

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

Attention Please!

If your label says. 2000.4 your membership is up for renewal. Please send your \$30 dues to:

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

How to Join

Send \$30 dues with your name, address, (and if you would) phone numbers -home -shop -fax, email address, web page to the above address.

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 1 of 2001 is Feb 1. Send them to: Marcia McEachron, editor, 451 Taft St. NE RM 8 Door 35, Minneapolis, MN, 55413, Fax: 612-781-8435

Please!

Metalsmith Back Issues ARE Available

AT A NEW LOWER RATE!!

The Guild of Metalsmiths will provide back issues of "The Metalsmith" to members for \$3.00 each.

One of the main reasons for doing this is to make the "how-to" articles that are listed in the Metalsmith index available to all members.

To order a back issue, just contact me, Pete Stanaitis anyway you can telling me the volume and the issue number(s) that you want. Send a check made out to "Guild of Metalsmiths" for \$3.00 for each issue requested to me at 2476 10th Av, Baldwin, WI, 54002.

Some of the back issues will come from our Guild inventory and others will be reproduced in full by me.

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Use your most recent copy of the Metalsmith's How-to index to pick out the topics that interest You most. Then, if you don't already have those Metalsmiths in your collection, get them from the Guild of Metalsmiths Back Issue Service!

Back issues of The Metalsmith are NOW available for only \$3.00 each, postage included.

To order, write the Volume and Issue number(s) on a slip of paper along with your mailing address. Include a check for \$3.00 for each issue made out to Guild of Metalsmiths. Send it to:

Pete Stanaitis
2476 10th Ave.
Baldwin, WI. 54002

If you have any questions about the service, contact Pete at 715-698-2895.

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The October Meeting:

The meeting at the Fort Snelling Auditorium came off quite nicely in spite of our demonstrator's illness and cancellation. (Hankes is ok, he was just a bit under the weather)

Dave Feterl opened the meeting and introduced our host, Carie Essig of the Minnesota Historical Society. Carie told us how the living history timeline

of the fort was being realigned. By moving the date forward to about 1835, the fort is better able to address the public's interests. Previously, the frontier outpost dealt with trappers, Native Americans and the rigors of frontier life. With the new time line, we catch the fort as the wave of settlers begin to pour into Minnesota and just before a major realignment of the use of space in the fort.

This allows them to address the complex problems of an immigrant population as well as trappers and Natives without having to address the major physical changes that the fort underwent in 1836.

The Committee reports were given, there is money in the bank., the beginners classes are all full, the Dec banquet/elections at the CSPA Hall, and the February Meeting at Linders are still on track. The new membership directories are in process.

Dave Marriette reported on his progress with the 501C3 filing.

All our volunteer Instructors were asked to come forward and be recognized. They made quite a long line across the front of the hall. Thanks again to all who share their time and expertise to make this such a great organization.

Show and tell:

Dick Carlson brought a nail to show us. He and several others had made it with John Adams 500# Little Giant down at the Tunnel Mill gathering. (*I'll let your imagination fill in the details - ed.*) Gene Olson showed off his completed copper repoussé waste basket. Pete Stanaitis gave showed maps of where the "Shop Crawl" locations were to date. Bob Johnson showed us a sample of the door latch that Tom Sanders and he will be teaching in the Dec 16th Workshop.

(See the sign up sheet later in the **Forum**) There were a couple other items on the table too, but I can't recall them all.

The Program:

A hearty round of applause for our pinch hitters, Pete Stanaitis and Dick Carlson who put together the evenings program with only minutes notice, (by the time they were reached and told about Jon Hankes not feeling well.)

The revised program was:

Repairing your anvil, hows, whys, materials to use, and all sorts of stuff. They brought examples of before and after restoration. They discussed, the different materials used in anvils and how one needed to deal with each one. Preheat, filler materials, grinding, finishing.. . . .

Golly you should have been there.

Missing Anvils

This year's fall conference was a huge success and the planning for the next one has already begun. But we need a little HELP!!! We were not able to locate the two small anvils that we normally use for the anvil toss. We're sure that someone simply has forgotten them in some dimcorner. So, Please, if you were involved at all in the 1999 conference (the last time we saw them), check around your house and shop to see if they could be lurking there.

We think one of them weighs about 5 pounds and the other one weighs about 25 pounds. If you do locate them, you can return them to any board member or officer.

Thank you on behalf of the 2000 Program Committee,

Pete Stanaitis

Open Forge sessions

We have still have:

5 openings for November 18,
2 openings for December 9, and
5 openings for May 5, 2001.

Thank you, Pete Stanaitis

(see sign up sheet later in the **FORUM**.)

Directory Updates:

We left space . Get out your pen.

