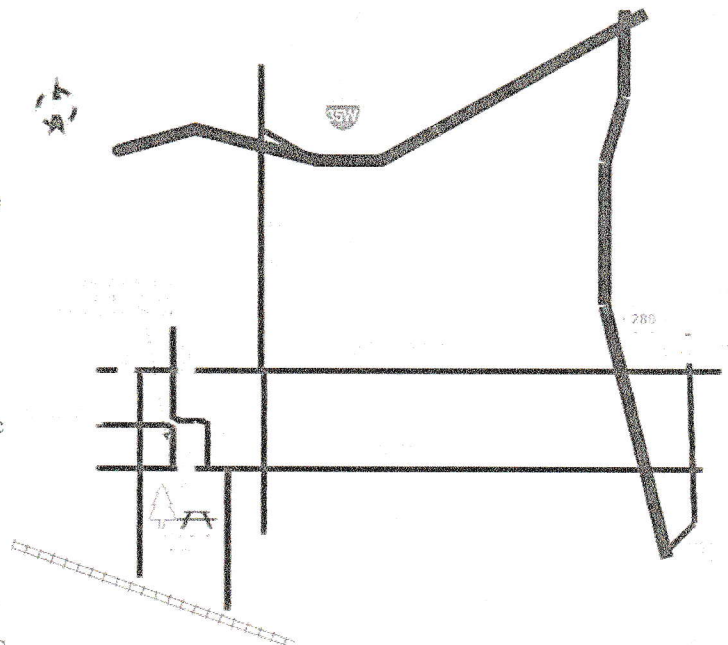
TGOM Board

The next Guild of Metalsmiths membership meeting is Wednesday, April 13 at the Oakeshott Institute, 1035 SE 14th Ave, Minneapolis. The building contains the lifetime collection of swords once owned by the late Ewart Oakeshott. Mr Oakeshott was a leading authority on European arms and armor. His collection contains more than 75 pieces and spans nearly 4,000 years of history. Included in the collections are a sword from the First Crusade, and a Scandinavian sword from the Bronze Age.

Ewart Oakeshott died in 2002 at the age of 86. His legacy lives on through the work and efforts of The Oakeshott Institute, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit education and research Institute.

The Oakeshott Institute's president, Christopher Poor, owns Arms & Armour, a business specializing in the replication of historic artifacts. For full information on this intriguing venue, visit www.oakeshott.org. Also visit www.armor.com.

The TGOM meeting starts at 6:30 pm with potluck, followed immediately by our membership meeting. At right is a map to the institute.



Forum deadline for May: Monday, April 18, 2011

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 18, 2011 to Georgia Myers, editor, by email to:

gdmymers@embarqmail.com

or mail them to:

Georgia Myers

413 W Dakota St

Lake City MN 55041

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Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information is as follows:

President: Ron Wendt

715-874-6141

rawblacksmithing@clearwire.net

Newsletter editor: John

Grump

715-835-0894

johngump@att.net

Lake Superior Metalsmiths

Lake Superior Metalsmiths (LSM) meet the fourth Saturday of the month. Potluck at noon with meeting to follow.

Contacts are:

Norm Groehler, President, 715-399-8151

normanwgroehler@centurytel.net

Jim Sage, Vice President, 218-525-7265

sageforge@cs.com

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 www.nmmetalsmiths.org

The NMM annual conference is rescheduled in 2011 to the third weekend in April, due to Easter being the fourth weekend.

Central Minnesota Blacksmiths (CMB)

Meet on the first Monday of each month

Pot Luck followed by demo

Locations are different every month so please call or write for info

Contacts are:

President: Ken Zitir

1-320-746-2557

ken@kensiron.com

Brian Johnson

16777 Co Rd 75 NW

Clearwater MN 55367

1-320-558-6898

New Members— April 2011

Gretchen Kieling

Minneapolis, MN

James Hunter

Siren, WI

The June 8 meeting of The Guild of Metalsmiths will be held at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts located in Wayzata, MN. Visit their website at

<http://www.minnetonkaarts.org/home.html>

Details for this meeting will appear in the May issue of *The Forum*.

