

'The Forum'



Celebrating Fifty Years of The Guild of Metalsmiths

"The lyf so short, the craft so long to lerne"

- Geoffrey Chaucer



September 2026

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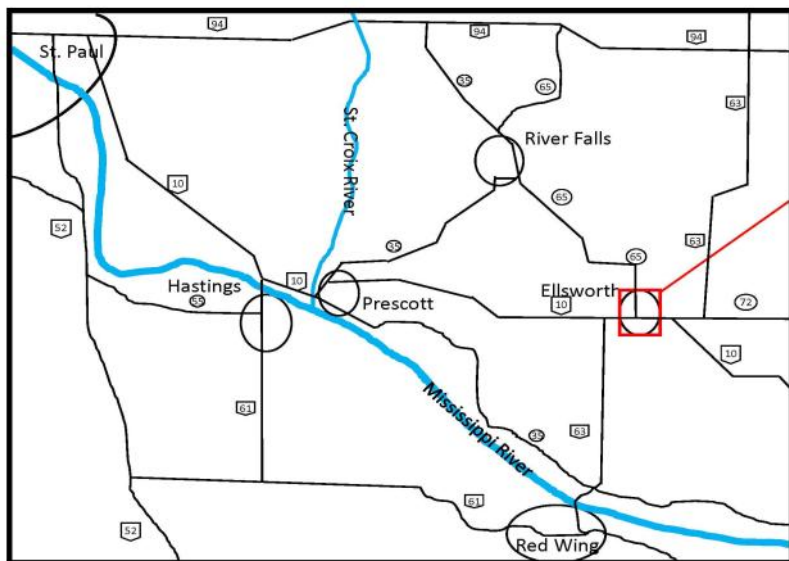
49th Annual Fall Conference Features Smiths from Wilmington Delaware and Collingwood Ontario

Ellen Durkan is an artist blacksmith from Wilmington, Delaware. She creates wearable "Forged Fashion" art that she presents through performance runway shows and exhibitions. She teaches blacksmith classes and art related workshops as well as forging demonstrations for conferences and events. Her current body of work is inspired by the human body. It is designed to be worn and embraces physical and emotional vulnerability. She creates forged work to decorate the body as visual and metaphorical armor.

Terry Sheridan is a self-employed machinist, welder, and blacksmith based in Collingwood, Ontario, Canada. Much of his professional work supports the heavy construction equipment industry as well as the ski resort sector across Ontario. In his machine shop, Terry primarily forges industrial components using gas forges and power hammers. His true passion, however, lies in traditional blacksmithing at his home forge, where he works with a classic coal fire and simple hand tools to create historically accurate pieces inspired by centuries past. His work includes adzes, axes, chisels, knives, lead ladles, dividers, and other traditional tools. Terry has frequently demonstrated and taught at blacksmith organizations across the United States.

These two professionals will demonstrate their skills and talents during TGoM's Fall Conference on September 19 and 20. Full details are [featured in our annual brochure](#).

How to get to the Pierce County Fairgrounds



Spread the word: Fall Conference Publicity!

2026 Fall Conference brochures were mailed and are also posted online. Thanks to Sara Gries for the flyer and Kim Maas for the brochure!

Please help spread the word. Print and post our single page flyer. [Click here to find brochure and flyer on our website.](#)

Time is Running out...

Register for TGoM's Fall Conference Now!

Registration for the 49th Annual TGoM Fall Conference aka "The Madness" is open both online via <https://www.metalsmith.org/fall-conference/> and for mail-in registration. Use the form in your conference brochure to mail it.

The deadline to purchase meals for the conference is this Friday, Sept. 4 2026. A limited number of meals will be available for purchase at registration.

Due to tight timing, I recommend you use the online registration process.

Looking forward to seeing you in Ellsworth in September!

Harvey Steele, Treasurer

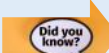
Annual Fall Conference Contest

Design & create a unique towel holder for the contest. Must be made of metal. All entries must be donated to the Saturday auction. Auction sale price will determine winners.

Cash prizes will be awarded.

