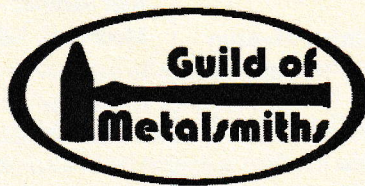


The Forum

July 2010



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Are you ready for the Madness?!?!

Make plans now to attend The Guild of Metalsmiths Fall Conference on September 17th through the 19th at the Little Log House Power Show grounds, located six miles south of Hastings on Highway 61. Brochures with all the details are in the mail to members and friends of the Guild.

Friday, September 17...

Friday afternoon is the Gallery setup. Bring your best works to show off all of the great stuff you have made. This is a non-juried show; all items registered will be included in the gallery. If you have items that you showed in the past, please bring them again since there are always new members each year for which the items will be fresh. If you cannot make it Friday, gallery registration is open on Saturday also.

Friday night is the gala opening of the gallery. Come early for the potluck dinner at 5:30 and join your friends to tour the wonders of the conference gallery. After dinner there will be presentations by the demonstrators.

Friday is also the opening of the tailgate area. If you need to buy or sell some equipment, the tailgate sales area is a great opportunity to exchange that hard-to-find smithin' stuff. Sales are open all weekend, but you are warned that the best deals usually go early.

Saturday, September 18...

Saturday is the main event with registration starting at 7:30 AM and demonstrations starting at 9 AM. This year we have two wonderful demonstrators – Doug Wilson of Little Deer Isle, Maine and Steve Parker of Clinton, Illinois

In addition to the demonstrators, other family activities will be taking place, see the article in this newsletter by Sheri Stanaitis for more details

If that isn't enough to keep you busy, browse the silent auction area to pick up that piece of steel you need or the other doodad you can't live without. And if you have an extra chunk of steel or a thingamajig you don't need, consider donating it to the silent auction.

And let's not forget the highlight of the conference, the Saturday Night Live Auction. This is a major event of the year and provides you an opportunity to pick up some wonderful items for either your shop or your living room wall. We are asking everyone that participates in a public demonstration this summer at a fair or power show, please donate an item to the auction and identify what event it was made at. Tools would in particular be appreciated for the auction.

Sunday, September 19...

Sunday is the final day of demonstrations, and your assistance at the end to help put things away would be appreciated.

Now you may expect an opportunity to experience all of this would cost lots of bucks – well, we will take it if you want to give it to us, but all we ask is a measly \$35 per family for the entire weekend or \$20 per family for a single day of the conference. Meal plans are available for \$37 for the weekend per person—order early for availability. Camping is available on the grounds for no charge except for a nominal fee if you connect your camper to the electricity.

More information on the conference will be showing up in your mailbox soon. For family activities scheduled during the Madness, see page 2.

— Rich Herman, Guild President

Forum deadline for August: Monday, July 19, 2010

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, July 19, 2010 to **Georgia Myers**, editor, by email to:

gldmyers@embarqmail.com

or mail them to:

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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

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

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NEW JULY MEMBERS

Ralf Mehnert-Meland

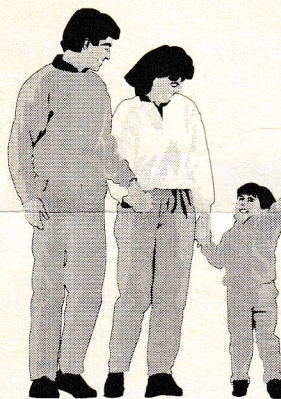
Moorhead, MN

Jeff Suek

Savage, MN

Family/Spouse Activities for the Madness

For the upcoming Fall Conference on Sept. 17, 18, and 19, we have planned the following:



Found art - free and very popular creative event! Objects created during this event have been auctioned off for lots of dollars!

Repousse' on Altoid tins - free. To be held Saturday with Kate Cramer.

Broom making class on Saturday with Mark Jackson and Sheri Stanaitis - \$15 fee.

Stacked Brick Wood Oven Building Class with David Cargo. We will learn how to build this oven onsite and then how to bake flat breads in it! \$30 fee. Please **pre-register** with Sheri Stanaitis for this class.

Making a Knife Sheath Class with Johan Potgrieter of Tandy Leather. Bring your own knife up to 9" long. \$25 material fee to be paid at conference registration. Please **call Sheri Stanaitis in advance** if you are interested in this class.

