

**What to bring:** Participants must bring their own eye and ear protection. Also a couple of your favorite hammers, a 2# and a smaller one if you have it. Straight and/or cross pein will be useful. Also bring your favorite bucket of tools; tongs, wire brush, measuring devices and files - flat, half round and round in various sizes. Cotton clothing is preferable and suitable footwear (ie. leather boots) is required.

**Materials:** all materials will be furnished

**Lunch:** Bring your lunch with you, or eat at one of the local establishments.

To reserve a spot in this workshop, send your check for \$25.00 to:

Jim Moenck  
661 Dorland Road S.  
Maplewood, MN 55119

e-mail to jrmoenck@yahoo.com  
or bymonks@aol.com

day phone is 651-439-3138 ext 210  
home is 651-735-4461

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### **Antique Style Folding Knife Workshop-**

Date: **Sat. April 20, 2002 from 9am to 400 pm**

Mail to: Jim Moenck, 661 Dorland Road S., Maplewood, MN 55119  
Cost: \$25.00 Check payable to: The Guild of Metalsmiths

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# **Guild of Metalsmiths**

## **Monthly discussion FORUM**

March 2002

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

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 2 of 2002 is May 1.**

Send them to:

MARCIA MCEACHRON  
2526 CALIFORNIA AVE NE  
MINNEAPOLIS MN 55418  
Phone: 612-706-0198  
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Email: metalsmith@metalsmith.org

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### **Special Copy Deadline, April Forum**

**March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002.**

Due to the fact that I will be out of town at the end of March. All copy for the April Forum (May events, workshops, meetings) ads, letters, et. al. must be in my hands by March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

Editor

### **Guild Educational Grants**

#### **Money for travel and tuition**

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 metal working community. Participants are given money to pay for a portion of their expenses



We had a real good turnout for our meeting at Arms and Armor.

(tuition and travel) and are expected to learn some new or poorly understood skill and to share what they have learned with other members and the public through an article in our quarterly magazine and by leading a workshop on the topic (or other educational service approved by the board)

Applications must include:

- A resume of the applicant. (a verbal introduction may suffice if the applicant has been an instructor or otherwise demonstrated competence and reliability within the guild.)
- The nature of the Class or project to be funded, dates, and times. The costs involved, including tuition, lodging, travel, meals. The amount of the Grant request.

Grants are reviewed by the members of the board of directors, meeting in committee (occasionally applications are referred to the education committee for their review and recommendations.) Grants are judged on two major questions.

- A. Does this proposal help fill a void in the Guild educational program?
- B. Is the applicant at a point in their career where they can benefit from and then share with others the class/project to be funded?

Contact any officer or board member for more information.

**The February Membership Meeting:**  
Arms and Armor Feb. 13, 2002:

President Dave Feterl called the meeting to order. He reminded everyone that there is money in the study grant fund and said that several proposals have been received.

**Financial Committee report:**  
checking account \$23,265.40 or \$4417.24 more than last Feb 2001. 328 members.

**Education Committee report:**

# Making an Antique Style Folding Knife

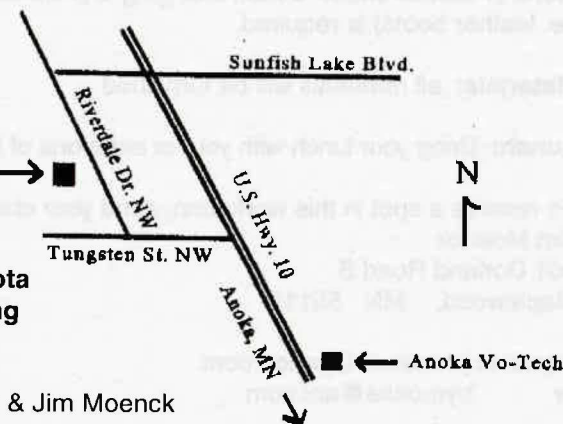
**Date:** April 20th, 2002

**Location:** Minnesota  
**School of Horseshoeing**  
**Time:** 9:00 - 4:00

**Teachers:** John Adams & Jim Moenck

**Class description.** Participants will make a folding knife in a circa 1800 style, with a forged blade and a deer antler handle.

**Class size:** 8



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## Tool Making Workshop

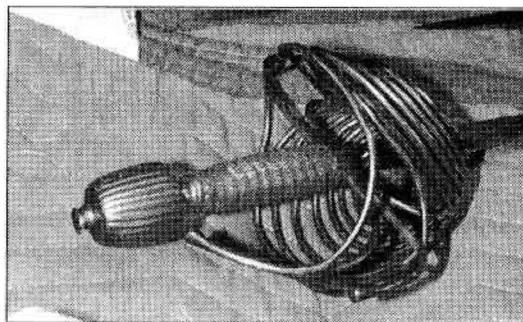
Study Guide projects

cost of class: \$20.00

Send registrations to: Jim Moenck  
661 Dorland Road S.  
Maplewood, MN 55119

**What to bring:** Participants must have their own safety glasses, ear plugs and a good hammer or two. Bring your favorite bucket of tools, and measuring and marking devices if you have them.