For Sale

278 lb. Peter Wright anvil - nice. \$600.

Contact:

Don Hogenson

3019 County Road DD

Glenwood City, WI 54013

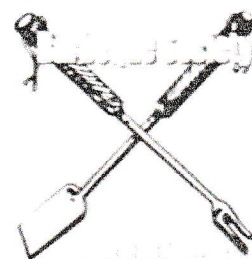
715-265-4701

OPEN FORGE TIME NOW AVAILABLE

Any member that would like to use a forge at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing can contact Nancy at the school. Phone is 763-427-5850 or Naneyduggan@ridgugan.com. Forges are usually available Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9-4. Cost would be \$10 plus you buy your own coal. Make arrangements with Nancy to ensure time is available.

Can you say "barbeque tools?"

**Opportunity to
demonstrate and
sell your products
at 'Minnesota in
May'**



Faribault, MN has been given the opportunity to host **Minnesota in May**, a state championship BBQ competition. This competition will be operated by the Minnesota BBQ Society and will be sanctioned by the Kansas City BBQ Society; they also provide the judges and will run the competition.

Minnesota in May will be held **Friday & Saturday, May 20, 21** at the Rice County Fairgrounds. The event will be open to the public and many family-based events will be held in addition to the competition:

Guild members interested in having a demonstration booth at this event, contact Rich Herman, who has entry forms and publicity.

Half of the proceeds generated by this competition will benefit the MN BBQ Society, and the other **half will be donated to the local organization IRIS** (Infants Remembered in Silence).

Check this out at the KCBS website: www.kcbs.us

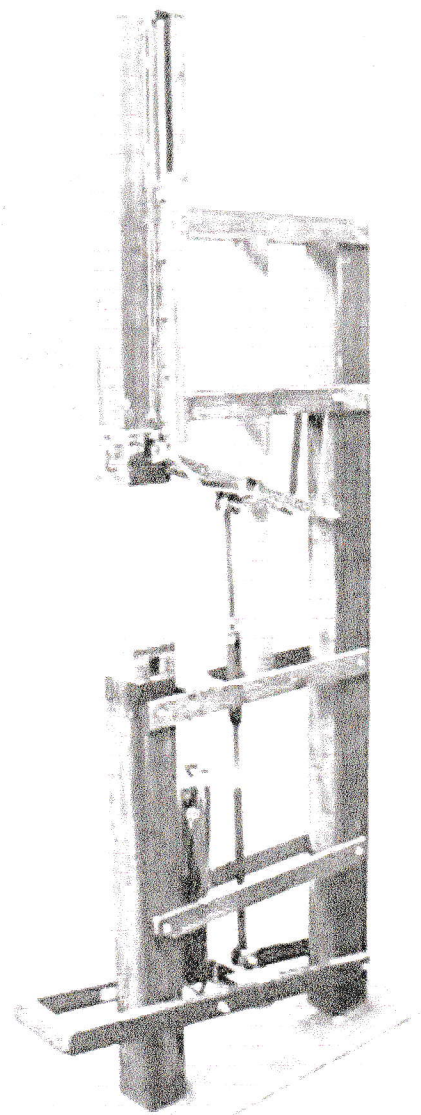
Treadle Hammer Kits Available

Treadle hammer kits are now available from Discount Steel for \$325. The kits have all the steel pre-cut to size and include all the nuts, bolts, spring, UHMW, turnbuckle and bushings needed to build the hammer. Drilling, tapping, grinding, deburring and welding are required to assemble the pieces.

The kits will be available through Discount Steel's website; www.discountsteel.com. Look for the photo on the front-page under "Featured Items." Place the order on-line and pay by credit card or cash when picking up the kit from Discount Steel. After payment is received, you will be able to download a 50 page set of drawings from their website. The entire kit weighs about 350 pounds and will be packaged on a small pallet for pick up. They will load so be prepared with a truck, van or trailer.

