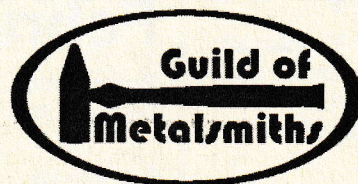


# The Forum



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## Discount Steel in Minneapolis is February 9 membership meeting location

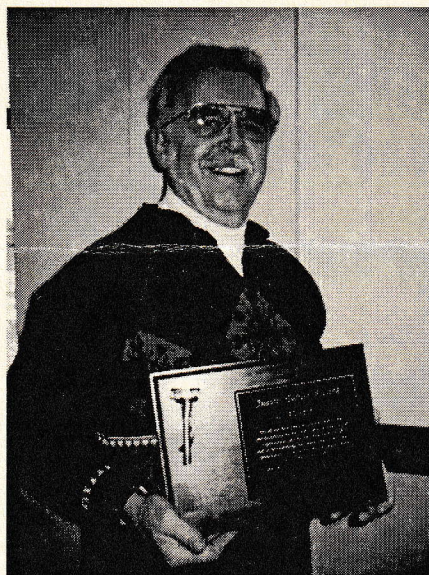
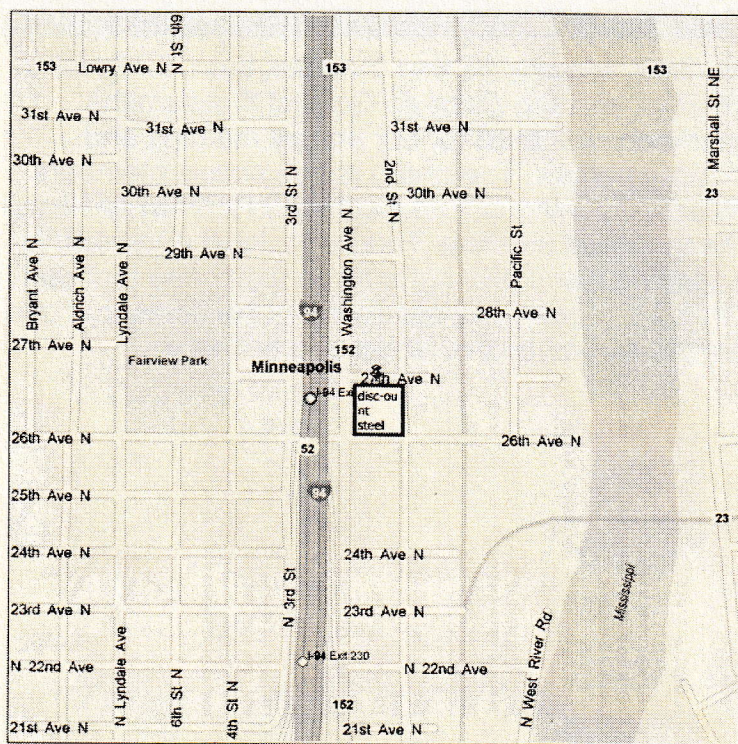
The February meeting will be held at  
**Discount Steel - Minneapolis**  
216 27th Avenue North  
Minneapolis, MN 55411

[www.discountsteel.com](http://www.discountsteel.com)

Join your fellow Guild of Metalsmiths members on Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m. for potluck, then the business meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

At this meeting Chris Rand will demonstrate his new treadle hammer, which was built from a kit designed by Gordon Barr and is available from Discount Steel. Chris will also demonstrate some of the tooling required for the treadle hammer. Additionally, Mike Klein from Discount Steel will be available to discuss our steel needs. This may be an opportunity to make a case for having tool steels such as S-7 and H-13 available in small quantities for our membership.

Al Lindholm, champion



Herb Fick, 2011 recipient of annual Juare-Hubler Award

## Annual Juare-Hubler Award recipient announced at January meeting

The happy gentleman appearing in the photo at left was surprised and speechless to learn that he is the latest recipient of The Guild of Metalsmiths' annual Juare-Hubler award. Herb Fick, who joined TGOM somewhere around 1985, was recognized at the January 16, 2011 meeting. The award is TGOM's

traditional way of recognizing an individual who has consistently lived up to high standards and helped TGOM to grow by sharing and giving of himself.

