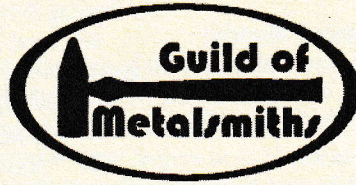


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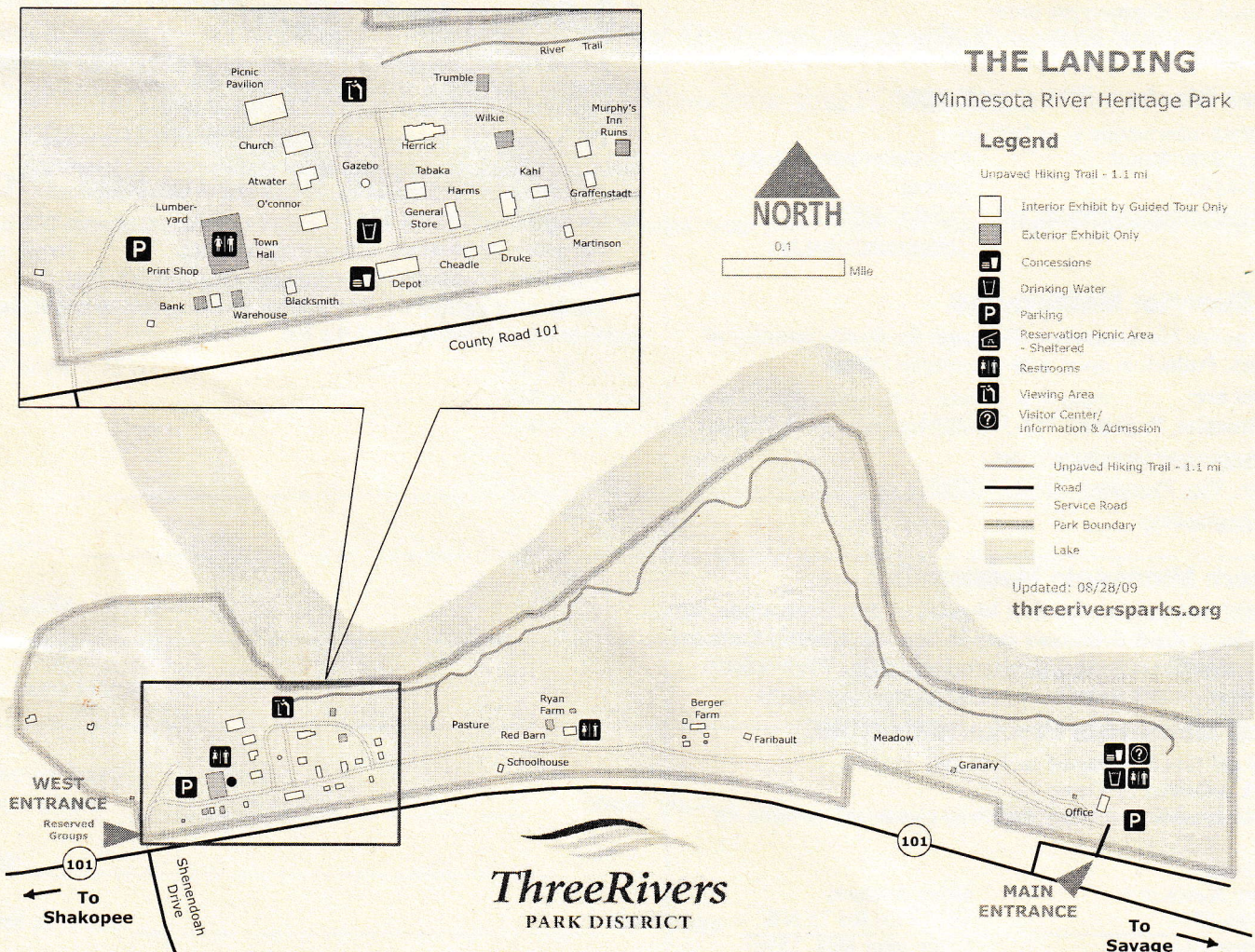
Guild members and families: The June meeting is right around the corner! Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at The Landing

