

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 306 members. Your renewal date is on the mailing label as 20XX.Q (year.quarter).

Attention Please!

If your label says. 2000.3 your membership is up for renewal. Please send your \$30 dues to:

The Guild of Metalsmiths
PO Box 11423
St. Paul MN 55111

How to Join

Send \$30 dues with your name, address, (and if you would) phone numbers -home -shop -fax, email address, web page to the above address.

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. Your comments can be mailed to The GoM Forum, c/o Gene Olson, 8600 NE O'Dean Ave. Elk River, MN 55330-7167, Faxed to 612-441-5846, or emailed to: forum@metalsmith.org.

Metalsmith articles:

Those of you working on those informative articles for our quarterly magazine. The **copy deadline for the issue 4 of 2000 is Nov 1**. Send them to: Marcia McEachron, editor, 451 Taft St. NE RM 8 Door 35, Minneapolis, MN, 55413, Fax: 612-781-8435

Please!

!!!Metalsmith Back Issues ARE Available!!!!

The Guild of Metalsmiths will provide back issues of "The Metalsmith" to members for \$5.00 each at least until the September board meeting when I will report on our one year plus test of this service.

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

To order a back issue, just contact me, Pete Stanaitis anyway you can telling me the volume and the issue number(s) that you want. Send a check made out to "Guild of Metalsmiths" for \$5.00 for each issue requested to me at 2476 10th Av, Baldwin, WI, 54002.

Some of the back issues will come from our Guild inventory and others will be reproduced in full by me.

In this Month's forum:

- The July board meeting
- Fall Conference (The Madness)
- Kirsten Skiles demos near Milwaukee
- Tunnel Mill Hammer In
- Directory Updates
- Want Ads
- Toolmaking Workshop.
- Basic Blacksmithing Classes

The July Board Meeting: July 12th

Fredell's Place, Minneapolis

In attendance: Dave Feterl, Mike Frattalone, Robert Johnson, Alexa Kelley, Fred McClusky

Dave Feterl called the meeting to order.

ABANA attendees cut into the attendance.

Committee Reports:

Financial: 303 members, \$5600 over last year. \$17000 in treasury going in to fall conference. (We still haven't found (and spent money for) a good small trailer, see other business)

Education Committee: Two workshop weekends still being nailed down but other wise the year's schedule is all set.

Program Committee:

October Meeting will be at Ft. Snelling in the Auditorium of the Visitors' Center.

The Fall Conference is our main focus.

We need Volunteers to help set up and tear down. We also need volunteers to help on the construction of the Chandeliers that will go into the main hall and people to help finish the bleachers.

Publicity(missed the meeting)

Other Business:

Bleachers: We have a system figured out and just need a few volunteers to help us get the donated bleachers ready for the fall Conference.

To help with the bleachers, the chandelier, or setup

call DICK CARLSON. 651-437-3329

We are still looking for a small (6x10) trailer for meeting stuff, chairs, tables, etc. Call Dave Feterl if you think you know of one. 651-681-0625 (We are looking for a nice clean trailer which our volunteers can park in their driveways for a few days or weeks without upsetting the spouse or the neighbors. There will be a place to store it when not in use)

Owatonna, Hammerin is all set up for the 6th. Myron will host a Guild "Party and Camp out" at his cabin in Waterville, near Fairbault on Sat, for those who wish to start the day fairly close to the event.

Next meeting is at Nowthen, August 9th.

September Board Meeting will be on the 13th at Fredells.

The Meeting was adjourned at about 9:30.

The Guild of Metalsmiths 23rd Annual Fall Conference

September 22th, 23th, 24th, 2000

Volunteers needed for setup, Sculpture pedestals and clip on lights needed for gallery. Call Dick Carlson!

You should have gotten the info on this but if somehow you didn't, here it is.

Little Log House Antique Power Show Grounds is our site this again this year, south of Hastings, MN. This location offers us great space with interesting surroundings and separate indoor space for the family activities. The site features several dozen restored antique buildings including a church, spiral bridge, a large selection of early houses stores and farm buildings. Another special feature is the extensive flower gardens. It's a place everyone will enjoy! Our thanks to the Bauers for making the site available.

