

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 315 members, 206 are paid through the end of the year and 109 need to renew. Check the mailing label to see if you are one of them, or if we have made a mistake and failed to enter your renewal.

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. The length will vary due to space considerations as it rides piggyback on the workshop notices and must travel on one stamp. (Long letters may be edited to fit the space available)

Your comments can be mailed to me at Gene Olson, The GoM Forum, 8600 NE O'Dean Ave. Elk River, MN 55330-7167 FAX: (612) 441-5846 or emailed to: gene@mtn.org (email is preferred as I am a lousy typist and it saves me the pain)

Guild Member Joe Baer is recovering from a heart attack.

Janet Baer reports that: "Joe had a heart attack on the morning of Wed. Jan. 13th but he's doing okay. He had an 90% blockage in one artery which caused it all. They did a catheterization late Thu., cleared the crud and put in a stent. No surgery needed, thank heaven. There is quite a bit of damage to the muscle on the left side of the heart but the doc said it will repair itself, maybe not entirely but should mostly recover. We'll just have to make him behave himself for awhile. No weight over 10 lbs for a month or more. What a sentence for a blacksmith, eh?

Suffice it to say it was pretty scary for awhile, but his guardian angels (there've got to be several!) were really on the job."

Joe Baer, 4612 Bus Hwy 8 East, Rhinlander, WI 54501 email <jbaer@newnorth.net>

Joe seems to be doing Ok. (Amazing, what some guy's will do just for a ride in a helicopter)

Remember Joe Kramolish?

Well, our member Joe, sent in photos of his work to Dona Meilach author of the 1977 book, "Decorative & Sculptural Ironwork." Boom! He gets his Self Addressed Stamped Envelope right back. "Oh. . ." says Joe. "That was FAST. I've never gotten a rejection quite this quick" Then he opened it and it said : "Dear Mr. Kramolish:

I would like to use several of your images in my upcoming book."

YeeHa! !! Way to go, Joe!

I'm sure we can look forward to photo coverage in the next "**Metalsmith**"

The January Board Meeting:

The board met on Jan 13, 1999 at Bob & Mary Fredell's and got off to a great start Committee assignments were made. The state of the checkbook was discussed and all in all, I'd say it looks like we are in pretty good shape.

The Campbell School asked for donations and was turned down. As Pete pointed out, we just raised our dues to cover basic services to our members, and really can't go giving their money away, besides we do support the school by sending them students with our scholarship fund money. On that note we discussed the investment we make in education, sending members off to learn something and then show us what they learned. It was pointed out that there are still a couple of members who owe us payback workshops. It would be nice if they would contact Bob Johnson or Guy Paton about scheduling their half of the bargain.

Our copy of the Cyril Kolnick video we helped support finally arrived and we got a chance to see that. Really nice stuff!

And I'd say we all had a pretty good time.

Gene

Pete's notes (Subject to correction & approval)

Minutes of the January 13th, 1999

Guild of Metalsmiths Board Meeting

by Pete Stanaitis

Host Location: Bob and Mary Fredell's home
President Dave Feterl called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

In attendance: Dick Carlson, Dave Feterl
Mike Frattalone Bob Johnson, Alexa Kelly,

Gene Olson, Guy Paton, Mike Richter, Pete Stanaitis

Dave Mariette (Past president and guest)
Not in attendance: Lisa Havelin Fred McCluskey

Last meeting minutes were read. Mike has prepaid certain expenses, as requested. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Frattalone: We have \$9439.42 in the bank, 311 members, 114 of whom have not yet renewed.

Dave Feterl took a moment to recognize all current and incoming officers/board members.

Committee assignments of board members:

Program Committee: Dick Carlson (Chair)
Mike Richter

Lisa Havelin*

Education Committee: Bob Johnson (Chr)
Guy Paton

Fred McCluskey

Publicity Committee: Gene Olson (Chair)
Alexa Kelly

The committee chairs will assign others as needed.

