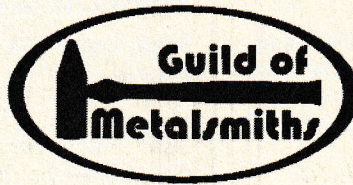


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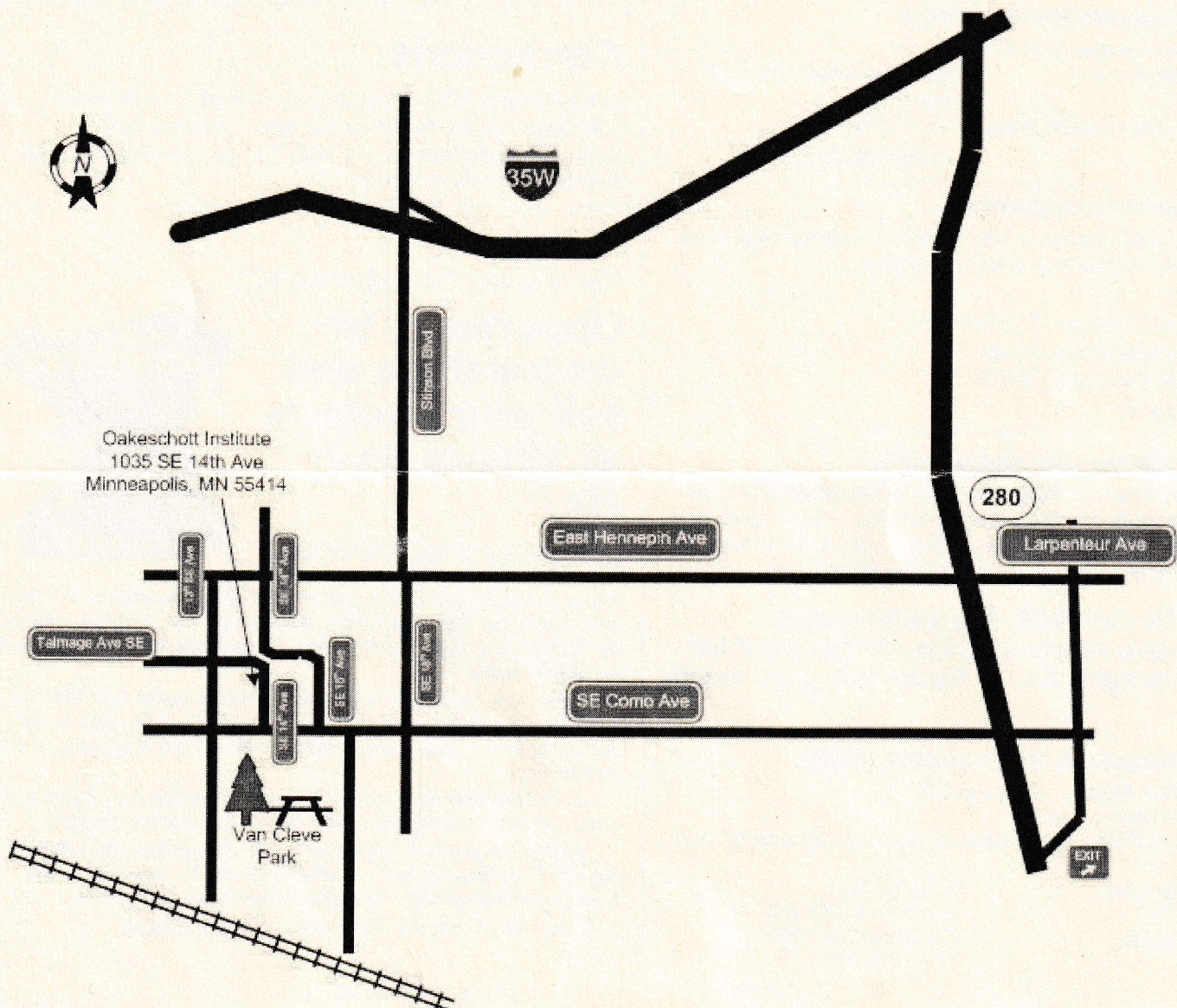
## April 13 Guild meeting set for Oakeshott Institute in Minneapolis