Demonstrators

Elmer Roush Brasstown, NC

Elmer has 30 years of experience as a blacksmith. He has studied with Bill Fiorini, Peter Ross, Michael Saari, and many others and has taught at the John C. Campbell Folk School, SW Virginia Community College, Touchstone School of Crafts, and Peter's Valley School of Crafts. He is currently self-employed as an artist blacksmith. Elmer is resident blacksmith at the John C. Campbell Folk School and a board member of ABANA. Elmer has recently returned from a trip to Ireland where he studied 10th Cent. Weapons and smithing techniques. He will demonstrate period knife and spear

making as well as sculpting and carving figures in iron.

Bob Bergman Postville, WI

Bob Bergman has been blacksmith for 30 years. During the 1970's Bob traveled and worked with many smiths in the South and Eastern parts of the country. Also traveling to England, he further broadened his palette of experience by exposure to the varied industrial and artistic techniques that the artist smiths were using in that country. Bob's style is to utilize industrial tools and techniques and apply them to ornamental work." Bob will demonstrate the use of flat die forging techniques using a KA-75 hammer. He will also show how to make both open and closed dies without machine tools. Bob lives and works in Southwestern Wisconsin.

Nana Showalter Blanchardville, WI

Nana Showalter is a sculptor who uses blacksmithing techniques in her work. She studied at Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, Milwaukee, WI and received both Bachelor and Masters degrees in Fine Art from UW-Madison. She was first introduced to blacksmithing in 1984 by Bob Bergman. Nana's work includes interior sculpture, garden sculpture, candleware and tables, as well as commission work. She combines iron, copper, and brass in works inspired by images of ancient cultures from around the world. She exhibits and demos nationally, and is active in the Upper Midwest Blacksmith Association. Nana lives and works in rural Southwestern Wisconsin.

Family Activities are going to be great this year. With a clean indoor building, we will be providing a number of activities. It's

time to persuade the family to join you for the weekend. Sheri Stanaitis is leading a new program featuring both demonstrations and hands on projects.

- Sat AM - English wheel demo with Don Hammer
- Sat PM Antique shopping in Cannon Falls with Irma Carlson
- Sat PM Beeswax candle making with Alexa Kelly (\$5.00 at door)
- Sun PM Crochet Class with Donna Doree. (\$1.50 at door)

for info on family activities call Sheri Stanaitis 715-698-2895

Tailgate Sales

Tailgate Sales is for those that need more space in the shop and have treasures they can't use, but others can. We request that items be metal related and that there be a donation to the Auction of at least one item.

Gallery.

The gallery is a studio-like space the Guild creates on site. It is a special opportunity for guild members to display items they have made. Every one is strongly encouraged to bring pieces for display when you register. This year's gallery will be in a new, clean building and provides a great place to show new or old work, bring your work, that antique find, or some particularly fine piece you have acquired.

Open Forging Stations

Open Forging Stations are now in a separate building. If you are an experienced smith, or new to the world of hot metal, the open forging stations will provide a hands on treat.

Auction.

This year's auction will be divided into two components. In order to keep the live auction to a reasonable time span, it will feature the more significant items of interest, including hand crafted items. Other items will be sold at the silent auction which will run from 12:30 PM and close at 4:30 PM.

The auction is the Guild's primary money raising event of the year. We encourage our members to make something to be donated to the auction. The member-made items are the most popular and bring the most money to the Guild. (For years, people have been donating odds & ends to the auction. While this type of

donation is still needed, your hand crafted items are still the most popular.) The Auction will be Saturday Night after Supper. Sept. 25th, 1999.

