

The Forum

August 2011



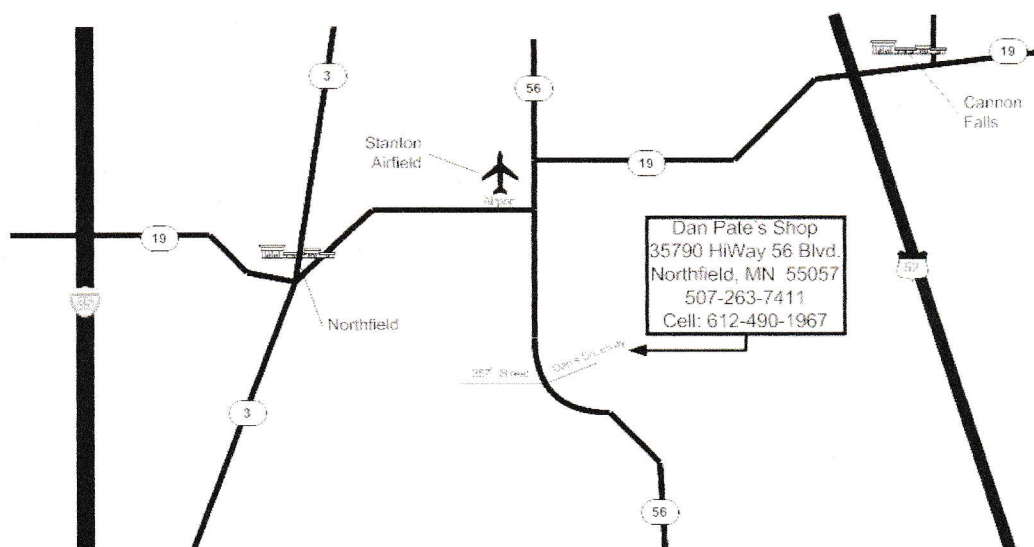
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TGOM August membership meeting is Wednesday, August 10

Be sure to mark your calendars now for the annual TGOM corn feed on Wednesday, August 10 beginning at 6:30 pm at the beautiful country home of Dan Pate. See map below. Herb Fick, champion, promises more of the delectable summer-time victuals to which members have become accustomed!

If you're willing to help with setup for the evening's activities, please give Herb a call at 507 663 0569 or email him at herb@phynque.com. Herb will be directing the onsite roasting of a hog and chicken, and fresh sweet corn will complement that always-delicious entree. People should focus on appetizers, salads, and desserts for the remainder of the potluck. Myron Hanson will be presenting a demonstration with his blacksmithing talents. Dan Pate will show blacksmiths something in light gage metal.

This has been a fun, family oriented, and well attended meeting for years now. Your attendance is what makes it work.



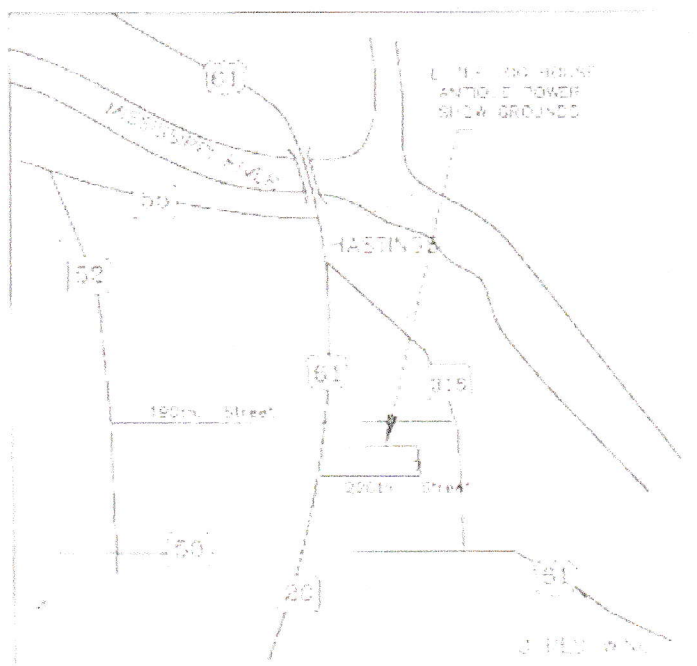
THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS INVITES YOU, AND...

We need you!

The Metalsmith Madness, our Annual Conference, is September 16, 17 and 18. We invite you to come and have fun. We would like you to help us make it great. The gallery will look better for all of us with your pieces displayed. Please consider making something special for the auction. Hand crafted items hold the greatest admiration at this important money raising event. Please begin now to design and make your item.

