

The Forum

The Guild of Metalsmiths Monthly Notice
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The Forum' stands as tool to further education mission of Guild of Metalsmiths

Historically, "The Forum" developed from the workshop mailings that used to take place individually. It remains the publicity tool for the education mission of The Guild of Metalsmiths. In this issue, we'll highlight the education factor of the Guild, and try to make this a common practice for future issues.

If a workshop or class publicized in this newsletter or future issues sounds interesting, please take the opportunity to sign up for it, using the registration form printed conveniently on the back of the class description page.

The Guild continues to make educational opportunities available. Workshops are also listed on our Web site, www.metalsmith.org. The Education Committee for 2003 is chaired by **Bob Johnson**, with vice-chair **Jim Moenck**. We thank them for valuable time spent leading the committee to organize workshops that help our members enhance their skills and knowledge. See page 10 for a full roster of committee members.

Semi-monthly Guild meetings...

Remember, to keep current on what's happening in the Guild, plan to attend one of our meetings. They occur on the second Wednesday of every even numbered month. Next meeting is Wednesday, April 9, 2003.

Board meetings are scheduled for second Wednesday of every other odd numbered month. Next board meeting is Wednesday, May 14, 2003 to be held at Myron Hanson's home.

Georgia Myers, editor, The Guild of Metalsmiths Forum.

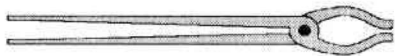
This month in The GoM Forum...

- Animal Head Workshop April 12, 2003
- Hammer Workshop May 3, 2003
- Committee news
- Classified ads
- Directory updates
- Minutes from January Board meeting
- Blacksmithing Basics Class photos

NEW DEADLINE FOR THE FORUM!!!

May activities...

In an effort to get "The Forum" mailed out at the beginning of each month, I'm changing the **deadline** for new items to the **second to last Monday of the month**. If you have activities that will be occurring in May, please send them to me, Georgia Myers (editor), at forum@metalsmith.org by Monday, March 24. Guild members will read all about them in the April Forum.



Paul, MN, publishes the GoM Forum monthly. It is intended as a tool to further our educational mission, to propose projects and workshops, a place for all members to express their opinions, concerns, learn more about each other—in short, to help us run our organization.

Your comments can be mailed to The GoM Forum, c/o Georgia Myers, 313 Dakota St., Lake City, MN 55041-1869, or e-mailed to forum@metalsmith.org

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. 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:

The Guild of Metalsmiths
PO Box 11423
St. Paul MN 55111

Notes...

Animal Head Workshop

April 12, 2003

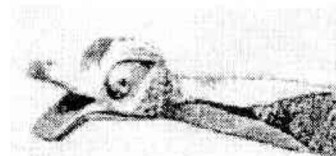
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20

Location: Myron Hanson's shop,
4015 Dodd Road, Eagan, MN (see
map on next page)

Instructors: Myron Hanson, Dick
Carlson, Bill Krawczeski

Class size limited to six intermediate to advanced smiths
REGISTER EARLY!!



In this workshop we will make an animal head or two from the Guild's book, "The Iron Menagerie." Participants will prepare the needed tooling, as described in "The Iron Menagerie," prior to the workshop. Instructors will be in contact with participants, and will supply instructions of the tools for those who do not have a copy of the book.

Participants must bring eye protection, hearing protection, and their bucket of tools. We will be working close to the hot metal, so a good hot mill glove for holding tools will be helpful. Or use a visegrips.

Register for the workshop above by filling out the form on the back. You must enclose payment of \$20 with the form.

Call Bob Johnson at 651-699-3919 if you have questions.

Animal Head Workshop

April 12, 2003, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

① Myron Hanson

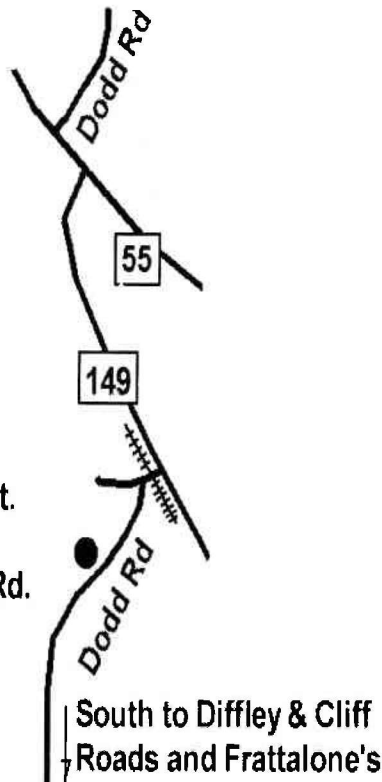
Take I 494 to Dodd Rd/ MN 149 exit and go South, turn left onto MN 55 and turn right back onto MN 149.

