

'The Forum'



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Bob Fredell, veteran blacksmith and member of The Guild of Metalsmiths, has generously donated his shop to the Guild. We are liquidating his equipment, and half of the proceeds go to the Guild. Go to page 4 to see details of this ongoing effort.

Beginners Blacksmithing Class Graduates & Instructors! October 2025



David Aine, *Lee Meilleur, Carson Blare, Joe Schurch, Jim Blare, *Rick Wessling, Julia Lynch, Noah Berry, Leif Aine, Isaak Aine, Vero Aine, *Bob Brown and *David Skaurud. Missing *Laurel Larkin *Alex Henriksen. (*Instructors Team)

Planting seeds...

John McDonald, as many of you know, is a farmer. He doesn't just plant seeds in the ground, he plants seeds of blacksmithing in children.

John has been demonstrating for years at the Winter Camping Symposium at the YMCA Camp Miller in Sturgeon Lake, MN. While he demonstrates, the children watch, and of course, children want to participate. John allows them to forge with one condition: to be able to forge they need to crank the blower for the person working at the forge. Then the one that cranks the blower has a chance to forge, and the next child in line cranks the blower. Just look at those smiles on the faces of the children. A seed has been planted.



— By Kim Maas

Annual Meeting! Holiday Gathering is Sunday, Dec. 7!

TGoM's annual holiday gathering is set for Sunday, December 7 at the CSPS Hall in St. Paul, MN. Join Guild of Metalsmiths families at 383 Michigan St., St. Paul, MN 55102, at the corner of West 7th and Western. Map below.

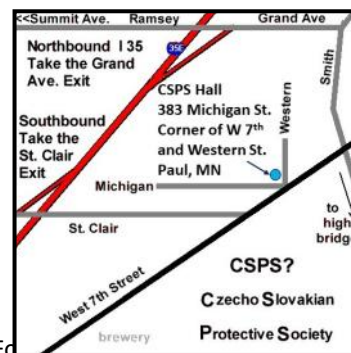
The hall will open at noon. We usually share hors d'oeuvres as people arrive, so bring your favorites if you wish. The annual business meeting is first on the agenda, including awards, elections, and the normal business stuff starting at 1:00 pm and going on for an hour or so.

That leads into show and tell, and possibly an impromptu mini-auction. By then, we'll all have worked up an appetite to sit down to our always delightful holiday potluck. Please bring a dish to pass.

If you're a first-timer to this event, just go upstairs at the front of the building when you get there. An elevator entrance is also located on the side just off the parking lot. Bring your family!

Any questions about this meeting can be answered by contacting meeting champion Mike Frattalone at icemanfratt@aol.com.

If you're interested in learning more about the CSPS, go to their website <https://www.sokolmn.org>



'QUICKNEWS'

Did you know? When a person becomes a member of The Guild of Metalsmiths, their spouse and minor children also become members of the Guild. The membership is a 'Family Membership!'

Chalk Tongs

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Viking Knife

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Handled Struck Tools

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Save the date:

Open Forge Dec. 14. Free for Guild members. Details page 3.

January 2026 Beginning Blacksmithing

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Volunteer Opportunities

The Guild is always looking for volunteers for numerous tasks that keep the Guild in working order. If you haven't been asked or "vol-in-told" to help with tasks and would like to, contact Kim Maas, the Volunteer Coordinator. Email: tgom.volunteer@gmail.com or text/call 651-328-7219. Not all help needed is smithing.

Supplier Directory

A directory of suppliers that our membership uses is updated regularly. Please forward any suppliers information that you would like added to the directory.

Information needed: name of company/supplier, address, phone number, and website. The aim for this project is to help new members find supplies and tools.

To add a supplier or to request a directory, tgom.volunteer@gmail.com

Chalk Tongs Class 2025

Date & Time: Saturday, Nov. 1, 8 am to 4:30 pm

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)

Instructor: Dave Gavin,

Class Manager: Jesse Gavin, 715-808-5891

jagavin6273@hotmail.com

Cost: : Member: \$65 Non-Member: \$95

Class size: Max 8, min 4

Class Description:

Are you tired of fumbling with that short piece of chalk? Then this is the class for you. We will be making chalk tongs. This class will require you to have some serious hammer control. One wrong hit, and you will likely be starting over. These tongs could also make a good Christmas tree ornament. If you'd like to look over the sample pair – they will be at the October Guild membership meeting. The tongs in the photo are ~ 6" - 7" long

Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class: Light hammers, files, gas forges & gas. We will have 2, but if you'd like to bring one please do.