Bring a lunch or eat at a local establishment.



While this has nothing to do with Jim's tool workshop, I thought you might like to see the hilt of a real musketeer's rapier.

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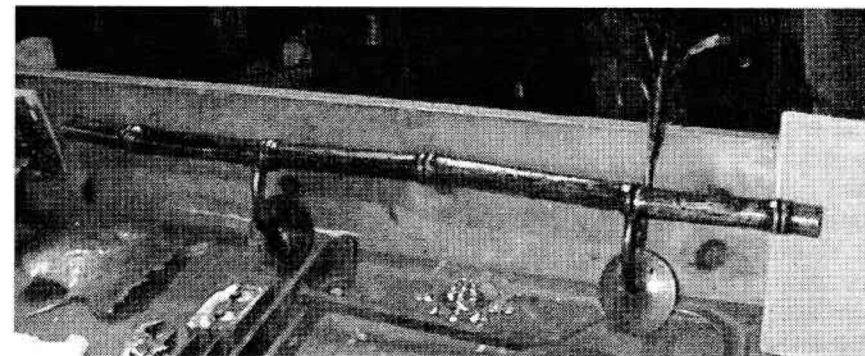
### Tool Making

**Workshop- Study Guide Projects:**  
spring fuller, twisting wrench, scrolling fork.

**Sat. April 13 , 2002 from 9am to 400 pm**

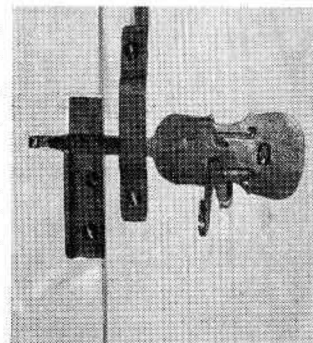
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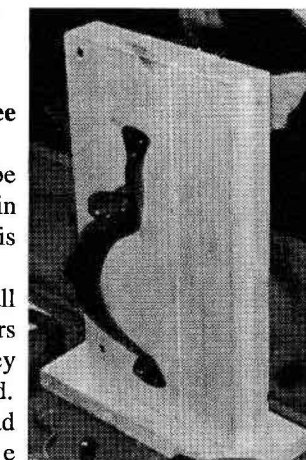


Bamboo Railing by John Adams.

The workshop schedule for the year continues, please note that workshops have been added, watch the Forum for registration material. Remember to make use of the very large resources in the Guild videotape library, now managed by Rich Herman, and the Metalsmith reprint service managed by Pete Stanaitis.



Door latch detail by Jim Moenck for a fiddler friend.



### Program Committee report:

The next meeting will be at Gladwin Machinery in North East Minneapolis (actually Fridley).

Two of the fall conference demonstrators are confirmed and they are working on the third. Karl Close, Brad Silberberg are demonstrating, their programs are still being fleshed out. Silberberg will be doing something with a power hammer. Karl Close, well Walt Scadden said he figured that 20 years

from now Karl would be looked at about like Francis Whittaker is today. (Since the meeting John Medwedeff was confirmed as the third demonstrator, and in connection with his demonstration we would like to use a fly press. If you have one or know of one we could use, contact Don Hammer. It sounds like we are going to have another interesting conference. )

**Publicity Committee report:** Forum is out. The email list, TheBellows, is working. If you are not getting it and want to, send an email to "Webmaster@metalsmith.org"

### Other Business:

St. Paul Boy Scout Council, Indianhead Council, has a summer camp called

"Tomahawk" near Rice Lake WI. Part of the camp is called the "Fox Fire Facility" a history re-enactment area. It has a Blacksmith shop and areas for



other trades as well. Basically designed so scouts can hike in and experience the area. They are looking for a smith or smiths to staff the shop for the summer

A couple thousand kids go through in a summer.

They need someone to manage and supervise the area. The kids are allowed to use the equipment.

Volunteers needed for however much time one is willing to give.

Anyone interested should contact Don Hammer.

