

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

Attention Please!

If your label says. 2000.1 your membership is up for renewal this quarter. Please send your \$30 dues to:

The Guild of Metalsmiths

PO Box 11423
St. Paul MN 55111

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!

Breaking News!

I just received this email from Jim McCarty, editor of "The Anvil's Ring" (ABANA newsletter)

Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 15:41:23 -0600
Subject: Humble Award
From: Jim McCarty <jimmac@socket.net>
To: gene@mtn.org
Hi Gene,

Don't know if you are aware but Marcia is

the winner of ABANA's Joe Humble newsletter editor award. I don't know if anyone has contacted her or not.

Gene Chapman, Clay Spencer and I made the selection. I want to run something on it in the next Ring and need a photo of her pretty quick (say by the end of next week). I tried to call her but didn't catch her. If you can help out I would appreciate it.

That's quite an honor for you guys.

Jim McCarty
Father Helias Forge, Taos, MO
Editor, The Anvil's Ring
BAM Newsletter

Congratulations Marcia from all of us and congratulations too, to the editorial board and all of the members who have written those wonderful articles that have made the "Metalsmith" the great little magazine it is.

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The December Meeting:

The December meeting and banquet was held in the CSPS hall on Michigan and West Seventh in St. Paul, about three blocks from the Brewery where it was held the past few years. (Czechoslovakian Protective Society, one of many nationality based insurance and social organizations set up around the turn of the century by our immigrant forebears)

The main things on the agenda were the election of new officers and the recognition of members who have helped us over the years. After eating too much, we all settled down to business as President Dave Feterl called the meeting to order.

Presentation of Awards:

The Juare/Hubler Service Award was presented to Pete Stanaitis and Bob Fredell. Pete and Bob, as most of you probably know have spent many hours over the years, leading, encouraging us. They have taught many, many classes, written the study guide we use in our blacksmithing course work, and coauthored and donated to the Guild (with the late Paul Hubler) the book "Iron Menagerie" which is largely responsible for the healthy state of the treasury.

The President's Award for service to the Guild was presented to Gene Olson.

"For the professional job you have done in communicating our message and information

to the entire membership and beyond."

Election of Officers:

To the board of Directors, two openings: Myron Hanson was elected to replace the outgoing Guy Paton.

Gene Olson was reelected

For Treasurer:

We reelected Mike Fratalone

For Vice President:

We reelected Pete Stanaitis

For President:

We reelected Dave Feterl

Other Business:

Pete Stanaitis plotted the member list onto a map and came up with a solid mass of dots in the metro area.

Roger Degner served as auctioneer for the auction and did a fine job.

Ollie It was noted that longtime board member and mentor to many of us, Ollie Juare has moved to a secured nursing home because his Alzheimers has worsened and he has started wandering. Ollie still recognizes people and still loves to talk about blacksmithing. If you get a chance, drop in and see him.

JUAIRE, OLLIE
WALKER METHODIST HOME
3737 BRYANT AVE SO
MINNEAPOLIS MN 55409
Phone 612-827-5931

As I look back at the Dec meeting, . . .

I thank everyone for the pat on the back for publishing this newsletter. It has been a lot of work, but it has been fun too.

However, I think we forgot a couple things.

First - Thank you, Guy Paton for your time on the Board. Your no nonsense, head for organization will be missed.

Second - Thank you Don Halverson, for volunteering to run for the board, and thank you also for the fine job you have done administering and also being part of the team, managing all and teaching some of our basic blacksmithing classes. A job well done and much appreciated. We hope you are still interested next year when there will be four seats open.

Directory Updates:

We left space . Get out your pen.

A hearty welcome to our New Members

BURGESON, JOHN
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PETERSON, TIM
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FERGUS FALLS MN 56537-2735

Corrections:

TJOSTELSON, ROBERT not
TJOSTENELSON, ROBERT

OTHER:

We have expired and undeliverable addresses for JOE SMITH, Jordan and JESSICA SNYDER, Mpls.

If any one knows how to get hold of these members, please contact me.

Ed.

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

Dear Forum:

Saw where the Guild was looking for recommendations for future demonstrators. Tal Harris was the best demonstrator I saw at the Rocky Mt Smith conference other than Bill Fiorini who we have had locally for several different demonstrations. Tal does Francis Whitaker style work. He struck for Francis one day and you should've seen the smile when Francis saw he was the striker. I think he worked with Francis for a couple of years.