Your support makes it possible to hire big name people to come to demonstrate and teach. *There are many people behind the scenes that plan this event for a year. But we cannot have a successful conference without you.* Please come.

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday
September 16, 17, 18, 2011
Little Log House Power Show Grounds
Hastings, MN**



Forum deadline for September: Monday, August 15, 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, August 15, 2011 to Georgia Myers, editor, by email to:

gldmyers@comcast.net

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: Brad Hegge

715-983-2131

heggecc@triwest.net

Newsletter editor: John Grump

715-835-0894

johngrump@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

normangroehler@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

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 Zitur

1-320-746-2557

ken@kensiron.com

Brian Johnson

16777 Co Rd 75 NW

Clearwater MN 55367

1-320-558-6898

New Members

Jon Mastny

Aitkin, MN

Alessandro Cecere

Minneapolis, MN

Paul Meisel

Mound, MN

Mike Follett

Minneapolis, MN

Eric Malenfant

Stillwater, MN

Brett Henkemeyer

Ostego, MN

Call for help!

Marty Hicks, TGOM Program Committee, invites volunteers to help with Fall Conference setup on Friday, September 16 at the Little Log House Antique Power Show grounds. If you can help, please plan to show up after 10:00 am. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!



For Sale

I have 10 anvils for sale, 55 lb. to 255 lb. Most of them were made by Trenton, and all have reground faces.

I am also selling my anvil grinder for \$250. In addition, I have some leg vices and blowers for sale.

Call Monty Bygd at 715-835-8197 or email me at bygd1960@gmail.com.

For Sale

306 lb. anvil in excellent condition, \$700.

Contact: Carl Nordquist

715-866-8807

carlsanvil@centurytel.net

For Sale

- 1 Post drill - \$100.00
- 2 Peddle grinder (about 22 inches diameter by 2 inches thick, no cracks, round hole) - \$150.00
- 3 Extra grinding stone (looks to measure about 22 inches across, 2 inches thick, no cracks, square hole)- \$50.00

Questions: call Jim Armstrong at 763-434-1258 Located in Bethel, Mn. Buyer must pick up.

Beginners Blacksmithing Classes

2011 / 2012

When: Classes are held on four Saturdays from 9 – 4. Three sets of classes are held this Fall, Winter and Spring. All 3 sets of classes teach the same information. You can choose either the A, B or C set of classes.

A Class

Oct. 8
Oct 22
Nov. 12
Dec. 3

B Class

Jan 7
Jan 14
Jan 23
Jan 28

C Class

Feb 11
Feb 25
Mar 10
Mar 24

Cost: First, you must be a member. If you are not, you can join for \$30 per year. The workbook/study guide is \$15 and the 4 classes are \$105. This covers everything you need, the facility, coal, and metal.

Where: The classes are held at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing, 6250 Riverdale Dr NW, just off Hwy 10 in Anoka near the Anoka Vocational College. See map on page 6.

Why take the beginners basic classes: The beginners basic classes are designed to give everyone the same understanding of the basics, techniques and terminology. The basic classes are required before taking any of the many other classes the Guild offers. This enables those classes to concentrate on advanced techniques without having to spend time on basic concepts.

What you need to bring: Eye, ear and skin protection. This includes safety glasses, ear muff or plugs and suitable clothing which includes hard shoes, cotton or leather. Synthetic and polyester clothing will burn and melt. There will be sparks and brushes against hot metal.

Tools: Bring your favorite hammer. A small 1 to 2 pound ball peen hammer would work. We have various hammers for you to try and get a feel for what is comfortable. We have all the punches, chisels and tools you will be using but feel free to bring your own tools if you have them.

What you will learn: The first 3 Saturdays you will learn the basic techniques including:

Safety	Forging Dynamics	Hammer Techniques	Fire Building
Drawing out	Upsetting	Punching	Bending
Twisting	Heat Treating	Scrolling	Splitting

The fourth Saturday will be self paced to build a few items that will include each of the techniques you learned earlier. Instructors will help guide you thru a number of possible projects. This is a good opportunity to try out all your new skills.

Who are the teachers: The instructors are all volunteers with a wide range of experience, talent, and stories. They range from just finishing the basic beginners class to 30 years experience. There is usually at least one instructor for every two students and many times we have had as many instructors as students.

Who are the students: The students come in all ages and experience. We have had 10 year olds and 70 year olds. There are always a few women in each class. Some students have never held a hammer before. Some students are skilled in other crafts, woodworking, glass, welding, pottery and want to learn more about metal work to work it into their craft. Some students are nearing retirement and want to learn a hobby. All share an interest in learning more about blacksmithing.