*Rich Herman says: This is where he got involved in blacksmithing and actually found out about the Guild and that the well there has excellent drinking water. He even makes a special stop when in the area, just to fill a couple jugs.*

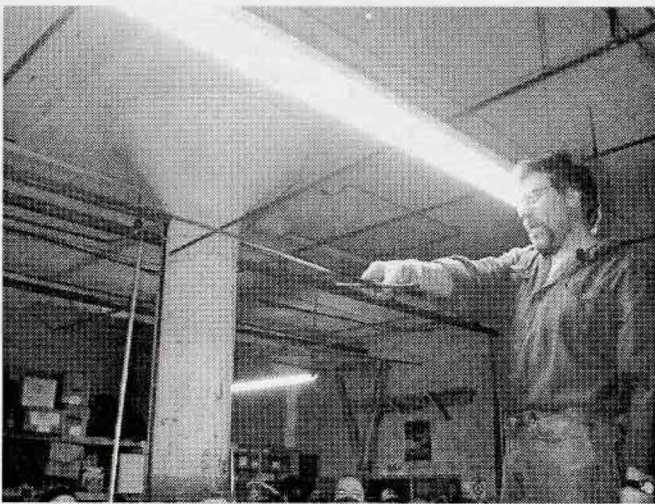
#### Show and tell:

We had quite a number of things on the Show and Tell table.

John Adams brought a section of a bamboo style stair railing that he had forged.

Jim Moenck showed us a door latch he had formed of some pure iron for a fiddler friend of his.

Bob Fredell showed some

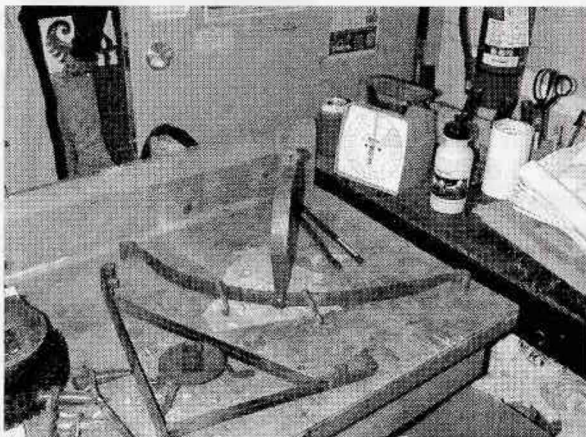


Host Chris Poor demonstrates how light and flexible a broadsword really was. The real thing circa 1492

bicycle chain damascus letter openers with some interesting handles.

There was a very nice cyclone style dust collector that one of the members had made from plans he had found on the internet.

Also displayed were some of the projects made in workshops over the last several months: the pot rack, a



Pot rack, bracket and candleholder, projects from several Guild Classes.

## Tool Making Workshop

### Study Guide Projects:

spring fuller, twisting wrench, scrolling fork.

When:

Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>,  
2002

9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

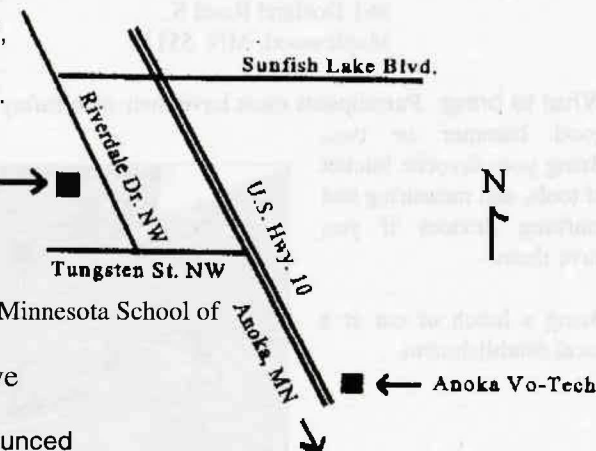
School of Horseshoeing →

Where:

Class will be held at the Minnesota School of  
Horseshoeing  
6250 Riverdale Drive

Teachers: to be announced

Description: We will be working on projects from the Study Guide, making tools to use for future blacksmithing projects.



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## Pete Stanaitis Poz Tongs

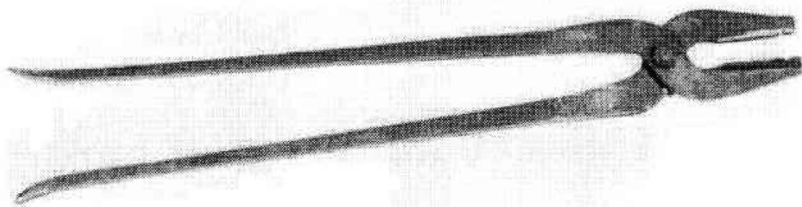


Photo: Bob Friedell

What is a Poz tong? Here is a picture of a pair of tongs made by Pete. It is a tong designed to be as light as possible while holding round and square stock firmly while you work on them.

### Poz tongs workshop

The \$25 cost will include materials.

Enrollment is limited to five students.

