

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

Gene Olson, editor

Attention Please!

If your label says. 2001.3 your membership is up for renewal. Please send your \$30 dues to:

The Guild of Metalsmiths

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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

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Email now working again:

Forum@metalsmith.org.

Is again a working address.

Gene Olson, Editor

Metalsmith articles:

Those of you working on those informative articles for our quarterly magazine. **The copy deadline for the issue 4 of 2001 is Oct 1.**

Send them to:

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MINNEAPOLIS MN 55418

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Please!

---Metalsmith Back Issue Service---

Back issues of The Metalsmith are available to Guild members for only \$3.00 each, postage included.

Use your most recent copy of the Metalsmith's How-to index to pick out the topics that interest you most. Then, if you don't already have those Metalsmiths in your collection, get them from the Guild of Metalsmiths Back Issue Service!

To order, write the Volume and Issue number(s) on a slip of paper along with your mailing address.

Include a check for \$3.00 for each issue made out to Guild of Metalsmiths. Send it to:

Pete Stanaitis

2476 10th Ave.

Baldwin, WI. 54002

If you have any questions about the service, contact Pete at 715-698-2895 or email me at: spaco@Baldwin-telecom.net

Need HELP finding old "Metalsmith" newsletters

I am putting together a "complete set" of The Metalsmith to be raffled off at the Madness (sometimes called the Fall Conference) and I can't locate certain very old issues.

They are:

Volume 1, numbers 3 through 8

Volume 2, numbers 4 through 8

Volume 3, number 8

Volume 4, number 8

We are almost convinced that these issues were never actually written, so this is my last try. If you have any of these issues, please contact me and I will arrange to borrow them from you to copy. I will put one copy in the raffle set and one copy in our archives.

Thank you,

Pete Stanaitis

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THE COAL IS HERE

The new shipment arrived on July 6th.

Genuine Pocahantas coal like we had before.

NEW PRICING

The new Coal cost more than the last shipment. It seems that the Utilities are now bidding on clean coal instead of installing scrubbers on their stacks. As a result the price has gone up.

The New prices:

5 gal bucket *- \$5.50 including sales tax.
(Guild measuring bucket not your 5 1/4 gal paint bucket with the airspace on top)

55 gal drum - \$50 incl. sales tax.

Ton price (1/2 ton minimum) \$180/T

(*Individual samples may vary, but our

samples of the new coal weighed in at ~35#/five gal pail)

The July Board Meeting:
submitted by Gene Olson

July 11, 2001 at the home of Bob and Mary Fredell, Minneapolis, MN

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Feterl

Present: Dave Feterl, Mike Fratalone, Bill Hanson, Myron Hanson, Bob Johnson, Al Olson, Gene Olson., Bryan Steckman

Committee Reports:

Financial Committee:

Mike Frattalone reported \$18358.59 in the treasury (after coal purchase and prior to bill for shipping) 321 members. 501C3 committee has turned in its report. (More under Old business)

Education Committee:

Bob Johnson reported that the coming years classes are shaping up. Instructors for the basic classes have been recruited and will attend the Instructors workshop on Sept 8th, to sharpen their teaching skills.

Currently the next scheduled class will be Dave Marriette's Forge Welding class on October 13 - 14th, and the committee is still filling in the open weekends. Beginners classes will start in November.

Program Committee:

Al Olson reported that plans for the Fall conference were well under weigh. There was some discussion about making sure each demonstrator had an able assistant, probably one of our instructor types, someone who can anticipate needs and keep things going for them. (eg. Stoke the fire, and bring things to heat as they will be needed. Strike, make sure tools are where they are needed, etc. . . .)

Each area has a chairman and we need volunteers. (See the article on the "Madness" later in the Forum)

Bryan Steckman reported on the Nowthen Hammerin. A good time was had by all.

Publicity Committee:

The July Forum was printed and mailed July 4.