The next Guild of Metalsmiths membership meeting is Wednesday, April 13 at the Oakeshott Institute, 1035 SE 14th Ave, Minneapolis. The building contains the lifetime collection of swords once owned by the late Ewart Oakeshott. Mr Oakeshott was a leading authority on European arms and armor. His collection contains more than 75 pieces and spans nearly 4,000 years of history. Included in the collections are a sword from the First Crusade, and a Scandinavian sword from the Bronze Age.

Ewart Oakeshott died in 2002 at the age of 86. His legacy lives on through the work and efforts of The Oakeshott Institut, a 501c(3) nonprofit education and research Institute.

The Oakeshott Institute's president, Christopher Poor, owns Arms & Armour, a business specializing in the replication of historic artifacts. For full information on this intriguing venue, visit [www.oakeshott.org](http://www.oakeshott.org). Also visit [www.armor.com](http://www.armor.com).

The TGOM meeting starts at 6:30 pm with potluck, followed immediately by our membership meeting. Below is a map to the institute.





## Forum deadline for April: Monday, March 21, 2011

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, March 21, 2011 to **Georgia Myers**, editor, by email to:

[gldmyers@embarqmail.com](mailto:gldmyers@embarqmail.com)

or mail them to:

**Georgia Myers**  
413 W Dakota St  
Lake City MN 55041

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### Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information is as follows:

President: Ron Wendt

715-874-6141

[rawblacksmithing@clearwire.net](mailto:rawblacksmithing@clearwire.net)

Newsletter editor: John

Grump

715-835-0894

[johngrump@att.net](mailto: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](mailto:normanwgroehler@centurytel.net)

Jim Sage, Vice President, 218-525-7265

[sageforge@cs.com](mailto: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](mailto:keith@greatriverforge.com). The Northern Minn. Metalsmith's website is [www.nmmmetalsmiths.org](http://www.nmmmetalsmiths.org)

**SCHEDULE CHANGE: The NMM annual conference is rescheduled in 2011 to the third weekend in April, due to Easter being the fourth weekend.**

### 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 Zitur

1-320-746-2557

[ken@kensiron.com](mailto:ken@kensiron.com)

Brian Johnson

16777 Co Rd 75 NW

Clearwater MN 55367

1-320-558-6898

## New Members— March 2011

Mark Lockwood  
Crystal, MN

John Lockwood  
Crystal, MN

Clint Lockwood  
Blaine, MN

Vincent Lockwood  
Crystal, MN

Kent Olson  
Duluth, MN

Noah Lawless Keyes  
Minneapolis, MN

## OPEN FORGE TIME NOW AVAILABLE

Any member that would like to use a forge at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing can contact Nancy at the school. Phone is 763-427-5850 or [Nancyduggan@rtduggan.com](mailto:Nancyduggan@rtduggan.com). Forges are usually available Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9-4. Cost would be \$10 plus you buy your own coal. Make arrangements with Nancy to ensure time is available.

## Corrections

In the February "TGOM Forum," a couple of errors occurred.

1. On page 4, Dave Mariette's last name was misspelled.
2. On page 4, the last name of TGOM's new vice president, Rick Wessling, was also misspelled.

*Can you say "barbeque tools?"*

## Opportunity to demonstrate and sell your products at 'Minnesota in May'



Faribault, MN has been given the opportunity to host **Minnesota in May**, a state championship BBQ competition. This competition will be operated by the Minnesota BBQ Society and will be sanctioned by the Kansas City BBQ Society; they also provide the judges and will run the competition.