Another name that was mentioned in Colorado as one of the best engravers is Bruce LaPage and he was also mentioned in the Francis Whitaker interview. I suggest a demo by Bruce Lapage on engraving. I think he is still an instructor at the Pine City, Mn technical College gunsmith program so travel and lodging should be a minimal expense. A suggestion for spending some of the Guilds excess money. How about some type of video camera. that way the if the guild could talk someone into running it they would have their

own tapes and do not need to depend on individuals to donate a copy to the guild.

Roger R Degner
Franklin, Minn, USA

Dear Forum:

I finally broke down and rented one of those Guild videos, and you know what? It was real easy.

I just sent in the form with a check made out to Mike Richter for \$3 and it arrived a few days later. All boxed up special book video rate of \$1.15 for one tape, (that's one regular first class stamp and four postcard stamps) I used a knife to carefully open the package so I could use the same box for the return trip.

After viewing, I wrote Mike's address on a sheet of paper, taped it over my address on the front with clear tape, pasted on the \$1.15 postage dropped it in the mailbox. Done.

Mike is doing a great job on this for us. He has set up a storage and filing system to hold the collection ready for your next request. The three dollar check should be made out to Mike as it is meant to cover his costs. (His secretary told me she is actually the one doing the mailings and I assume she gets paid)

Gene

Want Ads:

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

For Sale

Mayer Bros. 25# Little Giant trip hammer
Serial # 666 (early model)
\$2,000.00

168# Peter Wright Anvil
\$275.00

Don Hogeneson, 3019 Co.Rd.DD
Glenwood City WI 54013
Phone: 715-265-4701

The Column filler:

A group of chess enthusiasts had checked into a hotel, and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse "But why?", they asked, as they moved off.

"Because," he said, "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."

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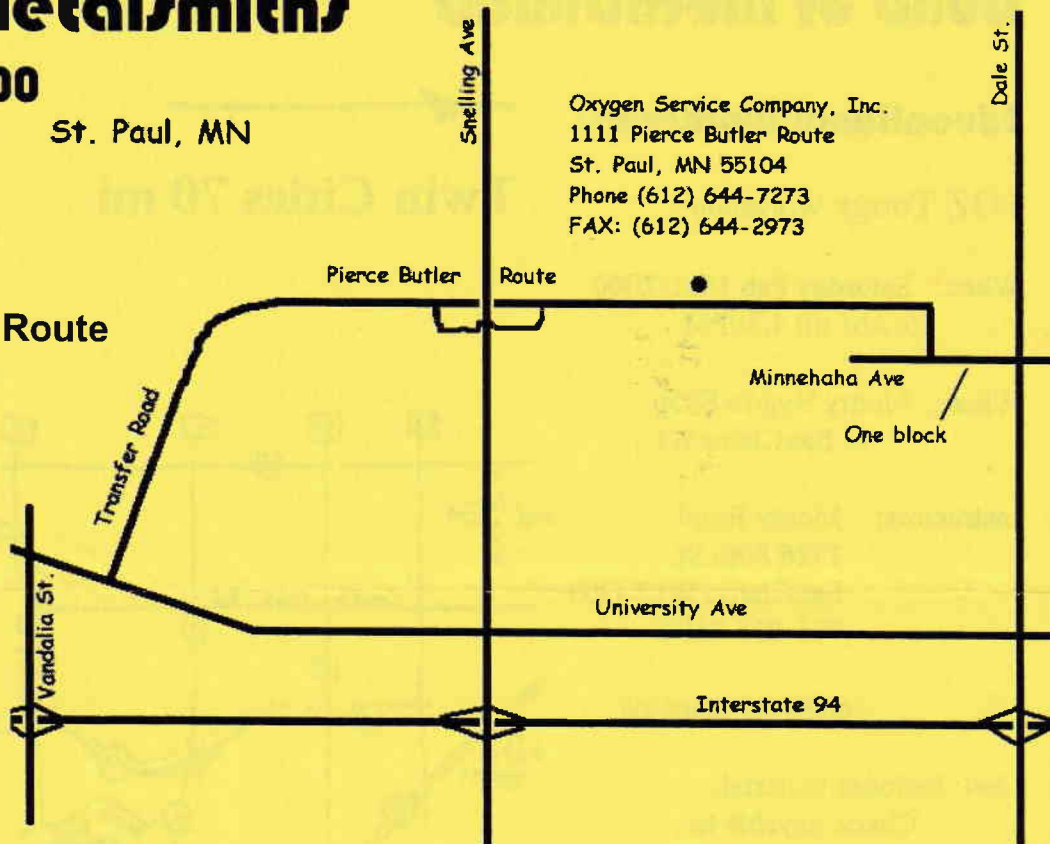
February 9th, 2000