Safety Equipment: the usual for forging with coal: gloves, safety glasses, hearing protection, clothing of natural fiber with no cuffs or fraying, and leather boots or shoes.

Lunch arrangements: Local food or bring your own.

To register:

To register online go to The Guild of Metalsmiths website,

<https://www.metalsmith.org/education>

Or to mail in a check, contact the class manager listed above for additional information and to reserve your place.

Acceptance will be in the order submitted, based on the online transaction date or postage date, and each person will be notified individually.



Viking Knife Class

Date and time: Nov 15, 2025, 9am to 4pm

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map pg 7)

Instructor: Peter Ellison

Class Manager: Larry Wasmund, poundedtreasures@gmail.com

Cost: \$100 members; \$130 non-members

Class size: Maximum students: 8 Minimum students: 3

Class Description:

The goal for this class is to introduce a smith to working with wrought iron and in the process make a couple of small projects: a hook and a small forge welded whittle tang knife that would have been common throughout the Viking era and beyond. In the morning we will be getting used to working with wrought iron by drawing out some bar stock and making a hook. In the afternoon forge welding high carbon steel to a bar of iron and then drawing out a tang and the blade to make a small forge welded knife. Time permitting burn in a handle and heat treat the knife.

The skill level for the class is anyone who can maintain a coal fire, work with tongs to draw out material, minimal scrolling, moderate hammer control, forge welding experience is not required. The class is not designed to be the first smithing experience.

Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class:

1/2" or 5/8" V bit tongs (able to grab 3/8" to 5/8" round and square stock)

1/4" V bit tongs (able to grab 1/4" round and square stock), forging hammer, light weight forging hammer, course wire brush

Safety Equipment: the usual for forging with coal: gloves, safety glasses, hearing protection, clothing of natural fiber with no cuffs or fraying, and leather boots or shoes. Note that wrought iron is worked very hot and there will be a lot of scale.

Lunch Arrangements: one hour break from 12:00-1:00pm

To register:

To register online go to The Guild of Metalsmiths website,

<https://www.metalsmith.org/education>

Or to mail in a check, contact the class manager listed above for additional information and to reserve your place.

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Handled Struck Tools 2025 Class

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025, 8:00 am to 5 pm

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)

Cost: \$85 Class size: Maximum students: 8 Minimum students: 4

Instructors: Bob Brown, Dave & Jesse Gavin, Herb Fick, Wayne Olson, George Auel

Class Manager: Herb Fick, herb@phyque.com 507-649-1611

Class Description:

This is Herb, organizing yet another Handled Struck Tools Class for the day before the holiday party. We are electing Bob Brown to be our lead instructor this year. The Gavins, Dave and Jesse, are anxious to see how Bob would lead the workshop.

We will still use 4140 AN steel; 5/8 and 3/4 diameter. We use this alloy because it is well known, makes a good tool, and makes a good example for teaching heat treating. The handle will be whatever Bob wants it to be as long as it uses 1018 rod. Special quench oil is supplied courtesy of the Northfield VFW.

The instructor's goal for the workshop is to produce students comfortable with the process of forging and heat treating tools from nominal tool steel. A secondary goal is to have the students comfortable with the use of treadle hammers.

Herb procures the stock and a literature package reviewing the heat treat principles and a bit of really ancient history. The principle reference used will be the book *Steel Metallurgy for the non-metallurgist* by John Verhoeven. (ISBN-13: 978-0-87170-858-8) This year's demonstrator at the fall conference, Howard Clark, made a contribution to that book and is a friend of Verhoeven. The book is available through the internet without charge.

Our crew has offered the workshop for quite a few years, and they have developed many ways to offer guidance on technique. Ask anyone who has taken the workshop. Rarely has anyone left the day with less than two working tools, punch or chisel.

A feature of this particular workshop is the use of treadle hammers. We usually have three or four available for the participants to try/use and we encourage participants to also try striking for each other. Or ask a helper to strike, to get a feel of how this is done in demonstrations at fairs and shows.

Lunch is brown bag, or area restaurants. We usually are shut down at 5 PM.

To register:

To register online go to The Guild of Metalsmiths website, <https://www.metalsmith.org/education>

Or to mail in a check, contact the class manager listed above (Herb) for additional information and to reserve your place.

