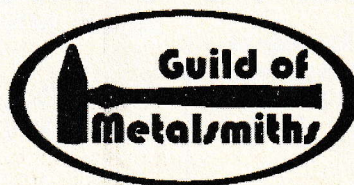


# The Forum



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## THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS INVITES YOU, AND...

### We need you!

The Metalsmith Madness, our annual Fall Conference, is September 16, 17 and 18. We invite you to come and have fun. We would like you to help us make it great. The gallery will look better for all of us with your pieces displayed. Please consider bringing something special for the Saturday night live auction. Hand crafted items hold the greatest admiration at this important money raising event.

Marty Hicks, TGOM Program Committee, invites volunteers to help with Fall Conference setup on Friday, September 16. If you can help, please plan to show up after 10:00 am. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

Your support makes it possible to hire big name people to come to demonstrate and teach. *There are many people behind the scenes that plan this event for a year, and we can have a successful conference with you.* Please come!

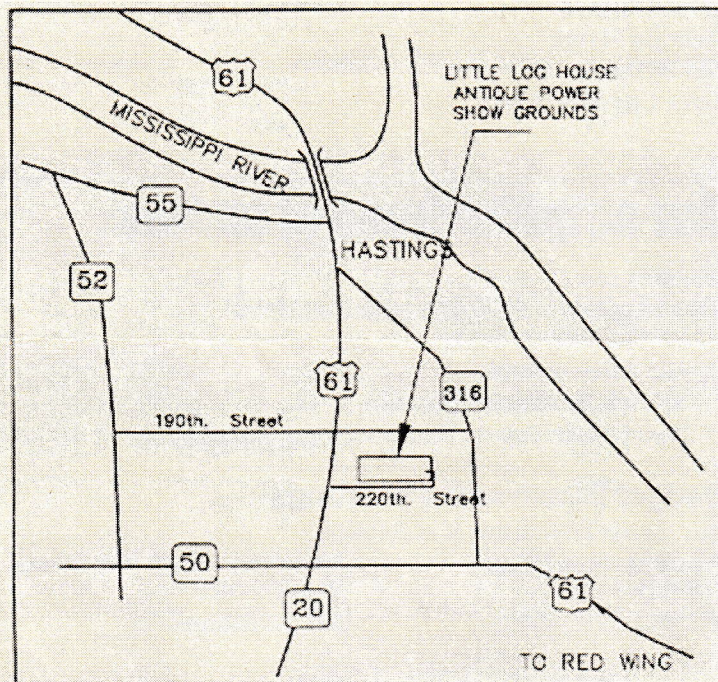
**Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
September 16, 17, 18, 2011  
Little Log House Power Show Grounds  
Hastings, MN**

## DEMONSTRATORS

Don't miss your chance to see these masters at work.

**Tom Latane** is a familiar face to the Guild of Metalsmiths, not to mention a nationally-known master smith. Tom lives in Pepin, WI with his wife, Catherine (Kitty). They share a shop that's been going strong for 28 years. As an artist-blacksmith, he has been using traditional tools and techniques of forging, chasing, repousse', and whitemithing to create original locks, hardware, tradesman's tools, coffers and chests, hearth and light fixtures. At the conference Tom will share what he learned in November, 2010 about forging traditional Norwegian edge tools while he worked with Havard Bergland in Norway for two weeks on a grant funded by Maihaugen Museum in Lillehammer, Norway, the Guild of Metalsmiths, and the Badger Blacksmiths.

**Brian Brazeal** began as a farrier and has been blacksmithing for 30 years. He was resident blacksmith at Mission San Juan Capistrano for five years, attended his first blacksmithing conference in California in 1998, and has been teaching and sharing techniques ever since. Brian's demonstrations often cover "tools to make tools," fine hot collaring work, bundle forge welded, riveting, forge welding, trivets, hooks, tongs, animal heads, and a "forged to finish" hammer emphasizing clean work and hammer control. Brian and his wife Karen live in Brandon, Mississippi.



## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

If you are a family member of one of the Guild's metalsmiths and need something to do during the conference, don't despair! Listed below are many activities you can register for. Contact Sheri Stanaitis at 715-698-2895 to register. **Your check holds your place in class.** Send fees to Sheri at:

2476 10th Ave W  
Baldwin WI 56002

### Scandinavian Spoon Carving

Teacher: Fred Livesay. Limit 12 students at \$25 each. Begins 9 am on Saturday. Tools provided by instructor. Make checks out to Fred Livesay and mail to Sheri.