If unable to place your order online, contact Mike Klein, Mike@discountsteel.com and make the necessary arrangements. Any other questions, contact Gordon Barr at agbarr@aol.com or Chris Rand at chris@coppertopforge.com. We can also email members a PDF set of drawings.

As of the April Forum printing, the hammer kit was not on the web page yet. Try again in a couple days if you do not see it at www.discountsteel.com.



Opportunity to demonstrate coming up!

For anyone who wants a chance to do some demonstrating, there is a need for up to two blacksmiths at the Eidem Homestead Historical Site in Brooklyn Park on May 7, from 10 am to 1 pm.

This notice was originally sent to The Bellows, TGOM's email distribution list by Michael Newman. If you have any questions, please contact him via email at mjmsn1ng@yahoo.com

Or you can contact:

Susan Gower

Historical Site Coordinator-Eidem Homestead
Recreation & Parks Department (763) 488-6336

susan.gower@brooklynpark.org

5600 85th Ave. N.

Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

Forge Welding and More

The Forge Welding and More class scheduled for April 2 and 3 at the MN School of Horseshoeing is full!

Hammer-Making Workshop

The Hammer-Making Workshop set for April 9 at Dick Carlson's Flint Rock Forge in Hastings is full!

Build a Gas Forge

When: Saturday, May 7, 9:00 am until done around 4:00 pm

Where: Class will be hosted by Jody Emmings at Hot House Metal, 1161 Selby Ave., St Paul, MN 55104

Instructors: Jim Moenck, Wes Peterson

Cost: \$125

Class size: Maximum 10, minimum 6 students

This is a one day workshop in which we will make a venturi burner style gas forge. The forge will be a single burner model. The body will be approximately 10" diameter by 12" deep, made with a helium tank. This forge will be insulated with a 1" blanket of ceramic fiber, coated with a cementuous finish for durability. Fire brick will be used for the floor and sliding doors on each end, making it possible to pass the stock through, to heat the center of a work piece. The forge sits in a saddle, and is bolted to it for stability. This forge is a simple, economical forge. It will have a new burner design this year that gets very hot!

Tools & equipment: The class manager, Jim Moenck, will contact participants to see if they have any equipment that can be used.

Safety equipment: Safety glasses & ear plugs are mandatory. Other items that could be brought include cotton clothing, gloves, leather shoes or boots.

Lunch arrangements: Bring your own lunch, or eat at a local establishment. Luce Pizza is just a half block away, if you like a good pizza. With the prep work we will have done for the class, we should be finished by 4:00. Bring your own beverages to stay hydrated during the day (non-alcoholic, of course).



To register for this class, send a check made out to Guild of Metalsmiths for \$125 to:

Jim Moenck
661 Dorland Road S.
Maplewood, MN 55119

Please include your name, address, and phone number for easy contact. Call Jim with questions at 651-735-4461 or email jimmoenck@yahoo.com

TGOM Spring Hammer-In!

A Spring Hammer-in is scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 3,4,5 at the Nowthen Power Show

Blacksmith Shop. Come and hang out with a bunch of your friends and share/learn some new skills.

Camping on-site is available Friday night and Saturday night. Five forges are open for use.

Coal will be provided. Bring your own tools and steel. This year we will have some demonstrations on how to make leaves. There is no charge for this event.

Minutes – THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors Meeting – March 9, 2011

Held at: Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center, 3749
Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, MN
CALL TO ORDER: 6:55pm by Rich Herman

Members in attendance: Herman, Frattalone, Wessling, Rand, Sigurdson, Barr, Hicks, Pansch, Mariette, Ponder. **Missing:** Murray

AMENDMENT / APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES: Motion to accept by Barr second by Ponder. Motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee-Mike Frattalone
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 3-9-11 BOARD MEETING

DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE	16,033
(up 2,176 from 3-10-10)	
REMAINING GRANTS	2,075
CASH TOTAL	18,108
(down 1073 from 3-10-10)	
EXPENSES SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING ON 1-19-11:	
CONFERENCE	60
METALSMITH	1638
FORUMS 2 EA	577
WORKSHOPS	681
MEETINGS	76
SALES AND USE TAX	1335
TOTAL EXPENSES	4367
TOTAL DEPOSITS	4013

COAL 16-9 TONS REMAINING OF 24.4 TONS
MEMBERS 293 (DOWN 18 FROM 3-10-10)

Additional effort to be made to promote electronic-only option of distribution for the members to receive the Forum and Education committee to review pricing to cover costs of publicity. Review 2010 financials and income / expense breakdown comparison of 2009 & 2010. Motion to accept report Mariette, second by Wessling. Motion passes without dissent.

