

# The Forum

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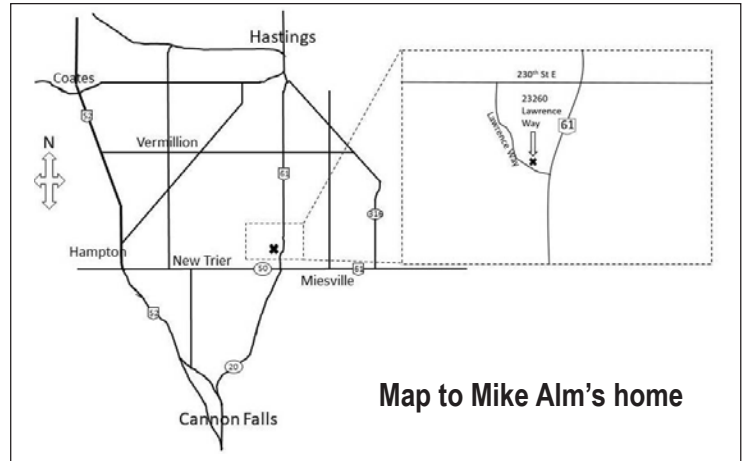
## June Guild meeting set for Wednesday, June 12 at Mike Alm's shop

On Wednesday, June 12 Guild members and their families are invited to the home of Mike Alm, 23260 Lawrence Way, Hastings, MN. Mike encourages everyone to plan on spending at least the day but he also welcomes campers, tailgaters, anyone with a forge who wants to demonstrate their craft, cook something up on the "barby"— basically plan on a party! Mike is known for his barbecued ribs, so be sure to bring your appetites.

Mike's place will be open all day. Demonstrations during the day will include Wayne Olson forging a flatter and Mike Alm and crew punching eyes in hammers.

Our evening potluck will begin at 6:30 pm (bring a dish to pass), followed by a business meeting. Be sure to bring your show and tell items too.

If you have questions, contact meeting champion John McDonald at 651-437-5347.



## Annual TGoM Spring 2019 Hammer-In June 14, 15, 16: Nowthen Blacksmith Shop

Friday, June 14: 7:30-11:00pm, Saturday, June 15: All Day, Sunday, June 16: 8am till 4:00 pm

Hot stuff will be happening at the annual Spring Hammer-in taking place at the Nowthen Historical Power Association Blacksmith Shop (map below) where we will focus our efforts on the Fall Conference contest: trivets. Come and hang out with a bunch of your friends, make new friends, and share/learn some new skills.

- ✓ **Beginners/Newbies welcome to come and try your hand at smithing**
- ✓ Camping on-site is available Friday & Saturday night on primitive sites - port-a-potties on site
- ✓ Five forges are open for use
- ✓ Coal will be provided
- ✓ Bring any examples you have to share with others
- ✓ Bring your own tools if you have them. Some limited steel stock is available, but if you need specific sizes feel free to bring your own steel, scrap pieces ok.

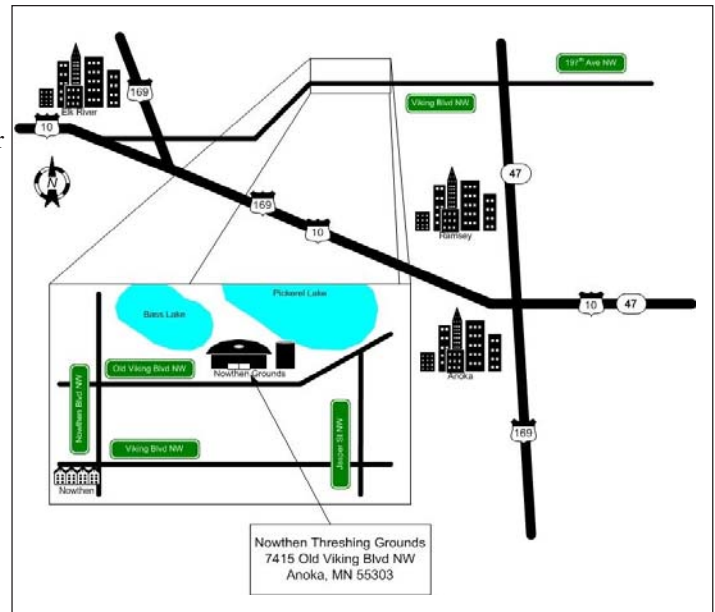
This year we will have some demonstrations and discussions of trivets in preparation for the contest at this year's Madness (Fall Conference.) Questions about how to design or build a trivet? This event will hopefully give you some inspiration to help you to come up with your own design for the Fall Conference contest and help you learn how to make it.