**Minnesota in May** will be held **Friday & Saturday, May 20, 21** at the Rice County Fairgrounds. The event will be open to the public and many family-based events will be held in addition to the competition:

Guild members interested in having a demonstration booth at this event, contact Rich Herman, who has entry forms and publicity.

Half of the proceeds generated by this competition will benefit the MN BBQ Society, and the other **half will be donated to the local organization IRIS** (Infants Remembered in Silence).

Check this out at the KCBS website: [www.kcbs.us](http://www.kcbs.us)



# Forge Welding and More

**When:** Saturday & Sunday, April 2 & 3

**Where:** Minnesota School of Horseshoeing (map below)

**Class size:** Maximum 8, minimum 6

**Cost:** \$110

**Instructor:** Dave Mariette, [anvildancer@gmail.com](mailto:anvildancer@gmail.com), 612-889-3291

In this forge welding class students will gain a better understanding of the process of forge welding. We will dispel some of the myths that seem to follow this art. Students will learn the basics of forge welding as well as make some cool stuff.

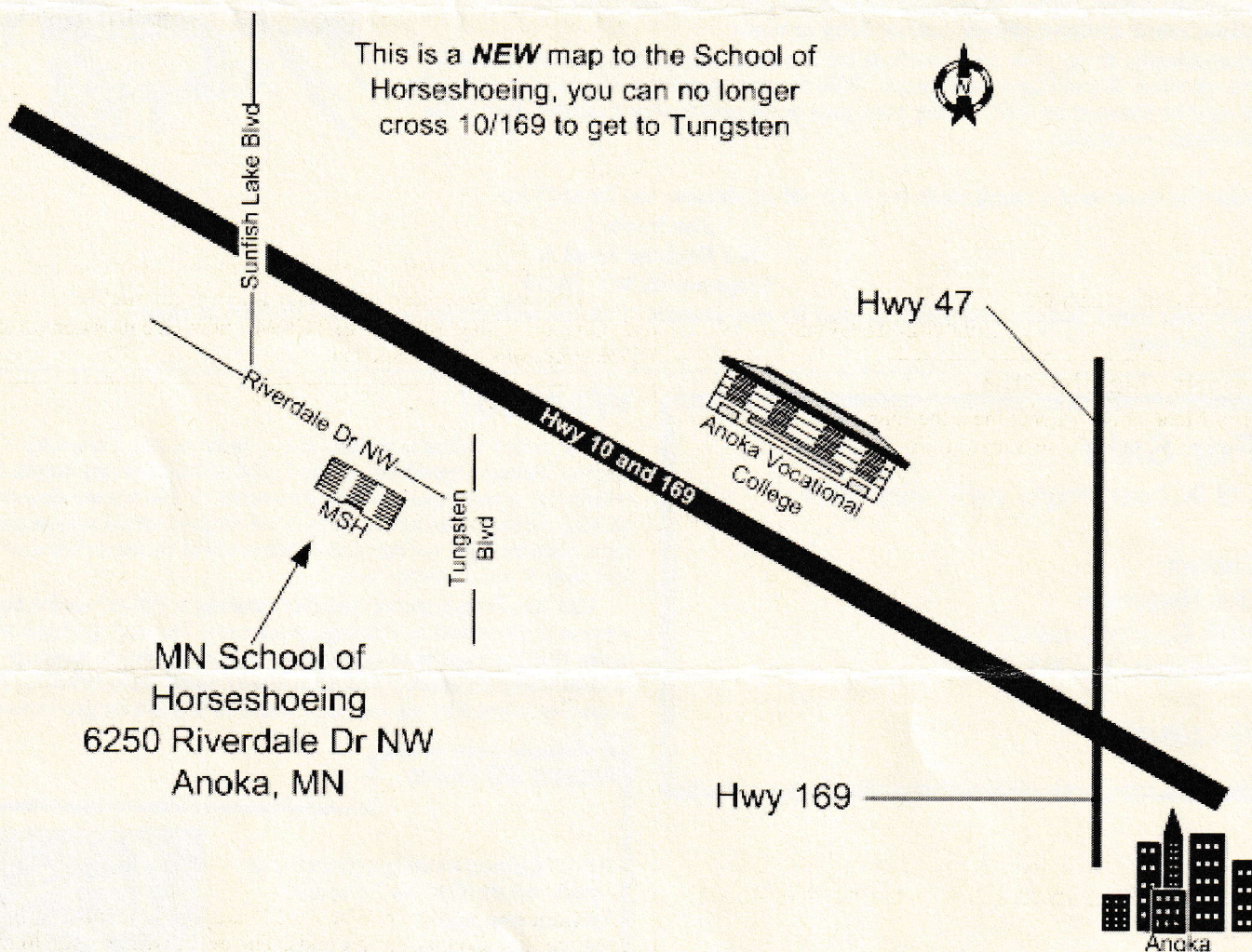
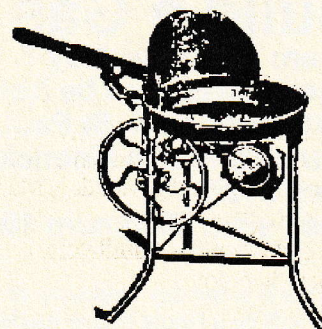
Students should bring tongs, hammer, brain, safety glasses & ear plugs. Other safety equipment may include gloves, leather apron, cotton clothing, leather shoes.

