# 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 284 members, up from 265 a year ago. Your renewal date is on the mailing label as 20YY.Q (year.quarter).

## **Attention Please!**

If your label says. 2000.2 (or before) your membership is up for renewal this quarter. Please send your \$30 dues to:

#### The Guild of Metalsmiths

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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.

### This month in the FORUM

- Metalsmith deadline
- April Meeting
- Ollie
- Leonardo da Vinci Day at the Science Museum.
- ► Owatanna Arts Center
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- New members and address changes
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- Ollie's Auction Bill

#### Metalsmith articles:

Those of you working on those informative articles for our quarterly magazine. The copy deadline for the issue 3 of 2000 is Aug 1. Send them to: Marcia McEachron, editor, 451 Taft St. NE RM 8 Door 35, Minneapolis, MN, 55413,

Fax: 612-781-8435

Please!

# The April Meeting:

Vice President Pete Stanaitis called the meeting to order. We are in good shape. Our thanks to Host Dave Olin for sharing his shop.

We have found a heavy duty solution for the long term storage of things needed for the yearly conference a 1T box van to be converted to a trailer,

BUT - we still need to find a 6 x 10 foot enclosed trailer to hold the tables and stuff for meetings. If you have a line on such a trailer, please contact Dave Feterl.

Also, we could use some help converting the 1T truck frame into a trailer and we need help adapting the bleachers we got from the Hastings school system. Contact Myron Hanson 651-454-3984, Dick Carlson 651-437-3329, or Dave Feterl.651-681-0625

Show and tell.

Todd Erdmans incredible faux pine boughs left us all amazed. He had a story board built to show the steps.

The pieces Myron and crew showed us combining stone and steel were just amazing. There were knives and tools, and some pretty impressive first efforts on display.

Dick Carlson pounded out a rose which looked great.

#### Ollie Juaire

Ollie, as you may know, is in the WALKER METHODIST HOME 3737 BRYANT AVE SO.
MINNEAPOLIS MN 55409

His Nephew has decided it is time to recycle all the unused tools stored in Ollie's shop near I 494 and Hwy 61. There will be an auction May 20<sup>th</sup>. See the attached bill for particulars.

**Leonardo da Vinci Day** at the Science Museum of Minnesota

On June 25th, The Guild of Metalsmiths will have a booth at this celebration of creativity

and invention. There will be many activities to take part in and it should be a great time for you and your families. Tom Latané and Kirsten Skiles will be demonstrating forging and repoussé and the Guild will have a separate forging station and display table to show off what we are and do. The event will be running from 10AM to approx 10PM. We need volunteers to man the booth.

Volunteers get in free and it should be a good time. You don't have to be there all day.

If you wish get in on the fun, call John Yust and sign up.

Home: 651-228-9377 Work 651-225-9601



All you guys that told Marcia you would put something into this show,

It's time to deliver!

You can take it directly to the Owatonna Arts Center and get a receipt (closed on Mondays) Silvand Durben, director 435 Dunnell Drive, Owatonna, MN

or..

(507) 451-0533

Bring it to Marcia at her shop on or before May 26<sup>th</sup>. (Call first! Shop Phone is 612-378-0800)

**Directory Updates:** 

We left space. Get out your pen.

A hearty welcome to our New Members:

HEIDELBERG, FRANK 1320 4<sup>TH</sup> ST PO BOX 50704 MENDOTA MN 55150 Home phone: 651-688-0065

OLSON, AL 2153 FOX PL MENDOTA HEIGHTS MN 55120 Home phone: 651-683-0906

RICHARDS, SCOTT 5293 BOUNTY ST SE PRIOR LAKE MN 55372-2504 Home phone: 952-440-5271

SCHWARTZ, TERRENCE J. 18595 HALIFAX LN JORDAN MN 55352-9336 Home phone: 612-492-3840

Address Changes:

COX, MARLAINE Home phone: 612-379-0719 Email: marlaine@visi.com

SCHELIN, WRAY Email: wesparts@charter.net

WALSH, ROBERT 306 LAKE ST **PEPIN WI 54757** 

#### 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 612-441-5846

Fellow Guild members,

I have long maintained that membership talent should be present at the Fall Conference. I believe that EVERY member of the Guild has knowledge or skills that should be shared. I would like to implement one program and propose another. First, I am going to setup a workstation at this years fall conference. The purpose isn't to conduct a regimented demonstration, but to create an interactive arena that addresses questions and techniques and includes healthy doses of brainstorming and problem solving. My hopes along this line are that other members will step forward and join me in sharing their knowledge. My long term vision would be an entire building full of small work stations, all manned by Guild members sharing and exchanging knowledge. These sites would be both metal and non-metal in composition. That's

my program. I'm willing to put the effort Hello Forum, needed into getting this off the ground. My proposal. I would like to see the Directory modified to include a summary of the skills and talents that each member possesses. Once again I am willing to put the effort into the information gathering necessary for this venture. (With the Boards blessing).