Continue South to the sign that says Dodd Road and points right.

Turn right, cross the tracks and make an immediate left turn onto Dodd Road.

Myron's house is about .7 mi on the right. Coming North on Dodd Rd from Cliff Rd its about 1.8 mi (~.75 mi North of Diffley Rd.

4015 Dodd Rd
Eagan, MN 55123-1612
Home phone: 651-454-3984



To reserve a spot at this Animal Heads Workshop, fill out this registration form and send your check for \$20.00 made out to the **Guild of**

Metalsmiths to:

Robert Johnson
1302 Osceola Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105

Name: _____

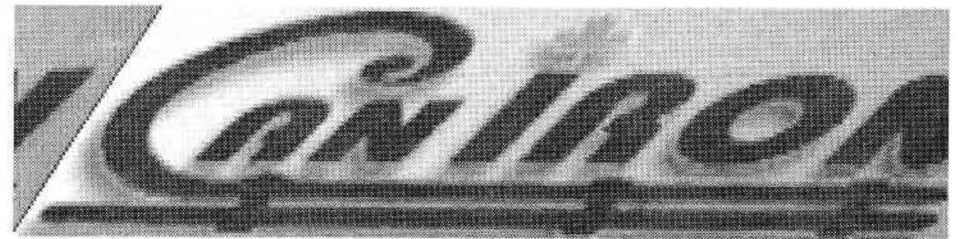
Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Guild library...

- ✓ The Metalsmiths' Guild is proud to offer tapes from our video library. See the front inside cover for an order blank.
- ✓ Visit our web site at <http://www.metalsmith.org>.
- ✓ Join TheBellows, our e-mail discussion forum at <http://www.metalsmith.org/bb/TheBellows.htm>

The Guild also has a lending library of books with Susan Wood is the librarian. Next month we'll try to offer more information about how you can get in touch with Susan and take advantage of this educational resource.



2003 CanIRON IV Conference July 10-13, 2003

The CanIRON Conference is held on odd-numbered years somewhere in Canada. This is it's scheduled for July 10-13 at the McMaster University grounds in Hamilton, Ontario.

Demonstrators will be Dean Piesner, Doug Wilson, and Elizabeth Brim. This conference is an international event, and demonstrators will share blacksmithing skills and knowledge. Exhibitors will demonstrate many aspects of metalworking, including beginning techniques to power hammer usage, knife making, traditional art deco—something for all levels of smiths and metal workers.

The conference involves blacksmiths, coppersmiths, silversmiths, farriers, and all other metalworking professionals and artists from across Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom. There will be demonstrations, seminars, an art gallery, an auction, and sales.

Registration is open now, so visit their web page, www.caniron.com, to learn more and register if you wish.

Basic blacksmithing class, session 4

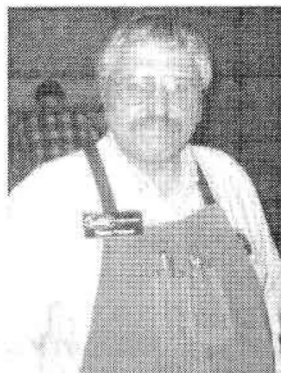


Rome Hutchins tends the fire.



Gary Myers hammers iron.

*Lead instructor
Dave Feterl
Shared his
expertise with the
students.*



An eager group of blacksmiths appeared at the Minnesota School of Blacksmithing four Saturdays in January and February, 2003 to learn the basics of blacksmithing. Just as eager, their six instructors proudly shared those basics and helped form a type of comraderie among the entire group that will probably last for a long time.

Instructors:

Dave Feterl, lead
Fred McClusky
Rome Hutchins
Jerry Felten
Gordon Barr
Tom Barnett

Students:

Gary Myers
Sean Bagge
Charlie Yust
John Yust
Bill Hansen
Dan Bell
Dick Prigge
Ray (Bud) Lundell

The Guild of Metalsmiths offers these basic classes throughout the year. Although the next session is filled, watch for openings in subsequent sessions if you're interested in learning the basics.