Make your check payable to the Guild of Metalsmiths, and mail to Monty Bygd at 1928 80<sup>th</sup> Street, Eau Claire, WI 54703.

He will send a map and other information to students after they register.

You need to bring: Safety equipment and your favorite tool bucket. Contact Monty for other particulars.

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**Poz Tongs Workshop- March 23** cost \$25 make check out to The Guild of Metalsmiths and send to Monty Bygd.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

bracket candleholder from the beyond the basics class, and a spring fuller sample of what will be made in an April class.

Finally, Bob Beck brought a piece of bullet resistant kevlar armor from the cockpit security door replacement project at Northwest.

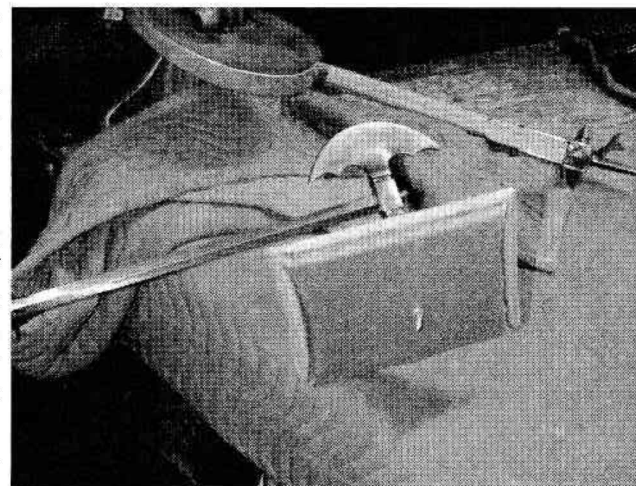
The crew at Northwest was curious as to just how well modern armor stood up to medieval/renaissance weaponry. It was

determined that if the armor was held rigidly (which it is not in the plane where it's mounting allows it to deflect incoming blows) on a stump it could be pierced by the spike side of a sharp battle axe. Moreover we feel it would be rather difficult to get one of these battle axes through security. <g>

### The Program:

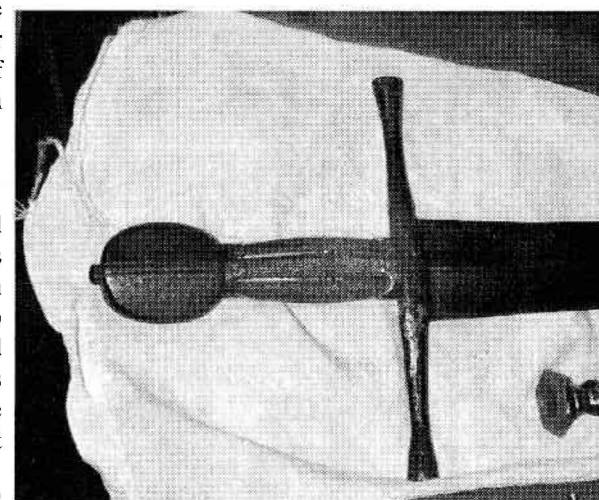
Host Chris Poor showed us several of the items from the Arms collection that is coming to Minneapolis and reported on his progress in finding a site to house the collection when it gets here.

The pieces that Chris had already received included an Italian knight's set of weapons



A small reproduction battle axe shows its mettle through a kevlar armor door panel. We doubt you could get one through the metal detector however and there is more to the total door system than just this panel..

from around 1492 and a 7 ring hilt rapier from around the time of the musketeers. The date for the broadsword comes from the style of the handle. Much like clothing, styles of



Detail of the hilt of the 15<sup>th</sup> Century broadsword shown at the meeting. The hilt of the dagger is seen at right.