Gene Olson noted that 2 of the volunteers

(Paul Bondus and Al Olson, THANKS guys!) had turned in their lists of verified/corrected phone numbers for the directory. (since then, Charlie Bateman sent in his, thanks) (The rest of you **VOLUNTEERS**, Please get your lists in **ASAP**)

Old Business:

Coal Purchase

The Coal is here. (Pochahontas #3) It cost more so new pricing is in effect. (See the notice on page one for particulars.)

501C3 Committee:

The committee has returned its report. It has filled in the major portion of the paperwork. Per Mike Frattalone's observation, the board agreed that some additional language re. our involvement with other educational and nonprofit institutions should be added/revised. The application was turned over to Board members Bill Hanson and Gene Olson to carry forward. Gene will contact George Sutton (the producer of the Leonardo da Vinci Days at the Science Museum and a member of the State Arts Board) Mr. Sutton offered to help us find a law firm to carry this forward on a pro bono (free to us) basis. (If you ever run into George, please say thanks; THANKS)

MTM Shop Visit:

Toooooo busy. We still need to get over to visit the Minnesota Transportation Museum facility to evaluate it/them as a potential partner/educational site/ whatever. This is placed on the to do list for the next board meeting.

Guild Book Library:

There was discussion about establishing a lending library. We have some books now, but no procedure for lending them.

New Business:

Grants

No new Grants, Jerome did not come thru Gene's grant request is withdrawn.

End of Class Project documentation:

Problem of turning in documents on time was discussed, Education committee felt that the problem has been addressed and shouldn't happen again.

Letter from Marcia McEachron:

Marcia has asked for an increase to produce the Metalsmith. There was discussion about the amount of work, certain print quality problems that some members did not feel were

being addressed, issues of convenience and publication costs. In the end a motion was made to make a proposal of \$300 per issue and that the publicity committee, Marcia, Karen Boberg, and the editorial board all get together and discuss what can be done to expedite and improve publication of the Metalsmith.

Other pertinent Discussion

Dave Feterl noted that Marcia's request in no way paid her a wage for the time spent but was rather a reimbursement for overhead expenses incurred while producing the Metalsmith. Dave further noted that the publication of the "Forum" had become an integral part of running the Guild and that on a yearly basis was of about the same volume of work and expense, he then proposed an amendment to pay the editor of the Forum \$100/ issue to reimburse overhead expenses. Both the Amendment and the issue passed, with one abstention.

Blacksmithing Study Guide Plaques

With regard to the advertisement for the walnut plaques by mail in last month's Forum; the Board noted that the plaques were intended as a achievement award signifying a certain level of competency, including peer review of work samples and not simply a certificate that a course had been completed. Certificates for those having completed the course will be issued. (Bob's offer still stands for those of you who completed the final class project, as it was reviewed by the instructor and by completing it you showed examples of all the skills required for the first level award on your achievement plaque.)

Next Meeting:

General Membership August 8th at Dave Mariette's shop in Roseville.

Next Board Meeting Sept 12th 2001 at Bob and Mary Fredells

Mail reviewed

Meeting Adjourned

Special thanks to Bob Fredell who came back from "da lake" to open the house for our meeting.

Instructors Workshop is on Track

The 6th Guild Instructors Workshop will be held September 8th in anticipation of another series of basics Workshops.

The agenda for this year's workshop has been completed, handouts selected and about 15 participants listed.

The Instructors Workshop has evolved, improving annually in meeting its goal of preparing instructors to teach basic blacksmithing processes.