Thanks to Dan Bell for the photos!

Looking toward the future...

Hammer Making Workshop

**Saturday, May 3
9:00 a.m.**



Location: Flint Lock Ridge Forge

Dick Carlson, Blacksmith

19700 Red Wing Blvd.

Hastings, MN 55033 (see map on next page)

Registration: \$26 for members, includes materials

Presented by Dick Carlson, Myron Hanson, & assistants

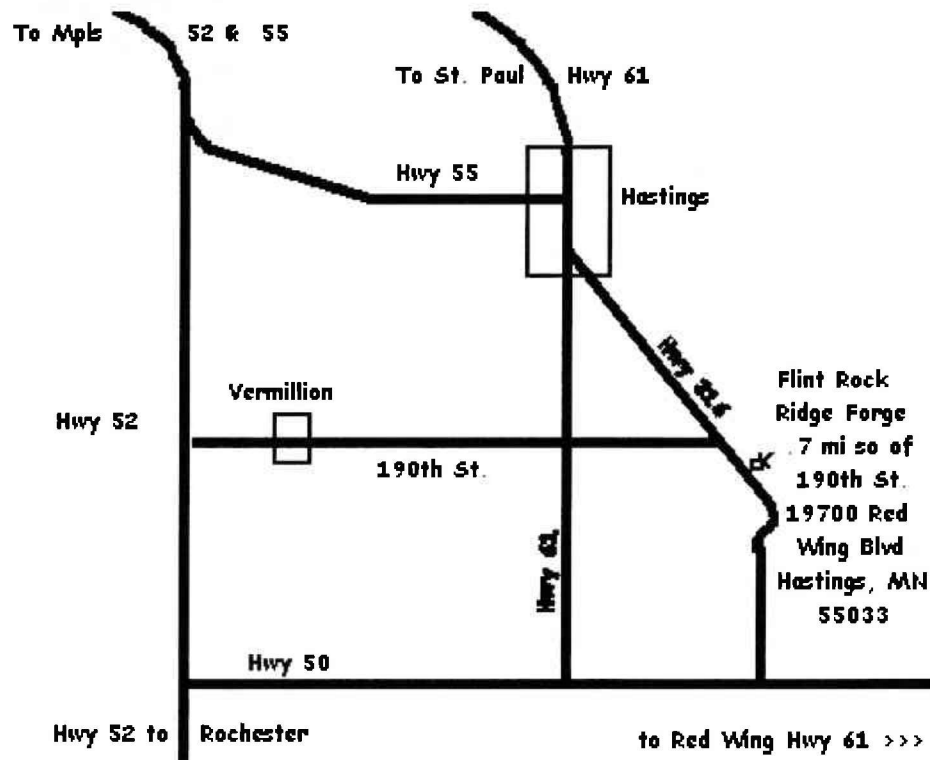
Participants should bring gloves, hammer, and ear & eye protection.

Also bring a bag lunch, or lunch will be available for \$5 each. Coffee & cookies available in a.m.

**Register for Hammer Making Workshop
on back of this page.**

**Send check for \$26 made out to
Guild of Metalsmiths**

Map to Flint Rock Ridge Forge Hammer Making Workshop Saturday, May 3, 2003, 9:00 a.m.



To reserve a spot at this Hammer Making Workshop, fill out this registration form and send your check for \$26.00 made out to the **Guild of Metalsmiths** to:

Dick Carlson
19700 Red Wing Blvd.
Hastings, MN 55033

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Classified ads

Classified ads are free for members of the Guild of Metalsmiths. To place an ad in the May issue of "The Forum," simply e-mail the editor or send a card or letter by **Monday, March 24.**

FOR SALE: Mankel Gas Forge, Open end plus 4 propane, 115 volt. Comes with a large stand on casters that has folding extensions. Photos can be sent by e-mail. \$470.00

FOR SALE: 160 lb Anvil, JHM shaper, made in USA, in almost new condition. Comes with very heavy duty stand and blacksmiths helper with dies. Photos can be sent by e-mail. \$465.00
Lloyd Wagner
1616 Florida Avenue North
Golden Valley, Mn 55427
Phone: 763-546-1015
e-mail: kaywagner@mac.com

WANTED: Metalsmith to fabricate animal shapes for wrought iron fence at Native American Center in Cedar/Franklin area of Minneapolis.

