

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

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**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](mailto:forum@metalsmith.org).

### Metalsmith articles:

Those of you working on those informative articles for our quarterly magazine. The copy deadline for the issue 4 of 2000 is Nov 1. Send them to: Marcia McEachron, editor, 451 Taft St. NE RM 8 Door 35, Minneapolis, MN, 55413, Fax: 612-781-8435

Please!

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**For your convenience, I have included a list of Metalsmith educational articles sorted by Issue, so pick the issues you want, and give Pete a call. -ed.**

### In this Month's forum:

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**The September Board Meeting:**  
Guild Board Meeting Sep 13, 2000

**In attendance:** Dick Carlson, Dave Feterl, Mike Frattalone, Myron Hanson, Bob Johnson

Alexa Kelly, Gene Olson, Pete Stanaitis

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM by President, Dave Feterl

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

### Nowthen blacksmith shop grant proposal

Bob Fredell, on behalf of the "Nowthen subcommittee of the Guild's education committee, entered a proposal to enclose the partially completed new blacksmith shop. The proposal is to grant to Nowthen the materials necessary to completely enclose the new facility, asap. Members of the Guild would assist in the construction. If this grant is given, the Guild will be able to use the blacksmith shop for Guild events between April 1 and November 1 of each year. "Nowthen" will also concrete the rest of the building for us. The overall cost of these materials is about \$3000, but we have found a donor for a major portion of the siding, so the grant request is only for \$930.00.

After an initial discussion by the board members, Alexa moved to accept the proposal with a cap of \$1000, later amended to \$1500. Seconded by Gene Olson. Dave Feterl moved to amend the motion to include a requirement that this agreement be documented (five points covered in the proposal) and agreed to by both parties. Seconded by Myron Hanson. All passed on voice vote.

### Committee Reports

**-Education Committee:** Bob Johnson.

Still working on getting publicity out for things in progress. 13 people attended this year's instructors workshop. The basic workshops are all planned. Future basic workshop students will be recognized for successful completion. The next meeting for the education committee is next week.

**-Program Committee:** Dick Carlson :  
Next membership meeting is at Ft. Snelling. John Hanks will cover flower making.

The fall conference is on track. The new bleachers are almost done. The program committee meets Sep. 14th at Myron Hanson's.

**-Publicity Committee:** Gene Olson.  
The forum went to press on the 2nd of September. It went in the mail on September 12.  
New member directory: Gene and his committee will get it going.

**Finance Committee:** Mike Frattalone  
We have \$18,299.15 in checking We have 324 paid members.

### Old Bus'n

501C3 Corporation Change: Discussions of the issues continue.

The board needs to make some long term plans to help guide the committee eg: plans to acquire property, etc..

Action: After the December elections, the board should hold a special planning meeting. Dave Feterl to convey this to the next Board.

In the meantime, the 501C3 committee can continue on it work

### Small Trailer Purchase:

We will purchase a new 7' X 12' tandem axle trailer with a 2" ball and surge brakes, asap.

### Insurance update:

Our Insurance policy was reviewed and was found to be satisfactory.

As of now, any class that does not require the Blacksmithing Study Guide is open to non members, subject to availability, etc..

### Back Issue Service:

A motion was made to continue the back issue service and to reduce the price to \$3.00 per issue. The back Issue service will continue for another year from September 13, 2000. Passed on voice vote.

### New Business

Instructor/Student recognition at membership meetings:

Dave Feterl reported that, in future there will be a recognition agenda item.

**Coal:** We estimate that we have 11,000 to 12,000 pounds left. We have taken in

\$1513.00 so far this calendar year. We are looking at pricing/quality for our next buy.  
Action: We will deal with future coal needs at the November board meeting.

**Elections:** They are fast approaching. We will be replacing 5 board members, plus the officers, President, Vice President and Treasurer. Members should consider becoming involved in the running of the organization. Any member who is interested in becoming involved can make their interest known by contacting any board member or officer.

### New Alliance?

The director at the Minnesota Transportation Museum has contacted us again regarding getting involved with them at the Jackson St Roundhouse.

Action: Dave Feterl will convene a small committee to visit with them some Saturday in the near future.

**Next board meeting:** Nov 8, 2000 at Fredell's home.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM.

### Get Involved!

### Needed: People who want to make this organization work.

This year we are looking for 5 board members. (4 - two year and 1 one year) and officers, President, Vice President, Treasurer. As always, the election will be at the December meeting/banquet.

If you are interested in helping us run this organization, please contact Dave Feterl or one of the other board members.

We will introduce the slate of interested candidates and provide time for statements if they wish to make one, nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

**Outgoing officers:** Dick Carlson, Alexa Kelly, Fred McCluskey, Mike Richter, Pete Stanaitis

### Candidates filed to date:

For President:

Dave Feterl - incumbent

For Vice President:

For Treasurer:

Mike Frattalone - incumbent

For Board of Directors:

Don Halverson

Bill Hanson

Bob Johnson -incumbent

(1 year term)

Al Olson

### Some membership Statistics

"There are lies, damned lies, and statistics.."

- - Mark Twain

Do you ever wonder about how many people are in the Guild and how long they have been around?

Don Halverson was trying to sort out who got first chance at the beginning blacksmithing classes and asked for a list of members sorted by when they first joined. I gave it a try.

I know this isn't perfect.

The earliest dates are the mushiest but the real old timers probably could care less anyway. I took the database of current members sorted by the earliest dates of record Some of the early ones are wrong. For instance Pieter Maas was one of the founding members and he shows up several years down the pike, But most of the old dates that we first joined are in the neighborhood, and those since Pete took over the mailing list are in the order they were entered. (ie: those requesting beginners classes are pretty accurate)

of the current members,

9 were here on 01/01/1980

18 more joined by 01/01/1985

31 more joined by 01/01/1990

57 more joined by 01/01/1995

165 more joined by 01/01/2000

and 55 have joined this year to date.