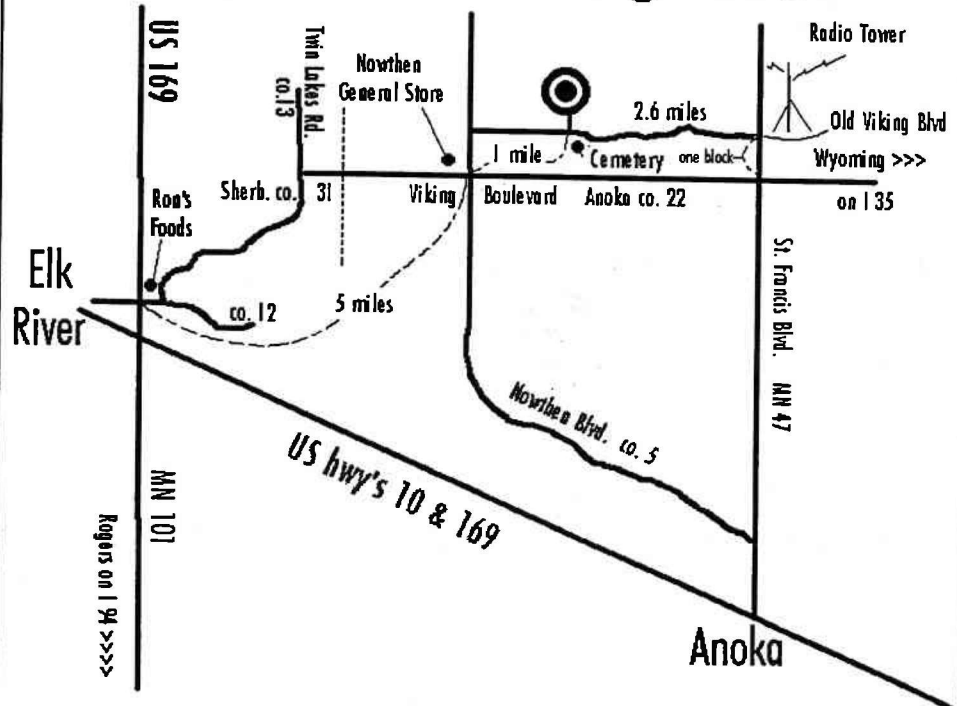
Each year several new people attend, often having just completed the basics. The new people renew the instructor group and get an opportunity to improve their own skills.

A special note of "Thanks," to Bob Fredell and Pete Stanaitis, for developing and continuing the Instructor's Workshops.

Thanks to all who share so generously of their time and talents.

Bob Johnson,
for the education committee

Nowthen Threshing Show



August 17 - 18 - 19

Come Check out the New Blacksmith Shop and join in the fun.
Tractor Parade Every Day at 2:00 PM - Tractor Pull Friday at 6:00 PM
Auction on Saturday at 10 AM - Square Dancing Sunday at Noon.

Make Use of The Tool Making Workshop on August 25th

Jim Scott called and pointed out that the tool making workshop is just that, an opportunity to make a tool for yourself, with help from the instructors.

Tools are what we make to get the job done. If you have a project that needs a special chisel, punch, chasing tool . . . this could be the perfect opportunity to make it.

For instance, many of the projects in the study guide need special tools, butchers, rivet sets, slitting chisels. Look at them and find a tool you will need. Jim says he'll help you make it.

If you haven't registered yet. The fee for members was \$20 sent to:

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

The Fall Conference

September is coming up fast.
Sept 21, 22, & 23, 2001

Time to start planning that masterpiece to show off in the gallery. Time to start thinking about the auction, the comradery and all that. Time to fill out that form and send in your registration.

The GALLERY and OPENING PARTY.

You probably noticed that you got an invitation to participate in the gallery without dates on it and then a registration info package that forgot to mention Friday activities, and **Friday the 21st is an important day**, we're gonna have a party and get the show on the road.

(I think that must be because those authors probably wanted all those Hors d'oeuvres to themselves at the gallery opening. <grin>)

Friday the 21 of September

We will set up the conference, put the gallery together, and then we will have a Gallery Opening and party to celebrate the beginning of the Fall Conference.

We need your help, lots of hands make light work and the more the merrier at the party.

Call for Conference Volunteers

We will need help setting up the Conference. Of course, we'll be glad to put you to work if you can get there early, maybe, (what with our hectic schedules) but we need a core of people to get things going.

Here are the people to contact.

Front Desk Administration

Mike Frattalone
Need desk help.

Gallery

Gene Olson

Setup starting about 11 AM.

(tools needed, volunteer army)

Organize, label and display gallery items
need people.