Although Herb was speechless at the meeting when he learned he was the honored metalsmith, he now wants to share these words of appreciation with you, the members of TGOM:

"There were people in the room who never knew Ollie (Juare) and Paul (Hubler). They need to know that when these two craftsmen came into the room, I could feel the warmth. They both had a smile that led you to believe that they were working for a reward that few would understand. And then they would teach you how to do stuff. For me that is quite a standard. There is a lot of talent and giving in the Guild. There is a huge reward for helping to do what does not really seem like work. There are a lot of folk in the guild who qualify for the award.

"I am humbled. Thank you for the warmth in that room. I also slept very well that night.

"Two thoughts:

"I like Roland's contribution. 'He can't talk. Have we got any more of those?'

"And I am reminded of a day forty years ago while being lead through a maze of small passages and alleys in a medieval section of a town in northern England. My friend Julian called back to me "Watch your head on that doorway, Herb. It's narrow."



## Forum deadline for March: Monday, February 21, 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, Feb. 21, 2011 to **Georgia Myers**, editor, by email to:

[gldmyers@embarqmail.com](mailto:gldmyers@embarqmail.com)

or mail them to:

**Georgia Myers**

**413 W Dakota St**

**Lake City MN 55041**

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### Badger Blacksmiths meetings

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Newsletter editor: John

Grump

715-835-0894

[johngrump@att.net](mailto: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

[normanwgroehler@centurytel.net](mailto:normanwgroehler@centurytel.net)

Jim Sage, Vice President, 218-525-7265

[sageforge@cs.com](mailto: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](mailto:keith@greatriverforge.com). The Northern Minn. Metalsmith's website is [www.nmmetalsmiths.org](http://www.nmmetalsmiths.org)

**SCHEDULE CHANGE: The NMM annual conference is rescheduled in 2011 to the third weekend in April, due to Easter being the fourth weekend.**