Typical day: Classes start at 9 but people usually show up much earlier to get the coffee brewing, have a donut, swap stories or show off recent projects. Feel free to bring projects you are working on to show. We break for lunch. You can either bring a brown bag or go out to a local fast food restaurant.

How do I sign up for the beginning blacksmith classes? Send a check made out to "Guild of Metalsmiths" for \$120 or \$105 (book or no book) to:

Gordon Barr
11021 27th Ave
Burnsville, MN 55337

Upcoming Demonstration Opportunities

Each summer, members of The Guild of Metalsmiths are given a variety of opportunities to share their knowledge of metalsmithing with the public.

August 6 & 7: Family Farm Festival at the Minnesota Zoo.
Contact: Rich Herman, richherman@frontiernet.net or 651-322-1623.

August 13 & 14: Almelund Threshing Show, 7 miles northwest of Taylors Falls, MN. Contact: Carl Nordquist, 715-866-8807.

August 19, 20, 21: Nowthen Threshing Show. Again this year we will demonstrate blacksmithing at the Nowthen Threshing Show as we have for the past 25 years. Whether you are an old-timer or new to blacksmithing, come and participate in this Guild of Metalsmiths event. The threshing show is held on the third weekend of August, August 19, 20, 21, 2011. You may sign up in two ways. Come to the Guild's August meeting, sign up and get a pass for free entry to the show grounds. Or, if you won't be at the meeting, email Bob Fredell, bfredell@msn.com and request a pass and a map sent to you via US Mail. See you then.

Sept. 10 & 11: The 4th annual hammer fest will be held at Farming of Yesteryear show grounds located 2 miles east of Kiester, MN on County Road 2, then 2 miles south (do not take curve going east) look for church steeple when going south. The hammer fest will be held in conjunction with the 28th Threshing Festival on Sept 10 & 11.

This is a great opportunity for beginner and seasoned blacksmiths alike to demonstrate and learn. New to the hammer fest is a group project. Farming of Yesteryear will be building a display/gathering hall, and the blacksmith project was requested to design and build chandeliers.

As usual Friday night Dewey and Karen will be hosting a BBQ at their place (just 6 miles south of show grounds) Free gate pass and free primitive camping at show grounds. Contact Dewey if interested in attending.



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Leland, IA 50453

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e-mail: robinsblacksmithing@yahoo.com

Pre-conference workshop

Dates: September 15th and 16th

Location: Little Log House Blacksmith Shop near Hastings, MN (*map on page 3*)

Workshop Title: Heavy Metal Workshop

Cost of Workshop: \$250. Make checks out to The Guild Of Metalsmiths.

Mail check and registration to:

David Mariette

4020 160th Street East

Rosemount, MN, 55068.

Questions: call or email 612-889-3291, david_mariette@anvildancer.com

In this workshop students will pair off to form forging teams. Students will be making tools for forging. Time permitting and based on ability, students will make a hammer, hardies, hammer drift, and top tool. Students will be double striking, a learned skill in and of itself. This would be considered to be a class for the more advanced smith, but all will learn a tremendous amount regardless of their ability level.

There are openings for twenty smiths, or ten teams. This will be an intensive two days of instruction from one of the premier teachers in the country today, Brian Brazeal. He will have an assistant with him helping teach the class.

Brian Brazeal began discovering traditional blacksmithing as a farrier over 25 years ago. Brian gave up shoeing to practice traditional forging full time. Traveling the US and Europe, Brian was fortunate to have been exposed to smiths like Professor Alfred Habermann, his sons Alfred Jr., Josef, and David, as well as Alfred's daughter Christine. Brian also mentored with Tom Clark, Bob Patrick, Bill Bastas, Darrell Nelson, Terry Carson, and Tsur Sadan.

Brian now continues to share and promote the techniques of this lost craft in an effort to bring traditional blacksmithing back to the world by demonstrating and sharing his practical experience and forging expertise in clinics and workshops for all skill levels. Such techniques include the forge welded bundle, tools to make tools, collaring, and "forged to finish" hammer.