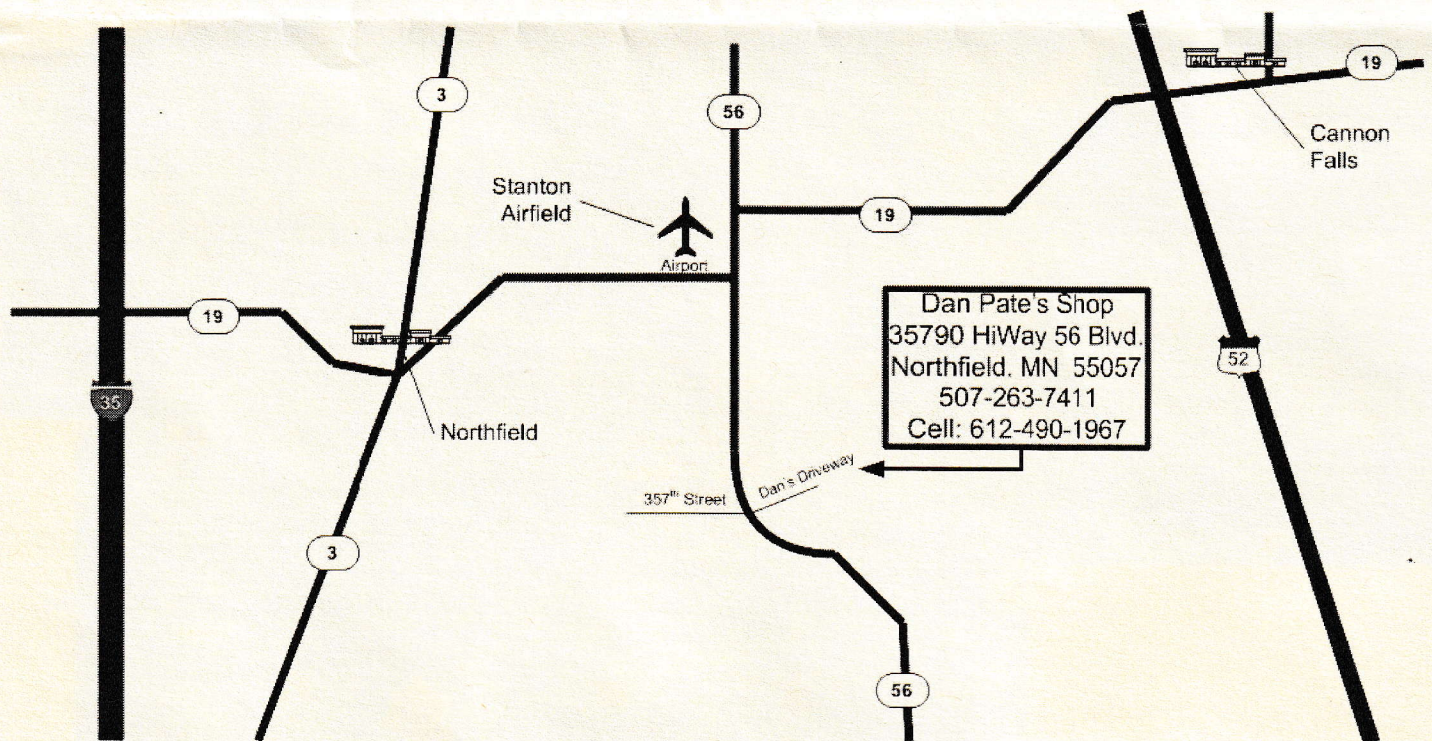
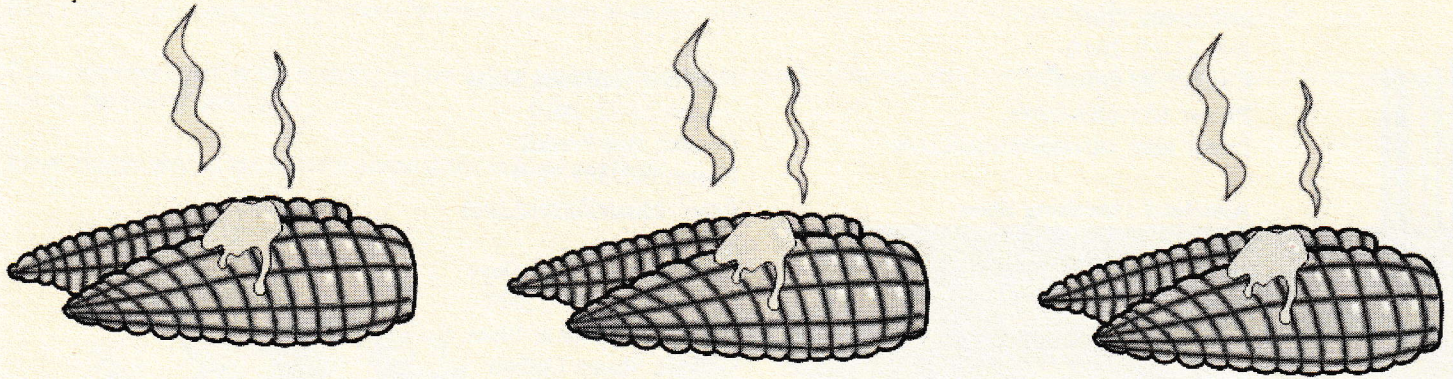
Please contact Sheri Stanaitis at 715-698-2895 or email her at spaco@baldwin-telecom.net