### 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](mailto:ken@kensiron.com)

Brian Johnson

16777 Co Rd 75 NW

Clearwater MN 55367

1-320-558-6898

## New Members— February 2011

Bruce Miest  
Mankato, MN

Eric Pawelk  
Montrose, MN

Keith Larson  
Hudson, WI

Eric Johnson

Joshana Anderson  
St Louis Park, MN

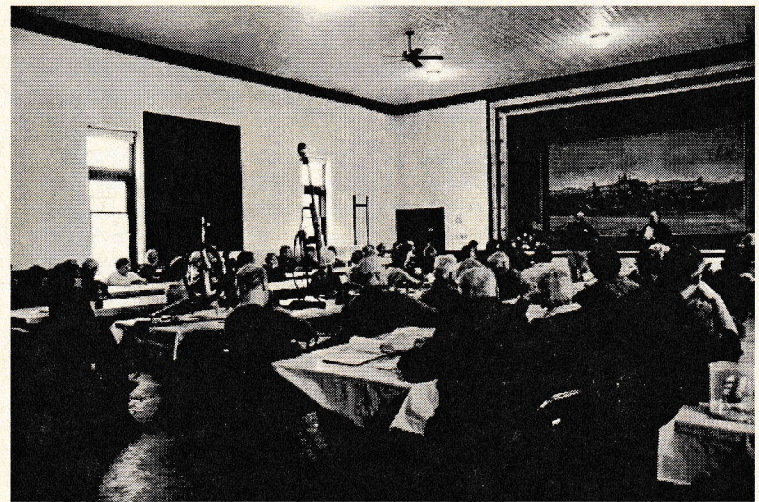
Josh Campana  
Coon Rapids, MN

Jim Ricci  
St Paul, MN

Jennifer Hartigan  
Inver Grove Hgts, MN

Andrew Achenbach  
Burnsville, MN

Jon Gruber  
Brooklyn Park, MN

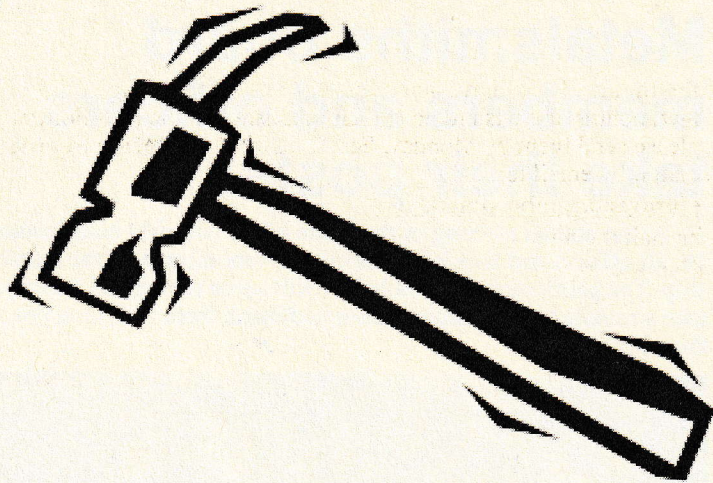


Sunday, January 16 was the date, the CSPA Hall in St. Paul was the place as Guild of Metalsmiths members gathered for our annual meeting and holiday potluck. The photo above shows members intently listening to President Rich Herman as he led the business meeting. Thanks to Juliet Anderson for snapping many photographs on the scene that day. On later pages you'll see many of the items that our smiths shared on the "show and tell" table.



# Hammer-Making Workshop

**Date** Saturday, April 9  
**Time** 9:00 am to 4:30 pm  
**Instructor:** Dick Carlson  
**Cost:** \$45  
**Class size:** 10  
**Location:** Dick Carlson's Flint  
Lock Ridge Forge,  
Hastings, MN



Students should bring their favorite hammer.

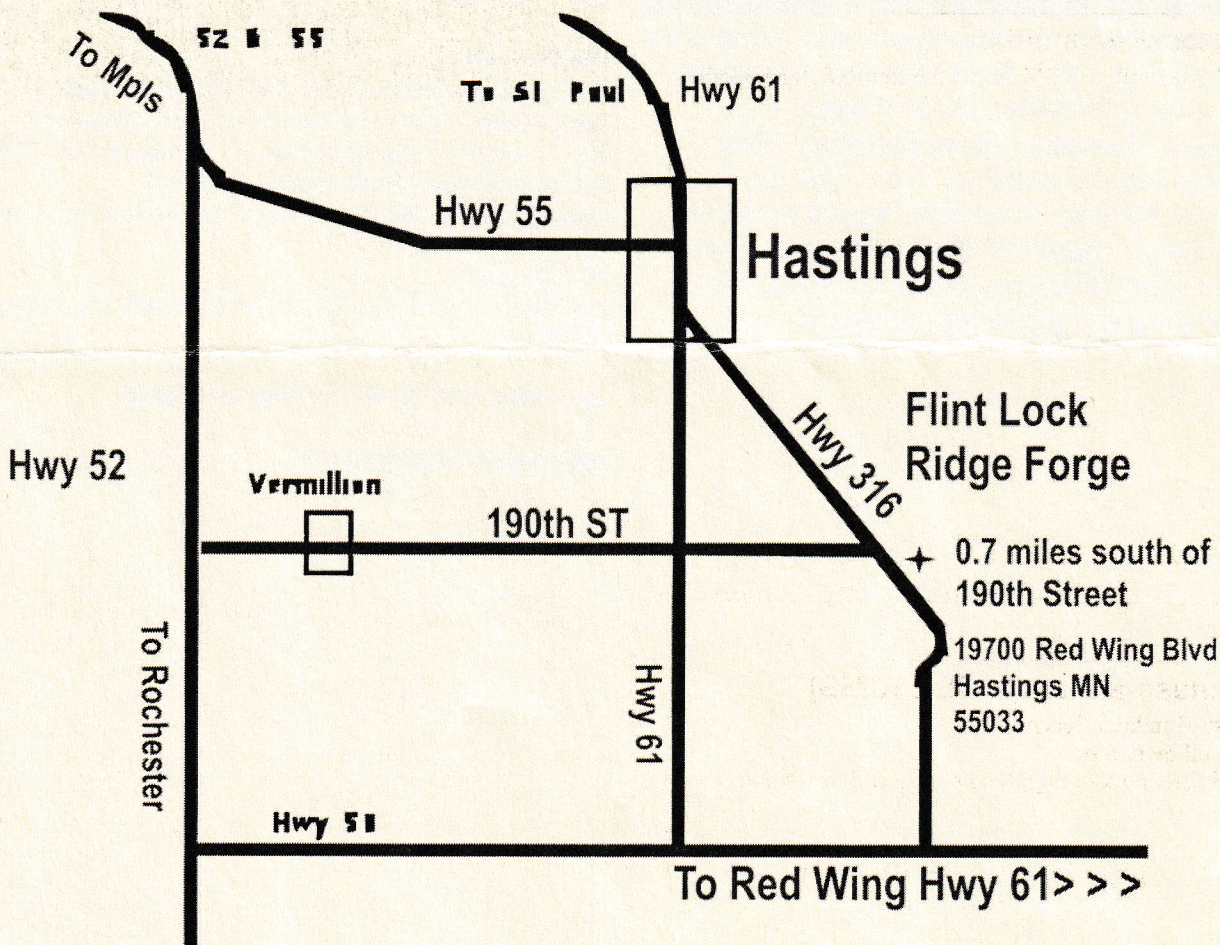
Safety glasses and ear plugs are mandatory. Other safety equipment should include gloves, leather apron (optional), cotton clothing, leather shoes.