*Extra board member: A motion was made and carried to table a decision on what to do about this extra member until Dave Feterl has a chance to talk to Lisa Havelin.

Paul Hubler update: Paul's family has contacted Bob Fredell about the possibility of them donating some of Paul's effects to the Guild. No more will be done until the family is ready and has contacted the Guild. Norm Larson, Bookseller, has donated 7 copies of Iron Menagerie to Paul's family.

New Nowthen Blacksmith Shop: Bob Fredell presented the status of the plan to build a new blacksmith shop. The board members suggested that electricity be added to the center posts and that anvil heights be made adjustable. Bob Fredell and Pete Stanaitis agreed to make a similar presentation at the next Guild membership meeting.

Educational Grant: Dave Mariette submitted a grant proposal to take a Forge Welding workshop from Bob Patrick on April 26-30 of this year. His estimated costs are \$1050. He requested \$750. Motion to accept his proposal carried.

Change in Grant Process: The following motion was crafted:

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Part A: "In addition to

1. holding a payback workshop and/or
2. writing an article for the Metalsmith or
3. performing some other valuable alternative, Grantees must agree to present or demonstrate at a membership meeting."

Part B: The board must determine the payback method at the time the grant is approved.

***Regarding Part A: The minutes of the January, 1995 board meeting contain a similar approved motion, to wit:

"Dick Carlson suggested that we amend the grant rules so that grant receivers must also demo at a meeting so more than just workshop attendees could benefit from the grantee's new skills. Bob Fredell formalized the motion and Steve Frykman seconded it. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote."

Apparently this change was never implemented.

Education Committee Report: (Guy Paton) The committee met last week, reviewed progress on the 1st four session workshop and adjusted the schedule for the next sessions. The first day of the 2nd four session workshop went well. A quorum of the board/officers had previously approved a expenditure of up to \$300 for the purchase of a rolling tool cabinet to hold tools stored at the School of Horseshoeing. Myron Hanson was given the responsibility to locate and purchase it.

Program Committee Report: (Dick Carlson) The committee is just now in the forming stages. Corky Kittelson, Paul Bondhus and Myron Hanson have expressed interest in joining the committee. Randy Helfrich has expressed interest in helping with the Fall Conference. The Publicity for the February, 1999 membership meeting is already out. The fall conference will be held on Sept 25th and 26th at the "Little Log House" in the Hastings area. There will again be a whole forging station raffled off and Dick would like to begin selling raffle tickets at the June meeting.

Publicity Committee Report: (Gene Olson) The January notices are out. Notices are supposed to go out the first week of

each month. The idea is that each mailing contains ALL the event info for the following month. All committee members are asked to get their info to the publicity committee by the 2nd or 3rd of the month at the latest of the month BEFORE the event!

Old Business:

Coal Fence: It is up and has one truss installed, but still needs to have the gate installed. The coal price (\$4 per bucket) has been updated to the sign.

New Business:

Garelick wants to advertise in the Metalsmith and has written us to request pricing. Mike will pass this info on to the editorial board. We couldn't remember what the prices are, so Pete Stanaitis will research the issue.

***Regarding newsletter advertising rates: Pete found approved pricing in the March, 1991 minutes, to wit:

"Metalsmith Newsletter Advertising policy;

New Policy: The motion to adopt the following policy was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Non members;

Business card size ad \$10 for 4 issues

Per 1/2 page \$50 for 4 issues

Members: members get one Business card size ad free for one issue then pay regular rates for anything else.

The Board authorizes the Editor to use this formula for the next four issues, at which time the board will re-evaluate the decision."

Ordering Coal: Dave Feterl reports that there probably in enough coal in our pile at Duggan's to last until spring. Duggan wants to consolidate his coal with ours.

Note: We should revisit the purchase and consolidation situations at the May Board meeting.

Quarterly memberships: Gene Olson asks that we all read "The Forum" (a column that he has started to add to the monthly notices) and then that we discuss this membership issue at the next board meeting.