First Place: \$100
Second Place: \$ 60
Third Place: \$ 40

'QUICKNEWS'



When a person becomes a member of The Guild of

Metalsmiths, their spouse and minor children also become members of the Guild. Your membership is a "Family Membership!"

Mark your calendar NOW!

2026 Fall Conference is Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Sept. 18, 19, 20 at the Pierce County Fairgrounds in Ellsworth WI.

Register for 2-Day Pre-Conference Class

Sept. 17 & 18. Details page 2 .

Open Forge Plus One

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Fall Beginning Blacksmithing

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Oxy/Acetylene Welding Class

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Intro to Arc Welding

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Dick Carlson's 90th Birthday!

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Trivet Class 2026

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Copper Jewelry Class

Oct. 24. Register page 5.

Viking Ax Class

Nov. 14 & 15. Register page 3.

Taste of Blacksmithing-SPPS

Nov.21. Register with SPPS

Volunteer Opportunities

The 2026 list of demonstration opportunities is posted on our website. Follow the link below to see the entire list.

[2026 Summer Demo Ops](#)

The Guild is always looking for volunteers for numerous tasks that keep us in working order. Contact Kim Maas, our Volunteer Coordinator.

tgom.volunteer@gmail.com or text/call 651-328-7219.

2026 Fall Conference Pre-Conference Class

Two Lily Necklace

Thursday and Friday, September 17 and 18, 8 to 4

Instructor: Ellen Durkan, Fall Conference Demonstrator

Location: Pierce County Fairgrounds (Map on Page 1)

Cost: Members \$220, non-members \$280

Class Manager: Rick Wessling, 612-875-2240

Class Description: Students will forge a necklace with two lilies as shown in the illustration accompanying this class advertisement. Inspired by Ellen's body of forged fashion work, the students will create a necklace from 3/8" round, 3/4" x 1" bar, and 1"x 1/4" bar with lilies riveted to flared stock. There will be a fair amount of drawing out of the parent stock to create flairs, lilies, and curls on the end of several parts. The individual components will be riveted together to create the whole. The class is limited to 10 students and will have two days to complete the piece.

Note: Once the final list of registered students is completed, the class manager will send specific instructions to each student.

Tools: Bring your own forge (coal or propane), anvil, tongs, hammers, chisels, punches, etc. TGoM will provide coke as fuel. If you bring a coal forge, we highly recommend that the blower be electric as a hand-crank blower generally cannot keep the coke burning without a lot of frustration and time. If you bring a propane forge, you will need to supply your own propane/tanks.

Lunch Arrangements: Lunch will be on your own or the class assistant will organize an order to be sent to the Chinese restaurant next to the fairgrounds.

To Register for this class online: Go to The Guild of Metalsmiths website, <https://www.metalsmith.org/education>.

To Register for this class by check: If you register by mail, please contact Rick by phone to reserve your place and intent to mail a check. Send a check written to The Guild of Metalsmiths with your contact information to: Rick Wessling, 3442 Washington Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55412. Please include your email address so we can contact you regarding acceptance to the class. Your reservation will be held for 7 calendar days from your phone call to allow your check to arrive, and if it does not arrive within 7 days, your reservation will be canceled and the opening will be passed to the next individual.

Questions: Email rgwessling@gmail.com

Acceptance will be in the order submitted, based on the online transaction date or the date of phone contact. Each person will be notified individually.



Fall 2026 Beginners Basic Blacksmithing Class

Date and time: October 3, 10 & 17, 2026, starts 9 AM, ends between 3 and 5 PM

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)

Class Description: 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, Scrolling, Bending, Forge welding.

Instructor: David Skaurud 218 849-4630

skaurud.gom@gmail.com

Class Manager: Kim Maas, 651-328-7219,

tgom.volunteer@gmail.com

Cost: Members: \$200, Non-Members: \$230. Covers everything you need: the facility, coal, metal tools, and workbook.

Class size: Maximum students: 8 Minimum students: 4

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

Safety Equipment: 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. Bring plenty of water to keep hydrated.

Lunch Arrangements: We have a break for lunch. Bring lunch or go to a local restaurant.