The Landing – Minnesota River Heritage Park, formerly Historic Murphy's Landing, was established in 1969. This 88-acre living history museum depicts life in the Lower Minnesota River Valley from the 1840s–1890s with authentic 19th-century buildings, demonstrations, and a scenic river trail and overlook. Original site features include Major Murphy's inn and ferry crossing, the Pond Grist Mill, and a river overlook wall constructed by the Works Progress Administration.

The mission of the park is to interpret how people, for thousands of years, have connected with the Minnesota River and its surrounding natural and cultural resources. <http://www.threeriversparks.org/parks/the-landing.aspx> Volunteers are an important part of the operation of this park. Please contact them if you're interested in volunteering your time.

Join fellow Guild members and families for a potluck beginning at 6:30 pm, and then a 40-minute tour of the grounds, including the old blacksmith shop, with The Landing director.

The Landing is located at 2187 Highway 10 East in Shakopee. **NOTE: All members should plan on parking in the West Parking Lot and entering via the West Gate.** Contact Roland Sigurdson if you have questions.



Map used by permission of Three Rivers Park.

Forum deadline for July: Monday, June 21, 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, June 21, 2010 to Georgia Myers, editor, by email to:

gldmyers@embarqmail.com

or mail them to:

Georgia Myers

413 W Dakota St

Lake City MN 55041

NEW MEMBERS

Our neighborhood of smiths

UMBA

Visit <http://www.umbaonline.org/events.html>

UMBA DVD-R library

125 different titles

\$5 each, \$2 shipping per order

Never return them to library - www.umbaonline.org

Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information is as follows:

President: Ron Wendt

715-874-6141

rawblacksmithing@clearwire.net

Newsletter editor: John

Grump

715-835-0894

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

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

Contacts are:

President: Ken Kitur

1-320-746-2557

ken@kensiron.com

Brian Johnson

16777 Co Rd 75 NW

Clearwater MN 55367

1-320-558-6898

Your input needed!

Guild of Metalsmiths Program Committee requests help in planning future Madness "Spouse" Activities

We need input from those of you who participate in the spouse program at the conference.

For the upcoming conference, we will continue to offer:

- magnetic art- free
- found art- free
- repousse' on Altoid Tins- free
- broom making- \$15 fee

Is there an additional activity that you would like to have?

If so, can you recommend a teacher?

Could it be you?

Could you estimate the cost?

If you have ideas for any or all of the questions above, please call Sheri Stanaitis at 715-698-2895

