

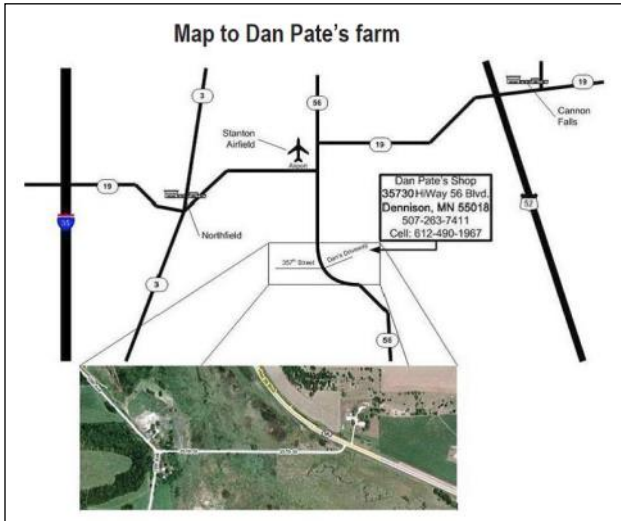
'The Forum'



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Look familiar...? ↑

'Umpteenth' Corn Feed & Hog Roast August 14

TGoM membership and families will gather at the country home of Dan and LuAnn Pate, 35730 Highway 56 Blvd, Dennison MN 55018 on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. for probably the umpteenth annual bash to partake of our corn feed and hog roast.

- Herb Fick has the hog ordered for the umpteenth time and will have his mobile hog roaster on site, along with his dedicated prep crew.
- Roger Degner, backed up by Dick Carlson, has the sweet corn "ordered" and will have it there for the umpteenth time, peeled and ready, along with the paraphernalia required to cook it.
- Additional help is required for the umpteenth time (see details at left).
- Bring your show n' tell items and a dish to pass. Herb suggests salads and desserts, for the umpteenth time!
- Myron will supply a forge for demonstrations, for the umpteenth time!
- Brendan Stevens will demonstrate, but NOT for the umpteenth time, although we're hopeful for the future!

See you there! Demos all day.

QUICKNEWS

2024 Fall Conference is September 20, 21, 22

Plan now to attend TGoM's 47th annual Fall Conference held once again at the Pierce County Fairgrounds in Ellsworth WI. Featuring blacksmithing demonstrations by Mark Aspery from Springville, CA and Peter Braspeninx from Grand Rapids, MI.

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.



Pre-Conference Class Coming Up September 19 & 20

Class with Mark Aspery. Details page 4.

Help is needed for August membership meeting!

Volunteer Opportunities Available



August 14 Membership Meeting - The Corn and Pig Roast

Hosted by Dan and LuAnn Pate

1. The Program Committee is looking for a **Set up Crew** for the August 14 Membership Meeting.

Position available: Set up Crew, August 14th.

Requirements/Qualifications: Willingness to do what it takes to set up for the August membership meeting.

Specific Tasks and Responsibilities: Show up at Dan Pate's home at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the event to help get the homestead prepared for a fun-filled evening. The tasks will include moving items to make room for tables/chairs, mowing and trimming the lawn. Please bring your chainsaw and hedge/lawn trimmers. Dan and LuAnn's address: 35730 Highway 56 Blvd., Dennison, MN 55018

Why Should You Join the Team? This is an awesome opportunity to mingle (work) with fellow members or if you are a new member, meet fellow members.

Contact: Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator

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2. The Program Committee is looking for a **Cleanup Crew** for the day after the August 14th (the 15th) Membership Meeting.

Position available: Cleanup Crew, August 15th.

Requirements/Qualifications: Willingness to help clean up after the August membership meeting.

Specific Tasks and Responsibilities: Show up at Dan Pate's home at 8:00 a.m. the day after the event to help get the homestead back in order. This means moving items back that were moved the prior day. Dan and LuAnn's address: 35730 Highway 56 Blvd., Dennison, MN 55018

Why Should You Join the Team? This is an opportunity to hangout (work) with fellow members for another day.

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

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



New! Craft sale at 2024 Fall Conference

While details are still being ironed out, below are some of the plans in progress for a new event at the 2024 Fall Conference: a craft sale!

- Sale will be in registration building next to the Guild Gear Sale area.
- Will be open Friday during the "Gala," Saturday before and after the auction, and Sunday.
- Displays will be on similar tables for participants.
- A committee of volunteers is working on further details.

Watch for your Fall Conference brochure to arrive soon, filled with details.

Including pre-conference class with Mark Aspery, 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 below).

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 (Map below)

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

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.

