

'The Forum'



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2024 Hammer-In is happening June 7 & 8 at Nowthen Blacksmith Shop

(If you think you read this story in last month's 'Forum,' you are correct! Here it is again, in case you forgot to mark your calendar!)

Days and times:

- **Friday, June 7: 4:30pm-0dark:thirty.**
- **Saturday, June 8: 0light: thirty to 0dark:thirty (all day.)**
Hot stuff will be happening at the annual Spring Hammer-in taking place at the Nowthen Threshing Show grounds Blacksmith Shop.
This year there will be a regular business meeting scheduled at the same time! Details forthcoming and what a way to jam pack a full day with friends and family!
The blind forging competition will return on Saturday afternoon. The goal will be a friendly forge off.

Blind forging competition rules:

- An object is placed inside a box and you must create (forge) the unknown object by what you can feel. No peeking!
- We usually do a time limit with this as well.
- Prizes to be announced!

We will focus our efforts on the Fall Conference contest: Check page 2 in this *Forum* for what that is. If you want to work on skills or another project, that's ok!

Come and hang out with a bunch of your friends, make new friends, and share/learn some new skills. Beginners/Newbies are highly welcome to come and try your hand at smithing.

Camping on-site is available Friday and Saturday night on primitive sites. Port-a-potties on site. Five forges are open for use. Coal will be provided. I will also bring another forge and anvil for use. If you want to bring your own equipment—please do! 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 event will hopefully give you some inspiration to help you to come up with your own design for the Fall Conference theme contest and help you learn how to make it. If you don't know how to make something, ask ahead of time, and we will try very hard to accommodate.

If you have some skills in the creation of items and/or tools and would like to demo or have any questions about the event, please contact me:

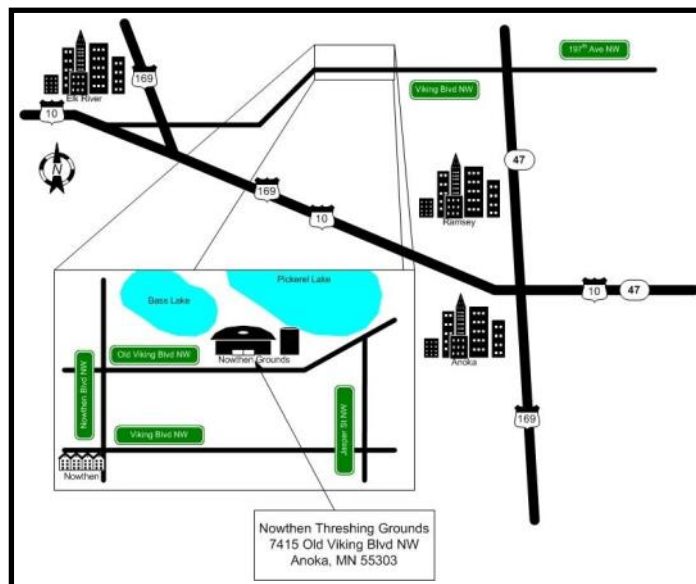
Wayne Olson, 320 280-0100.

There is no charge to participate in this event.

The Nowthen Power Show grounds are located at 7415 Old Viking Blvd, Nowthen, MN 55303.

I plan to arrive around 3:30 pm on Friday for anyone that wants to help set up, and I will need some help to clean up very late on Saturday night. Your help is very much welcome.

If you want to go all night on Saturday night, I will stay thru Sunday to help you out. Sounds like a challenge! See ya there!



Nowthen Threshing grounds

QUICKNEWS

Special Note:

TGoM's June membership meeting will be held on Saturday, June 8 at our annual Nowthen Hammer-In event! Contact Larry Wasmund for details:

poundedtreasures@gmail.com

May 4: Hammer Class

Registration details for the upcoming Hammer Class on page 4.

May 11: Intro to Arc Welding

Registration details for this class on page 4.

2024 Summer Volunteer Ops

Posted on page 5, summer 2024 events for which you can volunteer! There is a wide variety of opportunities to help out and/or learn!

Also: are you looking for other volunteer opportunities and not sure whom to talk to? Contact: Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator at: tgom.volunteer@gmail.com or call 651-328-7219.



May 2-5 is the 32nd Annual Ozark Blacksmith Conference presented by the Blacksmiths Association of Missouri (BAM). The conference is held in Sedalia, MO at the Missouri State Fairgrounds. This year one of our own smiths, Brendan Stevens, will be one of four demonstrators.