### Wood Fire Stacked Brick Bread Oven Building

Class taught by David Cargo. Limit 10 students at \$45 each. Begins 9 am on Saturday. Make checks out to David Cargo and mail to Sheri. Learn how to build an oven and bake bread in it!

### Knife Sheath Making

Class taught by Johan Potgieter of Tandy Leather. \$25 material fee. Bring your own knife. If knife is longer than 9 inches overall, notify Sheri before the conference. Mail check to Sheri.

### Broom Making

Class taught by Mark Jackson and Sheri Stanaitis. \$15 material fee. Make a decorative broom to use by a fireplace or to hang as a decoration. Mail check to Sheri.

### Tin Repousse'

Class taught by Kate Cramer. Hands-on in making your mark on the lid of an Altoid tin. Class is free of charge.

### Found Art

Herb Fick and company will weld whatever metal materials you find on the hay rack. Art is almost guaranteed! Open free to all ages.



## Forum deadline for October: Monday, Sept. 19, 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, Sept. 19, 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**

## Our neighborhood of smiths

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### Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information is as follows:

President: Brad Hegge

715-983-2131

[heggeco@triwest.net](mailto:heggeco@triwest.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.nmmetalsmiths.org](http://www.nmmetalsmiths.org)

### 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

Grant Stromgren

Blaine, MN

Brandon Haslach

Mounds View, MN

Nick Audet

Loretto, MN

Rockford Lhotka

Eden Prairie, MN

Thor Anderson

Eagan, MN

Dion Grethen

Rice Lake, MN

## Fall Conference Schedule

### Friday, September 16

10 am Conference Setup

11 am Gallery setup, tailgate corral opens

5 pm Potluck supper

Gala party/Gallery Opening after potluck

### Saturday, September 17

7:30 am Registration opens

9 am Silent auction opens

9-12 Demonstrations, family activities

12-1 Lunch break

1-4 pm Demonstrations

4:30 pm Silent auction ends, items paid for by 5 pm

5 pm Supper

6:30 pm Live auction begins

### Sunday, September 18

7:30 am Registration opens

8:30-12 Demonstrations

12-1 Lunch break

1-3 pm Demonstrations

3:15 pm Closing/Cleanup

## Registration

Register for the conference in advance by sending a check made out to Guild of Metalsmiths to PO Box 11423, St. Paul, MN 55111

Conference registration: \$35 per family

Conference 1 day only: \$20 per family

Meal ticket: \$39 per person. Meal ticket payment due by Sept. 2.

For info or to volunteer, call Rich Herman at 651-322-1623 or email [racherman@frontiernet.net](mailto:racherman@frontiernet.net).

## For Sale

I have 10 anvils for sale, 55 lb. to 255 lb. Most of them were made by Trenton, and all have reground faces.

I am also selling my anvil grinder for \$250. In addition, I have some leg vices and blowers for sale.

Call Monty Bygd at 715-835-8197 or email me at [bygd1960@gmail.com](mailto:bygd1960@gmail.com).

## For Sale

1 Post drill - \$100.00

2 Peddle grinder (about 22 inches diameter by 2 inchs thick, no cracks, round hole) - \$150.00

3 Extra grinding stone (looks to measure about 22 inches across, 2 inches thick, no cracks, square hole)- \$50.00

Questions: call Jim Armstrong at 763-434-1258 Located in Bethel, Mn. Buyer must pick up.



# Beginners Blacksmithing Classes

## 2011 / 2012

**When:** Classes are held on four Saturdays from 9 – 4. Three sets of classes are held this Fall, Winter and Spring. All 3 sets of classes teach the same information. You can choose either the A, B or C set of classes.

### A Class

Oct. 8  
Oct 22  
Nov. 12  
Dec. 3

### B Class

Jan 7  
Jan 14  
Jan 23  
Jan 28

### C Class

Feb 11  
Feb 25  
Mar 10  
Mar 24

**Cost:** First, you must be a member. If you are not, you can join for \$30 per year. The workbook/study guide is \$15 and the 4 classes are \$105. This covers everything you need, the facility, coal, and metal.

**Where:** The classes are held at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing, 6250 Riverdale Dr NW, just off Hwy 10 in Anoka near the Anoka Vocational College. See map on page 5.