To register for this class, send a check made out to Guild of Metalsmiths for \$110 to:

Dave Mariette  
4020 160th St East  
Rosemount MN 55068

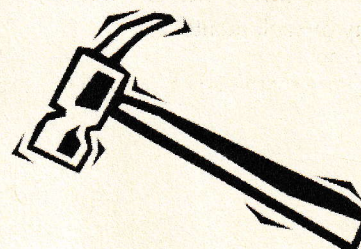
Be sure to include your phone number on your registration letter, as the instructor will contact you before the workshop.

Lunch arrangements: Bring a bag lunch or go out. A lunch break is mandatory. There are restaurants nearby.



## Hammer-Making Workshop

The Hammer-Making Workshop set for April 9 at Dick Carlson's Flint Rock Forge in Hastings is FULL!





# Build a Gas Forge

**When:** Saturday, May 7, 9:00 am until done around 4:00 pm

**Where:** Class will be hosted by Jody Emmings at Hot House Metal, 1161 Selby Ave., St Paul, MN 55104

**Instructors:** Jim Moenck, Wes Peterson

**Cost:** \$125

**Class size:** Maximum 10, minimum 6 students

This is a one day workshop in which we will make a venturi burner style gas forge. The forge will be a single burner model. The body will be approximately 10" diameter by 12" deep, made with a helium tank. This forge will be insulated with a 1" blanket of ceramic fiber, coated with a cementuous finish for durability. Fire brick will be used for the floor and sliding doors on each end, making it possible to pass the stock through, to heat the center of a work piece. The forge sits in a saddle, and is bolted to it for stability. This forge is a simple, economical forge. It will have a new burner design this year that gets very hot!

**Tools & equipment:** The class manager, Jim Moenck, will contact participants to see if they have any equipment that can be used.

**Safety equipment:** Safety glasses & ear plugs are mandatory. Other items that could be brought include cotton clothing, gloves, leather shoes or boots.

**Lunch arrangements:** Bring your own lunch, or eat at a local establishment. Luce Pizza is just a half block away, if you like a good pizza. With the prep work we will have done for the class, we should be finished by 4:00. Bring your own beverages to stay hydrated during the day (non-alcoholic, of course).



To register for this class, send a check made out to Guild of Metalsmiths for \$125 to:

**Jim Moenck**  
661 Dorland Road S.  
Maplewood, MN 55119

Please include your name, address, and phone number for easy contact. Call Jim with questions at 651-735-4461 or email [jrmoenck@yahoo.com](mailto:jrmoenck@yahoo.com)

## For Sale

278 lb. Peter Wright anvil - nice. \$600.

