

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

Gene Olson, editor

Attention Please!

If your label says. 2001.2 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 3 of 2001 is Aug 1. Send them to:

MARCIA MCEACHRON
2526 CALIFORNIA AVE NE
MINNEAPOLIS MN 55418
Phone: 612-706-0198
Fax number: 612-781-8435
Email: mmceachron@earthlink.net
Please!

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

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!

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 or email me at: spaco@Baldwin-telecom.net

In this month's **Forum**

Board meeting notes

† Peter Fuchs

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Weekend

Pete's Workshop

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The May Board Meeting:

A few notes.

The meeting was held at Bob and Mary Fredell's on May 9th.

Meeting called to order by President Dave Feterl.

Present: Dave Feterl, Mike Fratalone, Bill Hanson, Myron Hanson, Al Olson, Gene Olson

Committee Reports:

Financial: treasury \$21,355.83 306 members
Education: Nowthen Hammer in June 22-24th, Scheduling a new Hammer rebuilding workshop. (This time we will keep the rebuilt Hammer)

Program: Conference Budget set

Publicity: Forum at Printers, Sue Brockman has the copy for the Directory just about ready. Dave Brown's suggestion to print the

ABANA Liason Letters and President's message letters in the Forum instead of the Metalsmith was raised. The suggestion was approved by the board.

Old business:

Coal, Dave Feterl is trying to get a shipment of the same Pocahantas coal we had before.

501C3 application is progressing

New business:

Grants, Mark Jackson's missing paperwork for the grant approved last meeting (subject to receipt of this) was reviewed and approved.

Nest Meeting:

General Membership meeting: June 13th, Little Log House Grounds south of Hastings.

Board Meeting: July 11th Fredell Home.

Meeting adjourned

Video Library additions:

The Guild Video Library has been expanded with the purchase of a number of professionally produced videos. As you may know, Fred McCluskey has taken over as video librarian. Included in this issue are a listing of the new videos and the new request form with Fred's name and address.

Please add the Video Index page to loose the folder that was previously mailed to you, and use these forms from now on.

Peter Fuchs

Pete Fuchs passed on Saturday May 19th at approx. 6 pm in Albany, MN
I am sorry to be the bearer of sad news. For those that knew Pete and those who didn't, the following was posted at the spring Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths Conference.

"Our friend and fellow blacksmith Pete Fuchs from Avon, Minnesota started working in his father's blacksmith shop in his boyhood. Thus began his lifelong interest in metalwork.

Pete is now 83 and has recently

encountered some of the usual health related problems that one could expect at this stage of life. Pete has always been a mentor to those who shared his interest in the trade. Through most of his career he was a part of Americana, producing industrial and farm related work, including wagons, sleighs, cutters, sleds, mold boards and plow lays. His talents go beyond the craft of industrial blacksmithing. In retirement, Pete took up knife making, he is an avid sportsman, and produced some of the finest fishing spears you will ever see. Pete is also an inventor and designed/built many an odd contraption, such as his futuristic Corvair powered three wheeled motorcycle

Some of you know Pete, some of you don't. We have a card for him, but there isn't enough room for all of us to express our thoughts, so we got this book for you to write a little note to Pete. Please keep it to one page so we have room for all to write. Please sign the card and keep it close together. We are keeping Pete and his family in our thoughts and prayers, and hope that you will too."

Brian Johnson accepted for Pete, the induction award into the Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths Hall of Fame. Pete gave so much of himself to others who wished to learn about blacksmithing.

How fleeting is time, we all expected to see Pete at the forge once again at during the annual Pioneer Days in Albany. Pete will be missed by all of those who had the pleasure to have known him.

Thanks
Rome Hutchings
13633 Ferman Ave NW
Clearwater, MN 55320
(763) 878-1694 home
rome.hutchings@theprairieismygarden.com

Directory Updates:

We left space . Get out your pen.

A hearty welcome to our New Members:

GLASSCOCK, REBECCA
717 ARCWOOD RD
MAHTOMEDI MN 55115

Home Phone: 651-770-1565
Work Phone: 651-266-4377
Fax Phone: 651-266-4438
Email: rebglass@earthlink.net
Interests: Knife making

M^CCURDY, MARK
2732 GREENBROOK COURT
GRAPEVINE TX 76051
Home Phone: 817-481-0941
Email: mccurdyt@aol.com

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 763-441-5846

Commission Opportunity

The Gateway Trail Association is interested in finding an artist that might create some sculpture of a very durable type to afford and interesting experience for trail users. A suggestion would be to create a piece that would evoke something about the past land use along the trail - e.g.: farming railroading, moon shining, native Americans etc. Please give me a call about this if you have any ideas about who might be in position to do such a work. There are funds to pay for the art.