**Why take the beginners basic classes:** The beginners basic classes are designed to give everyone the same understanding of the basics, techniques and terminology. The basic classes are required before taking any of the many other classes the Guild offers. This enables those classes to concentrate on advanced techniques without having to spend time on basic concepts.

**What you need to bring:** Eye, ear and skin protection. This includes safety glasses, ear muff or plugs and suitable clothing which includes hard shoes, cotton or leather. Synthetic and polyester clothing will burn and melt. There will be sparks and brushes against hot metal.

**Tools:** Bring your favorite hammer. A small 1 to 2 pound ball peen hammer would work. We have various hammers for you to try and get a feel for what is comfortable. We have all the punches, chisels and tools you will be using but feel free to bring your own tools if you have them.

**What you will learn:** The first 3 Saturdays you will learn the basic techniques including:

Safety	Forging Dynamics	Hammer Techniques	Fire Building
Drawing out	Upsetting	Punching	Bending
Twisting	Heat Treating	Scrolling	Splitting

The fourth Saturday will be self paced to build a few items that will include each of the techniques you learned earlier. Instructors will help guide you thru any number of possible projects. This is a good opportunity to try out all your new skills.

**Who are the teachers:** The instructors are all volunteers with a wide range of experience, talent, and stories. They range from just finishing the basic beginners class to 30 years experience. There is usually at least one instructor for every two students and many times we have had as many instructors as students.

**Who are the students:** The students come in all ages and experience. We have had 10 year olds and 70 year olds. For students under 18 there needs to be a parent present. There are always a few women in each class. Some students have never held a hammer before. Some students are skilled in other crafts, woodworking, glass, welding, pottery and want to learn more about metal work to work it into their craft. Some students are nearing retirement and want to learn a hobby. All share an interest in learning more about blacksmithing.

**Typical day:** Classes start at 9 but people usually show up much earlier to get the coffee brewing, have a donut, swap stories or show off recent projects. Feel free to bring projects you are working on to show. We break for lunch. You can either bring a brown bag or go out to a local fast food restaurant.

**How do I sign up for the beginning blacksmith classes?** Send a check made out to "Guild of Metalsmiths" for \$120 or \$105 (book or no book) to:

**Gordon Barr**  
11021 27<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Burnsville, MN 55337



# Upcoming Demonstration Opportunities

Each summer, members of The Guild of Metalsmiths are given a variety of opportunities to share their knowledge of metalsmithing with the public.

**Sept. 3 & 4:** Rice County Steam & Gas Engine Show, Dundas, MN. The forge is super nice. The people are appreciative. Myron Hanson keeps some tools there. Myron has done a fine job of coordinating the effort. Join other TGOM members to learn new skills, share our craft with the public and have a great time!! Contact Myron Hanson at 651-454-3984 if you would like to volunteer your time.

**Sept. 10 & 11:** The 4th annual hammer fest will be held at Farming of Yesteryear show grounds located 2 miles east of Kiester, MN (near Albert Lea) on County Road 2, then 2 miles south (do not take curve going east) look for church steeple when going south. The hammer fest will be held in conjunction with the 28th Threshing Festival on Sept 10 & 11.

This is a great opportunity for beginner and seasoned blacksmiths alike to demonstrate and learn. New to the hammer fest is a group project. Farming of Yesteryear will be building a display/gathering hall, and the blacksmith project was requested to design and build chandeliers.

As usual Friday night Dewey and Karen will be hosting a BBQ at their place (just 6 miles south of show grounds) Free gate pass and free primitive camping at show grounds. Contact Dewey if interested in attending.



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Leland, IA 50453

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e-mail: [robinsblacksmithing@yahoo.com](mailto:robinsblacksmithing@yahoo.com)