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

Or to mail in a check, contact class manager's name, email address and phone number for additional information.

Name: Kim Maas: 651-328-7219 tgom.volunteer@gmail.com

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

Intro to Arc Welding

Date and Time: October 17, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Cost: \$125 TGoM Members \$150 non-members

Instructor: Marty Masters **Location:** MN Transportation Museum

Class Manager: Kim Maas: 651-328-7219 tgom.volunteer@gmail.com

Class Description: If you've ever wanted to know more about welding, but didn't have a way to do it, here's your chance. There's something mysterious and magical about welding. Welders sit so close to this fountain of sparks that most people would jump back from. They join steel (and other materials) together as if they were one. This one-day class will be a survey of three common modern arc welding techniques which are appropriate for hobby welding:

1. Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW/Stick)
2. Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW/MIG)
3. Flux Cored Arc Welding (FCAW)

Each technique will be explained and demonstrated. Then the student will have hands-on time to practice.

Safety Equipment – Wear clothing made of natural fiber with no cuffs or fraying, and leather boots or shoes.

Items and Equipment to Bring: Proper welding gloves, welding leathers or coat, welding helmet if you have them (We will have loaner equipment if you don't want to buy).

Lunch Arrangements: Bring a bag lunch or eat at a local restaurant.

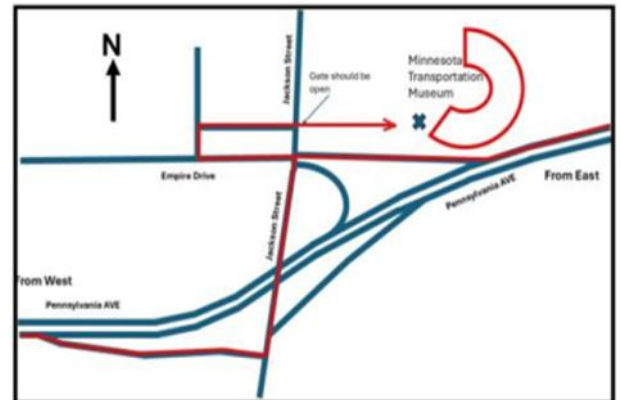
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Or to mail in a check, contact class manager's name (above), email address and phone number for additional information.

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Oxy/Acetylene Welding Class 2026

October 17 & 18, 2026, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Class level: Intermediate To have the best chance of success with an Intermediate class, prospective students should have practiced and achieved proficiency in the skills taught in the Beginners Blacksmithing Class.

Location: East Eagan Shop (Myron Hanson) Map below

Class Description: New to gas welding? Just want to brush up on your basic skills? This class focuses on safety and hands-on learning. Students will be working at individual stations on a shared workbench, with equipment and stock provided. If time permits, bonus demonstrations will show advanced techniques and uses of the oxy/acetylene torch. Tools and equipment will be supplied.

Cost: Member: \$200 Non-Member: \$230

Instructor: Myron Hanson **Class size:** Max: 8 Min: 5

Class Manager: Kim Maas: 651-328-7219

tgom.volunteer@gmail.com

Lunch Arrangements: Pack a lunch or restaurants in the area along with fast food and convenience stores. Bring plenty of water to keep yourself hydrated during the class.

To register:

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

To pay by check, email the class manager listed above to reserve your place in the class and receive additional information on where to mail the check.

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1 Myron Hanson

Take I 494 to Dodd Rd/ MN 149 exit and go South, turn left onto MN 55 and turn right back onto MN 149. Continue South to the sign that says Dodd Road and points right. Turn right, cross the tracks and make an immediate left turn onto Dodd Road. Myron's house is about .7 mi on the right. Coming North on Dodd Rd from Cliff Rd its about 1.8 mi (~.75 mi North of Diffley Rd.

4015 Dodd Rd
Eagan, MN 55123-1612
Home phone: 651-454-3984

Making a Viking Axe

Nov. 14 & 15, 2026, 9 am to 4 pm

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing-map page 7

Cost: \$180 members, \$210 non-members

Class size: Max 8, min 3

Class Description: This class's goal is to work with wrought iron and make a Viking-style folded asymmetrically welded axe more or less as it would have been done in the past. This is a two day class.