Contact:

Don Hogenson

3019 County Road DD

Glenwood City, WI 54013

715-265-4701

## Wanted!

The recipe below is printed in this issue of *The Forum* by request. Perhaps members of The Guild of Metalsmiths would be interested in participating in a new corner of *The Forum* devoted to sharing recipes. The dishes from these recipes would presumably have been brought to one of our thousands of membership meetings and shared at a potluck meal.

Talk has been heard of possibly creating a TGOM recipe book. If anyone is interested in heading up a project like that, perhaps a note to the Guild president to add such a topic to the board meeting agenda might be appropriate. Discussion could be handled by a chair person appointed by the board. It could be a good family-focused project.

### Pickled Dill Beans

2 lbs. (approx) stemmed green beans  
- pack lengthwise into 7 pint jars

**To each pint add:**

1/4 tsp cayenne pepper or 1 strip  
serrano or 1 whole jalapeno  
1 clove garlic  
1 head dill or 1 1/2 tsp dill seed



**Bring to boil:**

4 cups water, 4 cups white vinegar, 1/4 cup salt.

Pour over beans, seal, & process 15 minutes in boiling water bath.

*From Georgia Myers*



## Minutes – THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS, Board of Directors – January 19, 2011

Held at the home of: Myron Hanson, Eagan, MN

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10pm by Rich Herman

**Members in attendance:** Herman, Frattalone, Wessling, Rand, Sigurdson, Barr, Hicks, Pansch, Mariette, Ponder, Murray

**Missing:**

**Guest:** Myron

**AMENDMENT / APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES:** Motion to accept by Roland second by Rob. Passes.  
**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee**-Mike Frattalone

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 1-19-11 BOARD MEETING

DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE

16,386 (UP 3,793 FROM 1-3-10)

REMAINING GRANTS

2,075\*

CASH TOTAL

18,462 (UP 544 FROM 1-13-10)

EXPENSES SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING ON 11-10-10:

PO BOX FEE 44

WORKSHOPS 400

AWARD PLAQUE 120

FORUMS (TWO EA) 631

OFFICE SUPPLIES 33

MEETINGS (CSPS RENTAL) 200

TRAILER LICENSE 20

GRANTS (PAUL WIDENHOEFER) 850

TOTAL EXPENSES 2,298

TOTAL DEPOSITS 3,622\*

COAL 20 TONS REMAINING OF 24.4 TONS

MEMBERS 281 (DOWN 12 FROM 1-13-10)

(74 are past due)

\*REFLECTS \$500 RETURN OF GRANT FUNDING FROM LATANE, BECAUSE HE REC'D 500 FROM ANOTHER AFFILIATION.

**Education Committee report**-Mariette, Vice Chair-Martin Pansch  
Ed-Comm. had yet to meet this year. Dave put in 3 calls to Norm Larson -no reply. The struck tools class filled immediately- thinking could be offered bi-annually. Hammer making class in the works for this year.

**Program Committee**- Hicks, Vice Chair- Rob Murray

Request that the notes from Chair meetings get care-copied to Roland and Georgia in addition to committee personnel. Tom & Kitty Latane will demonstrate at the '11 Madness. Brian Brazel is near secure, waiting to receive the signed contract from him.

**Publicity Committee**- Sigurdson, Vice Chair- Chris Rand

The Forum can save \$100-150 per issue by using vertical format and loose pages (no staples). With the additional help of Yust and Corky, a web designer has agreed to our request for bid. The Statement of Work was review and discussed and it will be re-submitted to the designer who will build the site in less than 2 months. Until now, it was difficult to find web designers who would full-fill our request for such little money. Well done team.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Herman followed up with Al Krysan on the Iron Menagerie status and all copies have transferred from Larson to Krysan. The discussion moves to the rights of the book and publishing options.