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). Contact person: Peter Bettenberg

tgomeditor@gmail.com

Wouldn't this be a great Father's Day gift for your favorite blacksmith?

Fall Conference T-Shirt Contest

The Fall Conference T-Shirt design for this year will be a *Contest!!*

What would you like to see on this year's t-shirt? How would you design it?

Rules to the Contest:

- ◆ Design must be Guild or metal-work related.
- ◆ Design must be original—*your design. Can be inspired by, but not a copy of another's design.*
- ◆ Design needs to be a single-color line design / drawing, no shading and will be printed on a colored (yet to be determined) t-shirt.

Contest submissions need to be received by: June 1, 2024, by email.

Entries should include:

- 1) Your name.
- 2) Copy of design (include suggested ink and shirt color).
- 3) Location of your design on the shirt.

At the June 2024 Members Meeting there will be a vote on the designs that are submitted. No names will be attached to the designs at the time of voting to keep it fair.

Everyone is encouraged to participate!! Will you see your design made into a t-shirt?

Winner of the contest will receive a FREE FALL CONFERENCE T-SHIRT!

Send your email entry today to tgom.volunteer@gmail.com
Questions, comments, or concerns? Text or call 651-328-7219

2024 Fall Conference 2-Contest Theme

Design & create a unique item for one of two contests.

Basic contest will be a *Bottle Opener*.

Advance contest will be a *Picture Frame*.

You may enter *one* contest, not both. Contest is open to all. Must be made of metal. All entries must be donated to the Saturday auction.

Auction sale price will determine winners.

Basic Contest cash prizes will be awarded.

First Place: \$50
Second Place: \$30
Third Place: \$20

Advance Contest cash prizes will be awarded.

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

Wire Inlay Class 2024

At right are the students who attended the recent wire inlay class. They are (l to r): Gordon Barr (champion), Rob Bullis, Larry Wasmund, Richard Carland, Michael Quackenboss, Kevin Klein, Bob Brown, Martin Pansch (instructor), Stan Littlefield Tom Guidon, and Dean Ziegenbein.

(Photo by Martin Masters)



April 2024 TGoM Membership Meeting at Oxygen Service Corp.

Members met at Oxygen Service Corp in St. Paul on April 10 and, following pot-luck dinner and business meeting, watched as our smiths displayed their usual wide variety of show 'n tell items. This photo shows Gene Olson with his copper cat forged in larger-than-life detail!

Gene Olson displayed his copper cat.

Taste of Blacksmithing, April 13, 2024

Taste of Blacksmithing was held at the Minnesota Transportation Museum aka: Jackson Street Roundhouse on Saturday, April 13, 2024. Rebecca made learning an enjoyable experience.



Taste of Blacksmithing class (l to r): Cathy Herman, Rebecca Hrobak (instructor), Bruce Jensen, Charlie Stone-Hill, Aidan Caerwyn

Hammer Making Class 2024

Date: May 4, 2024, 9 am to 5 pm (but feel free to get there early!)
Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)
Instructors: Derrick Phillips and others, **Class size:** Max 8; min 4; **Cost:** \$75
Class champion: Derrick Phillips



Description: It is recommended that anyone wishing to take this class should have taken *the 3-day beginners blacksmithing class*, and have several weeks of forging time. This will help ensure a certain comfort at the forge and with hot metal, as this class works with a larger hot piece. This class will teach you the skills you need to make a basic rounding hammer. With this knowledge you will then be able to expand your tool chest with other handled tools. All handled tools such as top fullers, punches and flatters start with this same process. We will begin with a piece of tool steel, punch the eye, shape both striking ends, heat treat and add the handle. You will go home with your own hammer. There will be an assortment of weights to choose from so you can make a hammer to fit your size and needs. This is an intermediate skill level class.

Tools and other items to bring: Bring your favorite hammers: one for striking hot metal and one for striking punches and drifts. A tongs for holding 1-1/2" square stock if you have that size.

Safety equipment to bring: the usual for forging with coal: safety glasses, hearing protection, respirator or dust mask for grinding, clothing of natural fiber with no cuffs or fraying, and leather boots or shoes.

Lunch arrangements: Bring your own lunch or eat at one of the local establishments. We will take an hour break around noon.

To register for this class with a check: Send a check written to -The Guild of Metalsmiths for \$75 to:

Derrick Phillips
2461 Como Ave
St. Paul MN 55108

Contact Derrick with questions. derrickphillipsa3o3@gmail.com.