Day one will be working with wrought iron to make a small hook to get a feel for wrought iron, and then in the afternoon working with a partner to create the preform of the axe. **Day two** will be creating the eye, forge welding it and welding in the steel for the edge. Then shaping the axe, drawing out the lugs on the eye, the distinctive historical shape. Finally heat treating the axe.

Watch for many more details in the October "Forum."

Instructor: Peter Ellison 763-458-0696

Class Manager: Peter Ellison, peter@matrixrunner.net

To register for this class:

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

To pay by check, email the class manager listed above to reserve your place in the class and receive additional information.



Open Forge Plus One on October 4

Sunday, October 4, 9 am to 4 pm

The Education Committee is offering a Free Open Forge for Guild Members alone or with a Plus One. If you bring a "Plus One" you will share a forge/anvil station. 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. You can reserve a forge via our website sign-up or by sending Harvey Steele an email, and we will hold a forge for you until 10:00 am. 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 and there are generally people around that can answer questions or provide assistance.

Instructor: Harvey Steele

Class Manager: Harvey Steele, 239-671-8887

hsteele@handeecleat.com

Cost: Free

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

To register online go to The Guild of Metalsmiths website, <https://www.metalsmith.org/education> or email the class manager to reserve your place.

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

Trivet Class 2026

Saturday, October 24, 2026: 9 am to 5 pm

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)

Instructors: Derrick Phillips & David Skaurud

Cost: Member: \$90 Non-Member: \$110

Class size: Max: 8, Min: 4

Class Manager: Christina Dodge: christina.guildmbr@gmail.com

Class Description: This class is a "Beginner Plus" class. Students will hopefully have finished the Guild's beginners class, as this class will draw on those skills and add some more. The trivet is an introduction to joinery: forging tenons and using a monkey tool and hot riveting. During this class, each person will be making a basic trivet. If you think you might be interested in joinery this is a starting project in that direction.

Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class: Tongs to hold 1/2" square stock and your favorite hammer

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.

Special Instructions: We'll be using coal forges. Please contact Derrick if experience with coal is limited – we might be able to provide assistance with fire management so you could still 'smith with us.

Lunch arrangements: eat at a local establishment or bring a lunch. We'll break for about an hour. The facilities include a refrigerator and microwave in the classroom area.

To register for this class:

To register online go to The Guild of Metalsmiths website,

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

To pay by check, email the class manager listed above to reserve your place in the class and receive additional information on where to mail the check.

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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2026 Fall Conference Craft Sale is



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Fall Conference Schedule & Locations

Friday, September 18th

10:00 am General Conference Setup
11:00 am Gallery Setup, Tailgate Corral Opens
Around 5:00 pm Potluck Supper! Seyforth Building Kitchen/Dining room
Potluck starts when set-up for the conference is completed.
Demonstrator's Slide Show in the Seyforth Building Kitchen/Dining room
After Supper Gala Party/Gallery Opening, Home Ec. Building

Saturday, September 19th

7:30 am Registration Opens
7:30 am - 9:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am - 12:00 pm Demonstrations
9:00 am Family Activity: Bronze Casting
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Found Art
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Demonstrations
1:30 pm Family Activity: Tree of Life
1:30 pm Family Activity: Rock Painting
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Supper
6:30 pm Auction Begins
Forging After Dark ends at 10:00 pm

Sunday, September 20th

7:30 am Registration Opens
7:30 am - 9:00 am Breakfast
8:30 am - 12:00 pm Demonstrations
9:00 am - 12:00 pm Family Activity: Altoid Tin Repoussé
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm Gallery Closes
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Demonstrations 3:00 pm Mini Auction Begins
3:15 pm Closing/Cleanup

Pierce County Fairgrounds in Ellsworth WI



Key to Fairgrounds Map

- Seyforth Building** - Kitchen & Dining room, Friday night slide show.
- Kenny Heinz Building** - Demonstrator at both the north & south ends of the building.
- Home Economics Building** - Registration, Gallery, Library, Craft Sale, and location of Friday night Gala.
- Location of Found Art

Dotted outline – Restrooms

Tailgating located on the road south of Picnic Shelter.