A hearty welcome to our New Members:

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2673 HWY 101 N
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1462 ABBY WAY
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1775 TAMBERWOOD TRAIL
WOODBURY MN 55125
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email: rjhelfrich@aol.com

STREET, BRIAN
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MABEL MN 55954-0247
Home Phone: 507-493-5946
Email: chforge@means.net

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

Want Ads:

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

For Sale

round forge
larger "Western" firebox forge
David Abnet, 2003 22nd St NW
Rochester, MN 55901
Ph. 507-282-1792

Gill sent us two calenders to put in the auction at the Dec. meeting. There are photos of small shops, big shops, an anvil shoot, a parade, and more. Editor

For Sale

Blacksmith Calenders
Year 2001 Calender with 12 old photos of blacksmith shop interiors. Please mail US \$12 per calender (shipping included) to Gill Fahrenwald, PO Box 2323, Olympia WA
Satisfaction Guaranteed

The Column filler:

You can blame Dave Brown for this <g>

Ole and Sven die and wake up in hell. The next day the devil stops in to check on them and sees them dressed in parkas, mittens and bomber hats warming themselves around the fire.

The devil asks them, "What are you doing? Isn't it hot enough for you?"

Ole and Sven reply, "Vell, ya know, we're from norderm Minnesoda, the land of snow and ice and cold. We're just happy for a chance to warm up a little bit, ya know."

The devil decides that these two aren't miserable enough and turns up the heat.

The next morning he stops in again and there they are, still dressed in parkas, hats and mittens.

The devil asks them again, "Its awfully hot down here, can't you guys feel that?"

Again, Ole and Sven reply, "Vell, like we told you yesterday, we're from norderm Minnesoda, the land of snow and ice and cold. We're just happy for a chance to warm up a little bit, ya know."

This gets the devil a little steamed up and he decides to fix the two guys. He cranks the heat up as high as it will go.

The people are wailing and screaming every where. He stops by the room with the two guys from Minnesota and finds them in light jackets and hats, grilling walleye and drinking beer.

The devil is astonished, "Everyone down here is in abject misery, and you two seem to be enjoying yourselves."

The two Minnesodans reply, "Vell, ya know, we don't get too much warm weather up dere in International Falls, we've just got to have a fish fry when the weathers this nice."

The devil is absolutely furious, he can hardly see straight. Finally he comes up with the answer. The two guys love the heat because they have been cold all their lives. The devil decides to turn all the heat off in hell.

The next morning, the temperature is below zero, icicles are hanging everywhere, people are shivering so bad that they are unable to wail, moan and gnash their teeth.

The devil smiles and heads for the room with the two Minnesotans. He gets there and finds them back in their parkas, bomber hats, and mittens. They are jumping up and down, cheering, yelling and screaming like mad men.

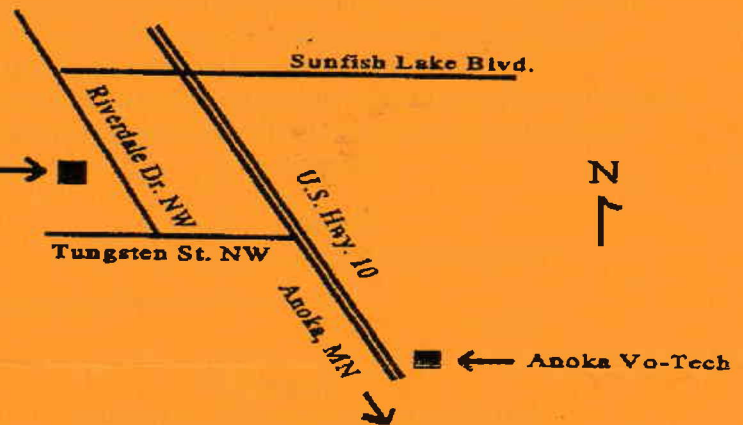
The devil is dumbfounded, "I don't understand, when I turn up the heat you're happy. Now its freezing cold and you're still happy. What is wrong with you two?"

Ole and Sven look at the devil in surprise, "Vell, don't ya know, if hell froze over dat must mean da Vikings won da Super Bowl."

Making a 19th Century Style Door Latch A Workshop with Tom Sanders

When: December 16th, 2000
9am to 4 pm

Where: Minnesota School of School of Horseshoeing →
Horseshoeing
6250 Riverdale Drive
Ramsey MN 55303
Phone at school: 612-427-5850
(NOT a Guild info number)



Instructors: Tom Sanders Bob Johnson -
1302 Osceola Ave
St. Paul MN 55105-2717
ph# 651-699-3919
Email: johnson@macalester.edu

Cost: Check payable to: The Guild of Metalsmiths
\$15 members \$20 nonmembers (Blacksmith study guides are only available to members, per author's terms)

Class Size: 8 people

Class Description: We will make the Early 19th Century style door latch from the blacksmith's Study Guide. This is an intermediate level workshop. Participants should have basic blacksmithing experience, or have completed the Guild of Metalsmiths' Basics series. You need to know fire control and basic forging processes.

