

# 'The Forum'



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## **Come on back** to the MN Transportation Museum-Jackson Street Roundhouse on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, for our next TGoM Membership Meeting

On Wednesday, February 12, 2025, The Guild of Metalsmiths' bi-monthly membership meeting will be held at the Minnesota Transportation Museum aka: Jackson Street Roundhouse, 193 W. Pennsylvania Ave, St. Paul, MN 55130 (map below). 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, complete with locomotives, passenger cars, and much more currently under construction and/or open to view. 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](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com), and Gordon Barr [agbarr@metalsmith.org](mailto:agbarr@metalsmith.org) is the site contact. You may contact either one of them if you have any questions.



## **January 2025 Beginners Blacksmithing Class Graduates**

**Congratulations to our latest graduates of the Beginners Blacksmithing Class.**

**They are (l to r):** ) \*Lee Meilleur – Instructor, Vanessa & Zeke Ziegler, Matt Benik, Lynsey Fettig, Nicholas Bobeldyk, Alice Bruderer, Brandon Pyshora, Mike Benz, \*Rick Wessling – Scrolling Instructor, \*Marty Masters – Lead Instructor, Paul Hetchler

Not pictured: Laurel Larkin – Champion & Photographer; Harvey Steele, Assistant Instructor



## **QUICKNEWS**

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**Volunteer Opportunities**  
Are you a smith looking for volunteer opportunities and not sure whom to talk to? Contact: Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator at: [tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com) or call 651-328-7219.

## **Content Needed for Metalsmith**

The *Metalsmith* Editorial Team hopes you are enjoying your issue of our December *Metalsmith*. The team strives to produce a quality magazine. It takes teamwork.

You are encouraged to join the team by submitting articles, book reviews, travel experiences, class reviews, "how-to" steps of a project, etc. Send your contribution to: [tgomeditor@gmail.com](mailto:tgomeditor@gmail.com).



**Go Team!**

# Beginners Blacksmithing Classes-March 2025

**Dates:** The classes are held on the following Saturdays of 2025: March 8, 15, and 22.

**Location:** Minnesota School of Horseshoeing, 6250 Riverdale Dr NW, Ramsey MN 55303, just off Hwy 10 near the Anoka Vocational College (see new map at right).

**Class Description:** This 3 day class covers the basics of: Safety, Tools, Fire Control, Forging Dynamics, Tapers (ribbon, fishtail, point), Twisting, Riveting, Shouldering, Upset, Cutting, Splitting, Punching, Heat Treat, Scrolling, Bending, Forge weld. The beginners basic classes are designed to give everyone the same understanding of the basics, techniques and terminology. The basic classes or proficiency is 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.

**Class Size: 8**

**Cost:** \$190 for NON members, \$180 for Guild members (covers everything you need: the facility, coal, metal tools and workbook)

Minors (under 18) must have a parent present. There will be no sharing of forges.

**Instructor:** Larry Wasmund  
Phone number: 507-469-0205  
Email: [poundedtreasures@gmail.com](mailto:poundedtreasures@gmail.com)

**Class Manager:** Kim Maas at [tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com) or call 651-328-7219

**What you need to bring:** Eye, ear and skin protection. This includes safety glasses, ear muff or plugs and suitable clothing which includes hard shoes, cotton or leather. Synthetic and polyester clothing will burn and melt. There will be sparks and brushes against hot metal.

**Tools:** Tools are provided but if you have a favorite hammer, punches, chisels and tools, bring them along. A small 1 to 2 pound ball peen hammer would work. We have various hammers for you to try and get a feel for what is comfortable.

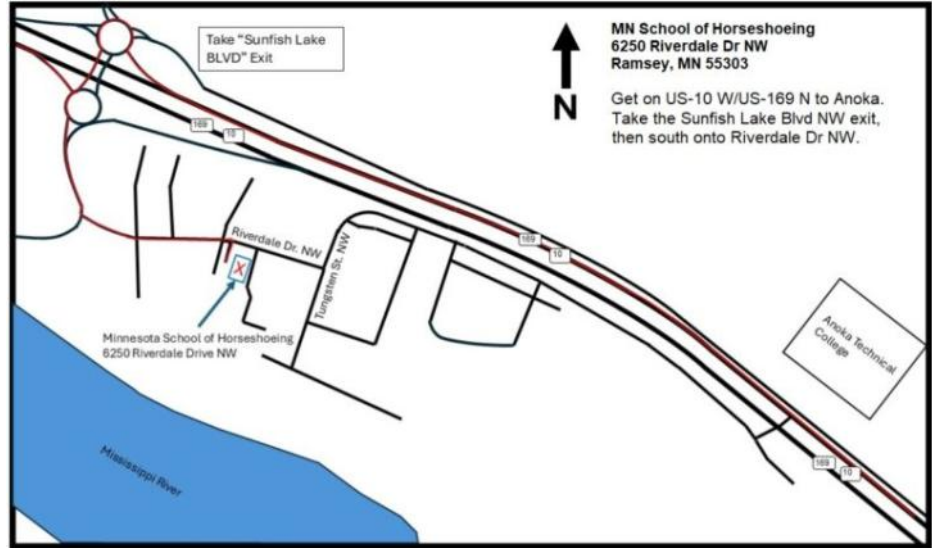
**Typical day:** Classes start at 9 but people usually show up earlier to swap stories or show off recent projects. Feel free to bring projects you are working on to show. We break for lunch.