If you have some skills in the creation of a trivet and would like to demo or have any questions about the event, please contact: Rich Herman at 651-322-1623 or at [richherman651@gmail.com](mailto:richherman651@gmail.com).

There is no charge to participate in this event. The Nowthen Power Show grounds are located at 7415 Old Viking Blvd, Nowthen, MN.



A fine example of a trivet that can be forged for the Fall Conference trivet contest.



# Our neighborhood of smiths

## The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM)

All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October, except December. 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). To check your membership expiration date, see the mailing label on your latest copy of "Metalsmith."

President: Larry Wasmund Vice-President: Paul Widenhoefer  
[poundedtreasures@gmail.com](mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com) [pwidenhoefer@gmail.com](mailto:pwidenhoefer@gmail.com)  
612-599-4762 952-930-0070  
Our website is: <http://www.metalsmith.org>

## Badger Blacksmiths meetings

Our contact information:  
President: Dave Weiss Newsletter editor: John Grump  
715-379-5007 715-829-4559  
[diamondmetalworks13@gmail.com](mailto:diamondmetalworks13@gmail.com) [johngrump@att.net](mailto:johngrump@att.net)  
Badger 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](mailto:CharleyRB@charter.net), 218-428-7906  
Dave Hanson, VP, [duluthblacksmith@yahoo.com](mailto: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 Keith Johnson for monthly specifics at [keith@greatriverforge.com](mailto:keith@greatriverforge.com). The NMM's website is [www.nmmetalsmiths.org](http://www.nmmetalsmiths.org)

## Central Minnesota Blacksmiths (CMB)

Meet on the first Monday of each month. Potluck followed by demo. Locations are different every month so please call or write for info  
**President: Ken Zitur Brian Johnson**  
320-746-8161 16777 Co Rd 75 NW  
[mail@kensiron.com](mailto:mail@kensiron.com) Clearwater MN 55367  
320-558-6898

## Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center (CAFAC)

Quarterly blacksmithing classes, exhibits, and open house events  
[www.cafac.org](http://www.cafac.org) email: [info@cafac.org](mailto: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  
Carol Adams [jc-adams@msn.com](mailto:jc-adams@msn.com),  
<http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com/>

## Sandy Lake Forge on Raspberry Island

Blacksmith shop offering classes, workshops and more. See [raspberrylakefolkschool.blogspot.com](http://raspberrylakefolkschool.blogspot.com) for details or call: 218-851-6085

Gary and Janet Hill Raspberry Island  
50569 218th Place Mcgregor, MN 55760

# Board of Directors Meeting May 8, 2019

**PRESENT:** Gordon Barr, Peter Bettenberg, Christina Dodge, Jesse Gavin, Taya Gavin, Mark Lockwood, Martin Masters, Derrick Phillips, Larry Wasmund, Paul Widenhoefer, and Richard Zielike  
Called to order @7:10 by Paul

Motion to approve minutes by Derrick, seconded by Mark, motion passes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**-Taya-new TGoM credit card works well and most bills are being paid electronically. The NEON account has been moved to savings. Discussed where to put "employer matching funds", but no action was taken. At the end of April the balances were:

Business Checking Balance: \$15,506.67

Simple Checking Balance: \$2,194.79

Savings Balance: \$58,678.85 (includes Grant Fund; \$6,240.43)

**MEMBERSHIP**-Gordon-338 members are current; we have 26 new members and 113 renewals. Most people are paying with credit cards.

**EDUCATION**-Christina-The class calendar is complete. We also discussed the Blacksmith Merit Badges, as about 6 Scouts a month were completing their badge at the Jackson Street Roundhouse before the sprinkler burst.