If interested, send name, phone number, address, etc. and we'll get back to you with specifics.
Send to:
Doug Johnson
420 Cemetery Rd.
River Falls, WI 54022

FOR SALE: 2 Little Giant power hammers, one 50 lb. & one 100 lb. w/3 phase motor (new style); one 100 lb. Little Giant power hammer without motor (old style); pedestal grinder, double shaft, one side stone, double V-Grover on the other shaft, Sz 1 1/4 inch round, and up to 2 inch wide wheel, 3-phase motor, single shaft pedestal grinder, 7 1/2 horse power, 3-phase, has saw for cutting hot iron; double flat belt pedestal grinder for line shaft, sz. 1 1/2; four coal forges, 23 x 30, century hand blower, round 25 x 25 w/hood, 32 x 45 w/coal hopper & Buffalo blower w/ rheostat, 36 x 29 w/high hood, Buffalo blower & rheostate, large swage block.
Contact Tom Fiedler
240 N. Division St.
Rice, MN 56367
Phone: 320-393-2713
E-mail: TomCoalman@cs.com

Committee newss...

Two important committees serve Guild's educational mission

Guild activities focus on regular meetings, educational workshops, and special events such as the annual fall conference, also known as "The Metalsmith's Madness" customarily held at "The Little Log House" historic grounds near Hastings, Minnesota. The Program Committee and the Education Committee are really the backbone of these activities.

Education Committee meets on March 19 at Bob Johnson's home, 1302 Osceola Ave, St. Paul. The Program Committee meets on March 20 at Myron Hanson's home, 4015 Dodd Rd, Eagan, Minnesota. Anyone interested in participating in either of these committees is heartily welcomed to attend.

Education Committee active members:

Bob Johnson, Chair
Jim Moenck, Vice-Chair
Gordon Barr
Marlaine Cox
Curt Engstrom
Herb Fick
Lynn Ford (Designated lifetime member)
Don Halverson
Fred McCluskey
Pete Stanaitis
Rob Murray
Bob Fredell (Special Consultant)

According to Bob Johnson, "The list of those participating in educational programming would be vast and impossible to create without missing someone. The committee is aware of the huge amount of volunteer time that is put into education in this organization. It is this attitude of volunteerism that makes the Guild's education program one of the best in the country."

Program Committee members:

Myron Hanson, Chair
Dick Carlson
Lynn Ford
Mike Adams

If we've left anyone out, we deeply regret the oversight. Please e-mail the editor with your corrections!!!

Joining the Guild of Metalsmiths

You may join The Guild of Metalsmiths by sending your name, address and a check for your dues, (telephone number at home and work, email address, URL - requested but optional) to the following address:

Guild of Metalsmiths
P.O. Box 11423
St Paul, MN 55111

Follow the link below to print out an application form...
<http://www.metalsmith.org/inf/index.htm#Joining> or use the form on the inside back cover.

The annual membership fee is \$30.00 which must accompany the application for membership. All memberships are family memberships. Men, women, persons of all ages, professionals and hobbyists are invited to join The Guild of Metalsmiths.

If you do not wish to have your name published in the members directory, sent to members, please indicate this in your application. We do not sell our mailing list.

Welcome, new members!

Nate Howe
2002 Melrose St
Madison, WI 53704

Tom Okner
Sunfish Lake Studios
12 Sunfish Lane
St. Paul, MN 55118
Studiosatsunfish@aol.com
Non-ferrous metalsmithing

Philip Swan
4301 Hanrehan Trail
Savage, MN 55378

Address Change

New address:

Creative Ironworks
1051 Hwy 92
Verona, WI 53593

Thank you for doing a great job!
Michael Edlinger.

Minutes: Guild of Metalsmiths Board Meeting

January 8, 2003

Call to order, 7:00 p.m.

Previous notes approved except for an error notation of \$300.

Financial: Mike Frattalone

Checking account of approx. \$15,000

Bulk mail account of \$1,100

~\$5,000 in grant money account

\$11,391.54 in discretionary fund.

314 members

Trends: Available money is less than last year. Income for last year was down, result of lower income from Madness. Trend is down in number of members.

Education Committee: Johnson Ch, Moenck, VC, Bob Johnson reports- Two day welding workshop was a success (Thanks, Dave!)