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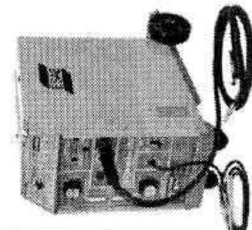
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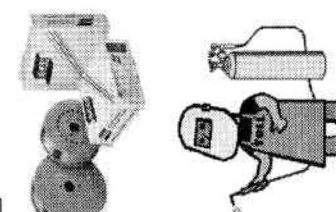
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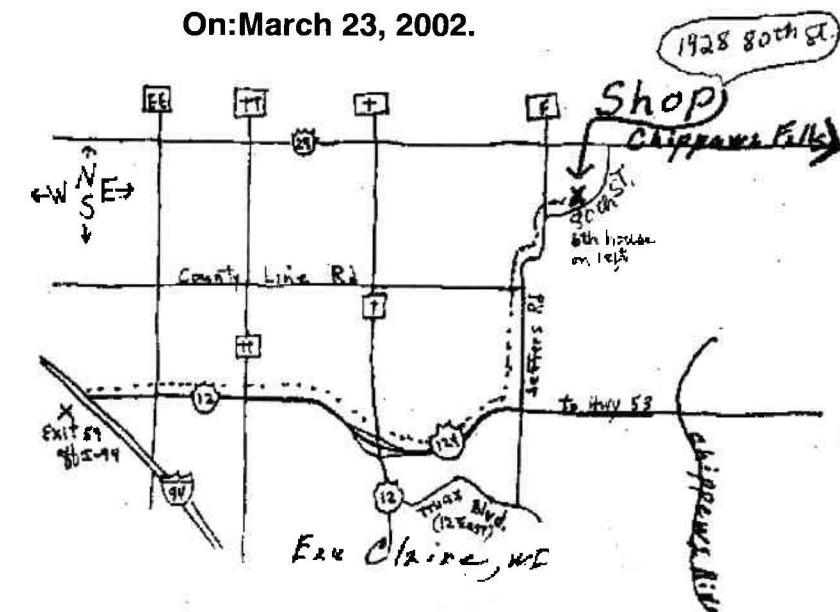
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1928 80<sup>th</sup> Street  
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Workshop**



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

On:March 23, 2002.



# Northern Minnesota Blacksmiths Spring Conference



Just north of the north entrance to Itasca State Park.  
Lake Itasca Steam Show Grounds

**Demonstrators:**  
**Jim Batson, Knifemaker**  
**Dan Nauman**  
**Mark Pearce**

For more information contact Nathan Robertson  
([jpine@paulbunyan.net](mailto:jpine@paulbunyan.net)) 218-659-4590 or Keith Johnson  
([keith@greatriverforge.com](mailto:keith@greatriverforge.com)) 218-751-9433

Larry Brittain will be sending out the registration material soon. If you don't see it in the next couple weeks give Nathan or Keith a call.

decoration on weapons went in and out of fashion and varied across the continent. Chris said that the sword had been rehfted (the handle replaced) in a style peculiar to Florence in a short window after 1492. The weapons were recovered from a tomb when an old church was worked on.

The broadsword was amazingly light and at 2.1#, it actually weighed less than the rapier. Chris suggested that this was due to the fact that the knight of the 15<sup>th</sup> century was wearing his armor while most of the musketeer's armor consisted of the elaborate hilt on his weapon and his skill in keeping that bit of armor between him and his opponent's weapon.

## Directory Updates:

We left space . Get out your pen.

## A hearty welcome to our New Members:

Caesar, Bob  
PO Box 206  
Kelly WY 83011  
Home phone: 307-733-4487  
Email: [bobcaesar@aol.com](mailto:bobcaesar@aol.com)

Hermann, Richard  
8808 267<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Stacy MN 55079  
Home phone: 651-462-4194

*ed note. This Richard Hermann lives in Stacy and spells his name with two n's. Richard and Cathy are still living in Rosemount.*

Johnson, Craig  
4500 Blaisdell Ave S.  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
Home phone: 612-825-7749

Pajari, Lowel  
Aalcon Creations For Your Garden  
3300 190<sup>th</sup> St E  
Prior Lake MN 55372  
Home phone: 952-447-5118  
Email: [kate@aalcon.com](mailto:kate@aalcon.com)

Saline, W

Wilson, Scot  
2953 State Road 64  
Emerald, WI 54012  
Home Phone: 715-265-7493

Zahradka, Gary and Suzy  
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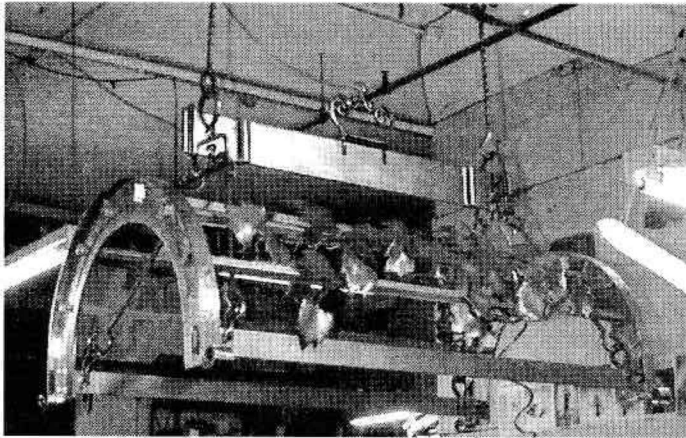
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479 19<sup>th</sup> St  
Chetek WI 54728-9711

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Iron & Wood Inc.  
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Blanchardville, WI 53516  
Work Phone 608-527-2494  
Fax: 608-527-6908  
email: [postvilleblacksmith@tds.net](mailto:postvilleblacksmith@tds.net)

Brittain, Larry  
12247 Scenic Hwy NE  
Blackduck MN 56630

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Myron's (Yust designed) lighted, metal, island counter decoration (ie a pot rack that got too pretty to use.)