**PROGRAM**-Derrick-The June program is at Mike Alm's, August is at Dan Pate's and we are looking at a potential meeting place in October. Our Christmas party will be at the CSPA hall December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Fall Conference-Valerie Ostenak's contract is in and we are waiting for Jeremy Knipple's contract. Valerie will be doing the pre-conference class.

**PUBLICATION**-Peter-The Forum is working well and summer demonstrators are being added. March issue of "Metalsmith" is 95% complete and going to the printers next week. Kim Maas is the champion for the June issue.

**OLD BUSINESS**-the remaining old chairs will be given away at the June meeting and it was agreed to sell the old trailer to Joe Gavin for \$1,500 (which was the most we could get for it in a trade).

The roundhouse blacksmith shop was discussed again. There might be a possibility of using a different bay, but everything at this stage is tentative.

**NEW BUSINESS**-Our website was discussed. The platform it's based on has become quite unstable and the content is not "mobile friendly". A two-phase approach was recommended with the estimated cost of \$3,500, with \$2,200 devoted to updating the platform and the other \$1,300 to "update back end stuff". Motion to start the process by Marty, seconded by Mark, motion passes. Planning committee to consist of Mark, Marty and Peter, and Georgia Myers and Craig Snyder.

Finney Company-the publishers of our "Iron Menagerie" has been sold to Rowman & Littlefield. We will need to see if the new owner is willing to continue publishing our book. They will probably not be represented at the fall conference.

TGoM cards-Kim Maas is getting permission slips to publish pictures of our projects and to make greeting cards with them.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54

# Knife Tongs Class

**When:** August 24, 2019, 9am-5pm

**Where:** MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)

**Cost:** \$120

**Instructor:** Paul Widenhoefer and whomever I can pester into helping out

**Class size:** 8 max-6 min. Parent child combos encouraged



**Description:** Do you like knives and fire? Sorry, dumb question. Have you thought about making knives but don't feel that you have the tools to start? Well this is the class for you! This class is designed for the person new to blacksmithing or knifemaking looking for a variety of tongs for the different aspects of knifemaking, but is money-conscious (buying new tongs is expensive!). You can expect to leave the class with up to 5 working tongs. We will be starting with tongs blanks from Ken's Custom Iron. They have allowed me to bundle a set of tongs that is geared for the knifemaker, but could be used by any new blacksmith. We will tailor the tongs for the different aspects of knifemaking.

**Tools needed:** Favorite hammer, files, wire brush, safety gear (cotton clothes, eye/ ear protection, boots, gloves)

**Lunch:** bring your own or eat at one of the local establishments.

**Registration:** Send checks made out to Guild of Metalsmiths for \$120, along with your contact information, to Paul Widenhoefer

3618 Robin Lane

Minnetonka, MN 55305

Any questions, please call Paul at 952-930-0070 or email at [pwidenhoefer@gmail.com](mailto:pwidenhoefer@gmail.com)

**Acceptance priority for this class will be determined by postmark.**

# 6" Lancashire-style hacksaw class

**Saturday & Sunday, September 7 & 8, 9 am start**

**Instructors:** Martin Pansch 612-599-4762 [blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com](mailto:blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com)

Jim Ericksen

Tom Sanders

**Cost:** \$125

**Class size:** Maximum students: 8 Minimum students: 4

**Location:** Pansch farm, 8750 Yale Ave, Young America, MN (map below)

**Class description:**

Whether you are looking for an addition to your period demonstration kit or just want to add some class to your 5-gallon bucket the Lancashire style hacksaw is just the dapper tool you have been looking for. In this class we will be making a 6-inch version of this classic style hacksaw (see photo) using mostly traditional techniques. We will be forging the frame, drilling then drifting the hole square, forging and cutting threads in a tensioning bolt and wing nut, and filling the whole lot to a nice finish. Finally we will be burning a tang into a wooden handle and peening the tang. We will be working with relatively small stock (1/4" thick) so one doesn't have to be terribly strong but being able to forge to dimension and accurately split stock with a slitter or hot cut is necessary. We may use striking and top tools to facilitate some steps but it is not required. Students who successfully complete this class should have no problem scaling the process up to make a larger saw on their own if they wish. This is a class for intermediate to advance students.