Agenda – THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors Meeting – July 13, 2011

Held at: Myron Hanson's house. CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 pm by Rich Herman

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

Guest: Hanson

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee-Mike Frattalone

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 7-13-11 BOARD MEETING

DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE 15,367 (UP 559 FROM 7-14-10)

REMAINING GRANTS 5,334 (UP 9)

CASH TOTAL 20,701 (UP 559)

EXPENSES SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING ON 5-11-11:

FORUMS 2 EA 396

HAMMER-IN SANITATION 86

TRAILER POWER VENTS 335

METALSMITHS 1538

MEMORIAL -BILL FIORINI 50

MN ANNUAL FILING FEE 25

TAX PREP AND MAILING 550

CONFERENCE 231

TOTAL EXPENSES 3211

TOTAL DEPOSITS 3770

COAL 14.1 TONS REMAINING OF 24.4 TONS

MEMBERS 268 DOWN 8 FROM 7-14-10

Education Committee report-Mariette, Vice Chair-Martin Pansch

- Brian Brazeal class has at least 16 registrations and the class is a GO. MF. will send a down payment. Make sure check is designated as payment for the class. Keep promoting in the next Forum what will be made during this class (and what tools need to be brought).
- Beginners Instructor workshop is planned for Saturday September 10th, Larry Wasmund has been sent out invitations via email.
- Review 10 years of classes.

Program Committee- Hicks, Vice Chair- Rob Murray

- Conference brochures are printed and have been mailed. Add conference info to the website.
- Herb needs volunteers to help with the found-art during the Madness. Print a call for volunteers to help set up the Madness on Friday Sept. 16th after 10am.
- August member meeting at Dan Pate's shop.
- October venue T.B.D.

Publicity Committee- Sigurdson, Vice Chair- Chris Rand

- Georgia Myers will begin duties for publishing the Forum.
- New website is live! Scheduling another training meeting with Craig.
- Add By-Laws on website as a printable PDF file.
- Look into having a current member list in a secure part of the website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

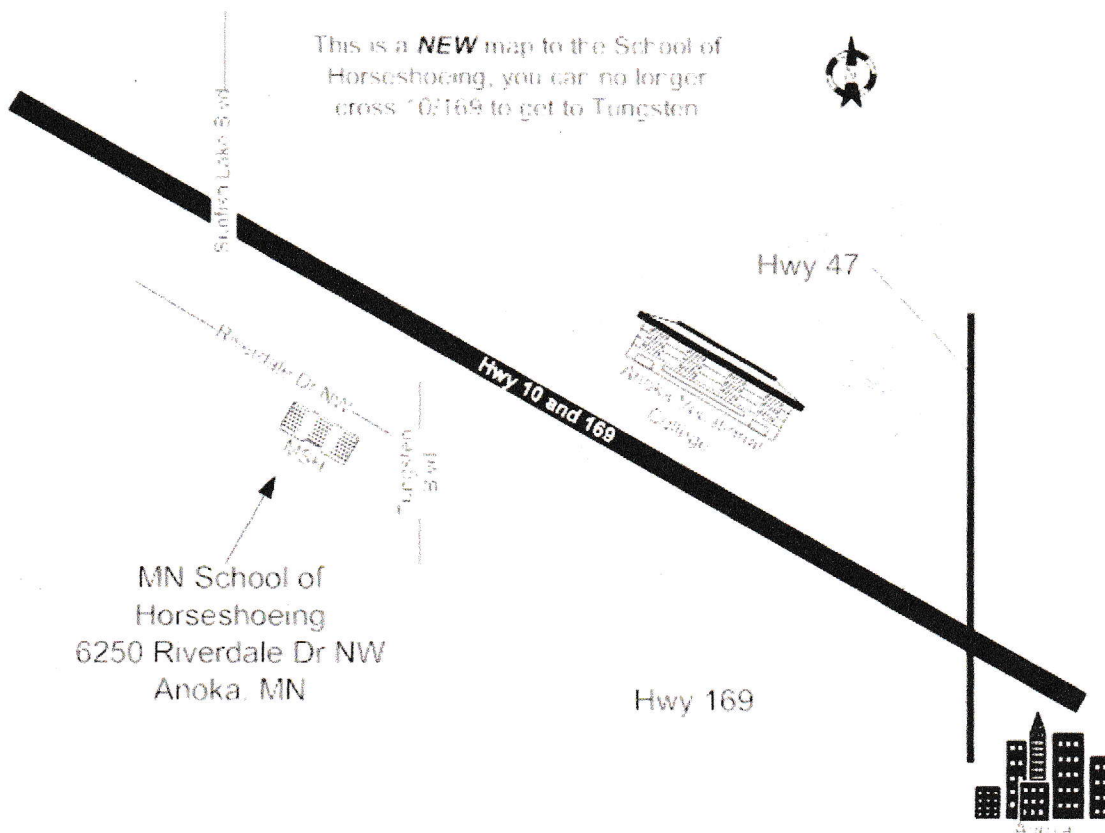
- Board approved the 'survey monkey' that Ponder has prepared. Ready to send it out.
- The 340 unaccounted copies of the Iron Menagerie have been acquired by Finey Co. proceeds to follow.
- Review previous discussion on paying for coal at demonstrations, the blacksmith should first enquire with the host to pay for coal.
- Status on Rice County Fair Workshop- Myron to ask if they have any funding for the project.
- Discuss our liability policy continues. Good news from Ponder, we are covered for the 5 bullet points that were generated, not for directors and officers. Frattalone to coordinate a telephone business meeting with Romeo-submit 6 line item questions before hand and we expect him to prepare for 'conference' call (board members to listen in while one person talks with Romeo). Ponder asked Frattalone to send needed papers to Larry B. for a new policy quote.
- Do we want to start accepting VISA payments via the website and PayPal? A secure web 'cart' would have to be set up.
- Guild Apparel may best be printed at Café Press who will handle individual orders and shipping. It is a huge advantage for the Guild to not have to stock and handle the apparel.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Purchase PDF Converter Pro 7 for \$99 for use by Georgia Myers in producing The Forum. Motion by Sigurdson, second Wessling. Passes without dissent.
- Based on our liability policy, non-Guild members who are taking a class, or demonstrating are not covered. Discuss a policy to mandate that only members can take our classes. There is confusion as to whether such a policy already exists.
- Discussion whether or not we want to charge a higher fee (maybe \$5 or so) for non-Guild members who attend the Madness. The added money would essentially confer membership on that person for the duration of the Madness thus covering them under our insurance policy. After much discussion nothing firm was decided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Thank you Henry Votel for years of handling the publishing of the Forum!