or

Email her at: spaco@baldwin-telecom.net

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

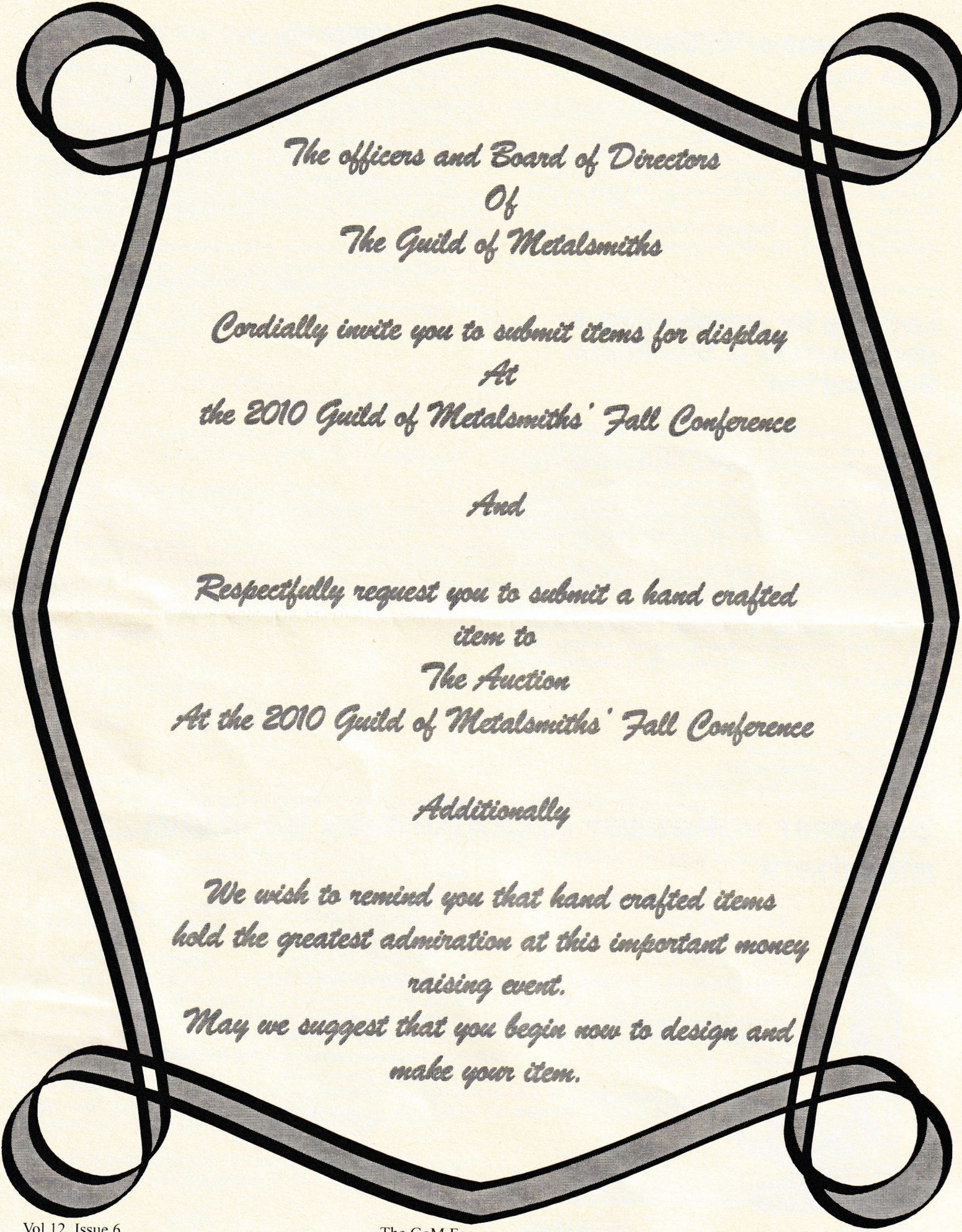
Come and be part of art history and the direct casting of metal sculptures. Cast metal artists from around the world converge on FSP for a two-week workshop at the end of July.

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.



*The officers and Board of Directors
Of
The Guild of Metalsmiths*

*Cordially invite you to submit items for display
At
the 2010 Guild of Metalsmiths' Fall Conference*

And

*Respectfully request you to submit a hand crafted
item to
The Auction
At the 2010 Guild of Metalsmiths' Fall Conference*

Additionally

*We wish to remind you that hand crafted items
hold the greatest admiration at this important money
raising event.*

*May we suggest that you begin now to design and
make your item.*

June Hammer-in Cancelled This Year

A tradition had been continuing the last few years of holding a Hammer-in the first weekend of June at the Nowthen Threshing Show grounds. Unfortunately that date conflicts with the ABANA conference this year in Memphis, and with much of the personnel that normally organizes the Hammer-in planning on attending the conference, the decision has been made to cancel this year.

We hope to have the Hammer-in next year, so reserve the weekend of June 4-5, 2011 for this event.