The forging station raffle

Raffle tickets are going to be just a buck, with the money going to expand what we do for the members. Items this year are, first, a complete blacksmithing outfit. This set includes a great forge, mounted leg vise, anvil with stump, handtools, fire tools, tongs, and hammers. Most of the tools will be hand forged items any blacksmith would be proud of. Second is a side draft forge hood for those who are tired of getting smoke in their face. This hood draws the smoke out without covering over the fire. Ask those who have used one how great they are.

Tickets for the forging station will be sold at the conference or you can get yours from Sheri Stanaitis. You need not be present to win.

Friday: Sept. 22th

1:00 PM General conference set-up
7:00 PM Gallery Party and registration opens

Saturday: Sept. 23th

7:30 AM Registration opens
8:30 AM Opening Ceremony
9:00 AM Silent Auction begins - closes at 4:30 PM all Items must be paid for by 5:15 PM
9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Demonstrations, Open Forging and Family Activities

12 noon Lunch
12:45 PM Anvil Toss - Outside of registration building
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Demonstrations, Open Forging and Family Activities

5:15 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Live Auction - registration building

Sunday: Sept. 24th

7:30 AM Registration opens
7:30 AM Breakfast
8:30 AM Opening Ceremony
8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

Demonstrations, Open Forging

and Family Activities

12 noon Lunch

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Demonstrations, Open Forging
and Family Activities

Raffle drawing after Demonstrations
end, in the main registration
building.

3:15 PM Closing Ceremony,

3:16 PM **Clean up** - your help is
greatly appreciated

The fee for the conference is \$35
meals are \$32/ person, by Sept 10th

Late registration and at door \$40

If you need more information call
Dick Carlson at 651-437-3329

Bighorn Forge 2000 Conference

**Featuring Guild member Kirsten
Skiles**

September 9th and 10th 2000

"I am inspired by a combination of Nature
and 18th Century decorative ironwork.
The techniques of Chasing and Repousse',
on steel and other metals, allow the
creation of naturalistic relief panels that can
be used as wall pieces or as components of
other work" "I use the natural imagery and
dramatize it, striving for the feeling that I
remember from the illustrations of
children's books and fairy tales. Leaves,
animals, and even weeds seem to rise out
of the surface of the metal with a life of
their own. The pieces exist in a tenuous
realm between imagination and reality".

-- Kirsten

Skiles

Kirsten Skiles has a Master of Fine Arts,
Jewelry & Metalsmithing from San Diego
State University. She travels around the
United States and Canada teaching her
unique style of metalwork, and was one of
the featured demonstrators at the ABANA
Conference 2000 in Flagstaff, Arizona in
July. She has been in several exhibitions,
and has won several honors for her work.

Schedule of Events:

Friday Night: Blacksmith Film Festival!!
Featuring works and shops of Alfred
Habermann, Antonio Benotton, Cyril
Colnik, Samuel Yellin, Francis Whitaker,

and more! Saturday:

7:30 Registration, coffee and doughnuts

8:30 Demo begins size

12:00 Picnic style lunch*

1:00 More demos

4:30 Open forge

6:00 Country style supper*

7:00 Live Irish Music & bon fire

Sunday:

7:30 Registration, coffee and doughnuts size

8:30 Demo begins

12:00 Picnic style lunch*

1:00-3:00 Demo

Saturday: \$25: Sunday: \$20 Both Days:
\$35.00 * Additional fee for meals Notes:
Tail gate Sales Welcome! Yes! We have a
Porta John!

For information call (262) 626-2208, or fax
(262) 626-3324.

Directions to the Conference: Bighorn
Forge is approximately 45 miles North of
Milwaukee, in the Town of Kewaskum.
Take highway 45 to Badger Rd. (Look for
large white sign at intersection reading
"BEST TRAILER CORP." Head West on
Badger Road past two 'STOP' signs. Bighorn
Forge will be the first place on the North side
of the road after the second 'STOP' sign.
(About 2 miles West of Highway 45) Watch
for the "Anvil" signs with arrows!

Tunnel Mill Hammerin

Sat-Sun September 30 & Oct 1, 2000

Stewartville MN (South of Rochester)

Your Hosts: John and Carol Adams

More information next month ,
I just thought you might like to mark your
calendar.