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

Forging hammer, tongs for 1/4" and 3/16" flat, 3/8" and 1/2" square, 1/2" round, hacksaw (ironic, I know), slitter/hot cut, 1/4" or 3/8" spring fuller or top and bottom fullers, 1/4" square drift, 1/4" tap and die (match threads preferably), set hammer, sledge hammer, a flatter, a scrap of leather to keep from marring the near finished saw while in the vise, hot rasp, and a good selection of files (flat, half round, round bastards).

**Safety Equipment:** Safety glasses, ear plugs, work gloves.

**Special Instructions:** Limited accommodations available at the Pansch farm.

**Camping on site also available.**

**Lunch Arrangements:** Either bring your own meals or we will figure out a collective feeding plan.

**To register for this class, send a check for \$125 written out to The Guild of Metalsmiths to:**

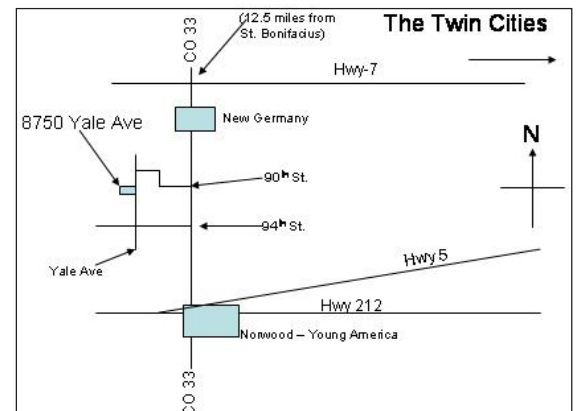
**Martin Pansch**

**201 Nevada Street**

**Northfield, MN 55057**

Contact Martin at [blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com](mailto:blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com) or (612) 599-4762 with questions.

**Acceptance priority for this class will be determined by postmark.**



# 2019 Pre-Conference Class with Valerie Ostenak

Sept. 19-20, 2019, Thursday 9-5:00 and Friday 9-3:30

Location: Little Log House Pioneer Village (10 miles south of Hastings)

21889 Michael Avenue, Hastings, Minnesota 55033

Price of Class: \$120

Instructor: Valerie Ostenak, [www.valerieostenak.com](http://www.valerieostenak.com)

Class size: minimum 8, maximum 15.

During this two-day class, guest instructor Valerie Ostenak will share the finesse of using hammer and anvil to cold-forge a sculptural neckpiece, bracelet, and earrings from non-ferrous metal. Copper wire of different gauges will be provided. Students may opt to bring silver.

As no forge work is needed and lighter hammers will be used, a wide range of skill levels can be accommodated, though basic beginner blacksmith skills are suggested as a pre-requisite for this class. Ms Ostenak's project design can challenge intermediate and accomplished smiths as well.

Students should bring hammer and anvil. Borrowing an anvil might be a possibility; ask while registering. Dressing the hammer to a mirror-polish is one of the class activities. A few smaller tools will be detailed in an acceptance letter. There will be a buffing machine for shared use, and a belt grinder.

Set-up Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. Camping is available on-site. Equipment will need to be moved out Friday directly after class to make room for the Fall Conference weekend's events. Plan to stay for the Friday evening conference kick-off: slide presentation by Valerie Ostenak, potluck dinner, and The Guild of Metalsmiths' gallery opening!

Safety glasses are mandatory, as is proper clothing and protection for cold hammering, machine buffing and grinding. (Natural fiber clothing & footwear. Sleeves, shirttails, and long hair should all be kept constrained so as not to catch in machinery.)



## Questions? Contact:

Richard Zielike, (952) 983-0681, [richard@edinaclock.com](mailto:richard@edinaclock.com)