A survey to identify why members drop out may be in the works by one Pete S. and Ponder is to follow up with 'survey monkey' report that he's been working on.

The Prog-Com has requested funding for power-vents to be installed in the storage trailers. Funding for one has been approved, but two

are needed so a final cost must be presented at next meeting.- Hicks will follow up.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Open up communication with the two guys who will take over the school if/when Duggan retires. Its important to keep this relationship healthy and strong as the Guild has done for so many years.

Mariette will inquire with Chicago Ave. Fire Arts Center for hosting a Board meeting. Oakshott Institute is meeting a possibility for 2011.

Mention of a new sub-comm called the Repo Committee to acquire rights from Larson- Myron will assist as the muscle.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: Welcome** new board members! Thank you for participating in this a great organization.

Kudos to the Long Term Planning-Comm for revamping the bylaws, which laid out the process for changing the December meeting.

**AJOURNMENT: 9:18pm** PM, Motion by Ponder, second Pansch, accepted without dissent.

## Minutes - Program Committee, Feb. 17, 2011

Call to order: 7:05

Minutes accepted motion by Dick Carlson, changes to email addresses for program committee

Feb 9 -

Treadle hammer demonstration at Discount Steel - Chris Rand  
Chris did an outstanding demonstration, thank you Chris.

### Upcoming membership meetings:

Apr 13

Oakeshott Institute: John McDonald, Champion

John will verify if Oakeshott or Arms and Armor as there may be a scheduling conflict. Georgia has a map.

Need to contact Minnetonka Center for the Arts -only date not available is Aug. Need to contact Franconia Sculpture Park. Check with Granote for a possible meeting.

June 8, Dave Marriette can demonstrate a button scroll

Aug 10 Corn Feed, Dan Pate - Herb Fick

Pete will check with Bob Walsh about demonstrating

### 2011 Conference

Sep 16,17, and 18, Al Lindholm

Demonstrators - Tom Latane and Brian Brazeal

Contract for Brian is in the mail. Education committee to investigate a class with Brian before/after conference. Sub committee of Carlson and Hanson to investigate options with Brian in Louisiana

Discussion on additional class tabled until after LAMA conference

Need bios from demonstrators - Al

### Family Activities for Fall Conference

Broom making, Mark Jackson; Found Art, (need champion); Scandanavian spoon carving, Fred ; Stacked Brick Bread oven, Brian?; Needle Felted Critters, Lorna Meyers

Oct 12-in progress

Dec 11 - Xmas party, Tom Phelps champion

### Old Business

Trailer ventilation fan quotes. Two fans at 159 each. Funds need to be approved by the board

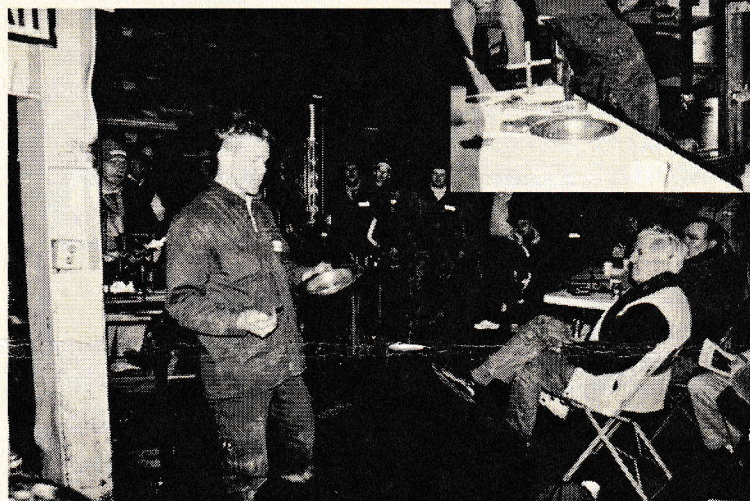
### New Business

New member view point: brochure with contact information, list of people with shops willing to help, list of demonstrations (county fairs, threshing shows) available to members with contact information, bellows information who, what? Gather up new people to provide hand out information, older member provide contact to new members at the monthly meeting, Lou Groth and Pete Stanitis will work on an initial template