By laws: It was noted that the Guild's By laws need updating

Records, Who keeps them? : Dave Feterl requests that each of us bring our ideas to the next board meeting

Site for future Board meetings: Fredell's have offered their home. We accept!

Subcommittee for Grants: We need to consider chartering a committee for this purpose.

Next meeting is March 11, 1999.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04

The Program Committee meeting

Dick Carlson, Mike Richter, Lisa Havelin co-chair this with Corky Kittelson, Paul Bondus, Rick Korinek, John Yust, Pieter Maas, Andy Weilinski, and Stan Bookout filling out the committee. Dick says that they are working on some real interesting meetings for this year.

Fall conference

Update 1: The conference has moved to new quarters. This Year the conference will be held on the grounds of the Little Log House Threshing Show south of Hastings, MN. Rent will be cheaper and we will have the use of a clean building for other activities. Which brings us to

Update # 2: Sheri Stanaitis and Barb Hanson have volunteered to set up a program for spouses. (SO MAKE SURE YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER SEES THIS!) They want to know what you want to do, or see. If you have any ideas, let Sheri know. Sheri Stanaitis 2476 10th Ave, Baldwin WI 54002-7204 715-698-2895

Update # 3 Dick is asking for donations or leads on good deals for an anvil(125-150#) a post vice, and a forge for the Fall Raffle. Dick Carlson 651-437-3329

19700 Red Wing Blvd,
Hastings, MN 55033-9013

Publicity Committee actions

That's Gene Olson and Alexa Kelly and we could use an in town volunteer. This notice is printed, collated, and folded at the UofM Printing services in Smith Hall, (on the mall) by member Karen Boberg. We need somebody to pick it up each month and deliver it to the Bulk mail facility near Broadway and 280.

Contact Gene if you are interested.
612-441-1563

A new directory? Alexa is updating the phone numbers in our database to match the new area codes. What with all the new codes and the new members it may be time to put out a new directory. If so, we will need proof readers and maybe mail clerks. If you want a new directory. Come to the meeting and vote

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The Bemidji Spring Conference is coming

NMMC

Date: April 24&25 1999
Beltrami Co. Fairgrounds,
Bemidji, Mn.

Demonstrators:

Jeffery Funk, Kalispell, Mt, Blacksmith
Greg Wilbur, Portland Or, Coppersmith
Sam Curry, Bemidji, MN, Bladesmith

The rest of the agenda will be about the same as last year.

Contact: Keith Johnson,
krj@lycosemail.com, phone 218 751-9433,
RR2 Box 213C, Bemidji, Mn. 56601

Oh buoy! A real Hammer in

Ok, VP Pete Stanaitis has decided to have a two day TO DO June 5th and 6th, 1999 and we are all invited.

You will hear more on this later

The "Hammer-in" is a loosely scheduled event that allows for:

- leisurely socializing
- an opportunity to show your own latest techniques
- a time to see several casual demonstrations
- a chance to try your own hand at forging
- in general, having a good time.

Activities:

*Demonstrations: by

Pete Stanaitis, Monte Bygd, Tom Latane', Bob Walsh Sheri Stanaitis, and others including: Anvil Face Grinding, Treadle Hammer Basics, Spinning of wool using various styles of wheels; hands on learning to spin with drop spindle, machine knitting demo and lots more

Other Activities:

*If you have something that you want to demo, bring it along and we will see that you get a chance to show us.

*Bring your blacksmithing questions. We will have plenty of expertise to help you get an answer.

*Open Forge set ups: We will have 3 complete sets ups for you to use. Two will be coal forges and one will be a gas forge.

*Show and Tell Table

*Auction (of any items you bring to help support the Guild)

*Tail Gate Sales

*Equipment Exchange (bring stuff you want to trade and trade for stuff you want to get)

*Opportunity to hike in the woods; pond available for swimming, if it's warm enough.

