

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

Attention Please!

If your label says. 2000.4 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 1 of 2000 is Feb 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

AT A NEW LOWER RATE! !

The Guild of Metalsmiths will provide back issues of "The Metalsmith" to members for \$3.00 each.

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 \$3.00 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.

Metalsmith Back Issue Service

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!

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

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.

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Guild of Metalsmiths Board Meeting

Nov 8, 2000

In attendance:

Dick Carlson, Dave Feterl, Mike Frattalone, Bill Hanson (Guest), Myron Hanson, Bob Johnson, Fred McCluskey, Gene Olson
Pete Stanaitis

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by President, Dave Feterl

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Mike Frattalone
We have \$21,451.59 in checking. Income to date; \$33,545 Expenses to date; \$23,550. Members = 327.

-Education Committee: Bob Johnson.
Fred McCluskey will take over the rental of the video library tapes as soon as it can be arranged.

Workshops are proceeding as scheduled. We will be changing the plan for the blacksmith shop use at the conference. With the \$3 price on back issues, the sales are increasing.

-Program Committee: Dick Carlson.
Next meeting (December)at CSPS Hall. Elections will be held. The Quilt will be raffled. The following meeting (Feb. 14, 2001) will be at Linders Welding.

-Publicity Committee: Gene Olson. The forum went to the printer and should be out in the next couple of days. The directory is progressing. We will wait until early 2001 to publish it.

Old Business

Nowthen update: The siding is all on. The sliding doors and hinged window coverings have yet to be made and installed. The interior of the building around the concrete area has been covered with wood and metal siding to protect the equipment over the winter.

501C3 Corporation Change: Further discussion is tabled until the new board is convened. (January, 2001 meeting)

Financial changes: The board will consider ways to grow the checkbook balance without sacrificing financial safety. Mike Frattalone will investigate some options and report his findings at the next board meeting.

New Business

Communications:

The Minnetoka Center for the Arts info will be forwarded to the program committee for use in planning a future meeting where those folks would present to us.

Transportation Museum: This may be a

potential meeting site for us. Program committee to follow up.

Coal purchase: We will delay a "buy" until next spring.

Elections: Get your interests to the board members and make sure you attend the December meeting.

Grants: We are continually trying to locate non-ferrous folks, so we would welcome grants in this broad area.

We are also encouraging grants on intermediate blacksmithing and engraving. In addition, the education committee will be putting together a list of skills desired.

Grant Proposal: For Sam Peterson: The education committee recommends that Sam be granted a scholarship of \$105 for taking the Guild's Basic Workshop series. Moved and seconded. Passed on a voice vote. Sam will attend this seasons' workshop.

Mike Frattalone reviewed the mail.

Next board meeting: Jan 10, 2001 at Fredell's home.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 PM.

Directory Updates:

We left space. Get out your pen.

A hearty welcome to our New Members:

BLUE, MICHAEL S
5847 318TH ST WAY
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Home Phone: 507-263-8132

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Interests/services: Metal electroplating and metal polishing; brass, copper, nickel, chrome, gold, cadmium; polishing stainless, aluminum, brass, copper . . .

ROHDE, FRANK
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MAHTOMEDI MN 55115
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NEW PHILADELPHIA OH 44663-0812

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147 VIRGINIA ST APT 1
ST PAUL MN 55107-2133

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

Want Ads:

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

Anvil for sale:

100# VULCAN MADE
3/4" hardie hole, 3/8" pritchel hole. \$225.
Lynn Ford 612-724-0092

For Sale:

Blacksmiths Cone
Height 47 inches Base 12 in Diameter
Anvil - 168# Trenton
Don Hogenson 3019 Co Rd DD
Glenwood City WI 54013
Phone (715)265-4701

The Column filler:

From the ArtMetal, Jewelry discussion forum <http://www.artmetal.com>

I wanted to share a "trick" for holding small parts to work on them. I just needed to fabricate a tapered oval bezel out of platinum. I have a bezel block that makes tapered ovals so that part was easy but the bezel as it comes out of the block is more than a little bit wonky, the walls are uneven in both height and thickness so I need to file and sand it to shape. Using the bezel block I was able to file a flat upper edge on the bezel but now I had to hold it in my fingers or with pliers to file the rest of it. I did a little of this which was slow due to chasing the bezel all over the shop when i would drop it or it slipped out of the pliers. Then I remembered a machinist talking about using super glue to hold small parts for machining. By gluing the part to a larger block he could grip the larger piece in a vise and then machine it. Well I went to the scrap box and got a piece of steel that had a nice flat face and used a little super glue to stick the bezel to it. Then once the glue was dry I was able to easily hold the steel block while filing around the bezel. Once the bezel was to the right dimensions I heated the block to about 300 degrees F and the bezel came right off without any damage to the bezel or the steel block. So the next time you need to hold a small item for work try super glue.

James Binnion, forum moderator

<http://www.mokume-gane.com>
jbin@well.com
James Binnion Metal Arts
4701 San Leandro St #18
Oakland, CA 94601

Cost: \$75 members, \$80 nonmembers - (\$15 plus 60 for materials and supplies. Participants will come away with some basic drafting tools and supplies tuned to the needs of a blacksmith to use when developing their own designs.)

Send Registration to: John Yust
256 Goodrich Ave
St. Paul MN 55102

Class Size: 8

Class Description:

1. Students will prepare plans and elevations to scale resulting in concept drawings.
2. There will be a discussion of and exposure to the design process.
3. Students will learn how to develop ideas, consider materials and refine a concept resulting in a high end design solution for a prototype fireplace.
4. Participants may elect to design andirons and tools for an existing fireplace of their choice, however they will be required to field measure that fireplace with an accurate drawing plan, section and elevation.

Second session general location map



Andiron and Fireplace Tools - Design Workshop
January 6th and 13th, 2000

Cost: \$75 members, \$80 nonmembers

SEND TO: John Yust, 256 Goodrich Ave, St. Paul MN 55102 Phone 651-290-2411

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: _____

Guild of Metalsmiths

Gas Forge Building, a Demo Workshop

When: Saturday
January 31, 2000
9:AM till 4:PM

Where: Marcia McEachron's Studio
451 Taft St. Door 35 Room 8
Minneapolis, MN 55413
Phone : 612-378-0800

Instructors: Joe Straley home phone: 320-253-6361
Bill Hanson

Cost: \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers

Send Registration to: Marlaine Cox PH. 612-379-0719
Email marlaine@visi.com
1033 25th Avenue SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Class Size: 10

Class Description: This will be a demonstration of how to build a gas forge. Participants will be shown how to assemble their own forge. Topics include: Burner design, what type of refractory materials to use. Two forges will be fabricated during workshop - one gets donated to the Guild as an auction item.

You need to bring: Notepad, pencil, a camera with a flash and film would be a good idea too.

SEND TO: Marlaine Cox 1033 25th Avenue SE MPLS, MN 55414 PH. 612-379-0719

Price: \$10 members \$15 nonmembers

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: _____