Welded iron would be durable!

John Baird
5732 Norwich Circle N
Oak Park Heights MN 55082-6474
651-275-5333
jbaird@scc.net

Dear Friends at the Guild of Metalsmiths,

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.
Thank you for the beautiful flowers.

The Pete Fuchs' family

Want Ads:

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

Forest History Center's Metalsmith's Weekend

Coming Up August 4th - 5th

Dear Metalsmith,
Just writing to let everyone know that the Forest History Center's Metalsmith's Weekend will be held on Saturday, August 4 2001 from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday August 5, 2001 from noon to 5 pm. We look forward to having an excellent group of skilled metalsmiths here again and a for good visitor crowds as well. I'm presently working with the Minnesota Historical Society's Public Relations Office to improve the promotional information on the program for 2001, So we think we'll have more folks for you to visit with this year.

Also, please give some thought to who else shares talents in traditional metalsmithing and who may wish to join us. If you know of someone that has a skill that is based in a traditional practice and has a portable forge, please drop a card to me at the address below and I'll contact them.

Thanks for being part of the Forest History Center family and we look forward to seeing you this year!

Sincerely,
Skip Drake, Manager

Minnesota Historical Society
Forest History Center
2609 County Road 76
Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744
Telephone 218/327-4482

How to Develop Your Own Problem Definition and Solution Process and How to Produce Effective, Persuasive Presentations.

---A one day seminar for Guild members by Pete Stanaitis.

Course Description:

You will have a chance to calibrate your own level of knowledge in these important areas.

The course will focus upon the development of presentation skills for both business and for personal use. These skills can be further developed and broadened so that students can diagnose situations and develop solutions to a very wide range of problems- well beyond the formal presentation arena.

Outcomes:

1. Students will take home with them a written tried and true "formula" for developing persuasive presentations along with the basic skills needed to properly use the "formula" immediately in real-life business and personal situations.
2. Students will have prepared and delivered one presentation of their own and will have heard and critiqued the presentations of several others to help them to get "ownership" of this powerful process.
3. Through exposure to the previously mentioned developmental books, I hope to convince every student to obtain, read, study and personally absorb all 3. I will make the sources of these books available to the students.

!!!We will have room for 6 students and for several dozen observers!!!

Observers will have the same involvement in all the lectures as the students but will mostly watch as the presentation process develops. I (Pete) estimate that an observer will gain at least 60% of the day's "learning" potential, and even more if they practice what they see when they go home.

Cost: Student: \$20.00 Observer \$10.00 **Lunch:** Bring a bag lunch.

Date: Saturday, July 14th, 2001 **Time:** 9 AM to 5:30 PM

Location: To be determined, based upon the number of people who sign up. All registrants will receive separate additional seminar (and location) information well before July 14.

Contact Information: Contact Pete Stanaitis, 2476 10th Av. Baldwin, WI, 54002, phone 715-698-2895, email: spaco@win.bright.net with any questions you may have.

Registration Information: **Registration closes July 6, 2001.** The first 6 applicants who request "Student" status will get it. After that, student applicants will be offered an "Observer" seat and any cost overages returned. Registration can be made by mail, email or by phone. Postmarks and time stamped emails or phone messages determine student/observer role for those requesting "student" status.

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Guild of Metalsmiths

Forging Ahead, Solutions and Presentation Skills Seminar

Saturday, July 14, 2001

Cost: \$20.00, Student, \$10.00 Observer. Make Checks payable to Guild of Metalsmiths.

Send this form with check, to: Pete Stanaitis, 2476 10th Av, Baldwin, WI 54002

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I want to be enrolled as a: STUDENT_____. OBSERVER_____.

Request Form

Guild of Metalsmiths Video Library:

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone Number () _____

Tapes requested: _____

Include \$3.00 for each "T" number requested.

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Send request and check to :

Fred Mccluskey

17510 Chameleon St. NW

Ramsey, MN. 55303-3054

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GUILD OF METALSMITHS VIDEO LIBRARY

update sheet.