— Rich Herman

Looking for metalsmiths to demonstrate at Stockholm Sommerfest

Hi,

This is Carstens Smith from Ingebretsen's Scandinavian Gifts. I'm helping organize the Stockholm Sommerfest for Stockholm, Wisconsin. We're having a crafts fair as part of the Sommerfest and I am looking for vendors who enjoy talking about their craft and possibly demonstrating it, though I realize crafts that require a forge aren't very portable. But I was hoping that there may be members of the Guild who would be interested in the event.

The fair is on Saturday, June 26 from 10 to 4 at The WideSpot (formerly Stockholm's opera house). The fee is \$25 for two 2'x6' tables.

If any Guild members are interested, I would be pleased to give you more information. I think having metal crafters would really enrich the fair and I think being at the Sommerfest would be enjoyable for the vendor, too.

Sincerely,

Carstens Smith

Class and Craft Coordinator

Ingebretsen's Scandinavian Gifts

612-729-9333 or 612-706-0734 (home)

New UMBA Award

The Upper Midwest Blacksmiths' Association bestowed upon Roger Degner the **UMBA Meritorious Service Award** for lifetime achievement. This announcement can be read in the May/June edition of the *UMBA Journal*.

This award is not given freely. It must be earned! This is the highest award given by the UMBA Board of Directors.

Roger has videotaped over 400 demonstrations and has made the recordings available to all persons. He has put an uncountable number of miles on his car to provide this service to all of us.

Roger is the first person to receive this award. From this time on it will be known as the

***** Roger Degner Service Award *****

Congratulations, Roger.

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

Almelund Threshing Show

AUGUST 13 - 15, 2010

Contact: Carl Nordquist

Phone: 715-866-8807

Email: carlsanvil@centurytel.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



Agenda – THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors – May 12, 2010

Held at the home of: Myronius Hanson. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 by Rich Herman

Members in attendance: Herman, Frattalone, Rand, Sigurdson, Mariette, Ponder, Barr, Hicks

Missing: Carpenter, Lindholm, Pansch **Guest:** Hanson

AMENDMENT / APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES: Motion to accept by Sigurdson and second by Barr. Motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee-Mike Frattalone

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 5-12-10 BOARD MEETING

DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE	13,526 (UP 4,454 FROM 5-13-09)
REMAINING GRANTS	5,325
CASH TOTAL	18,851

EXPENSES SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING ON 3-10-10:

WORKSHOPS	471
FORUMS 2 EA	761
METALSMITH	1797
CONFERENCE	15
STAMPS	1
MEETINGS (coffee, plates)	30
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,075
TOTAL DEPOSITS	2,746

COAL 9.9 TONS REMAINING OF 12.5 TONS

MEMBERS 304 (down 17 from 5-13-09). The Financial Report is available to any member upon request to Mike.

Education Committee report-Dave Mariette

After a couple of meeting, there is continued development of the Beginner class and its curriculum; aspects of the Controlled Hand Forging & Western States curriculum have been included. The schedule for the Beginner classes has been set to calendar. Looking at an additional Beginner 2 class that covers more topics and is another step toward the intermediate class.

Some class possibilities discussed for next year: Joinery, Struck Tools, Treadle Hammer Tools, Boot Scraper, Fire Place Crane, Design Class/Design Elements, Drawing for the Blacksmith, Poor Man's Anvil, Other Poor Man's tools, Leaf class, Electric Welding, Animal Heads, Hammers, Tool making workshop to replenish Guild SoH supply.

Program Committee- N.T.R.

Upcoming meetings:

June 9 - Murphy's Landing
August 11 - Dan Pate Shop – annual corn feed
October 13 – Smith-Sharpe Fire Brick Supply
December 12 - Christmas party

2010 Conference

Steve Parker will demonstrate power hammer techniques. Second demonstrator will be Doug Wilson.

Publicity Committee- Roland Sigurdson

We need more correct or current email addresses from our members. The RFP for website remodeling was sent out on May 11th and it was requested that proposals be returned by May 31st to Roland.