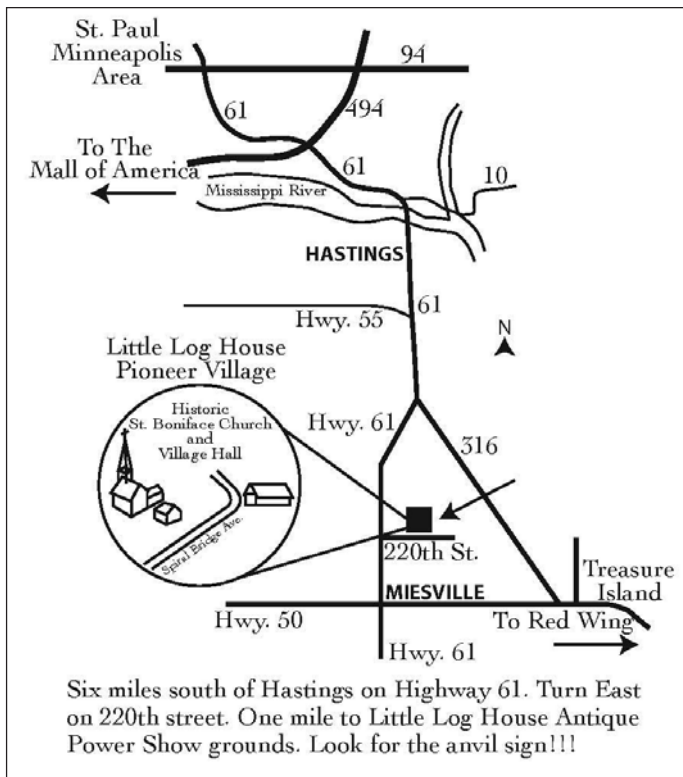
**To register**, mail a check for \$120 written to "The Guild of Metalsmiths" along with your contact information to:

Richard Zielike

5720 Lois Lane

Edina, MN 55439

**Acceptance priority for this class will be determined by postmark and will be confirmed by email or snail mail. \*Guild members have priority.**



21889 Michael Avenue  
Hastings, Minnesota 55033

## Our Site Map



## Summer Demonstration Opportunities on the TGoM Horizon!



As summer finally approaches, The Guild of Metalsmiths is working to compile a list of demonstration opportunities for our smiths to take a look at and volunteer for.

The first one was May 18 and 19 at Dundas, MN. Herb Fick was champion for Armed Forces Day.

See below for more demo opportunities for our smiths to participate in and help further TGoM's mission of sharing our craft with the public.

Gary Myers works at the forge in Dundas, MN during Armed Forces Days May 18 and 19. Photo was taken by Wayne Olson, who also worked at this very rainy weekend event. The event was sponsored by the Rice County Steam & Gas Engines, Inc..



## Let's share our craft by volunteering to demonstrate at any of these prestigious events!

1. **Rice County Fair**, Faribault, MN, July 16-21, Lou Groth, Champion 952-240-7829, website <https://ricecountyfair.net/>
2. **Rock County Fair**, July 24-27, Larry Wasmund, Champion 507-469-0205 [poundedtreasures@gmail.com](mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com) Rock County Fairgrounds, 699 S Freeman Ave, Luverne MN
3. **Little Log House Antique Power Show**, Sat, July 26-28, Dick Carlson, Champion, 651-437-3329 [blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com](mailto:blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com)
4. **Scott-Carver Harvest Festival**, Jordan, MN, August 2-4, Jerry Felton, Champion 952-873-6754
5. **Almelund Threshing Show**, Taylors Falls, MN, August 9, 10, 11, Jim Moenck, Champion, 651-724-3403, [jrmoenck@gmail.com](mailto:jrmoenck@gmail.com)
6. **Nowthen Threshing Show**, August 16, 17, 18, Nowthen MN, Christina Dodge, Champion, 612-741-9292, [christina.guildmbr@gmail.com](mailto:christina.guildmbr@gmail.com), and Denny Covington, Co-Champion, 612-226-6309, [denco71@aol.com](mailto:denco71@aol.com)
7. **Rice County Steam & Gas Engine Show**, Dundas, MN, Myron Hanson, Champion, 651-454-3984
8. **Western MN Threshing show**, Aug 30-Sept 2, Rollag MN, Wayne Olson & Roger Degner blacksmith there. Visit website for details: <https://rollag.com/> Questions? Contact Wayne at [wayneolson10@gmail.com](mailto:wayneolson10@gmail.com)
9. **Lamberton Hot Iron Days**, Sept. 6 & 7, Lamberton MN, Bob Brown, Champion, 651-260-2749, [brown474@msn.com](mailto:brown474@msn.com) Mould making for cast iron pour Friday 10 am-4 pm. Pour at 10 pm Mould making Sat. 10. starting about 8:30-9:00. Pouring cast iron mid afternoon. Demo opportunities Sat., outside.
10. **Laura Ingalls Wilder Days**, Sept. 14 & 15, Pepin WI, Tom Latane' is the contact for artisans in the park. No demo opportunities but come and learn about history during Laura's childhood in Pepin. Visit website for details: <https://www.lauradays.org/>
11. **The Landing**, Shakopee MN, open most weekends through Labor Day. To volunteer, contact: Zack Mohlis, Cultural Heritage Interpreter, Three Rivers Park District, The Landing – Minnesota River Heritage Park, 763-694-1139. Visit website for details: <https://www.threeriversparks.org/location/landing>