If you think it would be appropriate I would like to have the poem that my daughter (Jimmy's niece) read at the funeral included with our "thank you" in the newsletter.

Thank you, all,  
Drusilla  
Pedersen

(Jimmy's mother)

#### 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

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Gene:

This is Jimmy Pedersen's oldest sister, Pat. If it is not too late for the metalsmiths guild's newsletter I would like to include a "thank you" to all who attended Jimmy's visitation or funeral and have been praying for us. We know that others are also grieving. He had so many friends! We would also like to thank the Metalsmith Guild for the beautiful flowers.

Would you also please extend our "thanks" to the members of the planning committee who sent the beautiful, unique flowers.

Pat, Linda, Vicky, and Sandy  
(Jimmy's sisters)

*Here is the poem that Jimmy's oldest niece, Shari Flakus, wrote and read at his funeral.*

#### Just Jimmy

Many knew my uncle as a collector  
or even a pack-rat  
But Jimmy was so much more.

We all knew him as a heart-warming,  
hard-working man  
who would always fulfill a favor

Jimmy's hands were stained and rough,  
evidence of his dedication and service to  
all who knew him.

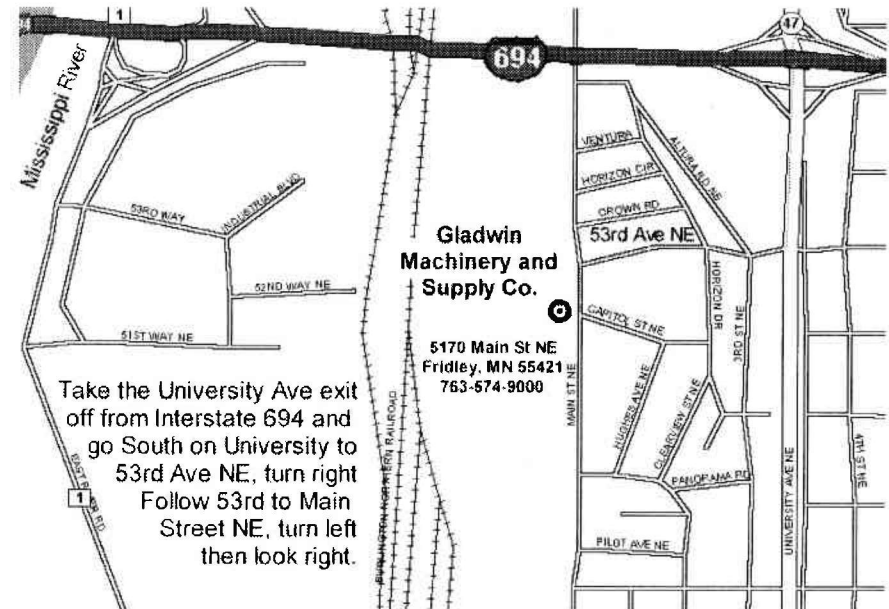
As outgoing a man as anyone I knew,  
Jimmy had a knack for striking up a  
conversation.

Machinery parts and tools overloaded  
his truck

He was always prepared to lend a  
helping hand with no complaint or fuss.

## April Meeting

**Gladwin Machinery and Supply Co.**  
**5170 NE Main Street Fridley MN 55421**  
**763-574-9000**



**As per usual, pot luck at 6:30 and the meeting starts at 7:00**  
**For the program: The crew from Gladwin will be showing off**  
**some of the machinery they handle and everyone gets to look at**  
**acres of clean powerful new and used toys. Ranging from**  
**HUGE down to man powered.**



### Wanted

Steam injector, half inch size preferred, 3/8 or 3/4 would be ok. Also needed for my vertical fire tube boiler to operate the steam hammer at the ABANA show is a steam operated boiler feed pump. Will pay Money!!! thanks. Joe.Straley. 320 356 7401

### Wanted

I have a small forge but I am looking for an a Peter Wright or a Hay Budden anvil between 75 and 125# in very good shape. If you have one to sell, contact Richard Hermann, Stacy, MN. 651-462-4194

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Want Ads are free to members (and if the some nonmember is selling tools and equipment that may benefit members and the smithing community by keeping good tools in circulation, we will print those free too (anvils, forges, etc.)) Ads, (and letters) are published on a space available basis. This notice needs to ride on one stamp, so if there are too many pages some editing may be done or the ad may be pushed into the next issue.