Coffee and cookies will be available in the morning. Bring a bag lunch, or restaurants are also located in Hastings.

Register for this class by sending a check for \$45 written to Guild of Metalsmiths to:

Dick Carlson  
19700 Red Wing Blvd.  
Hastings, MN 55033

Contact Dick at 651-437-3329 or email: [Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com](mailto:Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com)





# 2011 Guild of Metalsmiths board members and officers take their posts!

At the annual meeting of the Guild of Metalsmiths held January 16, all officers and four board members were elected by the membership. The gentlemen pictured below will serve during 2011. Please take a minute to congratulate them and thank them next time you see them.



Guild of Metalsmiths board members and officers for 2011 are, (standing, l to r) Rich Herman, president; Rob Murray, board member; Rick Wesley, vice-president; Dave Marriotte, board member; Mike Frattalone, treasurer; (kneeling, l to r) Gordon Barr, board member; Roland Sigurdson, board member; Marty Hicks, board member; Martin Pansch, board member, and Darryl Ponder, board member. Not pictured: Chris Rand, recording secretary.

## Program Committee Minutes- Marty Hicks

Call to order: 7:15, January 20, 2011  
Minutes accepted motion by Mike Frattalone  
Verification of email addresses

### Upcoming meetings:

Feb 9 – Al Lindholm champion  
Treadle hammer demonstration at Discount Steel – Chris Rand  
Need Myron's gas forge

Apr 13  
Oakschotte, John McDonald

We have options to explore for 2011 meeting locations:  
I will contact Minnetonka Center for the Arts bronze pour -only date not available is Aug. I will contact Franconia Sculpture Park about a possible June meeting. Other possibilities include Oxygen Service and Granote Iron Works

June 8  
Dave Marriette can demonstrate a button scroll

Aug 10  
Dan Pate – Herb Fick

Oct 12

Dec 4 Xmas party

### Old Business

Trailer ventilation fan quotes. Two fans at 159 each.  
Doug Wilson – good feed back from the conference  
2010 Conference Sep 16,17, and 18. Demonstrators – Tom Latane and Brian Brazeal. Need contract for Brian.  
Education committee to investigate a class with Brian before/after conference