Don Hammer

Guild members,

I would like to put together an English Wheel building workshop. For those of you that aren't familiar with this tool, its a stretching tool that's used to create compound curves in sheet metal. Im not sure about cost. Most of the components are readily available but the rollers would need to be machined. These can be done on a lathe with a radiusing attachment, but a CNC would be preferred. Of course we have the option of purchasing ready-made rollers but they can be expensive. If you check my photos of my workshop at the Guild website, the Green Monster that I wheel with now cost me about \$800.00 to make. \$250.00 of that was in the machining of 4 of the lower rollers. I propose a much smaller, bench top version with a 2 ft. opening instead of a 4. I would like to hear from all who would be interested. I would also like to hear from anyone that has resources for affordable machine work. Call me at 651.351.0869 E-mail or Don@carshaper.com. I look forward to your input.

> Don Hammer \*\*\*\*

Dear Forum:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Guild and its beginning blacksmith instructors. I was a student in the recently completed beginning class and I feel compelled to thank the instructors and the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing for their excellent job. It was a real great learning experience for me and I was very impressed with the organization and quality of instruction.

Thanks to all involved!

Mike Thompson Boyceville, WI

Sorry John This should have been in last months notice. - e

Due to the Western Digital plant closure in Rochester, I will be moving away to Boulder, Colorado and need to part company with much of my machinery.

I would like this machinery to go to members of the Guild of Metalsmiths. I don't want to make a fortune on it, but would rather have it go at a fair price to someone who loves metalworking. I also would like 10% of the proceeds to go to the Guild. The machinery will be kept at Rochester Welding starting on Feb. 17 and John Adams will help me come up with a fair price.

Even though I've only attended one meeting I found the Guild to be full of wonderful and helpful people who were free to share their talents and friendships, I will sorely miss them.

Feel free to share this letter with the Guild. Thank You,

> -- John Fletcher 522 Abbey Dr. Longmont, CO 80501-9524 john.f.fletcher@worldnet.att.net

### Want Ads:

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

John Fletchers stuff for sale at Adams' in Rochester

List of Machinery:

13" South Bend Lathe - 3&4 Jaw Chucks, steady rest,

live centers, tool rests.... 250 Amp Lincoln TIG Welder with Argon and Helium Tanks 225 Lincoln AC Stick Welder Carolina Metal Band Saw

10" Multiplex Radial Arm Saw 9" Beaver Table Saw

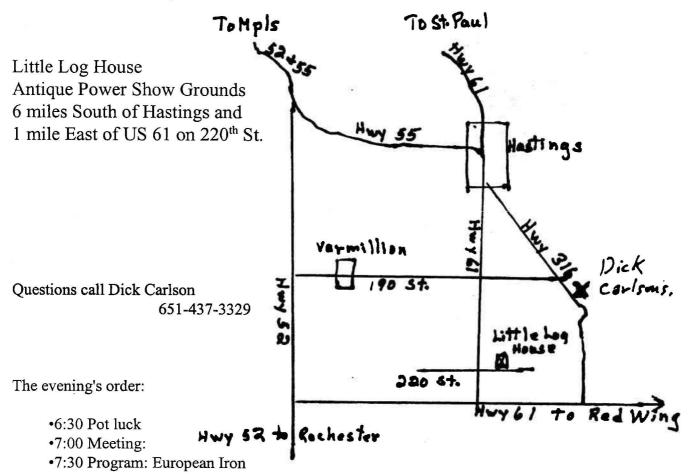
5/8" Drill Press

Three Piece Kennedy Machinists Tool Chest

Contact John Adams if you are interested. Home Phone: 507-289-5246 Work Phone: 507-289-4189 Fax Phone: 507-289-8795 email:aluminum@sparc.isl.net

\*\*\*\*\*\*that's all folks\*\*\*\*\*

# Guild of Metal/mith/, June 14th, 2000 Meeting



Engstroms, Fredells, Hansons, and Stanaitises will be showing us the treasures they found on the ABANA iron tour last year, and telling us all about the tour and places they visited.

Bring a lawn chair to sit on. Come early and tour the grounds (This will be the site for the fall conference) See the worlds only complete spiral bridge.

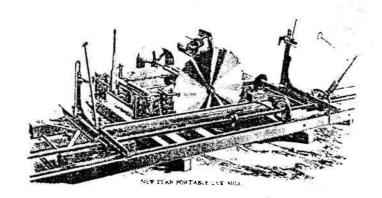
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