*Little Theater showing Guild Videos all day.

*Pete's little triphammer Museum available for viewing, measuring, etc.

*Exhibit of the Newsletters of other ABANA Chapters

*Exhibit of tin lantern steps and tooling

Metalsmith articles:

Those of you working on those informative articles for our quarterly magazine. The copy deadline for the issue 1 of 1999 is Feb. 15th. Send them to: Marcia McEachron, editor, 451 Taft St. NE RM 8 Door 35, Minneapolis, MN, 55413,

Fax: 612-781-8435

Please!

Subject: Guild video library

To all Guild Members:

I just received this from Roger,

I have decided to resign as the Guild video librarian. I will stay on until after the next printing of the Metalsmith but please look for another volunteer. I could turn over the tapes at Bemidji in May. Roger R Degner Franklin, Minn, USA

First, I would like to express my appreciation for the fine work that he has done, both as cameraman/editor, and librarian. Thank you Roger.

Next, we need someone to step in here.

Actually maybe two people.

Ollie Juaire has been the archivist for photos and such. We should find someone to help with this..

If you would be interested in taking on either of these positions, contact The Pres. Dave Fetrell, 4701 Lenore LN Eagan, MN 55122 681-0625

email:DFeterlorfds@juno.com

Gene

Privacy and Commerce

As a matter of policy, the Guild does not

release the membership mailing list, however there is a check box for those who wish to be considered suppliers or professional artists. These names will be published as such on the Guild website where they can be accessed, or passed out with Guild info.

Look at mailing label page to see whether you are currently on the list of those who do this professionally and want to be listed.

If you want either on or off the list of suppliers drop me a line (address at beginning)

From time to time when we get requests for information about where things can be done. We pass out this list.

Letters:

A request came in. -- Can anyone in your organization tell me the English definition of the German term "rotgiesser" The occupation was a specific type of metal worker with its own guild. The literal translation "red-forged" doesn't explain much. "David B Rinker"

I just received my copy of this month's newsletter and was pleasantly surprised to see your new section FORUM. Being all the way over here in Green Bay it is next to impossible to know what is going on in the Guild and in the minds of its members. The FORUM will certainly do a lot to alleviate that.

Your response to Pete Stanaitis' question regarding the per/member cost of the newsletter and Metalsmith was quite enlightening. While I am not a big fan of increases in dues, it is evident from your analysis that such increases are necessary and unavoidable. So, I have mailed in my membership renewal without reservation. However, if I had been thinking, I should have mailed in my renewal last November and sneaked back in before the increase took effect. <grin>

I appreciate your efforts in adding the FORUM to the newsletter.

Dave Brown

From: peterbliss@webtv.net (Peter Bliss)

Date: Tue, 19 Jan 1999

Subject: Budget.

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Dear Gene, Suggestions for cutting costs. When people send in their dues have them list their E-mail or Fax information. The news letter could be sent out to the people who have that capability. This would save you the cost of printing, paper and stamps. E-mail is becoming the in thing these days (I got my set up for xmas) Would this work for you at the Guild?

I have received valuable information from the workshops as well as help from other members. Also if you have a scanner you can send photos drawings and fancy newsletters. If it will help I will donate \$50. towards one unless you already have one.

Good Luck

Peter Bliss

Norm Doyone's suggestion of running sales was quite interesting. I understand his suggestion as having sales that are open to the public. I think that his idea has some merit and is worth discussing. We just need to be sure that we don't end up with the moose that Norm says the committee designed. (It could be worse, though, it's also said that a camel is a horse designed by committee).