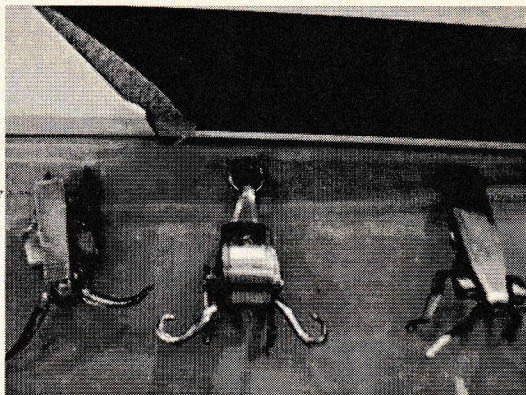
### New Business

Stacked brick workshop? Nick volunteered bricks if they are suitable.

Adjourned: 8:45 Motion by John Mc Donald

Submitted by Al Lindholm

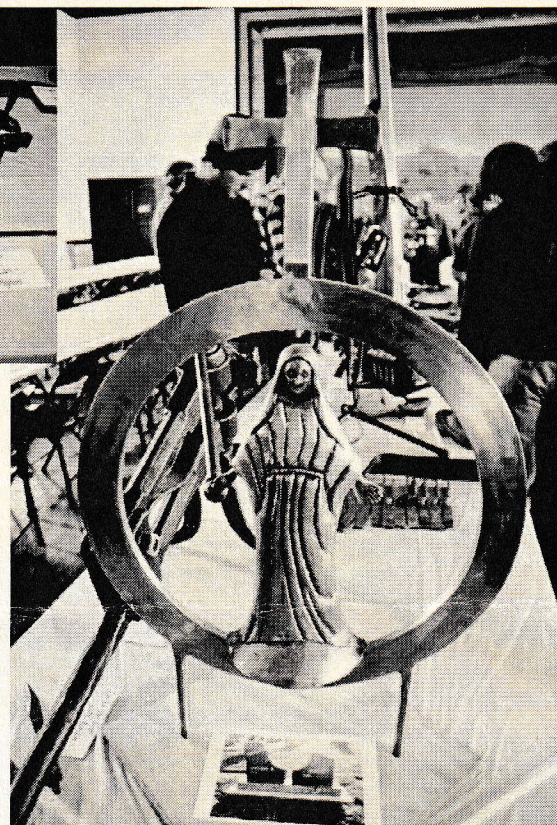




Found art creatures made from flatwear by Kate Cramer.