Gallery knockdown

(tools needed, volunteer army)

Meals

Dick Carlson

set up and clean up crews

Demonstrators

Al Olson

Demonstrator gopher / tendor per station
(here is your opportunity to get on
a first name basis with the demonstrator)

Video/Sound technician per station, (how
'bout that video camera?)

Raffle Items

Myron Hanson

Back Issues of Anvil's Ring (1987)

Back Issues of Metalsmith (Vol 3 on)

Pete Stanaitis

Vise, Stand and Tray

Myron Hanson

Propane Forge

Bill Hanson

Benchtop English Wheel

Don Hammer

Live Auction

Myron Hanson

Live auction stage clerk needed

Silent Auction

Corky Kittelson

Set up and bid sorters

Open Forge Area

Bob Johnson

Instructor types needed

Oversee Tailgating

John Yust

Family Activities

Sheri Stanaitis

Cannon Falls Antique shopping

Irma Carlson

Grounds

Dick Carlson / Don Hammer

Help keeping the place clean.

Directory Updates:

We left space . Get out your pen.

Address Changes:

ENGSTROM, CURT & ERNA

992 285TH VE NW

BROOTEN MN 56316-9301

STANAITIS, PETE AND SHERAN

Email: spaco@Baldwin-telecom.net

STANAITIS, ROCK

4970 ASHLEY LANE #315

INVER GROVE HTS MN 55077

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:
GoMforum@mettleworks.com or FAX to
763-441-5846

To the Members:

I was a bit surprised by the generous offer by
the board to pay for some of the cost of
producing this little rag. I did not ask for it,
but did not oppose it either. (I didn't vote)

As many of you have guessed it takes more
than just a couple of hours a month to put this
notice together and get it in the mail. It is a lot
to ask of a volunteer and the fee to cover
overhead costs will be welcomed by
whomever is sitting under this hat, and
hopefully it will make it easier for them to
wear.

Editor,

Gene Olson.

National Ornamental Metal Museum

374 Metal Museum Drive

Memphis TN 38106

www.metalmuseum.org

<http://www.metalmuseum.org>

River Bluff Forge Council Repair Days Auction to Benefit NOMM Library

Call to craftspeople for auction items

On the evening of October 20, 2001, the

The **GoM Forum**

River Bluff Forge Council, the Memphis
ABANA chapter, will sponsor a public
auction. Proceeds from this Repair Days
event will be donated to the National
Ornamental Metal Museum's Capital
Campaign for the restoration of an historic
building to house the Museum's Library.

For the Museum, it's a
double-your-money proposition in that the
River Bluff Forge Council's donation of
the auction proceeds will be matched by an
anonymous charitable organization.

Please support the creation of a
world-class library on all facets of
metalworking by donating items for the
auction.

Works/ objects should be sent to the
National Ornamental Metal Museum at the
above address to arrive by October 10.
Repair Days volunteers may bring items
they wish to donate if they don't want to
ship them.

Thanks for your support,

Richard Carr, President

River Bluff Forge Council

Evening phone: 901-872-4009

Jim Wallace, Director

National Ornamental Metal Museum

901-774-6380

email: metal@wspice.com

Want Ads:

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

Blacksmith Wanted

Request forwarded by Bob Fredell

From: Sara Barsel <sbarsel@qwest.net>

To: <fredell@frostbit.com>

Sent: Monday, July 02, 2001 8:48 PM

Subject: local artist blacksmith
identification

Dear Mr. Fredell,

I obtained the ABANA web listing from an
exhibitor at the St. Catherine's art fair last
weekend. This gentleman suggested that I
locate an interested artist/blacksmith in the
Minneapolis or St. Paul area to discuss my
project. Hence, I located your name as a

contact for ABANA. I am hoping that you will be able to direct me to some individuals who might be interested in discussing and executing this project.

I have a matched pair of elk antlers and one moose antler that I would like to hang vertically on my walls, so that their sculptural qualities are noticeable. I am looking for someone to construct a minimally intrusive armature which would be able to hold each individual antler in a vertical position, and attach it to a bracket or directly to the wall. I would prefer not to penetrate the antlers to attach the bracket(s). I am interested in the simplest design, rather than something that will compete with the antlers for visual attention. Your help in locating anyone with the skills and interest to discuss /execute this project would be greatly appreciated. I am located in Roseville, but can travel to someone's forge/studio.