### July Demonstration Opportunities

#### Rice County Fair, Faribault, MN

Contact Lou Groth to volunteer for this event. Lou has the details and has been the champion for five years. Call Lou at 952-240-7829.

#### Rock County Fair, Luverne, MN

Contact Larry Wasmund to volunteer for this event. Larry says "I would allow others to demonstrate using my trailer. Volunteers need to bring only themselves. I provide all equipment. Goods may be sold on site. No costumes are required." Email Larry at [Poundedtreasures@gmail.com](mailto:Poundedtreasures@gmail.com) or phone 507-469-0205.

#### Little Log House Antique Power Show, Hastings, MN

Contact Dick Carlson to volunteer for this 3-day event. Plan to spend all three days, or just one or two. Friday usually includes a potluck supper at the blacksmith shop after the crowds of spectators have left at 5 pm. Dick can be reached by phone at 651-437-3329. Let him know at least a week before the event so he can have passes and meal tickets ready for the volunteers.

**Special note: If you are a demonstrator or champion for an event, be sure to take lots of photos to share with fellow Guild members via our publications.**

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*Note: The information below is provided as a service for TGoM members. Members may submit items for sale and upcoming events that are considered relevant to our group, and they will be published as space permits. The Guild of Metalsmiths is not responsible for these items or events.*

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## **Tunnel Mill Crafts 2019 Upcoming Classes**

We are located in southern Minnesota near Spring Valley. For more information on any of the classes contact us at [jc-adams@msn.com](mailto:jc-adams@msn.com), or call 507-289-4189 Carol Adams.

### **Line-up for 2019 at Tunnel Mill**

#### **June 7, 8 & 9 Steel trivet or side table with Jennifer Horn**



Jennifer Horn is a Certified Journeyman Farrier and artistic Blacksmith who has been serving the northern Michigan horse owner community since 1990. Jennifer will teach us how to build an end table with round pass throughs, warps, square corners, forge welds, and other traditional metalworking techniques.



#### **August 17, 18, 19, Make Damascus (layered steel) with Ric Furrer-Door County Blacksmith**



As in years past we will weld a stack of layered steel, forge it into a bar, shape that bar into a knife. From there you will grind, heat treat, and etch that knife prior to attaching a handle.

You can explore more complicated patterning techniques if you wish, but the more time you spend on the blade the less time you have to complete the knife.

#### **October 11, 12 & 13 Decorated hammer heads with Tom Latane'**



Students will forge a hammer head and then chase the cold steel to ornament the form. Acanthus leaf, greenman face, and rope border motifs will be demonstrated. Skill level- Intermediate to advanced. There will be some demonstration of tool forging, heat treating, and grinding, but to get the most work accomplished, students should prepare some tool blanks (to be ground as needed) or finished tooling before the class. Specifications will be sent to registering students.

Coming in 2020...Peter Ross & Mark Aspery: More details to follow on website: [www.tunnelmillcrafts.com](http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com)

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## **Sandy Lake Forge on Raspberry Island**

I would like to announce the following metal classes at Sandy Lake Forge on Raspberry Island. These multi-day classes plus other single day classes will be offered through Raspberry Island Folk School.

#### **Viking Era Rived Tool Chest and Forged Hardware June 10, 11, 12, 2019**

Tom Latane' will be teaching a three day class on riving boards from an oak log and building a tool chest with forged hardware.