ADJOURNMENT: 9:38 pm, Motion by Pansch, 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

Note: there are still openings in these classes! Carol and John are looking for interest in the Doug Wilson class (see below). Please contact them if you're interested!

Upcoming in 2011...

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

Doug Wilson: Sept. 8, 9, 10, and Sept. 11, 12, & 13
Doug was a demonstrator at Guild of Metalsmiths Fall 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.

Tom Latane: October 14, 15 & 16, 2011, Norse Lock
Students will construct a lock which is opened by a key that compresses a pair of springs to release the shackle. This type of lock, which can be used in many of the same applications as a padlock, has a body constructed of hammered sheet iron secured with tenoned ribs and brazed in the forge. Options for key variations will be discussed.

John C Campbell Folk Art School announces Francis Whitaker Blacksmith Scholarship

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded for the Traditional Joinery Projects class at the John C. Campbell Folk School, October 30 - November 4, 2011 taught by Clay Spencer. Francis left some money at the Folk School to provide for scholarships for this class. It has grown to the point where we can award 2 or more scholarships each year.

This scholarship is for intermediate and advanced students who have a solid foundation in basic blacksmithing skills, can manage a coal fire and forge weld.

Interested blacksmiths should complete the following application and email it to:

Clay Spencer - clay@otelco.net

Contact Clay at 256-558-3658, or mail to 73 Penniston Private Drive, Somerville, AL 35670 on any questions.

For further information, visit https://www.folkschool.org/index.php?section=class_detail&class_id=5119

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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 August, 2011

- August 6 & 7, Family Farm Festival at MN Zoo. TGOM demonstrators welcome.
- August 10, annual CORN FEED, Dan Pate's place!
- August 12, 13, Annual Almelund Threshing Show near Taylors Falls, MN. TGOM demonstrators welcome.
- August 15, 16, 17, annual Nowthen Threshing Show. TGOM demonstrators welcome.

Events in September, 2011

- Sept. 10 & 11, Hammerfest at Farming of Yesteryear show grounds, Kiester, MN
- Sept. 14, TGOM board meeting
- Sept 15 & 16, pre-conference workshop "Heavy Metal."
- Sept. 16, 17, 18, annual TGOM Fall Conference at Little Log House grounds south of Hastings.

Events in October, 2011

- Oct. 8, Beginning Blacksmithing A-1 class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Oct. 12, TGOM membership meeting, details TBA
- Oct. 22, Beginning Blacksmithing A-2 class, MN School of Horseshoeing

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The Guild of Metalsmiths
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St. Paul MN 55111

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

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

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intended as a tool to further our educa-
tional mission, to keep members up to date
on current happenings, to publicize
projects and workshops, a place for all
members to express their opinions, con-
cerns, learn more about each other—in
short, to help us run our organization.*

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just below the index table, click on "Search this Site," and enter
your query.

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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