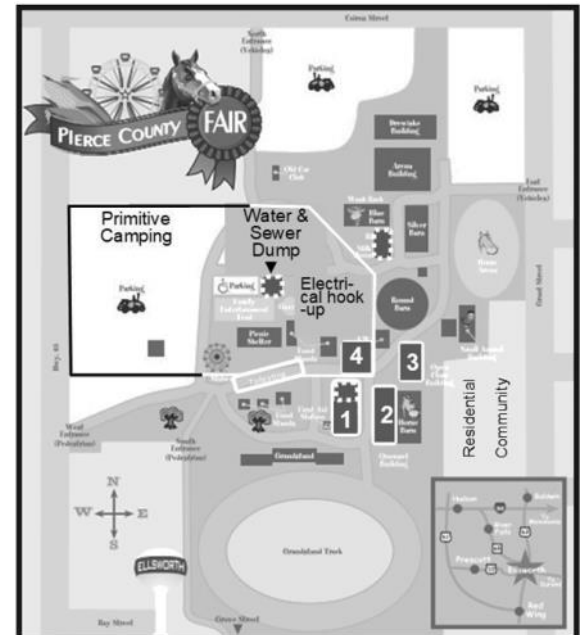
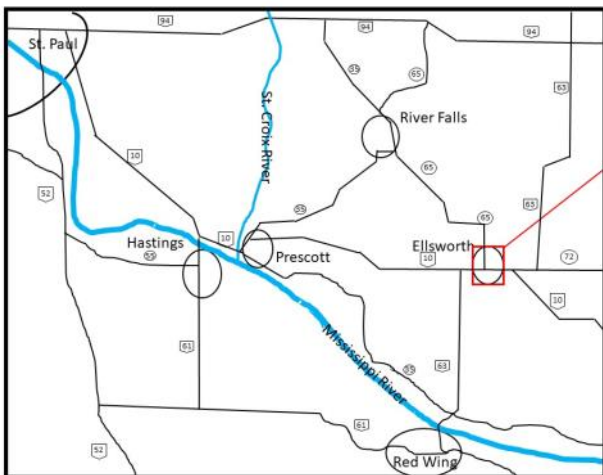
First Place: \$100
 Second Place: \$60
 Third Place: \$40

Legend for fairgrounds map below:

1. Seyforth Building - Kitchen & Dining room
2. Kenny Heinz Building - Demonstrator at the north & south ends of the building.
3. Home Economics Building - Registration, Gallery, Library, location of Friday night Gala.
4. Location of Found Art

Dotted outline - Restrooms

Tailgating located on the road south of Picnic Shelter



Map to Pierce County Fair, Ellsworth, Wisconsin

2024 Pre-Conference 2-Day Class: Latch Hook & Fire Poker

Thursday and Friday, September 19 & 20, 2024, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm each day

Instructor: Mark Aspery, one of our 2024 Fall Conference demonstrators

Location: Pierce County Fairgrounds, 364 North Maple Street, Ellsworth WI (map page 3)

Class limit: Max 12 Cost: \$225 members; \$265 non-members.

Class Description: This year's pre-conference class attendees will be working on items from the Level I and Level II national curriculum. They will be making a latch and hook and a fire poker. Mark will be working with students to progress through the Level I and Level II skills required to create each piece.

The class will generally follow the ABANA National Curriculum as the syllabus. Check out the ABANA website under education for more information on the Level I and Level II curriculum. [National Curriculum for Blacksmiths & Instructors – ABANA \(www.abana.org/education/national-curriculum\)](http://www.abana.org/education/national-curriculum)

Tools & equipment students should bring to class: Anvil and forge, tongs for 3/4" x 1/4" bar stock, tongs for 1/4" round, tongs for 3/4" round, cross peen hammer and wire brush. Additional tools may be added to the list later.

Safety: Ear protection and goggles.

Lunch: bring a lunch or dine at one of the local establishments in Ellsworth.

To register for this class online: <https://www.metalsmith.org/education/pre-conference-class/>

To register for this class by check: Send a check written to The Guild of Metalsmiths and your contact info to: Rick Wessling, 3442 Washington Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55412. Please include your email address so I may notify you of acceptance to the class.

Questions? Email rgwessling@gmail.com

Acceptance priority for this class will be determined by postmark, and each person will be notified individually.



Smile! You were on a candid camera!

Thanks to Kim Maas for snapping these impromptu photos at the Nowthen Hammer-In and Membership Meeting on Saturday, June 15.