Conference Family Activities Preview

Family Activities Contact:
Terri Lund, cell: (612) 716-8482 email: cike-state@gmail.com

Bronze Casting, Saturday, 9 am: The class will be using Delft Clay to make their molds. Two-part metal flasks will be used for the pour. Jack will do the pour. Jack Lassiter, instructor. No fee. Class limits: 6. To register email Terri at: cike-state@gmail.com

Rock Painting
Saturday, 1:30 to 4.

Altoids Tin Repoussé Sunday morning 9:00 am - Noon
Learn fun ways to decorate Altoid tins.

Jesse Gavin, Instructor. Free class. No class limit.

Found Art Saturday
Herb Fick and company will weld whatever you find on the trailer into your art creation. Free. Found Art closes at 4:00 pm Saturday!

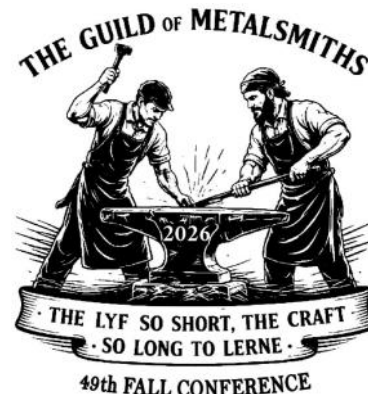
Magnetic Art
Design and build magnetic/ferrous creations. Located in the registration building. Free!

Winning Design: 2026 Fall Conference T-Shirts for Sale!



Conference T-Shirt Prices

S:	\$22
M:	\$22
L:	\$22
XL:	\$22
2XL:	\$24
3XL:	\$25



Baseball Cap: \$20
Bumper Sticker: \$3

Stephen Garth won the contest.
See ["The Forum" July 2026](#), page 6!

Fall Conference Lodging Choices

River Falls, WI

Best Western

100 Spring Street
River Falls, WI 54022
715-425-1045

Country Inn

1525 Commerce Court
River Falls, WI 54022
715-425-9500

Econo Lodge

1207 Saint Croix St.
River Falls, WI 54022
715-425-8388

Ellsworth, WI

The David Lodge & Inn

W7670 US Hwy 10
Ellsworth, WI 54011
715-273-3333

Mark Your Calendar for October 2026 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2026, bi-monthly membership meeting will be held at the Minnesota Transportation Museum aka: Jackson Street Roundhouse, 193 W. Pennsylvania Ave, St. Paul, MN 55130. The potluck will start at 6:30 PM followed by a short business meeting, show-n-tell and a Martin Pansch demonstration in the blacksmith shop.

We invite all the members to bring items for show and tell. Please remember items that you have shown in the past may not have been seen by new members.

If you have never been to this location, it is a historical train museum. Volunteers have been at work restoring early and out-of-service steam engines.

Invite someone new who is interested in the world of metalsmithing to the meeting and introduce them to the wonderful community The Guild of Metalsmiths has to offer.

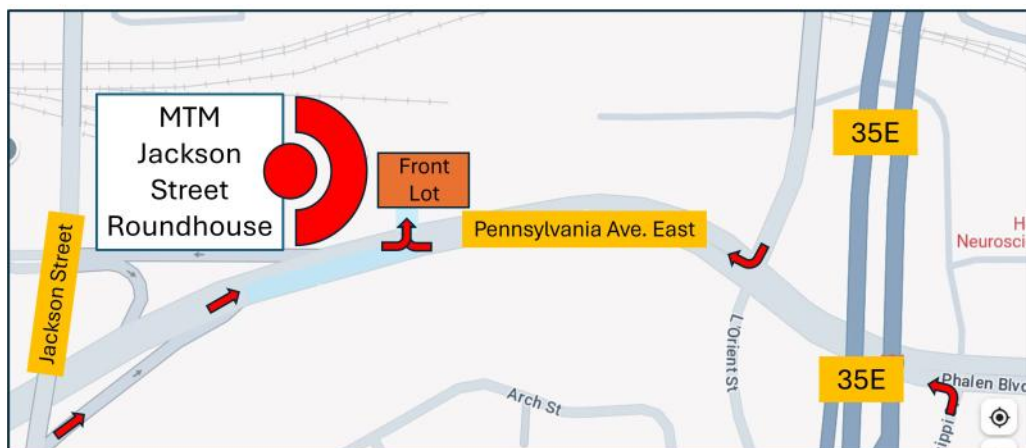
The champion is Kim Maas (tgom.volunteer@gmail.com), and Gordon Barr (agbarr@metalsmith.org) is the site contact. You may contact either one of them if you have any questions.