Directory Updates:

We left space . Get out your pen.

A hearty welcome to our New Members:

BRUVOLD, ROGER

2585 RALPH ST

WHITE BEAR LAKE MN 55110

Home Phone: 651-653-0114

Work Phone: 952-736-5786

Email: scandia@bitstream.net

ODLAND, TIMOTHY

7655 VERNON ST

ROCKFORD MN 55373

Home Phone: 763-477-6623

Email: trodland@aol.com

SHAHEEN, LAURENCE

205 FREEDOM CIRCLE

HARLEYSVILLE PA 19438

Home Phone: 215-368-2618

Email: lcscr@aol.com

TOKLE, DAVID

12951 CTY RD 3

ELLENDALE MN 56026

Home Phone: 507-684-2424

Address Changes:

WALSH, BOB

306 LAKE ST

PEPIN WI 54759

KEITH JOHNSON

Email: keith@greatriverforge.com

Corrections:

KITTLESON, CORKY

Thats 300 EAST 4th St.

ST PAUL

Bounced E-mail, address corrections requested

We sent out a notice about a party before
the Owatonna Hammer In and these
addresses failed. If you recognize yours
(and let me know what is wrong,) or if
you have one you would like to have
added to the list.

I'll correct the data base.

Mailto: Gene@metalsmith.org

<eldreche@mailcity.com>

<ironmand@ncn.net>

<psy0@bitstream.net>

<vangalis@ibm.net.>

<christopher-rand@mcad.students.edu>

<magnus@visi.com.>

<cate.hesser@stpaul.com>

Letters:

To have your letter printed here, Address it
Dear Forum: and mail it to The GoM
Forum, c/o Gene Olson, 8600 NE O'Dean
Ave. Elk River, MN 55330-7167 ; email it
to: forum@metalsmith.org or FAX to 612-
441-5846

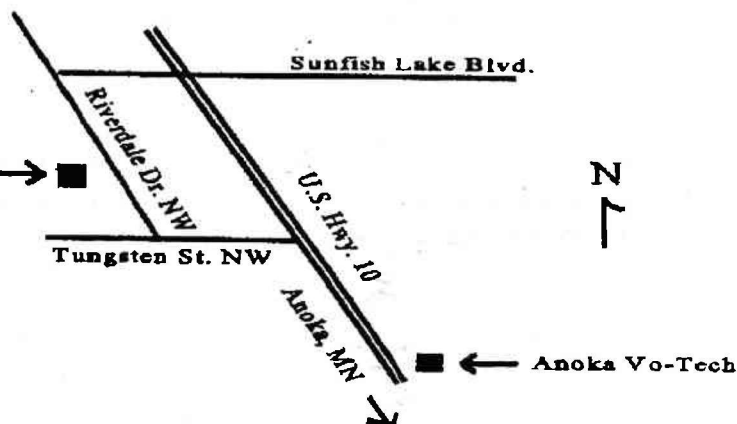
Guild of Metalsmiths Educational Workshops

Class title:

Making and Heat Treating Tools (from coil springs

School of Horseshoeing →

*pd 9/5
on 9-13-00*



When: Saturday

September 2nd, 1999 9:AM till 4:PM

Where: Minnesota School of Horseshoeing Map

6250 Riverdale Drive

Ramsey MN 55303

Phone at school: 612-427-5850 (NOT a Guild info number)

Instructors Jim Scott and Larry Vensel
35782 Lake Street
Cohasset, MN 55721
(218) 328-5018
email: "Jim" <elnjws@uslink.net>

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

Class Size: 8 people

Class Description: This is a basic blacksmithing class where we will make simple tools: chisels, punches, etc. out of 1/2" coil spring, and heat treat them - anneal, harden and temper. Each person will make a couple tools and get them annealed before lunch break. After lunch, we will do heat treating. We will have some annealed chisels and punches, so if someone doesn't finish theirs, they will still have one to heat treat.