Education Committee report-Mariette, Vice Chair-Martin Pansch

Multiple sessions and longer duration classes will be offered this year- ie, 3 sessions of Struck Tools, 2 week knife class, 3 week Intermediate class. Forge welding to be offered. Continue transition into ABANA curriculum C.H.F.

Program Committee- Hicks, Vice Chair- Rob Murray

Member meeting at Oakshott is ready. Unknown location for June 8th and Oct. 12 meetings.

Publicity Committee- Sigurdson, Vice Chair- Chris Rand

Forum cost is down 10% from '09 but is still •66% of member dues. Big push to gather current email

address from those willing to go electronic. Announce in Forum and at the next 2 member meetings. As of now, 8 members are paperless. New website was previewed at Yust party- rave reviews and minor changes. Bellows will be a 'chat' style board with searchable database for members only. It was designed easy to update and maintain.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

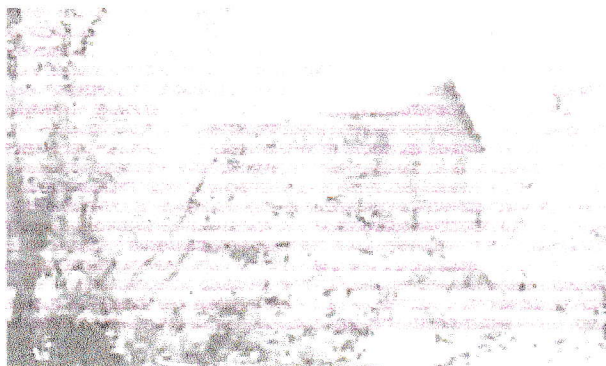
- ✓ A survey to identify why members drop is in the works and Ponder is to follow up with 'survey monkey' report.
- ✓ The Prog-Com has requested funding for power-vents to be installed in the storage trailers. Motion by Sigurdson to approve \$335 additional funding, second by Barr. Motion passes.
- ✓ Ponder report on the negotiations with Norm Larson. Norm sending a \$ 3,295 check for royalties due since 2006. On average, 130 books sold per year. In addition, there are between \$1705 - \$1377 due for extra copies. Presented 3 contract options with Finney for the future of the book rights, royalties and publishing. Discuss and choose an option. Motion to accept Mariette, second by Pansch, motion passes pending two signatures of GOM offices on Finney contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ✓ Status of treadle hammer plans by Gordon Barr and report on kit.
- ✓ Discussion of operating costs and the need to sustain our ability to make occasional capital purchases like trailer, equipment, etc.
- ✓ Discuss email from Mr. Sage concerning liability issues.
- ✓ Tour of Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: 9:21 PM, Motion by Mariette, second Barr, accepted without dissent.



News from Tunnel Mill

Tunnel Mill is located 85-100 miles south of the Twin Cities in the country five miles north of Spring Valley, MN on County Road 1.

Contact for class registration:

Carol and John Adams, 507-289-4189 or 507-289-5246

Email: jc-adams@msn.com

Website: www.tunnelmillcrafts.com

Upcoming in 2011...

Bread Oven class: Build and bake in a portable brick oven, May 7, 2011. Join David S. Cargo at Tunnel Mill to learn how to build a portable stacked-brick oven. After the oven is built, it will be fired up while students learn how to make dough for flatbreads, pizza and bread. Bake (and eat) all these in the brick oven. Class runs 9am-5pm, May 7, 2011. Bring a light sack lunch, we will sample products made around mid afternoon. You will leave with knowledge in baking and building and also plans to build your own oven. Fee to be collected at class is \$60.00 per student.