New ABANA Board Member from TGoM



TGoM member Harvey Steele was elected to the [ABANA \(Artist-Blacksmith's Association of North America\)](#) Board of Directors in July 2026 and will be officially seated in November at the national ABANA Conference in Bentonville, Arkansas.

The Guild of Metalsmiths organization is an affiliate. ABANA is a community of blacksmiths, artisans, and enthusiasts dedicated to preserving and advancing blacksmithing as both a profession and a hobby. They provide opportunities for individuals and local affiliate organizations to further their blacksmithing education, strengthen their skills, and hone their craft.



Copper Jewelry Class

Date: October 24, 2026

Location: MN Transportation Museum-Jackson Street Roundhouse

Instructors: Stephen and Alissa Olivo.

Register by contacting St. Paul Public Schools at this link:

[St. Paul Public Schools Adult Programs](#)

Help Needed!

Gordon Barr will need help on September 12 with the Scouts at the MN School of Horseshoeing. Please contact him by email at agbarr@aol.com to volunteer. Gordon recently had back surgery.



Two of Dick Carlson's horseless carriages.

Horseless carriages by Dick Carlson

If you've ever been to a TGoM participating threshing show and/or blacksmith demo, you may have been witness to one of Dick Carlson's signature horseless carriages.

Be sure to get him to talk about them, and maybe you'll be treated to a ride in one!

In a specially built trailer, he hauls them around to blacksmith conferences throughout the Midwest, including in Illinois and Missouri.

They're housed in a building at his homestead in Hastings, MN. He'd be pleased to show them off, if asked!

Cheers & Beers

To 90 Years!

Join us in Celebrating
Dick (Blacksmith) Carlson's
90th Birthday!

Sunday, October 11th
at the American
Legion in Downtown
Hastings
from 1-4 pm.

Light snacks will be provided.
No gifts necessary.

TGoM Monthly Happenings Illustrated!



August Membership Feed at Dan Pate's Country Home.



Brendan Stevens trivet demo.



Loretta Merritt (left) and her fellow huskers!, Shane Carlson, Wayne Olson, and Gary Myers



L to R: John McDonald, Bob Brown, Myron Hanson, and Dick Carlson finishing up a demo of an iron tire affixed to a wooden wheel.



Once again Herb Fick provided the hog and roaster for the August meeting. Shown here are Jim Scott, Jim Moenck, and Gary Myers, who prepped, roasted, and cut up the hog. It was delicious!



July 2026 Twisted Magic Wand Class – SPPS

Front: Kim Maas - co-champion and Martin Pansch - Lead Instructor. Stand Left to right: Harvey Steel, Madeline Grunklee, Josh Meyers, Marty Masters - assistant instructor, Hayleigh Horin, Erik Olausen, Sara Gries - champion in training & assistant instructor and Steve Robertson. Missing in photo: Laurel Larkin - co-champion. *Photo by Laurel.*



August 2026 Taste of Blacksmithing - SPPS

Front row: Rebecca Hrobak - co-lead instructor, Jenny Merthan, Maddy Ryan, Bill Bluhm. Back row: Molly Merthan, Cat Tamminga, Miguel Flores, Lee Meilleur - co-lead instructor, Kevin Stokes - assistant instructor, Rob Bullis - assistant instructor, Christian Hane, Emma Johnson, Burgess Smith. Not pictured: Laurel Larkin - champion. *Photo by Laurel.*



August 2026 Instructors Workshop

Left to Right: Laurel Larkin – Co-Champion, Kevin Stokes, Lee Meilleur, Herb Fick - Assistant Instructor, Alexander Henriksen, David Skaurud - Lead Instructor, Dani Sanchez, John Hehre, Triss Anderson-Hay. Not pictured: Kim Maas – Co-Champion. *Photo by Kim Maas*

Guild Members: Are You Aware?