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Examples of handled struck tools.

Beginners Blacksmithing Classes Winter 2026

Registration is now open for the three-day Beginners Blacksmithing classes January 3, 10 and 17, 2026

Minnesota School of Horseshoeing, 6250 Riverdale Drive NW, Ramsey MN 55303 (Map page 7)

The beginners' basic classes are designed to give everyone the same understanding of the basics, techniques and terminology. The basic classes or proficiency 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.

This 3-day class covers the basics of: Safety, Tools, Fire Control, Forging Dynamics, Tapers (ribbon, fishtail, point), Twisting, Riveting, Shouldering, Upset, Cutting, Splitting, Punching, Heat Treat, Scrolling, Bending, Forge weld.

Cost: (covers everything you need, the facility, coal, metal tools and workbook)

\$200 for members, \$230 non-members

Minors (under 18) must have a parent present. Minors under 14 need one adult per child.

There will be no sharing of forges.

Dates and Location:

The classes are held on Saturday, January 3, 10 and 17, 2026 at the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing, 6250 Riverdale Dr NW, just off Hwy 10 in Anoka near the Anoka Vocational College.

What you need to bring:

Eye, ear and skin protection. This includes safety glasses, earmuffs 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:

Tools are provided but if you have a favorite hammer, punches, chisels and tools, bring them along. 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.

Typical day:

Classes start at 9 but people usually show up earlier to swap stories or show off your recent projects. Feel free to bring projects you are working on to show. We have a break for lunch. You can either bring a brown bag or go out to a local fast-food restaurant. Classes end between 3 and 5.

To sign up for the three-day Beginners classes in January 2026:

To sign up online, go to the Guild webpage <https://www.metalsmith.org/education/>

If you prefer to send a check, contact Laurel Larkin Frogwench@comcast.net 651-955-9379 for additional information.

For questions on this series of classes, contact: Laurel Larkin Frogwench@comcast.net 651-955-9379

(\$200 for members, \$230 non-members)

Open Forge—FREE to TGoM Members

Date: Sunday, December 14 from 9am to 4pm

Instructors: Harvey Steele: (239) 671-8887

hsteele@handeecleat.com Contact Harvey with questions.

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)

Description: The Education Committee is offering a Free Open Forge for Guild Members Only. There are eight forges available for our membership to use. There is no lesson or agenda except to get some iron hot and hit it with a hammer. There are sign-ups that will guarantee you a forge space. If you just want to stop by and hang out, you are welcome to do so. If there's space at a forge, have at it. This is an excellent opportunity to hang out with and learn from fellow smiths. Beginners are welcome to send Harvey an email with their topic of interest or problem you're trying to solve, and we'll do our best to have an answer and/or help available.

Bring: The Guild provides the space (forges, anvils, etc.) and coal. Please bring your own steel, hammers, tongs, chisels, etc. Also bring a folding chair if you wish.

Safety Equipment: Bring the usual for forging with coal: gloves, safety glasses, hearing protection, clothing of natural fiber with no cuffs or fraying, and leather boots or shoes.

Lunch: Bring your own or there are restaurants in the area.

Bronze Anvil Casting Class

Date: Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 10 & 11, 2026, 9:00am – 5:00pm both days

Instructor: Arden Hanson, 507-429-0926 ajhanson9@gmail.com

Location: Mankato Makerspace, mnmakersandartists@gmail.com

1700 3rd Avenue, Mankato, MN 56001 507-387-7218

Cost: First day only: \$70; Both days: \$120.

Class Manager: Kim Maas, tgom.volunteer@gmail.com

Class Description:

Introduction to lost wax bronze casting. Casting 4-inch bronze anvil with your name or initials on it.

Lunch Arrangements: Bring lunch or visit one of many restaurants in the Mankato area.

How to Register:

To register online go to The Guild of Metalsmiths website,

<https://www.metalsmith.org/education>

Or to mail in a check, contact the class manager at the email address above for additional information and to reserve your place.

Minors (under 18) must have a parent present. Minors under 14 need one adult per child. There will be no sharing of forges.

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Bob Fredell's Shop Liquidation

Bob has generously donated his shop to the Guild. We are liquidating his equipment and half of the proceeds go to the Guild. A large number of his hand tools were sold at the Fall Conference. We still have a number of hand tools and a couple of larger items. Please take a look and see if anything will make a good addition to your collection.