## October Guild meeting set!

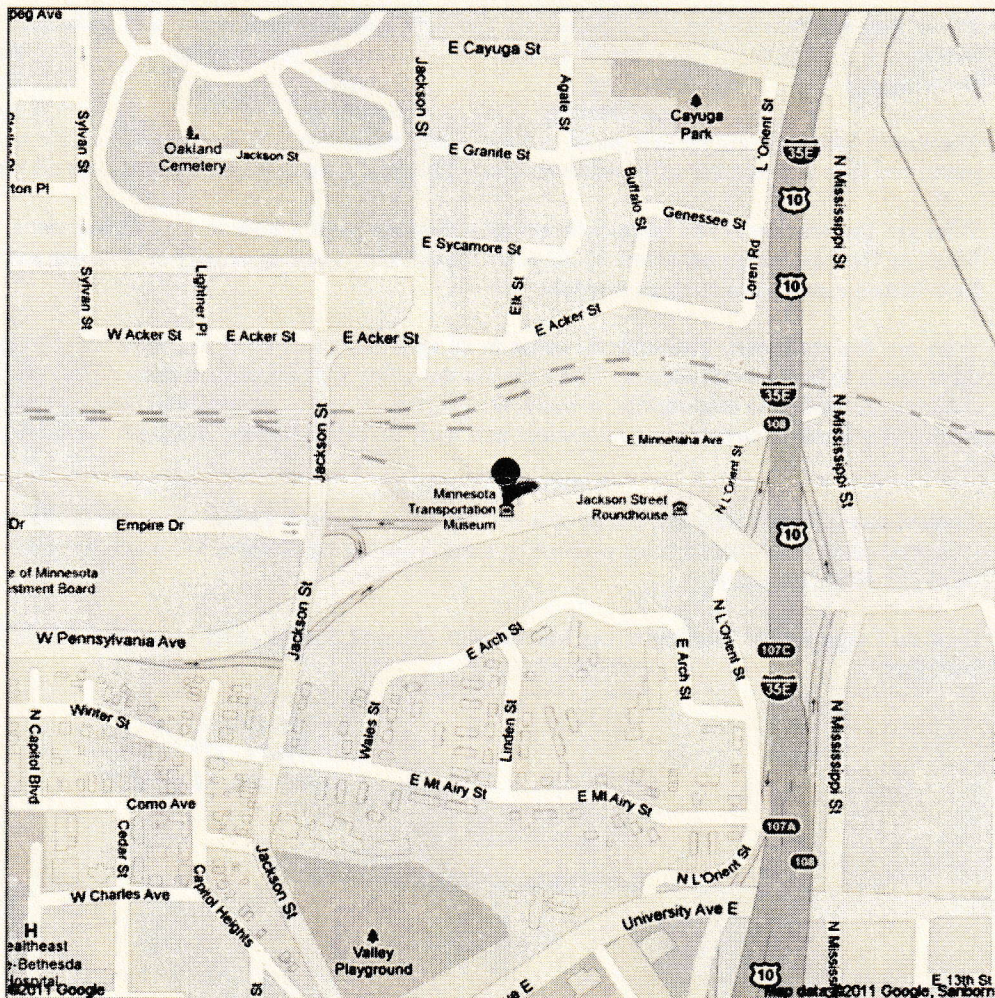
The October 12<sup>th</sup> Guild of Metalsmiths meeting will be at the Minnesota Transportation Museum's Jackson Street Roundhouse, 193 Pennsylvania Avenue East, St. Paul, Mn.

Visit their website: [www.mtmuseum.org](http://www.mtmuseum.org)

The October meeting will include a tour of the facility that promises to be a trip through history featuring local and regional railway history. The Jackson street roundhouse is an operating turntable, one of the last of its kind in the country. There are several locomotives and passenger cars in various stages of restoration in the museum restoration shop. Among the locomotives currently undergoing restoration is NP 2156, the featured steam engine on the Casey Jones television show.

Guild members are currently volunteering welding assistance on the restoration of the Anderson Windows 2110 locomotive. Rumor has it that Bill (the-welder) Krawczewski actually worked on this unit back when it was in service. If you are interested in volunteering a couple of hours on this project, call Nick Heinen at 612-910-6717.

Meet at the Jackson Street Roundhouse at 6:30 pm for our potluck. The meeting will begin at 7 sharp! Thanks to meeting champion Nick Heinen!





# Forge Welding and More

Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 15 & 16, 2011

MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 6)

Class fee: \$110

Instructor: Dave Mariette

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, anvil, 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.