Prepare for corn AND hog barbeque!!

August 11 is next Guild membership meeting

Be sure to circle your calendars for the evening of Wednesday, August 11. We'll once again meet at the country home of Dan Pate (map below). The next issue of The Forum should contain vastly more details. In the meantime, plan to be there early to benefit from the variety of comraderie and food. We're assuming Dick Carlson will be in charge of the traditional sweet corn boil. Again this year, a pig will be roasted, so that leaves appetizers, salads, and desserts as the remaining items to fill out the evening meal.

We're sure there will be demonstrations, but we just don't know what yet. Stay tuned for next month's



Summer volunteer opportunities for Guild members

Little Log House Threshing Show
July 23 - 25, 2010
Contact: Dick Carlson
Phone: 651-437-3329
Email: Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com

Minnesota Zoo
July 23-25, 2010
Contact: Al Olson
Phone: 651-683-0906
Email: alan_olson@hotmail.com

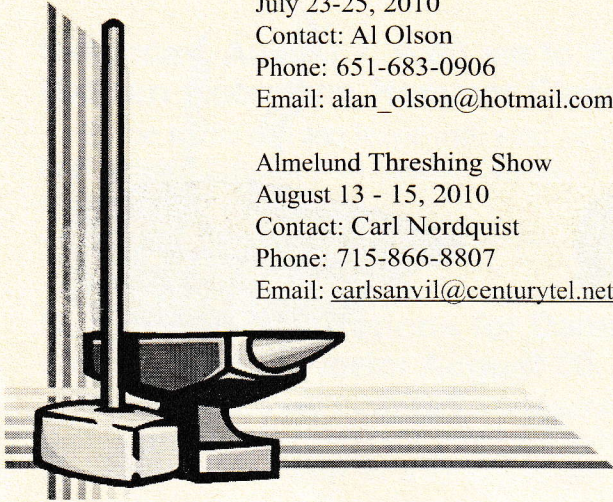
Almelund Threshing Show
August 13 - 15, 2010
Contact: Carl Nordquist
Phone: 715-866-8807
Email: carlsanvil@centurytel.net

Scott-Carver Threshers
Old Time Threshing Show
August 6, 7, 8, 2010
Contact : Jerry Felton
Phone: 952-873-6754
Email: eucattleco@frontiernet.net

Nowthen Threshing Show
August 20-22, 2010
Contact: Bob Fredell
Phone: 763-389-5119
Email: bfredell@msn.com

Lamberton Hot Iron Days
Sept 10th and 11th, 2010
[Friday iron pour at 10pm, Sat iron pour at 5pm]
Contact: Shawn Colbert
Phone: 507-274-5641
Email: sjcolbert2002@yahoo.com

Note: If you plan to attend any of these events, please notify the contact person well in advance.



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Community Collaboration/ Hot Metal Pour Saturday · August 7th · 10:00am to 6:00pm

Come and be part of art history and the direct casting of metal sculptures. Cast metal artists from around the world converge on FSP for a two-week workshop at the end of July.