The idea of a sale/show open to the public would be good publicity. It would bring the names of both professional, part-time, and hobbyist blacksmiths (and other artmetalites) to the attention of the buying public, not to mention to the attention to other companies, groups and organizations who have always wondered "Where would I get..." I don't think there's a professional blacksmith or metal artist who wouldn't like the publicity and the potential for more work. I also don't think that the many part-timers and hobbyists in our ranks would object to that good feeling one gets from knowing that some relative stranger thought enough of their work to lay out good money for it. Getting a little extra \$ for more coal, more steel, new hammers, more tools, etc... is an added benefit for us part-time hobbyists)

Then there's the downside to such a sale/show. Getting sites lined up, especially ones that are relatively easy for the buying public to find. You can put an ad in the paper, but you still need to provide real

simple directions (too many turns, or too far out of the way and people get lost, or simply won't bother looking). The logistics of getting all the works to the site, managing the sales and handling the money, etc... It's a lot more like actually running a business if your are going to do these on any sort of regular business.

There are a number of variants to this that also have some merit: Periodic auctions open to the public: An annual show/sale at some public venue (the Northeast Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild runs such a show here in Green Bay and it is always well attended and successful): Hold live demonstrations along with such public shows/sales.

Heck, if discussions along any of these lines gets real serious, you may just find me trekking out your way to attend a meeting or two.

Dave Brown, Green Bay, WI

Jan 19, 1999

Because I do not attend very many meetings, I think the Forum is a good way to keep everybody informed about what's happening in the Guild.

First I want to thank you for keeping us all posted on Paul's condition. It was a great help.

Next, a few years ago there seemed to be a lot of money in the treasury, but because I did not attend meetings, I did not know that there was now a financial problem.

My comment about saving some money pertains to the fall conference. I like the idea of having two demonstrators, but if we have a financial problem, I do not think we need two top -name demonstrators. The Guild has some very talented people in it, and I think that for maybe a meal ticket, we could find people who would be willing to demonstrate or dua a hands-on workshop. It could be set up so that a demonstrator would only have to demonstrate for one-half day or 1½ to 2 hours. That would be just as interesting and educational. Perhaps with the Forum, people could suggest what they would like to see and then demonstrators could be found to do it.

Here are a few possible suggestions:

Demo and hands-on knife making, flowers, animal heads, candle holders, small hooks, that can be made for profit, making bells, beginning repoussé and chasing, making some

tools and using them to make Christmas ornaments, etc.

Thank you Gene, for doing a great job.

Sincerely,

Monty Bygd

Want Ads:

Any notice MUST be in my hands by the end of the month. I sometimes cajole our overworked volunteers to get me their meeting and workshop notices if they are late, but your free advertising has to be here on time.

For Sale - small table top punch press \$200 W/O motor 3 small free standing punch press \$250 each W/O motor Very large hand operated punch takes removable top/bottom dies \$75 507-557-2794 Roger R Degner Franklin, Minn, USA "Roger R Degner" <rog781@means.net>

Wanted: machinist tools and equipment especially a small vertical milling machine such as a Clausing 8530 or Benchmaster, but I would be interested in other tools or equipment as well. Phil Plumbo, Woodbury, MN 651 456-1481 (w) 651 739-3019 (h) email: psp@printwareinc.com

For Sale: Two-168# Anvils \$275 ea. One is a Peter-Wright the other a Trenton Don Hogenson, 3019 Co Rd. DD, Glenwood City, WI 54013, 715-265-4701

For Sale: 50# Little Giant. Keith Johnson RR2 Box 213C Bemidji. Mn. 56601 218-751-9433 email: krj@lycosemail.com

February Meeting Auction Items:

If you have some small thing for the mini auction, bring it along.

I plan on donating a heat recovery device. A commercially made heat exchanger with a fan on it that fits into the 6 inch flue of your wood or oil stove and grabs some of the heat that would otherwise go up the chimney. - - Gene

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Educational Workshops

Chiseling and Chasing

Intermediate level Workshop

When: Sat Mar 6, 1999

9:AM till 4:PM

Where: Dave Mariette's
Shop in Rosemont

Instructors: Tom Latané

Class Size: Limited to the number of
available anvils and vises
(Can you bring your own?)