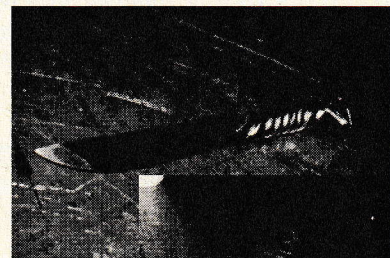
Adjourned:8:30. Submitted by Al Lindholm



## Chris Rand demonstrates treadle hammer at Discount Steel - Guild meeting



## 'Show & Tell' exhibits at February Guild meeting



Photos by Juliet Anderson

## 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](http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com)**

### Upcoming in 2011...

**Bread Oven class May 7 (details next month)**

**Tom Latane:** Door hardware class, May 20, 21, 22. Students will forge a spring latch with a ring handle. The forge welded ring handle will be mounted on a shaft which will pass through a chisel-cut escutcheon, (the door), and then a chisel cut latch plate and be secured to a forged cam which will lift the latch bar. The latch bar will be under pressure from a spring, forged as part of the staple which retains the bar against the latch plate. The spring provides a more positive catch than a gravity latch. Parts will be forged, filed, and fitted. May 20, 21, 22, 2011

**Bernard Heer:** 3-day class on June 3, 4, 5 is cancelled due to a change in Mr. Heer's plans. He has a chance to work on a six to seven month project in Beijing, China, and obviously could not pass it up!

**Roger Degner:** June 11 & 12, Roycroft hammered copper vase, Quarters mokurne, pipe forging from chili peppers to flowers

**Peter Ross:** 2-part class June 20, 21, & 22 and June 24, 25, & 26, 2011. If you missed his 2010 class, plan now to attend!

We are discussing the possibility of tool making for the first 3 day class..more than likely a hacksaw, the second 3 day class would be making a Betty Lamp with a flip lid, or Bracket part II (covering water leaves, flat leaves, more forge welding). Don't miss this opportunity to study with this Williamsburg Blacksmith. We still have 3 openings in Peter's class.

**Mike Blue:** Damascus II, July 7, 8, 9. Advanced patterning techniques. More info next month.

**Nathan Robertson:** August 6, Heat Treated Hammer Class Choose your hammer, shape, and size.

**Doug Wilson:** Date Sept. 8, 9, 10, and Sept. 11, 12, & 13  
Doug was a demonstrator at Guild of Metalsmiths Conference 2010 Doug will do two 3-day classes.  
1st class—Working on lighting with electricity and mica. This is a change from the originally scheduled class on tool making.  
2nd class: 3 day Drawing & Design: Drawing, design, and transforming ideas to metal

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# 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, and October, except December for the holiday gathering. For most meetings 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 March, 2011

- March 5, Struck Tools Class, MN School of Horseshoeing - CLASS IS FULL!
- March 9, Guild board meeting
- March 12, Beginning Blacksmithing C class, session 3, MN School of Horseshoeing
- March 26, Beginning Blacksmithing C class, session 4, MN School of Horseshoeing

## Events in April, 2011

- April 2 & 3, Forge Welding Class, Dave Mariette
- April 9, Hammer-Making Workshop, Dick Carlson's studio south of Hastings - WORKSHOP IS FULL!
- April 13, membership meeting at Oakshotte Institute, Minneapolis

## Events in May, 2011

- May 7, Gas Forge Building Class, see page 4 for details
- May 11, Guild board meeting

## Schedule Change:

The annual conference for Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths is rescheduled in 2011 to the third weekend in April, due to Easter being the fourth weekend.

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Your membership expires at the date & month next to your name. Please send your renewal dues to the above address.

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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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