Display advertising rate is the same as for Metalsmith. Half sheet, 4 insertions, for \$50.  
(That's full page here, half page in Metalsmith)

### Here in March

Monty Bygd's poz tongs workshop

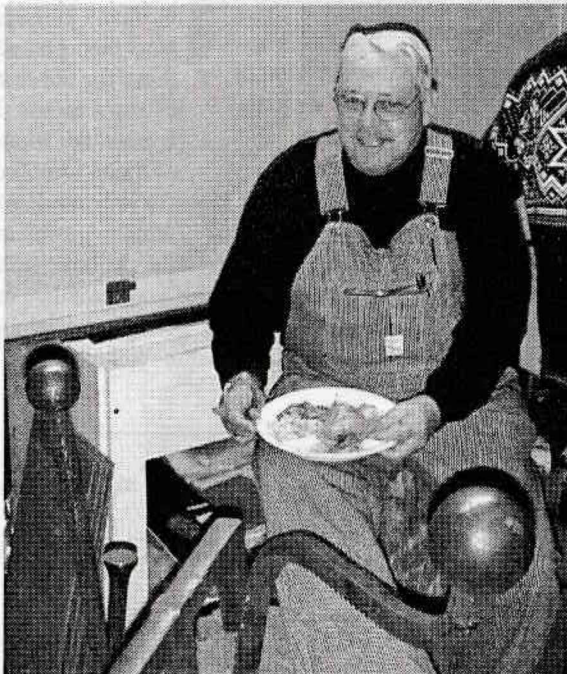
### Coming in April

The April membership meeting will be at  
**Gladwin Machinery** in  
Northeast Minneapolis

Tools from the Study  
Guide workshop

Folding Knife workshop

The Northern Minnesota  
Spring Conference



Don Welch contemplates having a stake for lunch

He was a craftsman of all sorts  
A member of the Guild,  
Jimmy was a creator and inventor,  
A wizard with his hands.

He could turn a scrap piece of metal  
into a functioning work of art.  
Even built me a unicycle when I was  
seven --  
a piece of Jimmy's art that I will always  
treasure

His passions were many  
Never a trip to Oshkosh would he miss.  
You see, he loved airplanes every since  
he was a kid.

he care for material things.  
Yet he was a man of quality to say the  
least.

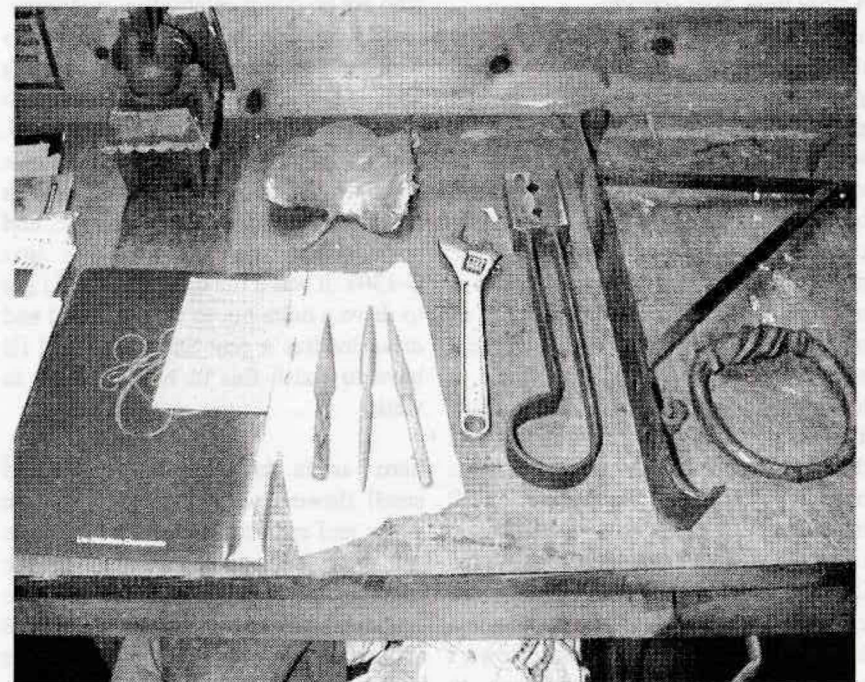
A faithful and loving son, brother,  
uncle, neighbor and friend  
He will be remembered by all who had  
the privilege to know him.

His words that we will never forget?  
Two in particular come to mind.

"Can I help you with that?" and last but  
not least  
"Pass the potatoes, please."