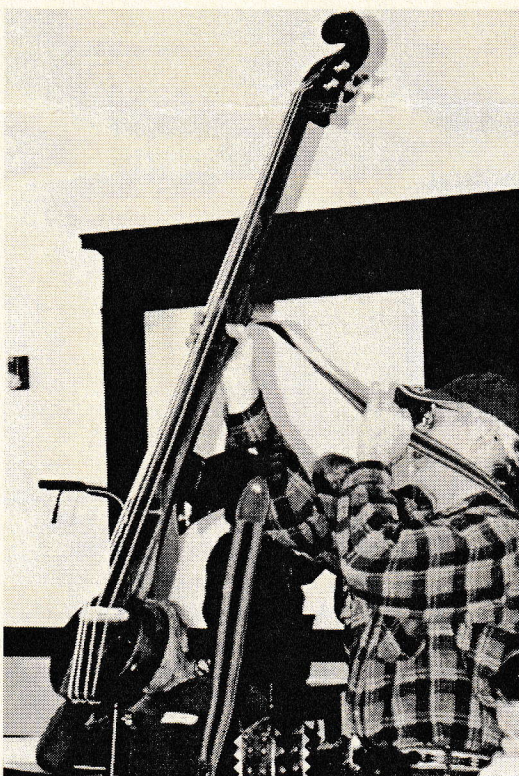
Myron Hanson creations



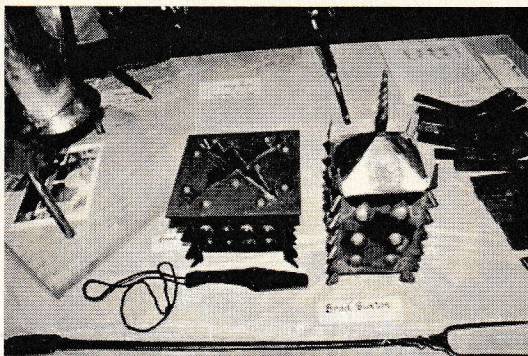
Dick Carlson cemetery monument

## 'Show and Tell" from January 16 TGOM meeting

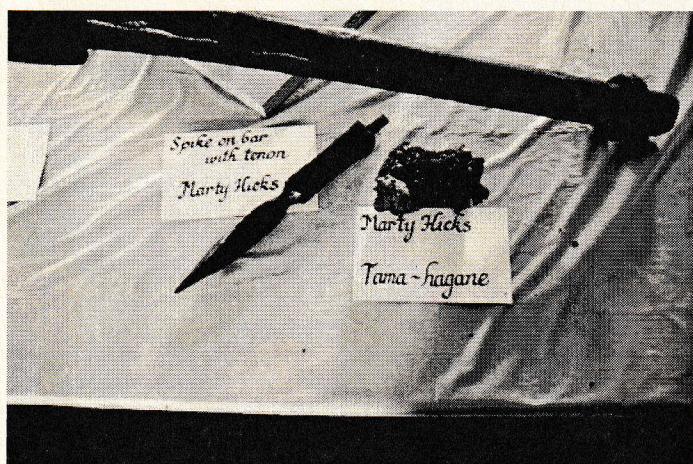
Photos by Juliet  
Anderson



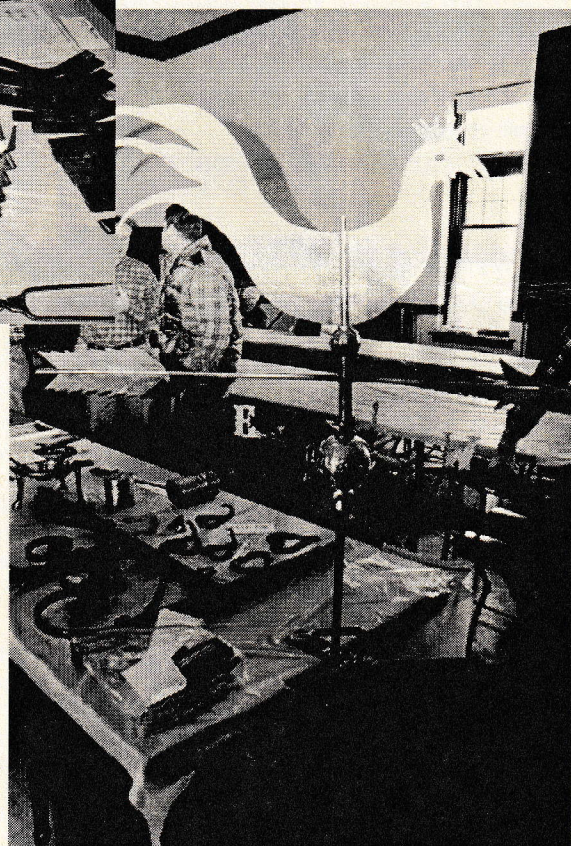
Bass guitar by Bob Beck.



Items from Brad Buxton



Items from Marty Hicks



Nick Heinen weather vane.



## Letter to Guild Members from Bob Walsh

In the last issue of the *Metalsmith* Chris Rand wrote an article about edge texturing dies for power hammers. He featured dies used by Tom Kelly, himself and the dies I use.

I can load up a Johnson gas forge with 5' pieces of 3/16" X1" for example and by heating, edge texturing, straightening, rotating and repeating, can texture a lot of metal in a short period of time. With this process, the dies work great.