We just listed three of Bob Fredell's larger equipment on Craig's list. The prices are very reasonable compared to what's out there. Half of the proceeds go to TGoM. They are also on eBay. You have to pick them up in Zimmerman.

- Treadle Hammer on Craig's list 7889243293
- Cone Anvil on Craig's list 7889238699
- Hammers <https://www.32auctions.com/TGOM>

Contact Guild president Marty Masters with questions: mastersmw@yahoo.com



Cone anvil and treadle hammer for sale on Craig's List by Bob Fredell.



Photos from TGoM's October Membership Meeting!

You would think members and families of The Guild of Metalsmiths like to eat! Below are some pictures taken by Kim Maas that illustrate examples of that! These were on Wednesday, October 8 at Primitive Precision Metalcraft in Minneapolis.





The Guild Needs a Video Technician

There is a need for a Video Technician. You may or may not know that The Guild of Metalsmiths is looking to start our very own YouTube channel. The Guild has a solid library of historical videos that will be gone through to decide what would be up-loadable for the website. What will be needed going forward is a videographer/video technician.

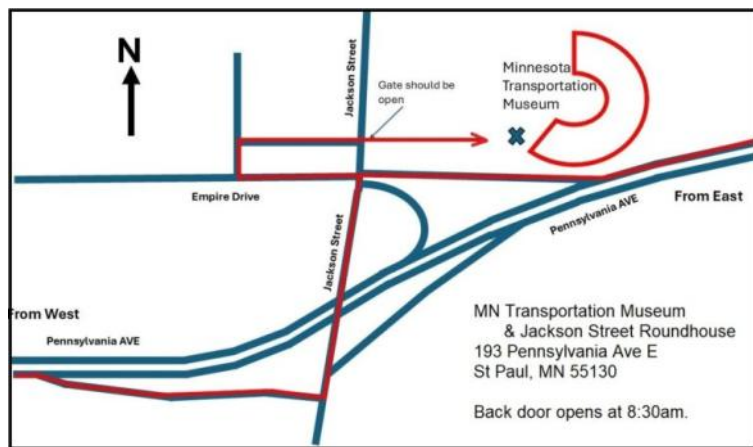
This is a renewed position for the Guild. Requirements would be a person or team of members willing to take videos of Fall Conference demonstrations, Guild classes, and demonstrators demonstrating around Minnesota.

For the Video Technician position, contact Kim Maas by email at: tgom.volunteer@gmail.com.

Help Requested!

Gordon Barr is teaching a Scouts class on Saturdays, Nov. 1 and Nov. 8 at the Jackson Street Roundhouse (map below). Please let him know if you can help. Class is from 9 am to 2 pm for the Blacksmithing and Welding merit badges.

Gordon Barr: agbarr@aol.com



Offer from ABANA to showcase your work nationally!

I was asked by a friend at ABANA (Artist Blacksmiths Association of America) to remind everyone that they are putting together a traveling exhibition that kicks off at the 2026 ABANA Conference in November 2026 and continues through December 2027.

There is no question that there is an astounding amount of talent in the Guild. If you are interested in applying to have your work showcased on a national scale, you can apply through November 14, 2025.

Details and how to apply are in the link below.

[Traveling Exhibition: Call for Submissions – ABANA](#)



— Harvey Steele

Photos please!

This is a call to all those who came to the fall conference the weekend of September 19, 20, and 21

You all walk around with a camera in your hand and hopefully take pictures. I am asking that you share your photographs with Peter Bettenberg and me. Peter will be able to use them in *Metalsmith*, and I would like to start a photo album of conferences.

Email:

Peter Bettenberg at tgomeditor@gmail.com

Kim Maas at TGoM.volunteer@gmail.com

Thank you for considering my request and making my dreams come true.

Sincerely,, Kim Maas

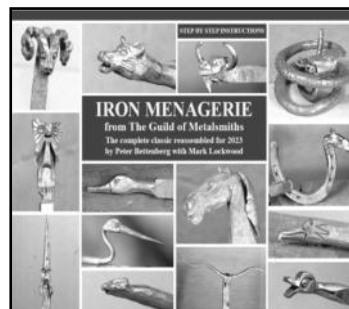
New 'Iron Menagerie' book

The new version of The Guild's IRON MENAGERIE workbook is available to purchase.!

Cost \$20 (+\$10 S/H if mailed).