You need to bring: Eye, ear and hand protection. Cotton, wool or leather work clothes, and work shoes. Bring your favorite blacksmith tools (if you have some). You will need - tongs for 1/2" round stock, hammer, file, round file and hot rasp. Bring these if you have them - if not we will have some extras.

SEND TO: Jim Scott, 35782 Lake Street, Cohasset, MN 55721 (218)328-5018
\$20.00 members \$30.00 nonmembers Check payable to: The Guild of Metalsmiths

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS

Beginning Blacksmithing Workshops

2000-2001 Program Year

Read Carefully

This is the only notice you will receive on the Beginning Blacksmith Workshops

The Guild of Metalsmiths will offer comprehensive workshops in beginning basic blacksmithing processes designed for people with little or no experience. After completing the beginning blacksmithing workshop, the student will be able to complete Unit 1, "Conquering the Basics" and Unit 2, "Beginning Projects" in *The Blacksmithing Study Guide*. Please note—We do not issue copies of *The Blacksmithing Study Guide* to non-members. Therefore, membership in the Guild of Metalsmiths is required in order to take the workshop.

» The course of instruction.

Each workshop consists of four, all day sessions. The primary instructional emphasis is on the student learning and practicing the basic (also known as traditional) blacksmithing processes of fire control, drawing out, upsetting, punching, bending, twisting, slitting and heat-treating. Safety is always stressed. In these workshops, we concentrate on practicing the basic blacksmithing processes rather than immediately making an item *because the blacksmith must be well grounded in the basics*.

As the workshop progresses from one session to the next, students will make one, or perhaps two, hand forged items requiring use of the skills they have learned.

The cost of a four session workshop varies depending on your situation (see the registration form). The fee includes use of most of the tools that you will need, coal and iron stock that you will use, and a copy of *The Blacksmithing Study Guide* if you are a new member. Exception—if you already have a copy of *The Blacksmithing Study Guide*, you will not receive nor pay for a second copy.

» Workshop location – Minnesota School of Horseshoeing

6250 Riverdale Drive NW

Ramsey, MN 55303

Just north of Anoka, one block west of Hwy 10/169 and Sunfish Lake Boulevard.

» Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All classes are held on Saturday.

» Bring hearing and eye protection, appropriate work gloves and a blacksmith hammer to all sessions.

» Sign up soon. These workshops will fill quickly. Current members receive first priority; new members will be registered after September 15, 2000.

» You will sign up for and attend one of the three workshops listed below. Each workshop contains four sessions. Please select in priority order.

Workshop A

October 14, 2000 Pd 10/23
October 28, 2000 Pd 10/23
November 11, 2000
December 2, 2000

Workshop B

January 6, 2001
January 20, 2001
February 3, 2001
February 17, 2001

Workshop C

February 24, 2001
March 10, 2001
March 24, 2001
April 7, 2001

DETACH & RETURN WITH PAYMENT

Registration deadlines: Current Members September 15, 2000
 New Members October 2, 2000

Name (print) _____ Telephone: _____

Address _____

Email: _____

Indicate Workshop choice by letter A, B, or C:

First Choice _____ Second Choice _____ Third Choice _____

Check on of the following:

☐

I am a member of The Guide of Metalsmiths. Enclosed is my registration fee of \$120, which includes payment for a copy of *The Blacksmithing Study Guide*.

☐

I am a member of The Guild of Metalsmiths. Enclosed is my registration fee of \$105. I have a copy of *The Blacksmithing Study Guide*.

☐

I am not a member of the Guild of Metalsmiths. Enclosed is my registration fee of \$150, which includes payment for a copy of *The Blacksmithing Study Guide* and membership in The Guild.

Make check payable to: "The Guild of Metalsmiths"

Return to: Don Halverson
1009 East Case Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55106-3907

You will receive confirmation of your registration
You are not registered until your payment is received.
Your check will not be cashed until the start of your scheduled workshop.

» You will sign up for and attend one of the three workshops listed below. Each workshop contains four sessions. Please select in priority order.

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