However, the reason I am writing this, is because for the first time, the other day I tried texturing some metal cold in the dies. This worked, but I would consider the tool for this process a failure.

I would consider the dies a failure for edge texturing cold metal because they are held in place by a bolt and the whole unit is held in place by another bolt. As such, the shock of the cold metal being hammered knocks everything loose all too often. About every five minutes I had to re-tighten the loose bolts plus felt real-uneasy using a tool that was all too often, hopping around in the hammer. This is how you get hurt.

If you are planning to edge texture cold metal, don't waste your time replicating the dies I presented. If you do, you will be disappointed. If your metal will be hot, the system works very well.



## 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](http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com)**

## Upcoming in 2011...

**Bread Oven class May 7 (details next month)**

**Tom Latane:** Door hardware class, May 20, 21, 22. Students will forge a spring latch with a ring handle. The forge welded ring handle will be mounted on a shaft which will pass through a chisel-cut escutcheon, (the door), and then a chisel cut latch plate and be secured to a forged cam which will lift the latch bar. The latch bar will be under pressure from a spring, forged as part of the staple which retains the bar against the latch plate. The spring provides a more positive catch than a gravity latch. Parts will be forged, filed, and fitted. May 20, 21, 22, 2011

**Bernard Heer:** 3-day class June 3, 4, 5, possible tool making, animal heads and some copper raising. Bernhard is co-author and illustrator of the book "Basic Blacksmithing." The book is a result of experiences working with rural blacksmiths in Zimbabwe and Malawi. His thirst for knowledge has taken him from Alaska to Siberia, from South America to Africa and Australia to Kazakhstan. Since 2004 he lives and works in Colombia, South America.

**Roger Degner:** June 11 & 12, Roycroft hammered copper vase, Quarters mokurne, pipe forging from chili peppers to flowers

**Peter Ross:** 2-part class June 20, 21, & 22 and June 24, 25, & 26, 2011. If you missed his 2010 class, plan now to attend!

We are discussing the possibility of tool making for the first 3 day class..more than likely a hacksaw, the second 3 day class would be making a Betty Lamp with a flip lid, or Bracket part II (covering water leaves, flat leaves, more forge welding).

Don't miss this opportunity to study with this Williamsburg Blacksmith. We still have 3 openings in Peter's class.

**Mike Blue:** Damascus II, July 7, 8, 9. Advanced patterning techniques. More info next month.

**Nathan Robertson:** August 6, Heat Treated Hammer Class

Choose your hammer, shape, and size.

**Doug Wilson:** Date has not been set. August, September or October.

Doug was a demonstrator at Guild of Metalsmiths Conference 2010 Doug will do 2-3 day classes.

1st class—tool making: Woodworking tools (chisels, slick, carving knives) or 'smithing tools (Punches, Chisels & tongs)

2nd class: 3 day Drawing & Design

Drawing, design, and transforming ideas to metal

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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 February, 2011

- Feb. 5, Poz Tongs Class, MN School of Horseshoeing (class is full)
- Feb. 9, monthly membership meeting at Discount Steel, Minneapolis
- Feb. 12, Beginning Blacksmithing C class, session 1, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Feb. 19, Tool Box Class, MN School of Horseshoeing (class is full)
- Feb. 26, Beginning Blacksmithing C class, session 2, MN School of Horseshoeing

## Events in March, 2011

- March 5, Struck Tools Class, MN School of Horseshoeing (class is full but a second class may be held...stand by)
- March 9, Guild board meeting
- March 12, Beginning Blacksmithing C class, session 3, MN School of Horseshoeing
- March 26, Beginning Blacksmithing C class, session 4, MN School of Horseshoeing

## Events in April, 2011

- April 9, Hammer-Making Workshop, Dick Carlson's studio south of Hastings
- April 13, membership meeting at Oakschotte Institute

## Schedule Change:

The annual conference for Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths is rescheduled in 2011 to the third weekend in April, due to Easter being the fourth weekend.

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## 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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