On August 1st, we invite the public to be part of our cast metal artist workshop and create (or collaborate on) your own small sculptures. A nominal fee is charged to cover expenses. Molds are \$25, \$40, and \$75.

For more information: info@franconia.org.

Franconia Sculpture Park = <http://www.franconia.org/>

There are a limited number of educational grants to cover the expense if you cannot afford the fee.

June Guild Meeting Pictorial

The photos below were taken by Guild member Juliet Anderson at the June 9 Guild meeting held at The Landing, formerly Murphy's Landing. The Landing is a Minnesota River Heritage Park, part of the Three Rivers Park District in west suburban Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area. Landing Supervisor Jefferson Spilman hosted a guided tour of some of the vintage buildings at the park.

Guild members met in the building shown below for our customary potluck, then business meeting, then show and tell before setting out on the guided park tour.

Peter Hutter shared his accumulated skills in blacksmithing.



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.

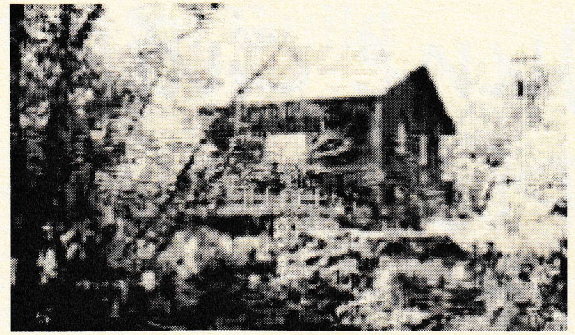
Contact for class registration:

Carol and John Adams

507-289-4189 or 507-289-5246

Email: jc-adams@msn.com

Website: www.tunnelmillcrafts.com



Saturday, August 7, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Nathan Robertson Hammer Class

Come to the mill and leave with your very own heat-treated hammer with handle. Choice of various shapes and weights.

Still taking registrations for Damascus class with Bill Fiorini August 20, 21, 22

This workshop will focus on the production of Damascus steel. The class will process Random and Turkish Damascus Steel for a variety of uses including tools, knives, jewelry or any other artistic direction related to decorative pattern embellishment.

Damascus discussion on the diffusion (welding) process, flux application and forge types used in processing Damascus will be explained. Students learn the basics of forging and the processing of a variety of steels for the manufacture of Damascus.

After learning the basics of Damascus discussion will continue in relationship to advanced Damascus pattern development.

NEW TOM LATANE' CLASS August 8, 9, 10

MOVING METAL WITH MUSCLE – Forging a Stake Anvil by Hand

Participants in this class will work in pairs striking for each other to produce a small stake anvil for each. To begin the process a collar will be forge welded around the lower part of the vertical stem (1 ½ " square mild steel). The horizontal portion (also 1 ½" square) will be forged to a taper on both ends and forge welded to a tenon welded on top of the stem. Reinforcing cheeks will be welded across this joint on either side. The anvil face will be forged from leaf spring and welded along the top of the two horns, after which they will be forged to final shape. The spring steel face should be hard enough without heat treating. The reinforcing cheeks will offer space for touch marks, initials, or decorative ornamentation.

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, October, and December. For each meeting 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 July

- July 14, Guild board meeting, location unknown
- July 23-25, Little Log House Antique Power Show, Dick Carlson
- ◆ July 23-25, MN Zoo volunteer opportunity, Al Olson

Events in August

- ◆ August 6, 7, 8, •Scott-Carver Old Time Threshing Show, Jerry Felton
- ◆ Aug. 11, Guild membership meeting, Dan Pate's home (annual sweet corn feed)
- Aug. 15-17, Almelund Threshing Show, Carl Nordquist
- Aug. 20-22, Nowthen Threshing Show, Bob Fredell

Events in September

- Sept. 8, Guild board meeting, location unknown
- Sept. 10 & 11, Lamberton Hot Iron Days, Shawn Colbert
- Sept. 17, 18, 19, Guild of Metalsmiths Annual Fall Conference, Little Log House near Hastings, MN

Events in October

- ◆ Oct. 2 & 3, annual Tunnel Mill Fall Gathering, Carol & John Adams
- ◆ Oct. 13, monthly Guild membership meeting, details TBA

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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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