What a wonderful holiday gift for your favorite blacksmith!

Contact person: Peter Bettenberg
tgomeditor@gmail.com



The Program Committee is looking for ideas for the Fall Conference Contest. Past contest ideas are listed below. Please email me personally with your contest suggestions at: tgom.volunteer@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your suggestions.

— Kim Maas, Program Committee member

Fall Conference Contest Items

2013 Bottle Opener
2014 Flesh/Meat Fork
2015 Bell
2016 Letter Opener
2017 Candle Holder
2018 Cheese Cutter
2019 Trivet
2020 None Due to Covid
2021 Fireplace Tool
2022 Body Adornment

Basic

2023 Key Fob
2024 Bottle Opener
2025 Animal Head

Advanced

Leaf/Flower
Picture Frame
Animal Head on a Tool

Our neighborhood of smiths

The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM)

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President: Martin Masters, mastersmw@yahoo.com

Vice-President: Cathy Herman

Our website is: <https://www.metalsmith.org>

Badger Blacksmiths

President: Dave Weiss Newsletter editor: John Grump
715-379-5007 715-829-4559

diamondmetalworks13@gmail.com

johngrump@att.net

website: <https://sites.google.com/site/badgerblacksmiths/>

Lake Superior Metalsmiths

Lake Superior Metalsmiths (LSM) meet the fourth Saturday of the month. Potluck at noon with meeting to follow.

Contacts are:

Charley Brown, President, CharleyRB@charter.net

218-428-7906

Dave Hanson, VP, duluthblacksmith@yahoo.com

218-391-4466

Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths

The NMM meets the first Monday of the month at Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers (LIRPF) show grounds, 1/4 mile east of the north entrance to Itasca State Park. Contact Jeff Olson for monthly specifics at olsonironworks@gmail.com. The NMM's website is <https://www.northernminnesotametalsmiths.com/>

Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center (CAFAC)

Quarterly blacksmithing classes, exhibits, and open house events.

www.cafac.org email: info@cafac.org

Tunnel Mill Crafts

Blacksmith shop, traditional iron work, classes

Located 20 miles south of Rochester MN, near Spring Valley MN.
507 289-4189 or 507 289-5246

Email: Carol Adams jc-adams@msn.com,

<http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com/>

Sandy Lake Forge on Raspberry Island

Blacksmith shop offering classes, workshops and more. See raspberrylakefolksschool.blogspot.com for details or call: 218-851-6085

Gary and Janet Hill

Raspberry Island

50569 218th Place

McGregor, MN 55760

What is Discord?

Discord is an instant messaging and VoIP social platform. The service converts your voice into a digital signal that travels over the Internet. Users have the ability to communicate with voice calls, video calls, text messaging, media, and files in private chats or as part of communities called "servers"

TGoM Membership Perks

Discounts

The following companies are extending discounts to The Guild of Metalsmiths members. You will need to ask for their Guild of Metalsmiths discount, show your membership card (found on the back of your "Metalsmith"), and a Picture ID. These discounts are a gift to us and can be taken away if they are abused. If you have a hobby shop, no problem. If you are a professional with a few employees, no problem. What is not fair, is turning yourself into a dealership by reselling/trading products that you have purchased with our discount or being a big company and using our discount for your bottom line. Please don't ruin this for everyone. These businesses deserve our recognition and patronage:

Please see The Guild of Metalsmiths website for additional information regarding discounts and products available:

<https://www.metalsmith.org/about/friends-of-the-guild/>

Carhartt at Work Program

Mall of America

144 North Garden Bloomington, MN 612-318-6422 or

Riverdale Village Mall

12680 Riverdale Blvd. Coon Rapids, MN 952-885-8000

www.carhartt.com

15% on almost everything in the store, except Flame Retardant (FR) gear, which is 10% off whether you shop online or at Mall of America

Minnesota Glove & Safety & Bob's Workwear

West St. Paul, MN 651-552-8840

www.minnesotaglove.com 10% discount off merchandise not already on sale or discounted

Smith-Sharpe Fire Brick Supply

2129 Broadway St NE, Minneapolis, MN 612-331-1345

www.ssfbs.com

866-545-6743

The quantity of product purchased dictates the normal "Level" of discount. Smith-Sharpe Fire Brick Supply is offering to discount "Level" better to Guild members. It will vary with types of products, but may average about 10%.