To register online: [click here to our website Education page](#)

Intro to Arc Welding 2024

Date & Time: May 11, 2024, 8:30 am to 4 pm
Location: Jackson Street Roundhouse (map below) at MN Transportation Museum
Instructor: Ben Groves
Cost: \$100
Class size: Max 4, Min 4
Champion: Martin Masters mastersmw@yahoo.com



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.

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.

Other Equipment: Proper welding gloves, welding leathers or coat, welding helmet.

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

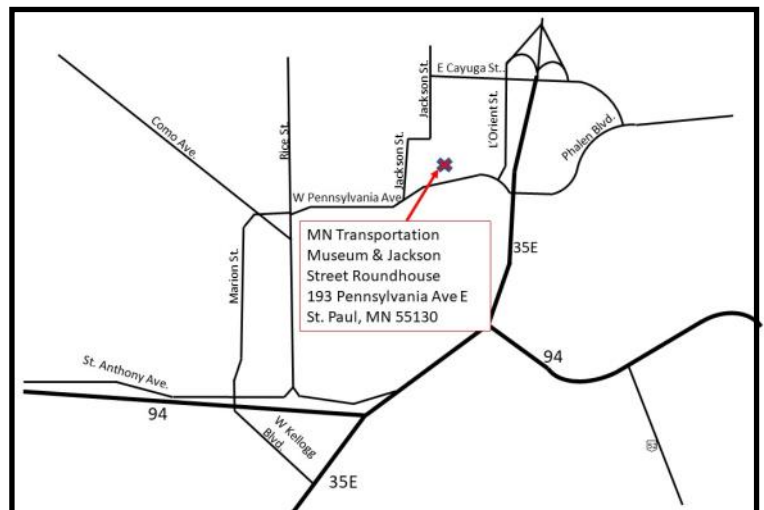
To register for this class with a check: Send a check written to -The Guild of Metalsmiths for \$100 to:

Martin Masters
695 Bucher Ave.
Shoreview, MN 55126

Contact Marty with questions. mastersmw@yahoo.com or 651-285-8731

To register online: [click here to our website Education page](#)

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



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.ssfb.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

Mississippi Welders Supply

Seven locations between MN & WI. 800-657-4422
www.mwsc.com
See website or phone book for locations. 15% discount on gases and most in-store items that are not already marked as a sale item or already at a discount from MSRP 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

Our neighborhood of smiths

The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM)

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President: Larry Wasmund poundedtreasures@gmail.com
612-599-4762
Vice-President: Paul Widenhoefer pwidenhoefer@gmail.com
952-930-0070

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 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
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/>

Central Minnesota Blacksmiths (CMB)

Meet on the first Monday of each month. Potluck followed by demo.

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 raspberrylakefolkschool.blogspot.com for details or call: 218-851-6085
Gary and Janet Hill
Raspberry Island
50569 218th Place
Mcgregor, MN 55760