## Handled Struck Tool Class

Saturday, October 29, 2011

MN School of Horseshoeing

Class fee: \$65

Instructor: Jesse Gavin with helpers Herb Fick and Guy Paton

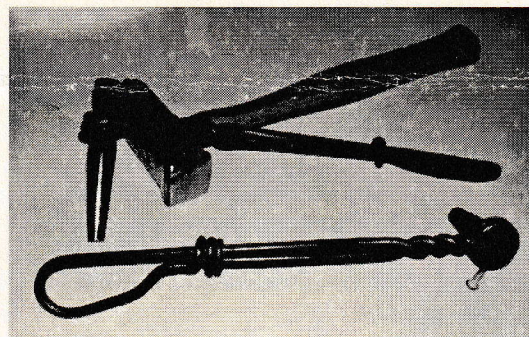
**Description:** The tools made will be a punch with a wire handle, a chisel with a wire handle and a small hammer. The punch and chisel are used to make the hammer. Steel will be 5/8 inch round 1045 for the punches and chisel and for the hammer one inch square 4140 or 4150. Material may be substituted. The exercise will include basic heat treatment of the punch chisel and hammer. Forge in the morning and heat treat after lunch. We will not get the handle in the hammer. We will put in the eye. (Not enough time.) We will use treadle hammer and basic blacksmithing tools including tongs. Learn to fill your tool kit! And learn to make tools for the annual conference raffle toolbox.

**Safety equipment:** safety glasses & earplugs are mandatory.

**Other equipment:** basic forging hammer, hammer for striking tools, gloves

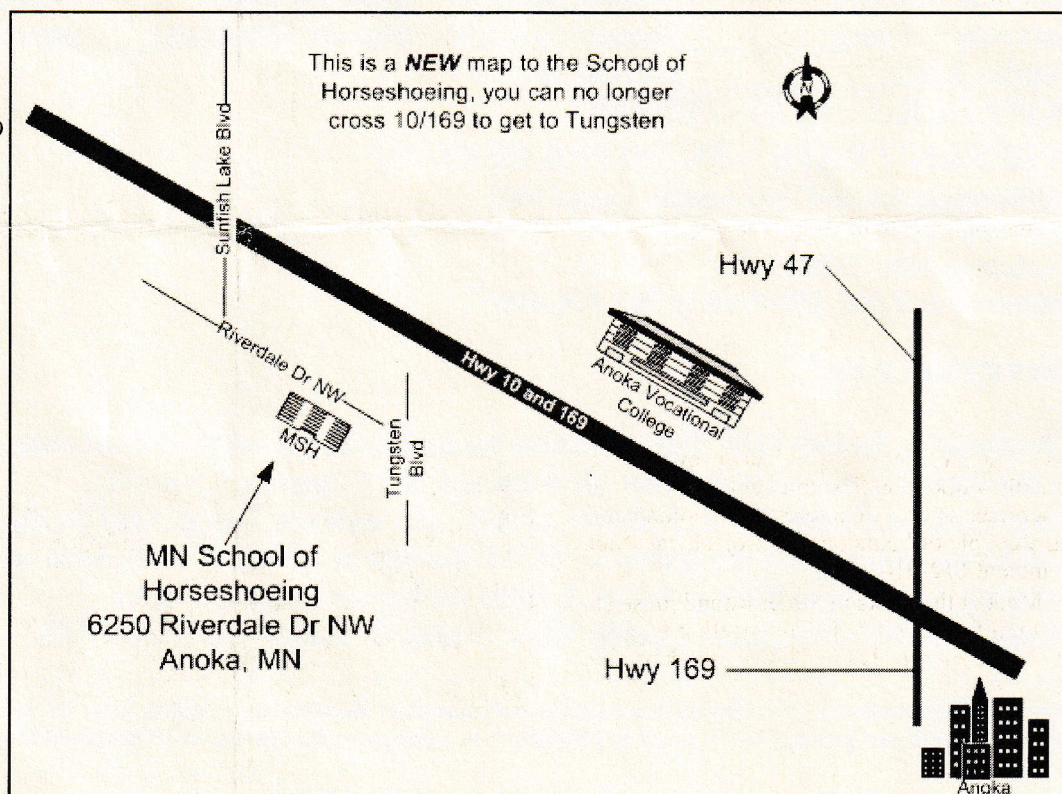
**Lunch arrangements:** bag lunch or local restaurant. Be sure to bring along your designer water bottle.