When I took over the mail list from Pete at the end of 1995, the membership was 195. 128 of those are still members.

Gene

### The Fall Conference

The Conference went very well.

Dave Feterl called and asked that we publish a thank you to all who put in time and effort to make it a success, and a special thank you to those whose generous donations made our auction the most

successful ever.

The crew from the gate class did an incredible job. And the gate and it's rings were the highpoint of the auction.

Fine hand wrought pieces by members were in abundance. My only complaint was that the auction decimated the gallery. Maybe next year we can ask the winning bidders to put the work back on display till they leave the conference.

We were also blessed with donations from several businesses. Toll Welding, Bell Manufacturing, Mississippi Welding Supply, Red Wing, Linders Specialties, and Contemporary Fireplace Products all helped make this years auction interesting and profitable.

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#### Directory Updates:

We left space . Get out your pen.

#### A hearty welcome to our New Members:

BEELOW, JERRY  
4451 155<sup>TH</sup> AV N  
HAM LAKE MN 55304  
Home Phone: 763-434-7075

BRINKMAN, BARRY  
4227 BRIDGEWOOD TERRACE  
VADNAIS HEIGHTS MN 55127  
Home Phone: 651-436-2080

EICKSTADT, HAL  
644 BALLANTYNE LN  
SPRING LAKE PARK MN 55432

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13013 MAIN ST BOX 304  
PIGEON FALLS WI 54760  
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KRAMER, JOHN  
705 E 3<sup>RD</sup> ST APT 1  
MONTICELLO MN 55362  
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THOMPSON IA 50478

MILLER, JOE  
24037 COUNTY 9  
BEMIDJI MN 56601  
Home Phone: 218-751-3086

ROLL, DUANE  
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LELAND IA 50453  
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11464 NORELL AV N  
STILLWATER MN 55082  
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SHAW, LYNNETTE  
1700 JACKSON ST  
MAPLEWOOD MN 55117  
651-487-2435

STIGLICH, ROBERT  
2939 GRANDA LN N  
OAKDALE MN 55128  
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Fax Phone: 651-731-8799  
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SWANSON, ROSS  
1575 N BELVIDERE ST  
BUFFALO CITY WI 54622  
Home Phone: 608-248-2268

WINRICH, DAN L  
7460 SCHUMACHER RD  
FALL CREEK, WI 54742  
Home Phone: 715-834-6043

#### Welcome Back:

BERGMAN, BOB  
RR1  
BLANCHARDVILLE WI 53516-9801

JOHNSON, DANN (HARLAND D)  
PO BOX 365  
THOMPSON IA 50478  
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3627 27TH AVE S  
MINNEAPOLIS MN 55406-2509

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#### 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

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*Ok, if anyone knows who this might be,  
please contact Diana, address below - e.*

Subject: Re: 'Shaman' metal sculpture

At 04:18 PM 9/23/2000 , you wrote:

Dear friend - I have lost the name and  
address of an artist that has been showing  
their work at the Minnesota Renaissance  
Festival. I THINK the name of the artist's  
business is called Impressions and I know  
that it was in St. Paul. I'm very interested  
in purchasing their Shaman metal sculpture  
that I saw at the festival a year or so ago.  
Their business card was lost with my stolen  
purse this past weekend. If you could help  
me out in any way, I'd greatly appreciate it.

The shaman sculpture was a lawn piece  
and stood approximately 4 feet tall.

Thanks very much for your help!

- Diana Pederson

email: bdlmon@newulmtel.net

Home phone number is 507-354-2630

Diana Pederson 329 Monument Street,  
New Ulm, MN 56073.

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#### Want Ads:

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

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#### For Sale

105# Trenton Anvil good condition \$150.  
80# no name Anvil in fair condition \$50  
4" post vise good condition \$50

#### Wanted

Swage Block any size  
Cone mandrel, large or small

Lance Gunderson, 30880 130<sup>th</sup> St. ,  
Frazee, MN 56544-9193

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#### For Sale

GORGEOUS VINTAGE  
CHAMBERS STOVE

-white with chrome fittings  
-hinged retractable cover  
-soup well  
-very good condition

\$300 OBO

Contact Lisa or Michael Havelin (651)  
290-9345 (651) 208-1062

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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.

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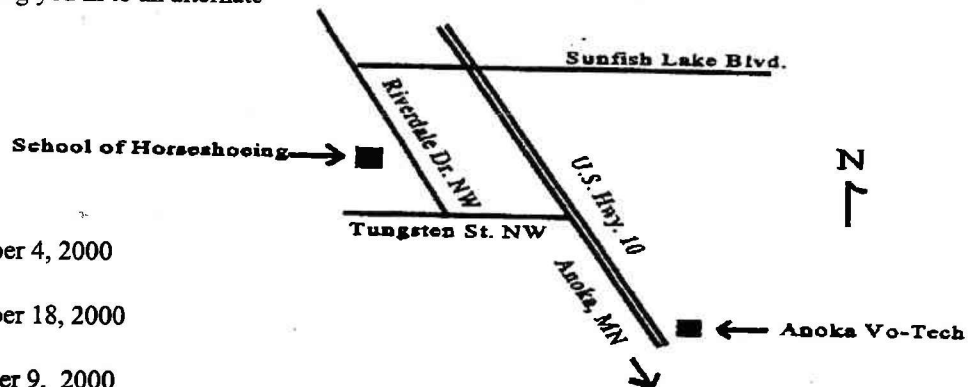
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