Tom Latane: Door hardware class, May 20, 21, 22. Students will forge a spring latch with a ring handle. The forge welded ring handle will be mounted on a shaft which will pass through a chisel-cut escutcheon, (the door), and then a chisel cut latch plate and be secured to a forged cam which will lift the latch bar. The latch bar will be under pressure from a spring, forged as part of the staple which retains the bar against the latch plate. The spring provides a more positive catch than a gravity latch. Parts will be forged, filed, and fitted. May 20, 21, 22, 2011

Bernard Heer: 3-day class on June 3, 4, 5 is cancelled due to a change in Mr. Heer's plans. He has a chance to work on a six to seven month project in Beijing, China, and obviously could not pass it up!

Roger Degner: June 11 & 12, Roycroft hammered copper vase, Quarters mokume, pipe forging from chili peppers to flowers

Peter Ross: 2-part class June 20, 21, & 22 and June 24, 25, & 26, 2011. If you missed his 2010 class, plan now to attend! We are discussing the possibility of tool making for the first 3 day class...more than likely a hacksaw, the second 3 day class would be making a Betty Lamp with a flip lid, or Bracket part II (covering water leaves, flat leaves, more forge welding). Don't miss this opportunity to study with this Williamsburg Blacksmith. We still have 3 openings in Peter's class.

Mike Blue: Damascus II, July 8, 9 and 10. Advanced patterning techniques. This class is intended to spend time in further pattern development beyond simple welding of a flat laminate and the incised patterns discussed in the previous class. Any beginners should really try to keep their projects within this domain. The complex patterns discussion will be beneficial but not an expectation.

We will discuss the development of the original mosaic designs found in European shotguns and the concepts involved in upset patterns like the current favorite "W" pattern and it's many variations including parquet development and the techniques to bring out that pattern on the surface of the billet. Another subject will be powder metal mosaic forms. This will include tool development for pattern manipulation and assistance in welding.

Anyone who wishes to explore the W pattern can bring along a lower layer count billet they prepared before the class. There will be less time talking and more time forging this go around. We're moving up into complex patterns where materials preparation will require a lot more time and the possibility of weld failures more likely.

Nathan Robertson: August 6, Heat Treated Hammer Class
Choose your hammer, shape, and size.

Doug Wilson: Date Sept. 8, 9, 10, and Sept. 11, 12, & 13
Doug was a demonstrator at Guild of Metalsmiths Conference 2010
Doug will do two 3-day classes.

1st class—Working on lighting with electricity and mica. This is a change from the originally scheduled class on tool making.

2nd class: 3 day Drawing & Design: Drawing, design, and transforming ideas to metal

Note: This information is provided as a service for our members. Members may submit items for sale and upcoming events that are considered relevant to our group, and they will be published as space permits. The Guild of Metalsmiths is not responsible for these items or events.

Goings on...

A calendar of TGOM events at a glance

- All Education Committee meetings are the first Monday of each month.
- All Program Committee meetings are the third Thursday of each month.
- All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October, except December for the holiday gathering. For most 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).
- All board meetings are the second Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Potluck meal begins at 6:30, with meeting starting at 7 pm.



Events in April, 2011

- April 2 & 3, Forge Welding Class, Dave Mariette - CLASS IS FULL!
- April 9, Hammer-Making Workshop, Dick Carlson's studio south of Hastings - WORKSHOP IS FULL!
- April 13, membership meeting at Oakeshotte Institute, Minneapolis.

Schedule Change:

The annual conference for Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths is rescheduled in 2011 to the third weekend in April, due to Easter being the fourth weekend.

Events in May, 2011

- May 7, Gas Forge Building Class, see page 4 for details.
- May 11, Guild board meeting.

Events in June, 2011

- June 3, 4, 5, Spring Hammer-In at Nowthen.
- June 8, membership meeting at Minnetonka Center for the Arts. Details next issue.

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**Join The Bellows, our email discussion forum.
Information at:**

<http://www.metalsmith.org/bb/TheBellows.htm>

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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, “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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