#### **Tin Smithing Classes June 10, 11, 12**

Kitty Latane' will be teaching 3 days of tin smithing, including Tin Smithing a Pierced Tin Lantern. Sign up for one or more days.

**For details go to:**

<https://raspberryislandfolkschool.blogspot.com/>

**Contact:** Gary Hill at: 218-851-6085 or email: [hillx001@umn.edu](mailto:hillx001@umn.edu)

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



- All membership meetings are the second Wednesday of February, April, June, August, and October. Date for December will be announced. 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).
- Education Comm. meets first Thursday of each month. Contact Christina Dodge, co-chair: [christina.gldmbr@gmail.com](mailto:christina.gldmbr@gmail.com)
- Program Comm. meetings are 7 pm the third Thursday monthly. Derrick Phillips, chair [derrick\\_phillips@q.com](mailto:derrick_phillips@q.com)
- 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 June 2019

- June 1, Fancy Twisting Class, Pansch farm--FULL!
- June 12, Guild membership meeting, Mike Alm's place in Hastings
- June 14, 15, 16, Hammer-In at Nowthen--Rich Herman

## Events in July 2019

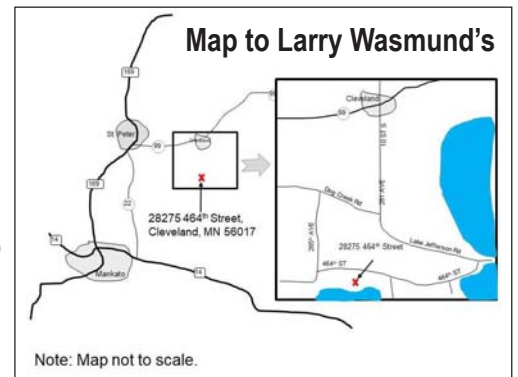
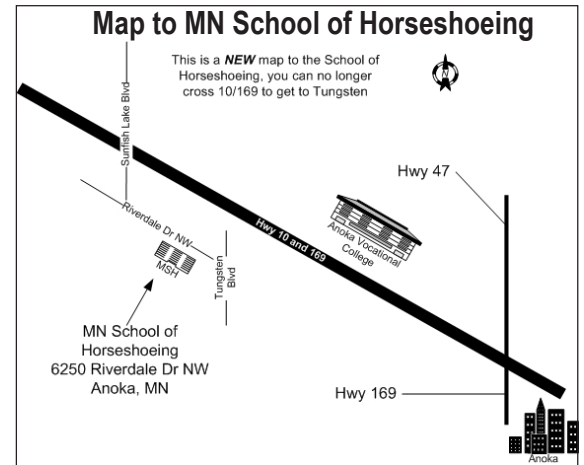
- July 16-21, Rice County Fair demo op-Lou Groth
- July 24-28, Rock County Fair demo op--Larry Wasmund
- July 26-28, Little Log House Antique Power Show demo op-Dick Carlson

## Events in August 2019

- August 2-4, Scott-Carver Harvest Festival demo op, Jerry Felton
- August 9-11, Almelund Threshing Show demo op-Jim Moenck
- August 14, Guild membership meeting, Dan Pate's home
- August 16-18, Nowthen Threshing Show demo op-Christina Dodge
- August 24, Knife Tongs class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- August 30-Sept 1, Rice County Steam & Gas Engine Show demo op-Myron Hanson
- August 30-Sept 2, Western MN Threshing Show, Rollag MN

## Events in September

- Sept 6-7, Lambertton Hot Iron Days demo op-Bob Brown
- Sept 7-8, Lancashire-style hacksaw class, MN School of Horseshoeing
- Sept 14-15, Laura Ingals Wilder Days, Pepin WI
- Most weekends through Labor Day: The Landing-Zack Mohlis (Cultural Heritage Interpreter)
- Sept 19-20, Pre-Conference Class with Valerie Ostenak
- Sept 20, 21, 22, Fall Conference, Little Log House grounds



## 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 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)

**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@aol.com](mailto:agbarr@aol.com).



Address Service Requested

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

## The Guild of Metalsmiths on the web

Visit our website at <http://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."

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

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### 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.

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## The Forum

The Guild of Metalsmiths, St. Paul, MN, publishes The GoM 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, "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:

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