Beyond basics session was cancelled. Open forge before Christmas was cancelled. Knife class by Jim Moenck was filled. Mike Blue's knife workshop became a time, place, and insurance issue. It dies. Repousse' class (by Wendell Bouchard, arranged by Myron Hanson) is overbooked by two. Will run 10-17 May at Hanson's Entry for this is extensive, including about \$600 plus tools and workstation. Survey: Pete Stanaitis has survey out in "The Forum." He will ask for more input at the Feb. meeting and later still in "The Metalsmith." He is mapping the responses by interest and location.

Program Committee: Hanson, chair; Adams, VC; Carlson & Ford. Myron Hanson reporting: Rob Murray is contacting three demonstrators for the Fall Madness: Hershel House, Loralie Simms, and a Repousse' person whose name escaped me. Discussion will be about whether or not to limit Fall Madness to two demonstrators. Discussion of retaining repousse' person for extra time to do a workshop. Concept of workshop tabled until Rob sees how contact goes. Program committee to meet Jan. 23 at Hanson's.

ABANA: Credit to Dave Mariette for article in "Anvil's Ring." Nothing else to report except recognition of the ABANA web site.

Publicity: Georgia Myers, Gordon Barr, Lynn Ford. We lose Gene gracefully.

Old Business: Table discussion on policy for guild sponsored events. Example: Guild loaned coal to Lake Superior group. Hanson moved to take on projects one at a time; second by Johnson.

Committee Assignments:

Education: Johnson, Moenck

Program: Hanson, Carlson, Adams, Ford

Publicity: Myers, Barr, Ford

Editorial: McEachron, Fredell, Fredell, Moriarity

ABANA Rep: Open

New Business: Stanaitis and Adams thinking Iron Bloom project as a special event by the Guild. They have five people involved, and the project could take a year. Hanson motioned to sponsor the event, second by Johnson.

Submitted: Herb Fick

Learn more! Attend a Guild of Metalsmiths meeting

Semi-monthly membership meetings...

The Guild of Metalsmiths exists to educate its members and the community at large about metalworking in general, and about blacksmithing in particular.

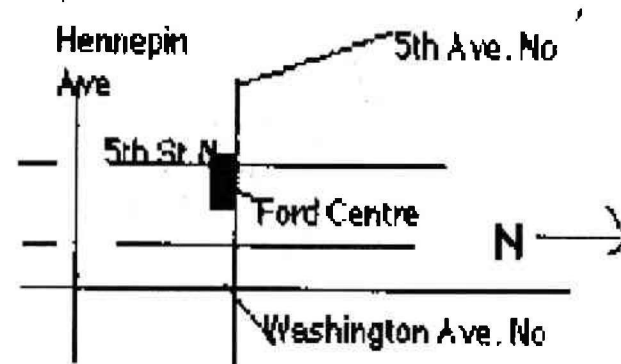
To accomplish our educational goals, we hold six membership meetings per year on the second Wednesday of every even numbered month. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9 at the Ford Centre Gallery, 420 N Fifth St. in Minneapolis (map below). After the potluck at 6:30 p.m., we'll hear a speaker talk about metallurgy.

Semi-monthly board meetings...

Board meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of every odd numbered month. They're usually held at Myron Hanson's home, and you'll find map on page three of this issue of The Forum. Normal business and planning of the Guild of Metalsmiths occurs at these meetings. On the opposite page you'll find the notes from the January board meeting. We invite anyone to attend these meetings and participate.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, May 14 at Myron's.

Ford Centre Map



Ford Centre Gallery
420 North 5th St.
Minneapolis, MN 55401

The Guild of Metalsmiths on the web:

Visit our website at <http://www.metalsmith.org>

Looking for something? Try the search engine. On our main page, just below the index table, click on **Search this Site**, and enter your query.

Join TheBellows our email discussion forum. information at
<http://www.metalsmith.org/bb/TheBellows.htm>

Request Form

Guild of Metalsmiths Video Library:

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number () _____

Tapes requested: _____

**Include \$3.00 for each "T" number requested.
Make check payable to: The Guild of Metalsmiths.**

Send request and check to :

Rich Herman
12553 Danbury Way
Rosemount, MN 55068
email: racherman@earthlink.net
phone: (651) 322-1623

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Please introduce yourself: Each month we welcome new members to the Guild and offer them a chance to tell us a bit about themselves. (Who you are, your goals as a metalsmith, the services you provide, products you make . . .) Whatever you want to tell us. So, give us a statement of interests/services up to 254 characters long (letters and spaces) This statement is also printed in the members directory. (optional info)

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