Long Term Planning Committee –

Nothing to report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Rice County is looking for help in building a blacksmith shop at the fairgrounds. Myron has a contact in Faribault who we can potentially work with on this project. It is possible to make one design or plan that can be furnished whenever this request arises. Pansch can gain access to the conference rooms at Fort Snelling as an alternative board meeting location.

Mariette will contact Norm Larson regarding royalties from the Iron Menagerie for the past 3 years. Mariette has put forth extra effort to keep in good relations with our supply of that good 'ole stoker coal.

NEW BUSINESS: Ray Carpenter has resigned as the secretary because he is relocating out of state. Mariette proposed that Rand is the interm recorder, Barr seconds and motion passes. Tom Latane' has requested an educational grant. Upon review more information is needed before making a final decision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next meeting of the board is July 14, 2010.

AJOURNMENT: 9:09 PM, Motion by Barr, accepted without dissent.

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

June 21, 22, 23 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

Making 18th Century-Style Dividers
Peter Ross, legendary blacksmith who spent 21 years as Master of the Shop at Colonial Williamsburg

First Session: The class will work on making 18th century style dividers with a wing and thumbscrew. Students can choose from a few traditional styles, and may opt for rough forged or bright filed surfaces. Generally these tools have a three leaf hinge, but students may wish to try the more complex 5 leaf hinge instead.

There is some forge welding required and some filing necessary to fit and assemble the two halves.

June 25, 26, 27 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
Pre-industrial Scrolls: Putting the Dividers to Work

Peter Ross, legendary blacksmith who spent 21 years as Master of the Shop at Colonial Williamsburg

Second session: This session will concentrate on the style of scrollwork found in 18th century English architectural work. The class will identify the characteristic features of this style through making of a simple wall bracket which incorporates several of the common approaches:

- ◆ Forge welded junctions,
- ◆ riveted assemblies,
- ◆ asymmetric scrolls, etc.

In addition, the class will introduce a method of forging and assembly based on using the dividers to lay out accurate spacing. This method is a stark contrast to modern shop methods adopted by most smiths today, and a glimpse into the world before machine tools.

A simple version may be done with no forge welding required but welding experience will enable the student to attempt more elaborate versions of the project.

NOTE: These two sessions are independent of each other. You do not need to take one to take the other.

August 8, 9am to 4pm
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.

New!

■ We are working on another Tom Latane' class for October 8th, 9th and 10th, 2010.

■ Also talking with Doug Wilson from Maine for a class in 2011.

Look us up at www.Tunnelmillcrafts.com



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.

Dutch Oven Cooking Class--last call!

When: June 19, 2010, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: Long Lake Museum, Long Lake, MN

Cost: \$45

Instructor: Bob Beck (aka Billy Jack)

Yes, the long-awaited class where you have an opportunity to learn to cook over a campfire is ready for registrants! Robert Beck invites you to the Long Lake Museum in Long Lake, Minnesota on June 19. Rumor has it that not only will you learn how to cook in a Dutch oven over a campfire, you will also learn something about old West chuckwagons, the first mobile kitchens.

The cost of the class includes a 162-page cook book by Colleen Sloan, "Log Cabin Dutch Oven Cookbook." See information about it here: <http://www.logcabinrub.com/products/dutch-oven-cookbook/cookbook02.html>. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your registration fee (checks only, please), and Bob will send you a list of the things you'll need to bring, along with the copy of Colleen's cook book. Then you'll need to pick out a recipe for the class

You will need a Dutch oven for the class. If you need to buy one, I will have a list of some of the stores that sell them in the area. To get to Long Lake, take 394 West to Highway 12 to Long Lake.

Please mail checks to:

Robert Beck

3444 Abbott Ave N

Robbinsdale, MN 55422

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 June

- June 9 Guild membership meeting at "The Landing," formerly Murphy's Landing.
- Sometime in June, Treadle Hammer Workshop.

Events in July

- July 14, Guild board meeting, location unknown
- July 23-25, Little Log House Antique Power Show, Dick Carlson

Events in August

- 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

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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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