**New videos in the Library,
a new librarian, and
a new form and address**

Please place this sheet in your folder with the rest of the Guild video Library listings

- T61 1999 BEMIDJI CONFERENCE, JEFF FUNK.
- T62 1999 UMBA CONFERENCE, DAVID THEMPSON.
- T63 1999 HAVERHILL CONFERENCE, WAIT HULL.
- T64 1999 TUNNEL MILL, ARMS & ARMOR TOUR.
- T65 1999 FALL CONFERENCE, 8HRS.
- T66 2000 BEMIDJI CONFERENCE , MIKE BOONE.
- T67 2000 HAVERHILL CONFERENCE, JEFF MOHR, 8HRS.
- T68 2000 UMBA CONFERENCE, DOUG MORKEL.
- T69 2000 FALL CONFERENCE.
- T70 GUILD HAMMERIN, MARCH 2000.
- T71 TINSMITHING (MCMILLEN
- T72 BLACKSMITHING TECHNIQUES (BLACKSMITHS JOURNAL)
- T73 BLACKSMITHS JOURNAL TECHNIQUES VOL.#2(BLACKSMITHS JOURNAL)
- T74 HAMMERMAN IN WILLIAMSBURG (COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG FOUNDATION)
- T75 WORKING WITH TUBING (COVELL)
- T76 FORGE WELDING WITH BOB PATRICK (PATRICK)
- T77 FORGE AND ANVIL VOL.3 (ROGERS)
- T78 TO CREATE A BLADE (GARLAND)
- T79 THE MAKING OF A KNIFE (MORAN)
- T80 KNIFEMAKING WITH WILLIAM WHITE(WHITE)
- T81 SCULPTING WITH WELDING (HERMAN)
- T82 ART OF SPURMAKING (CHEANEY)

- T83 TEXAS STYLE ENGRAVING-SILVERSMITHING (CHEANEY)
- T84 ARCHITECTURAL IRONWORK #1 SCROLL/BENDS (WALT SCADDEN)
- T85 ROCKY MOUNTAIN SMITHS 1995 CONFERENCE
FRANCIS WHITAKER 10AM 8/17/95 CLOSING SESSION 1HR. 37 MIN.
- T86 ROCKY MOUNTAIN SMITHS 1995 CONFERENCE
FRANCIS WHITAKER SEVILLE SLIDES 32 MIN.
- T87 ROCKY MOUNTAIN SMITHS 1996 CONFERENCE
FRANCIS WHITAKER, 8/15/96, 8AM, SQUARE PASS THRU, SHARP CORNER
- T88 ROCKY MOUNTAIN SMITHS 1996 CONFERENCE
FRANCIS WHITAKER 10AM 8/18/95 STAIR RAILING.

The new form:

If you run out, copy this one and send in your request.

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Phone Number () _____

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Announcing the First "Metalsmith Crawl"

Come with us on Saturday, July 21 to visit 5 Metalsmith Shops in the Twin Cities area. All 5 shops will be open from 9AM till 5PM for you to browse for ideas on planning or improving your own work areas. Whether you already have a shop or are just thinking about one, this "crawl" is for you. Note that this event is labeled "metalsmith" crawl. This is because most of our members' shops are used for several aspects of metalworking, not just blacksmithing, for instance.

We will include appropriate maps with the July Forum. The exact addresses (and phone numbers in case you get lost) are given below.

You can show up at any of the shops at any time of day. Or you can arrive at the starting/ending point (Myron Hanson's shop) by about 9 AM for possible car-pooling. We will have a few vehicles there and will leave his shop at about 9:30 for the rest of the shops on the list, in the order you see on the map.

The shop owners won't necessarily be demonstrating. They are there to answer questions about their shops; ie:

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| -Where do I start in planning a shop | -What would you do differently next time? |
| -What's that thing over there? | -What are the best features of this shop? |
| -How can I work with a small space? | -How and where do you store stock? |
| -How well does your chimney draw? | -What's most important? -etc, etc, etc. |

We car-poolers will stop for lunch someplace when the mood strikes us.

So, come and join us, one way or the other, for a great chance to begin planning for, or to make improvements to, your own shop!

Call Pete Stanaitis at 715-698-2895 if you have **ANY** questions or if you would like to provide a vehicle for the car pool. **There is no registration for this event.** Just "come one-come all" and make these shop owners feel that it was worth it to clean up their shops for all of us. Note to other owners who have offered their shops: We will get to you in future "crawls".

Shop Owners, order of visitation by car-pool & key to map:

1. Myron Hanson, Dodd Rd., Eagan MN, 55123, 651-454-3984
2. Mike Frattalone, 535 Red Pine Lane (was 4784 S. Robert Trail), Eagan, MN 55123, 651-452-7740 --- He didn't move, just changed his address.
3. Bill Krawczeski, 12741 3rd St S., Afton, MN, 55001, 651-436-7619
4. Don Halverson, 1009 Case Av, St. Paul, MN, 55106 651-772-3087
5. Bob Fredell, 3500 45th Av S., Mpls, MN, 55406, 612-721-2298