You need to bring: Eye, ear and hand protection. Cotton, wool or leather work clothes, and work shoes. **Tools:** Your favorite tools. Also: **Consider making the punch and bolster shown in the Study Guide for this project.** Copies of the Study Guide can be purchased by members for \$15 if you have the skills for the class but not the book.

Door Latch - Saturday, December 16th, 2000

SEND TO: Bob Johnson - ph# 651-699-3919
1302 Osceola Ave St. Paul MN 55105-2717

\$15 members \$20 nonmembers - Check payable to: The
Guild of Metalsmiths

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Open Forging Workshops -There are still openings, sign up now

Here's an opportunity to get in some forging time in a nice heated shop with 8 forges. Whether you want to make a special gift for someone or just polish up some of your skills, here is a chance.

This season, due to popular demand, we will hold four separate open forging sessions at the School of Horseshoeing. We will have at least one "instructor type" available to help with any questions you may have and to assist in helping you develop your blacksmithing skills. For those who are actively involved with The Blacksmithing Study Guide, this could be a great opportunity to make some progress and to get clarification on any of its contents.

Sign up for the date(s) of your choice, choosing 2nd and 3rd choices if you wish. I will contact you personally if your first or second choice is not available before plugging you in to an alternate date.

Details:
Place: Minnesota School of Horseshoeing

Dates:

Wkshp #2:

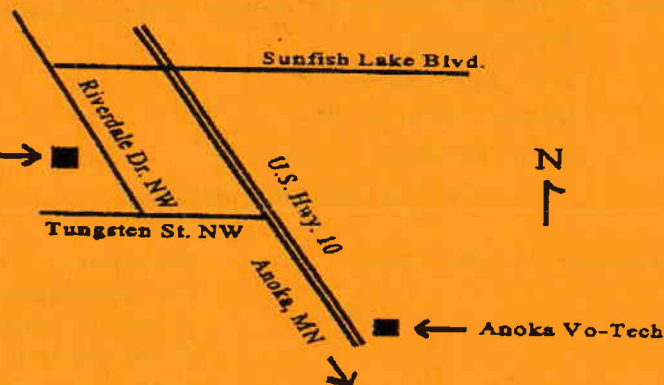
Saturday, November 18, 2000 - 5 openings

Wkshp #3:

Saturday, December 9, 2000 - 2 openings

Wkshp #4:

Saturday, May 5, 2001 - 5 openings



Time: 8:30 AM - 4 PM Cost: \$15.00 each day

What to bring: Bring your own tools, stock and your projects ideas. Workstations and coal will be furnished.

Maximum class size: 8 Forges are available. Sometimes 2 people will want to work from the same forge, so we may be able to accommodate a few extra people.

Person to contact to answer any questions about these workshops: Pete Stanaitis, 715-698-2895

Tear form off here and send it along with your check for \$15 for each workshop, to Pete Stanaitis, 2476 10th Ave, Baldwin, WI, 54002, at least 30 days before the workshop you want to attend (even sooner if you want to get a particular date!). If I get a check for \$30, \$45, or \$60 I'll know you want 2, 3 or 4 dates.

Open Forging Workshops

Send \$15 for each workshop,
to Pete Stanaitis, 2476 10th Ave, Baldwin, WI, 54002,
Registration Form for the Fall, 2000/Spring, 2001

Name of Participant: _____

Address: _____

Phone (____) _____

Workshop Date Choices:

2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____

The December Meeting

Where? The CSPA Hall on West Seventh in St. Paul
385 Michigan Street
St. Paul, Minnesota

Wednesday December 13

Banquet Elections Quilt Raffle

Awards and appreciation

The evening's order:

- 6:00 Social Time
- 6:30 Pot luck
- 7:00 Meeting: Election of
New Officers and
Directors
Help us to keep this
organization running!
come and run, come and
vote, come and share.

Oh yeah, Bob Says,

**"DON'T FORGET
SHOW
AND TELL"**

Remember how great the

"My Favorite Tool" meeting was? All those good ideas we shared. Bring something to talk about and show the rest of us.

There will be a "Table Gallery" set up to show off items of interest. You are encouraged to bring a new piece, item or tool you have completed, found or purchased. (Any interesting example of metalwork is fair game, if you think others would enjoy seeing it.) You are also encouraged to bring the piece that you are most proud of making over the past few years. It will give new members a chance to see what we have been doing, and maybe even inspire them.

There will be no formal program. Individual members are encouraged to discuss the work they bring with others and to take this opportunity to celebrate the holidays with their fellow Guild members.



See you there !!!!