Meeting

St. Paul, MN

Oxygen Service
1111 Pierce Butler Route
St. Paul Minnesota

Oxygen Service Company, Inc.
1111 Pierce Butler Route
St. Paul, MN 55104
Phone (612) 644-7273
FAX: (612) 644-2973



The evening's order:

6:30 Pot luck

7:00 Meeting:

7:30 Program: The Staff at Oxygen Service will be give demonstrations on Oxy-Acet. Safety, Plasma Cutting, and something else. We will break into three groups and each group will rotate through all 3 demonstrations.

Oxygen Service will be offering some special discounts on various items to Guild Members.

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Educational Workshops

Monty Bygd
1928 80th Street
Eau Claire, WI 54703
(715) 835-8197

POZ Tongs Workshop

Twin Cities 70 mi

When: Saturday Feb 19th, 2000
9:AM till 4:30PM

Where: Monty Bygd's Shop
in EauClaire WI

Instructors: Monty Bygd
1928 80th St.
EauClaire, WI 54703
715-835-8197

and Pete Stanaitis

Cost: Includes materials
Check payable to:
The Guild of Metalsmiths
\$20.00 members

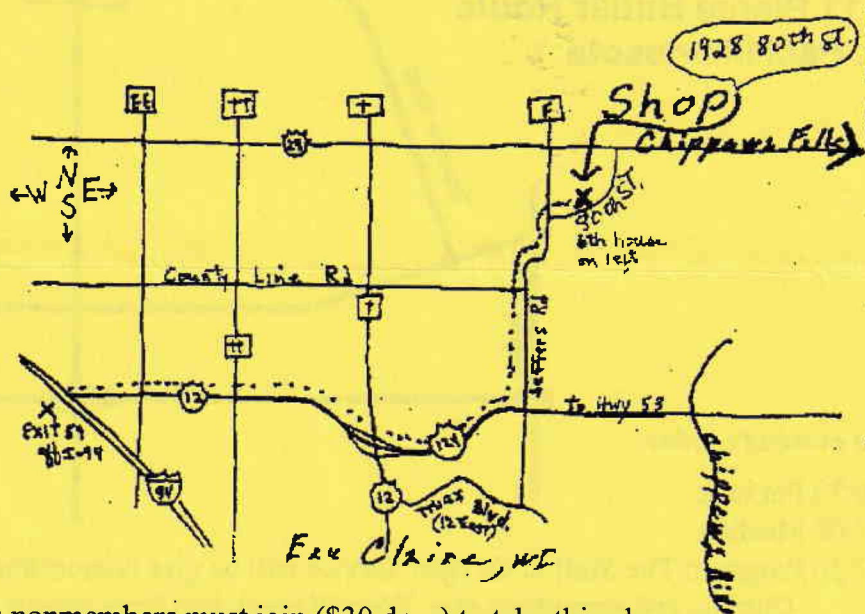
Due to insurance policy restrictions nonmembers must join (\$30 dues) to take this class.

Class Size: 8 intermediate to advanced smiths

Class Description: Monty says, " We will be making poz-tongs, Rob Gunter style. They will Hold 1/2" sq, 1/2" round, and 1/4" flat."

You need to bring: A sack Lunch. Eye, ear, and hand protection. Cotton, wool or leather work clothes, Work shoes. A good hammer and your favorite pail of blacksmith tools, if you have some. Material for the tongs will be furnished. If you sign up Monty will discuss tool needs with you

EauClaire, Wisconsin is about 70 miles east of the Twin Cities on Interstate 94.



SEND TO: Monty Bygd 1928 80th St., EauClaire, WI 54703 715-835-8197

\$20.00 members Check payable to: The Guild of Metalsmiths

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

**Beginning Blacksmithing Section B & C
&
The February Open Forge Session
Are
Filled**