**To register, send a check for \$65 made out to Guild of Metalsmiths to:**



Herb Fick  
519 East 8th St  
Northfield MN 55057-2508

Call Herb with questions at 507 663 0569  
CELL 507 649 1611  
or email Herb: [herb@phyque.com](mailto:herb@phyque.com)





# 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: [je-adams@msn.com](mailto:je-adams@msn.com);

Website: [www.tunnelmillcrafts.com](http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com)

## Upcoming in 2011...

Due to lack of enrollment, we are forced to cancel the Doug Wilson class for this September.

**Tom Latane's:** October 14, 15 & 16, 2011, Norse Lock

Students will construct a lock which is opened by a key that compresses a pair of springs to release the shackle. This type of lock, which can be used in many of the same applications as a padlock, has a body constructed of hammered sheet iron secured with tenoned ribs and brazed in the forge. Options for key variations will be discussed.

## Tunnel Mill Fall Gathering

**Saturday and Sunday, October 1 and 2**

It's that time of the year and we would like to invite you to the mill. There will be plenty of interesting demos or just come and hang out. You are bound to learn something. Watch or lend a helping hand making Wootz. We will be running the 500lb little giant. Tie die a white t-shirt or bleach a black one. Bring your own or I will have some available for sale. We will be constructing a brick bread oven with samples available. There will be room for assistance.

Wine & Cheese Saturday at 4:00 pm. We hope to have musical entertainment on Saturday evening.

**SHOW & TELL:** Bring something for show & tell. Bring a quilt to hang up in the barn

This year, we would like to honor BILL FIORINI. We would like to share pictures, stories, or pieces of his work.

## Registration-Please fill out and return by September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Weekend admission fee per person \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Daily admission \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Meals available for these costs....

Saturday morning \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$4.00 Saturday Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ 7.50

Saturday evening \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ 12.50 Sunday Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ 6:

Sunday lunch \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ 7.50

**POTLUCK-FRIDAY EVENING**

**WEEKEND RATE—\$45.00 PER PERSON**

Send registration to Carol Adams/Tunnel Mill

4505 Hwy 63 N

Rochester, MN 55906

Questions call 507-289-4189 or 507-378-4983

## NO PETS PLEASE

Directions to Tunnel Mill: Tunnel Mill is located 20 miles south of Rochester. Take Hwy 63 out of Rochester to Stewartville, turn east on Hwy 30 to County Rd 1 (approx 5.5 miles).

Turn south on County Rd 1. Follow CO RD 1 6.5 miles to Tunnel Mill on the left side of CO RD

Call about camping on the grounds. 507-378-4983 or 507-289-4189, John or Carol.

Lodging available in Spring Valley, 5 miles further south on CO RD 1.

Shady Rest 507-346-2625—Spring Valley Motel & Suites—507-346-7788

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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 September, 2011

- Sept. 3 & 4, Demonstration opportunity at Rice County Steam & Gas Engine Show, Dundas, MN. •
- Sept. 10 & 11, Hammerfest at Farming of Yesteryear show grounds, Kiester, MN
- Sept. 14, TGOM board meeting
- Sept 15 & 16, pre-conference workshop "Heavy Metal." CLASS IS FULL!
- Sept. 16, 17, 18, annual TGOM Fall Conference at Little Log House grounds south of Hastings.

## Events in October, 2011

- Oct. 1 & 2, Tunnel Mill Fall Gathering
- Oct. 8, Beginning Blacksmithing A-1 class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Oct. 12, TGOM membership meeting, Historic Jackson Street Roundhouse, St. Paul (part of MN Transportation Museum)
- Oct. 15 & 16, Forge Welding Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Oct. 22, Beginning Blacksmithing A-2 class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Oct. 29, Handled Struck Tool Class, MN School of Horseshoeing

## Events in November, 2011

- Nov. 12, Beginning Blacksmithing A3 class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Nov. 9, Guild Board meeting

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2. Your SPAM filter is not letting the following email address thru: [Your GOM Forum is ready@mail.vresp.com](mailto:Your GOM Forum is ready@mail.vresp.com)

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Send \$30 dues to the address below. Please circle if you want to be listed in our mmebership directory and/or check items you don't want listed.

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

### List Me

in the directory  
but don't list

address - phones: home - work - fax - cell - email - web page  
(circle items above you DO NOT want published)

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Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(optional items)

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Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Web page: \_\_\_\_\_



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

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**Join The Bellows, our email discussion forum.  
Information at:**

**<http://www.metalsmith.org/bb/TheBellows.htm>**

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## **The Guild of Metalsmiths on the web:**

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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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St. Paul MN 55111