Most membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October. Date for December will be announced. **Watch each Forum for date and location changes.** For these 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).

You as a Guild member may attend any of the Guild's Committee meetings and Board of Directors meetings. You do not need to be a member of the committee or the board to attend any of these meetings. All are done on computers using Zoom. Meetings are from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. You may attend these meetings from the comfort of your home.

To attend any of the meetings, email a request to the following people and request to be invited to the meeting. They will then email you an invitation with a link to the meeting.

Board of Directors meeting, contact: Martin Masters email at: martin.masters@metalsmith.org

Meetings are held every other month on the second Wednesday of the month, January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Communication Committee, contact: Kim Maas by email at: tgom.volunteer@gmail.com. Meetings are held monthly on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Education Committee, contact: Kim Maas by email at: tgom.volunteer@gmail.com. Meetings are held monthly on the first Thursday of the month.

Program Committee, contact: Derrick Phillips by email at: derrickphillipsa3o3@gmail.com

Meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday of the month. The best way for you to know what is happening within the Guild is to attend these meetings. This is where all the decisions are made. You have ideas and suggestions for the Guild, come to the meeting that pertains to your ideas or suggestions and share. Ideas and suggestions are welcome.



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

September 2026

Sept. 17 & 18, Pre-Conference Class, Ellen Durkan, "Two Lily Necklace" at Pierce County Fairgrounds, Ellsworth WI

Sept. 18, 19, 20, 49th annual Fall Conference at Pierce County Fairgrounds in Ellsworth WI.

October 2026

Oct. 4, Open Forge Plus One, MN School of Horseshoeing

Oct. 3, 10, 17, Beginning Blacksmithing Class, MN SOH

Oct. 14, TGoM membership meeting, MN Transportation Museum

Oct. 17 & 18, Oxy/Acetylene Welding Class, Myron Hanson's shop

Oct. 17, Intro to Arc Welding, Jackson Street Roundhouse

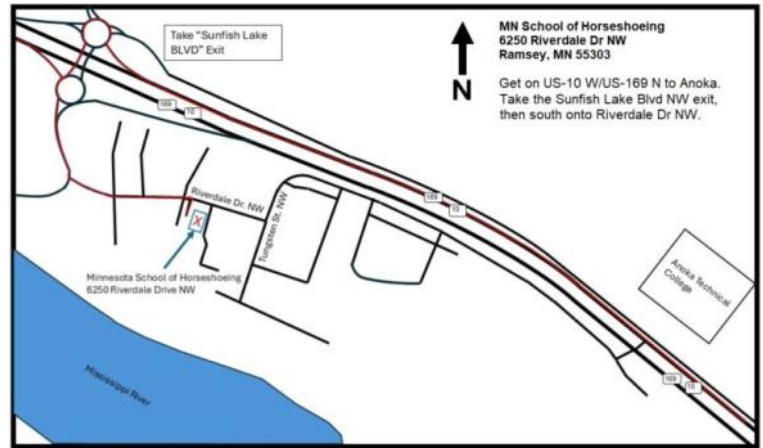
Oct. 24, Trivet Class, MN School of Horseshoeing

Oct. 24, Copper Jewelry Class, SPPS

November 2026

Nov. 14 & 15, Viking Axe Class, MN SOH

Nov. 21, Taste of Blacksmithing, SPPS



Map: MN School of Horseshoeing

Join The Guild of Metalsmiths

Send \$50 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
193 Pennsylvania Ave E
St. Paul MN 55130

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.**



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.

September 2026



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

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:

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