Thank you for your anticipated assistance.

Sincerely,
Sara Barsel

Lost and Found:

Someone left their annotated "Persuasive Presentations" hand out in the auditorium during the July 14th Seminar. I, Pete Stanaitis have it. If the owner will contact me I will gladly put it in the mail.

Pete Stanaitis
715-698-2895
spaco@baldwin-telecom.com

For Sale

Forge, Champion # 1 blower. Cast iron hearth 44" x 27" firepot 11" x 14" x 6" deep, needs minor repair \$300
Portable forge, Buffalo Silent 200
Homemade firepot ready to use. \$125
L.S. Hounsell
4321 Regent St.
Duluth, MN 55804
218-525-2648
Lynnsheldon@msn.com

Liquidation of old Machine shop near Grand Rapids MN.

Guild member Manuel Coulenga-Hernandez thought somebody might be interested in these toys.

Subject: a tool list for anyone interested...

This is a list of tools that apply to metalworking folks:

1. Seybold 8' knife edge sharpener (for cutting edges up to 8' in length).
2. KRUMP sheet metal brake with a 10' throat.
3. Lathe (circa 1900) with full changing gears, power or manual apron, manual cross slide (includes a steady rest but needs tool holder... no sweat to make!) Motorized and geared drive transmission adapter to belt but made originally to be driven by a line shaft.
this lathe has 8' between centers a full 9'+ bed and 12" swing. keyways are clean of divets or dents and appear in excellent condition. Two built in tool boxes in stand. many drill bits and tools available.
4. La Blond surface grinder with 30" between centers on travel bed (This one is a honey!)
5. La Fey & Co. Bandsaw (30" diameter wheels needs blade...) stands 8' high and about 32" table width.
This sucker is ancient but in excellent condition.
6. Hamilton no.20 drill (press) also rather antique! has line shaft pulleys, but is run with a 110 washing machine motor... has a hole in the cast iron frame but nothing noted in way of throwing off alignment of drill or upset of operation...
7. Logan Shaper with a 5" stroke in excellent condition.
8. Warner and Swazey Turret lathe on stand in good condition, keyways in fine shape.
9. Handtools and goodies up the wazoo!!!

Contact:

Max or Sonia Hoppe

(218) 326-1407

cell phone (218) 259-8820

or write Manuel of Silver Spider Forge at:
mannynan@paulbunyan.net

Fuchs Auction

Longtime Guild member Peter Fuchs passed away May 19th and much of his equipment and such will be auctioned off.

September 8th 2001 - 10 AM

Lots of Blacksmithing stuff

3 Power Hammers, Anvil, Knife Billets, hand tools . . .

Sporting goods

Guns, Fishing tackle . . .

Directions: Take the Avon exit off Interstate 94 take the South frontage road East one mile. (Avon is about 20 miles west of St. Cloud, just past St. Johns University)

Dean Mitchell Auctioneer
320 - 845 - 4612

Coming in September

Laura Ingalls Wilder Days

Pepin, WI
Sept 15 -16th

Fall Conference

Sept 21-22-23rd

Tunnel Mill

Sept 29 -30th

The Aug 4th Weld seminar is open to all, it is just the class that has limited space.

Greetings,

We hope you are planning to attend the Fall Conference / Madness this year.

To make things run a little better we have modified the raffle somewhat. This year there are five prizes to choose from. Enclosed you will find a book of ten raffle tickets. There is no obligation to purchase any of the tickets. If you do wish to buy any tickets, fill them out with your name and address, indicate your preference of prizes and turn in the ticket with payment at the conference.

If you are not planning to attend the Conference / Madness you can fill out the tickets and mail in your payment with the tickets to the Guild post office address.

The drawing will be held on Sunday at the end of the demonstrations and remember, you do not have to be present to win!

Hope to see you at the Conference!

The Program Committee