Garelick Steel Company

Minneapolis, MN 612-521-8857

888-521-8857

www.garelicksteel.com

10% discount for members

Toll Gas and Welding Supply

Eight Twin City metro locations.

763-551-5300

www.tollgas.com

See website or phone book for location near you. 15% off of gases and most in-store items, for Guild members.

Oxygen Service Co.

St. Paul, MN 651-774-7273

800-774-1336

www.oxygenservicecompany.com

15% discount on gases and most items that are not already marked on sale for members.

Division V Sheet Metal

218 Ohio Street, St. Paul MN 55107

651-291-8662

<http://divisionv.com/>

Architectural sheet metal company: zinc, steel, copper, Cor-Ten, aluminum, composite

Goings on...a listing of TGoM events at a glance

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- Education Comm. meets first Thursday of each month. Contact Kim Maas (tgom.volunteer@gmail.com) and Laurel Larkin (frogwench@comcast.net) co-chairs.
- Program Comm. meetings are 7 pm the third Thursday monthly. Derrick Phillips derrickphillipsa303@gmail.com or Mark Lockwood mlockwood851@gmail.com co-chairs.
- Communications Committee meets 4th Thursday of odd months. Contact Kim Maas, tgom.volunteer@gmail.com , Chair.
- Most board meetings are the second Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November via ZOOM.



November 2025

- Nov. 1, Chalk Tongs Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Nov. 15, Viking Knife with Wrought Iron, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Nov. 22, Taste of Blacksmithing, SPPS
- Nov. 22, Intro to Arc Welding, SPPS
- Nov. 23, St. Clement's Day

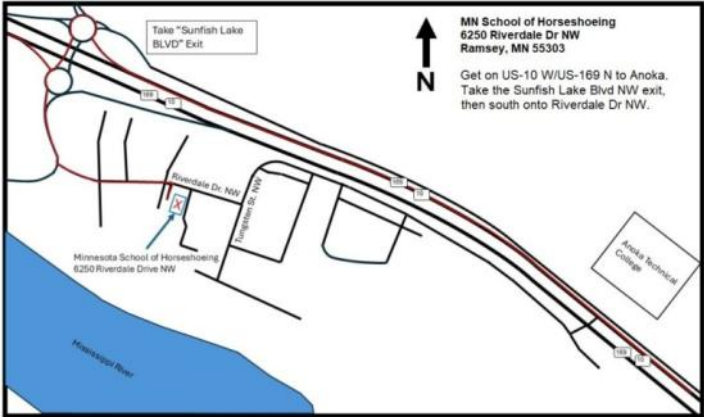
December 2025

- Dec. 6, Handled Struck Tools, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Dec. 7, Guild Holiday Party & Annual Meeting, CSPS Hall, St. Paul
- Dec. 14, Open Forge, Free to members, MN School of Horseshoeing

January 2026

- Bronze Casting Class, Jan. 10 & 11, 2026

Map to MN School of Horseshoeing



Join The Guild of Metalsmiths

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

The Guild of Metalsmiths
PO Box 72
Hudson, WI 54016

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)

Don't List Me
in the Directory

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Primary phone: _____ Secondary phone: _____

All memberships are family memberships. Persons of all ages, professionals, and hobbyists, are invited to join.

We do not sell our mailing list.

ELECTRONIC FORUM

If you have not been receiving an email notification that *The Forum* is available, please verify that we have your correct email address. Contact Gordon Barr at agbarr@metalsmith.org.



Address Service

If you have items to be included in *The Forum*, please send them to Georgia Myers, editor, by email to: gldmyers@embarqmail.com by the third Monday of the month, if possible.

The Guild of Metalsmiths on the web

Visit our website at <https://www.metalsmith.org>

Looking for something? Try the search engine. On our home page, at the top of the right sidebar, enter your query and click on "Search."

To reach our website quickly, just scan the QR code below.

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Your membership expiration date will show on the address label of your quarterly "Metalsmith" magazine.

TGoM now accepts PayPal and most major credit cards

The Guild accepts PayPal and most major credit cards, in addition to paper checks, for the payment of annual dues. This should make it more convenient for members to pay dues.

The Forum

The Guild of Metalsmiths publishes *The Forum* monthly. It is intended as a tool to further our educational mission, to keep members up to date on current happenings, to publicize projects and workshops, a place for all members to express their opinions, concerns, learn more about each other—in short, to help us run our organization.

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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, "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:

The Guild of Metalsmiths
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