Cost: Check payable to: The Guild of Metalsmiths
\$25.00 members \$35.00 nonmembers
Tom will have tool steel available for sale, bring cash.

Send Registration to: Tom Latané 715-442-2419
PO Box 62
Pepin, WI 54759-0062

Call if you have any specific questions about the class.

Class Description: Following a demonstration in the morning,
class will make 2 curved chisels and 2 chasing tools. In the
afternoon these tools will be used to produce a chothic leaf pattern
as shown.

You need to bring: - magnet (for testing during hardening of steel) -
Gloves for holding small chisels while working close to hot iron.-
Personal safety equipment; safety glasses, ear plugs, etc.. - Tongs
for holding 5/8"1/2"&3/8" round stock and sheet - Forging hammer
- Lighter hammer for driving small chisels -8" half round file
(sharp), - chain saw file 1/4" or larger, round file 3/8" or 1/2", -
silver pencil, - straight chisel (needs to be good and sharp) -
Assortment of small chisels and chasing tools, if you have them, - tool steel blanks for chisels, if you have some

Notice: This is not a beginning workshop. Basic experience in blacksmithing is necessary.

SEND TO: Tom Latané, PO Box 62, Pepin, WI 54759-0062 715-442-2419

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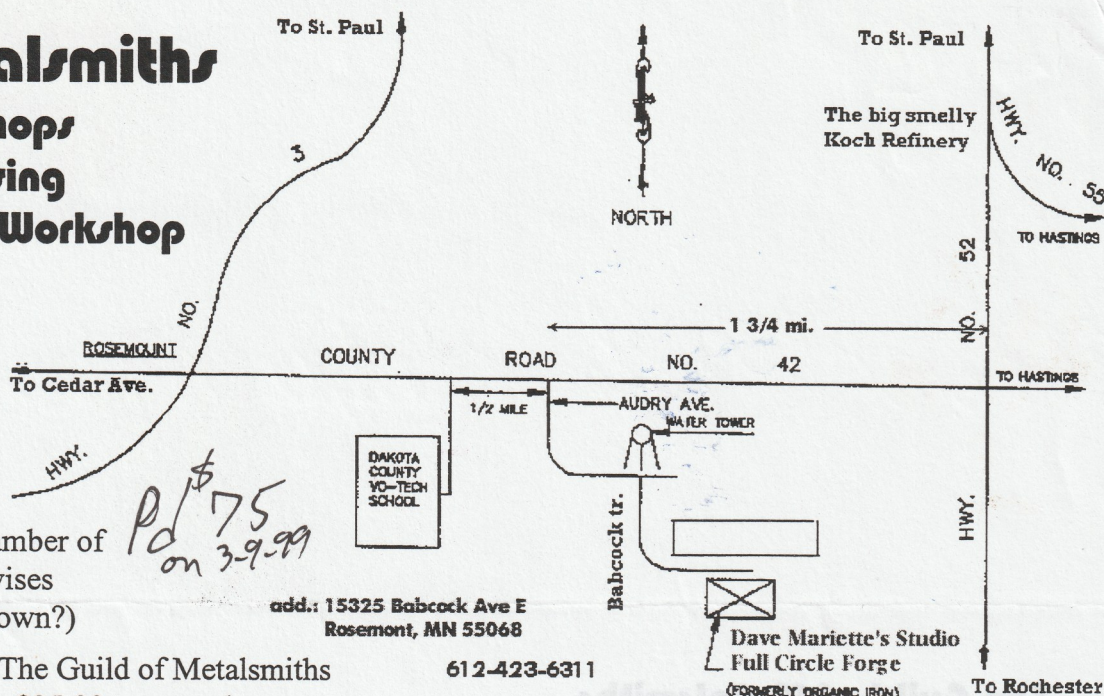
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I can bring my own : ANVIL and CUTTING SHIELD : CLAMP ON VISE
(circle items you can bring)



Full scale pattern of project leaf