2024 Volunteer Demonstration Opportunities

Date	Event	Location	Champion & contact information <i>Contact champion for additional information</i>
4 May	Gammelgarden Museum Opening Day	Scandia, MN	Ann Rinkenberger, director@gammelgardenmuseum.org
4-5 May	Minnesota Zoo's Farm Babies	Apple Valley, MN	Rick Wessling, rgwessling@gmail.com
11-12 May	Minnesota Zoo's Farm Babies	Apple Valley, MN	Rick Wessling, rgwessling@gmail.com
18 May	Scouts – District F Spring Welding & Metalsmithing Merit Badge	Taylor Falls, MN Almelund Threshing Show Grounds	Patrick Sullivan, smokiemilo@gmail.com 651-894-3765
18 May	Boy Scout Camporee, Stearns Scout Camp,	South Haven, MN	Gordon Barr, agbarr@aol.com , 952-894-4821
18-19 May	Minnesota Zoo's Farm Babies		
19 May	Spring Festival, Holtz Farm	Eagan, Mn	Zach Christiansen, ziggmo@gmail.com , 763-568-2614
21 September	Harvest Festival, Holtz Farm		
7 - 9 June	Nowthen Hammer-In	Nowthen, MN	Wayne Olson, wayneolson10@gmail.com .
8 June	Guild Membership Meeting	Also at Nowthen	June's Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday the 8th.
17 – 21 July	Rice County Fair	Faribault, MN	Lou Groth, loug_33@yahoo.com , 952-895-1515
22 June	Midsommardagen Gammelgarden Museum,	Scandia, MN	Ann Rinkenberger, director@gammelgardenmuseum.org
23 – 28 July	Rock County Fair	Luverne, MN	Larry Wasmund, poundedtreasures@gmail.com 651-322-6626
24 – 27 July	Faribault County Fair Sponsored by: Faribault County Historical Society (FCHS)	Blue Earth, MN	No Guild representative, Contact site directly. Randy Anderson, randwulfr@aol.com 507-525-0368.
24 – 28 July	Scott County Fair	Jordan, MN	Contact: Erika Ediger-Connolly, SCF manager fairofficestaff@scottcountyfair.com , 952-492-2436 Contact Erika by May 1 st .
26 – 28 July	Little Log House Antique Power Show	Hastings, MN	Dick Carlson, Blacksmith@onlinecarlson.com 651-437-3329
3 August	Fisherman's Picnic	Grand Marais, MN	Don Hammer, carshaper@yahoo.com , Bally's Blacksmith Shop 218-370-0122
2-4 August	Scott/Carver Thresher Show	Jordan MN	Steve Mitton, mittonps@gmail.com , 612-819-2693
8 - 11 August	Pierce County Fair	Ellsworth, WI	Jesse Gavin, jagavin6273@hotmail.com
9 – 11 August	Almelund Threshing Show	Taylor Falls, MN	Patrick Sullivan, smokiemilo@gmail.com 651-894-3765
10 August	Torii, Finland Heritage Ctr	Finland, MN	Don Hammer, carshaper@yahoo.com , 218-370-0122
17 August	Spelmansstämman Gammelgarden Museum,	Scandia, MN	Ann Rinkenberger, director@gammelgardenmuseum.org
16 – 17 August	Corcoran Country Daze	Corcoran, MN	No Guild representative. Contact site directly at corcorancountrydaze@gmail.com 612-314-3232
17 – 18 August	Nowthen Threshing Show	Nowthen, MN	Christina Dodge, christina.guildmbr@gmail.com
24 - 25 August	Pioneer Power Show	Le Sueur, MN	No Guild representative. No contact information.
24 - 25 August	Donnelly Threshing Bee	Donnelly, MN	Larry Wasmund, poundedtreasures@gmail.com 651-322-6626
30 August - 1 September	Rice County Steam & Gas Engine Show	Dundas, MN	Martin Pansch, blacksmithingyeti@gmail.com 612-599-4762
6 – 8 September	Lamberton Hot Iron Days	Lamberton, MN	Bob Brown, Bbrow474@msn.com , 651-260-2749
14 – 15 Sept	Laura Ingalls Wilder Days	Pepin, WI	Tom Latané, tcclatane@gmail.com , 715-442-2419
?? September	41st Annual Threshing Festival	1726 600th St, Kiester MN	Dewey Rol, 651-590-3634 (leave message)
?? October	Woodworkers Expo 2024	Canterbury Park Shakopee, MN	Paul Widenhoefer, pwidenhoefer@gmail.com 952-930-0070
TBA	Pumpkin Train	Dresser, WI	Gordon Barr, agbarr@aol.com , 952-894-4821
Most wknds	The Landing / Three Rivers Park District	Shakopee, MN	No Guild representative, Contact site directly. Zachary.Mohlis@threeriversparks.org , 763-694-1139 Michael.Murray@threeriversparks.org , 763-694-7788
Memorial Day			Main number for Three Rivers 763-694-7784
Thru Labor Day			Gordon Barr, agbarr@aol.com , 952-894-4821
Various dates thru the year.	Boy Scout Blacksmith Merit Badge	Ramsey, MN	
	At the MN School of Horseshoeing		
TBD	Boy Scout Fall Camporee	Carver, MN	Contact & contact information -TBD.
Various dates thru the year.	Jackson Street Roundhouse, Minnesota Transportation Museum	St. Paul, MN	Gordon Barr, agbarr@aol.com , 952-894-4821

Contact the Champions and see what you can do to help with any of these events.

If you know of an event where a Guild member is demonstrating but not listed, please email TGoMvolunteer@gmail.com to get it listed. Information needed for listing: event name, date(s), location, brief description of event, champion's name, and contact information. Thank You!!

TGoM's 47th Annual Fall Conference September 20, 21, 22, 2024!

Featuring Blacksmithing Demonstrations by:
Mark Aspery from Springville, CA
and
Peter Braspeninx from Grand Rapids, MI

SAVE THE
DATE!