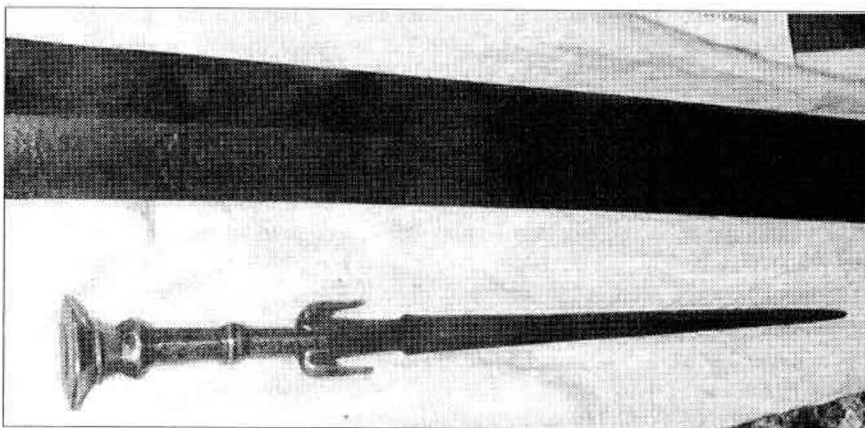
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Jim wasn't an extravagant man, nor did



Show and tell items: a leaf from Myron Hanson's Pot Rack (Yust, Krawsevski, et al.) , Fredell's letter openers, the type of fuller that will be made in one class in April, part of a bracket from another class and a door knocker part made by Brent Wold.





A nonfolding knife from the Oakshott Collection. A dagger from the broadsword/dagger set found in an Italian knight's tomb. Circa 1492  
More on this collection can be found at: [www.oakshott.com](http://www.oakshott.com)

#### *A final note from Iceville*

all yall,  
it's a beautiful day in mactown. yesterday's snow crunches under foot, i'd guess it's around 20 degrees and as sunny as it can be. it's my last day on the ice. it's actually my last few minutes before walking up the road to cargo for check in. my room is empty and clean. my carryon bag and bunny boots are at my feet. i've tried to say good by to as many friends, neighbors and coworkers as i could find. it's more difficult to leave than i thought it would be. i just 'dashed' up Ob Hill to finish my season the same way that i started it. i can see open water from up there about 15-20 miles north of town. one of the coastie cutters is in the channel. there are some icebergs in the distance. the air is so clean that it seems like you could see a hundred miles. as i got back to town i saw my ride on final approach to pegasus field. it's time to go, to leave my town, my home, my ice people. most summer people have already left. i'll be in Christchurch, NZ in several hours,

soon to meet up with hundreds of them who are no doubt celebrating right now. i will hang out there too for a few days waiting for beth to join me for a vacation. i could easily return here to mactown. the ship off load went quickly. i was a grunt in cargo for five days. we removed pallets of stuff from milvan containers bound for the south pole, and re-palletized them for loading into C-130's. it was a fun distraction and i got to drive a delta out to willy airfield and drive loaders a few times too. well i'll have to finish this in NZ...it's time to walk.

here i am in christchurch! nice. i could smell flowers when i stepped off the plane and onto the tarmac, somewhere out there. been to the beach a couple times, a nice 2 hour hike in the hills, the botanical gardens once, and walked all around city center many times. i've gotten the visitor permit thing done, replaced traveler's cheques, accomodations, meals, separate my belongings so i can send stuff home, laundry, etc, etc. everything takes time.

oh and of course celebrating with 'ice people.' that's good and bad. it's nice to see friendly faces and talk about things in common. but it would be nice to get away at the same time. we can't go for more than a couple hours without

have to carry her tray back to the dishroom! it must be way cool to be royalty. so that's the deal. the party's over. it's been...different, i liked my time, i met interesting people from 19 to 70-something, i worked a lot, i'd



Member Charlie Bateman contemplates an ancient style of armor piercing weapon (This one mainly used for shooting wax balls down the hall)

recommend it to anyone, i'd do it again. soon i'll be back to remodeling my bathroom as i imagine that i didn't get done on it's own. during the season i sent many digital images home. i didn't take these pictures myself, they were taken by many people, who then posted them for the rest of town to see. i appear in some of them, look for

bumping into each other around here. there's been a big cricket tournament in town and this is a tourist area, so it's impossible to rent a car or get travel reservations on the spot. oh well. beth shows up on friday and things will get better when we get out of town. forgot to mention that we had a visit from Princess Anne in mactown and scott base. she celebrated the 100th year anniversary of the Discovery Hut that Captain Scott had built, with a plaque on a rock near the hut. she made a speech which i couldn't hear, but she apparently is an icon for the preservation of these historical landmarks and conservation efforts worldwide. she walked past me in the galley at lunch that day, and didn't

a red hat or a kilt. if you're interested, go to a friend of mine's website [www.oddwidget.com](http://www.oddwidget.com). thanks scott, and thanks to everyone for your emails. i'm looking forward to seeing you again soon. hey, when's fishin opener?  
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