We had 50 or so people there. All five forges were running all day on Saturday. Champion Wayne Olson brought his forge, and with some others, manned it a good part of the day



2024 Volunteer Demonstration Opportunities

| Date | Event | Location | Champion & contact information |
|------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|
| 17 – 21 July | Rice County Fair | Faribault, MN | Contact champion for additional information 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 faiofficestaff@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, Bbrown474@msn.com , 651-260-2749 |
| 14 – 15 Sept | Laura Ingalls Wilder Days | Pepin, WI | Tom Latané, telatane@gmail.com , 715-442-2419 |
| ?? September | 41st Annual Threshing Festival | 1726 600th St, Kiester MN | Dewey Rol, 651-590-3634 (leave message) |
| 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 |
| Memorial Day | | | Michael.Murray@threeriversparks.org , 763-694-7788 |
| Thru Labor Day | | | Main number for Three Rivers 763-694-7784 |
| Various dates thru the year. | Boy Scout Blacksmith Merit Badge | Ramsey, MN | Gordon Barr, agbarr@aol.com , 952-894-4821 |
| TBD | At the MN School of Horseshoeing | | |
| Various dates thru the year. | 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 Membership Perks

Discounts

Learn about the companies that are giving The Guild of Metalsmiths discounts. 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 information regarding discounts and products available:

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

Blacksmithing Teacher Wanted

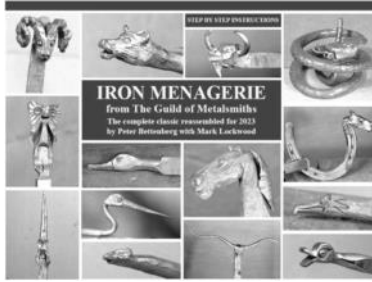
Marine Mills Folk School is looking for a blacksmithing teacher or teachers to start a blacksmithing program. Marine Mills Folk School is located in Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota.

For more information:

Kirsten Skoglund, Program Director
Marine Mills Folk School
550 Pine Street
Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047
Office: 612-440-6295
Cell: 651-343-4900

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



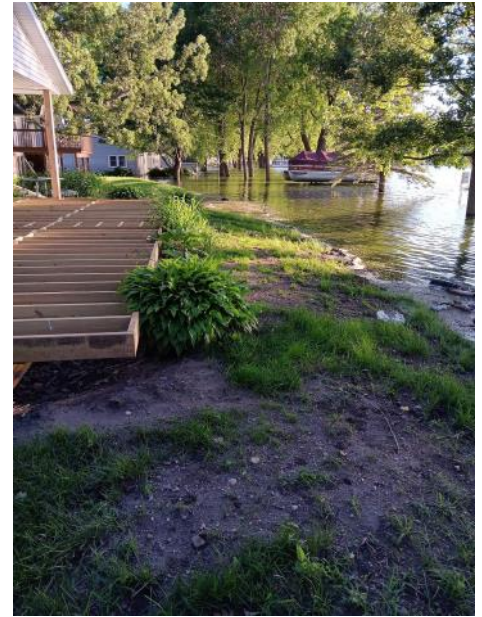
TGoM now has a 'Discord Account'

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.

2024 Flood!

The photo at right shows the cabin owned by Myron Hanson as it appears on June 23, 2024, during the flood that occurred in Minnesota. The cabin is located on a lake near Waterville, and Myron says it's on higher ground than the other properties, so it was safe from flooding. He was landlocked.



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

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)

Swivel Jaw TONGS CLASS with Tom Latane'

October 25, 26 and 27, 2024

Students will forge a pair of tongs having one jaw that pivots allowing the tongs to grasp a range of sizes of stock and grip tapered items such as axes.



Check the Tunnel Mill website for full details on 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.

July 2024 Events

See page 5 for all summer volunteer opportunities

August 2024 Events

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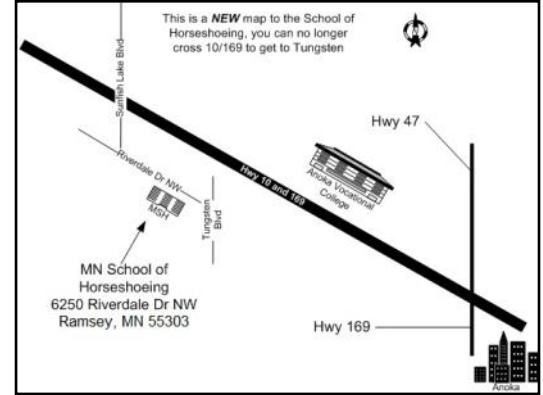
Aug. 14, TGoM Membership Meeting at Dan Pate's.

September 2024

Sept. 19 & 20, Pre-Conference Class, Mark Aspery

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

Map to MN School of Horseshoeing



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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.

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

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Address Service

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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."

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July 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:

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