Including pre-conference class, gallery, live auction, tailgating, onsite camping,
great food, and events for the entire family!

Submit your best "Bottle Opener or Picture Frame" to the live auction for the chance to win cash prizes!
(additional details to follow online).

Free attendance for members and non-members on Saturday after 5 pm for viewing of the gallery & participation in
the live auction.

Come join us!

Location:
The Pierce County Fairgrounds
364 N. Maple St., Ellsworth, WI

Registration, costs, and further details coming this summer!
Look for more information at our website: www.metalsmith.org
And check us out on Facebook

TGoM now has a 'Discord Account'

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"

Invitations went out in October 2023 to all our members by email. If you did not get an invitation and want Discord, please contact Kim Maas by email at tgom.volunteer@gmail.com and you will be sent an invitation by email.

We will have a craft sale at the 2024 Fall Conference

There is enough interest to have a craft sale at the Fall Conference. If you are interested in participating in selling your hand-crafted items, you need to contact me by **May 15**. We will not be able to accommodate walk-in participants.

Those who are interested in participating will be contacted with additional information after the May 15 contact deadline. Please contact me by email: tgom.volunteer@gmail.com or by text message at 651-328-7219.

Thank you.
Kim Maas

Tunnel Mill Crafts

We are located in southern Minnesota near Spring Valley. All classes are taught at 28036 County Rd 1, Spring Valley, MN 55975

For more information on any of the classes or to register, contact us at jc-adams@msn.com, or call 507-289-4189 Carol Adams.

2024 Upcoming Classes and Events

Steel Making Workshop with Wayne Patratz using the Japanese Hybrid Brick Tataru

Class rescheduled from October 2023 to May 3, 4, and 5, 2024

- Cost per person:-\$275.00 (includes material fee)-plus \$75 for room and board (Friday and Saturday nights with 6 meals)
- Minimum of 6 students
- Start time: Gather at 5PM on Friday October 6 for conversation, then a light meal at 6 PM, followed by Wayne's presentation at 7 PM.

Candle making with Carol Adams

May 4, 2024, Saturday 1:00-4:00 approx.

Combination Woodworking & Metal Class

Tom Latane' Derek Olson & Paul Nyborg, May 13-May 14, 2024

Repousse' with Douglas Pryor

May 31, June 1 and 2, 2024, Friday 9:00 am- Sunday 4:00 pm

Damascus with Rick Furrer—Damascus knife with handle

August 16, 17 & 18, 2024, \$450 per person

Mark Aspery

September (exact dates and duration to be determined)



Check the Tunnel Mill website for full details on all these classes: <http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com>

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



- **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).
- Education Comm. meets first Thursday of each month. Contact Martin Masters, mastersmw@yahoo.com
- Program Comm. meetings are 7 pm the third Thursday monthly. Derrick Phillips, co-chair DerrickPhillipsA3o3@gmail.com
- Most board meetings are the second Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November via ZOOM.

May 2024 Events

May 4, Hammer Class, MN School of Horseshoeing
 May 11, Intro to Arc Welding, Jackson Street Roundhouse

June 2024 Events

See page 5 for all summer volunteer opportunities
 June 7-9, 2024 Hammer-In, Nowthen
 June 8, TGoM Membership Meeting at Nowthen (during Nowthen Hammer-In)

July 2024 Events

See page 5 for all summer volunteer opportunities

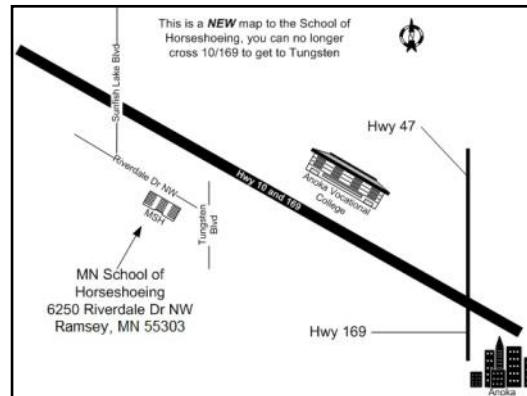
August 2024 Events

See page 5 for all summer volunteer opportunities
 Aug. 14, TGoM Membership Meeting at Dan Pate's.

September 2024

Sept. 20, 21, 22, Fall Conference at Pierce County Fairgrounds

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
Don't List Me in the Directory
(circle items above you DO NOT want published)

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.



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.

May 2024



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 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

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
PO Box 72
Hudson, WI 54016