**Lunch:** You can either bring a brown bag or go out to a local fast food restaurant. Classes end between 3 and 5.

**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, Phone number: 651-328-7219, email address: [tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com)



## Zombie Killer / Chopping Knife 2-Day Class

**Date and Time:** Saturday & Sunday, March 1-2, 2025 from 9:00 am-5:00 pm

**Cost:** \$150 per student. This covers metal, coal, handle material and some abrasives.

**Instructor:** Paul Widenhoefer

**Class size:** Minimum of 4 students. Maximum of 8 students (More if there are parent/child participants) Minimum age 14. Must be accompanied by an adult.

**Location:** MN School of Horseshoeing—Map page 7

**Class Manager:** Paul Widenhoefer, Email: [pwidenhoefer@gmail.com](mailto:pwidenhoefer@gmail.com), (612) 408-5007 (cell)

**Class Description:** Zombie Killer/Chopping Knife Class

Do you fear the zombie apocalypse? Do thoughts of a worldwide economic collapse and pandemics send you scurrying for your bug-out bag? Or perhaps you just want a good chopping knife capable of doing some hard work? If so, we are offering a knife making class for you! It is designed for someone with little forging experience, but can accommodate those with a more advanced skill set.

We will be covering basic knife forging, knife design, heat treatment, grinding, sharpening and attaching handles. Participants should leave with a finished (or nearly finished) primitive style knife ready for rough use. Due to time and facility limitations this is NOT a class to make a kitchen knife.

**Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class:** Forging hammer, tongs to hold tapered flat stock.

**Safety Equipment:** the usual for working at a coal forge: clothes of natural fiber, no cuffs or frayed edges, non-synthetic boots or shoes. Eye and ear protection are mandatory. In addition, grinders, torches, and hot quenches will be used so keep long hair and shirt tails contained.

**Lunch Arrangements:** bring a lunch or eat at a local establishment.

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

**To register with a check:** Contact Paul Widenhoefer Email: [pwidenhoefer@gmail.com](mailto:pwidenhoefer@gmail.com) Phone: (612) 408-500 for instructions.

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



## Introduction to Forge Welding Class

Date and time: Saturday March 29 9 am - 4 pm

Location: MN School of Horseshoeing (map page 7)

Instructor: Gordon Barr

Class Size: Minimum 8

Cost: \$80

**Class Description:** How to manage the fire, forge with and without flux, preparing scarfs on the ends to be welded.

Depending on time available, possible projects include a flux spoon, tripod, chain links, jump weld, leaves and tendrils, basket twist, attaching a hard steel edge to tools. Basic forging skills needed

**Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class:** Favorite hammer and tongs for 3/8 round if you have them.

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

**Lunch Arrangements:** Bring a lunch and water or dine at local fast food places

**Class Manager:** (Person to whom questions should be asked) Gordon Barr,

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**Or to mail in a check,** contact Gordon Barr [agbarr@metalsmith.org](mailto:agbarr@metalsmith.org) to reserve a spot or for additional information.

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## Brass & Copper Decorative Techniques

Date and time: Saturday, April 12, 2025 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Cost: \$70

Class size: Maximum students: 8 Minimum students: 6

Location: Rick Wessling's Shop, 3442 North Washington Avenue, Minneapolis MN 55412

Instructor: Sara Gries

**Class Description:** Sara Gries will share what she's learned from years of exploring/ experimenting with brass and copper, specifically for this class the decorative potential of various processes: etching, creating patina (coloring) by means of chemical or heat reaction ("flame colouring"), plating and removal/abrasion. In addition, she will share tips for design (how to transfer your idea to the metal, how to make curves and fine areas appear visually smooth and balanced) and will demonstrate the practical application of cutting, piercing, and contouring techniques.

This is not a project class, but you'll have several "samplers" to take home as you, too, explore the potential to apply these techniques to your jewelry, knife-making, tinwork, or copper smithing.

There is no pre-requisite of skills for this class. Just bring your curiosity and safety glasses. Chemicals and a micro-torch will be used for a few techniques, so we are limiting this to adults.

**Registration deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Safety Equipment:** Safety glasses

**Special Instructions:** participants will be asked to bring a small sketched image to practice the transfer and etch process. Details will be provided in the acceptance letter.

**Lunch Arrangements:** bring your own

**Class Manager:** Christina Dodge [christina.guildmbr@gmail.com](mailto:christina.guildmbr@gmail.com)

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

**Or to mail in a check,** contact Christina Dodge to reserve a spot or for additional information.

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The photo shows several patina techniques which will be demonstrated.

## Flatware Jewelry Class

Date & Time: Saturday, April 26, 2025, 10 AM to 1 PM

Cost: \$85 for members, \$95 for non-members

Location: MN Transportation Museum/Jackson Street Roundhouse, 193 Pennsylvania Ave E, St Paul, MN 55130—map on page 1.

Instructor: Larry Nevin

Class size: Maximum students: 10, 18+ only, Minimum students: 3

**Class Manager:** Kim Maas Phone: 651-328-7219 email: [tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com)

**Class Description:** Come and make a custom piece of jewelry for your favorite person or better yet, for yourself. This class is a wonderful opportunity for beginner metalsmiths and a good challenge for the advanced metalsmith.

**Tools and Equipment or other items participants are to bring to the class:** Students will need to bring a slotted serving spoon to class. Silver, silver plate and stainless flatware works well.

**Safety Equipment:** safety glasses, hearing protection, clothing of natural fiber with no cuffs or fraying, and leather boots or shoes.

**Lunch Arrangements:** Bring snacks and beverages, we will not be breaking for lunch.

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# TGOM Board Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2025

**Date of Meeting:** January 8, 2025

**Call to Order by President Marty Masters:** 7:06 PM

**Attendees:** Taya Gavin, Jesse Gavin, Mark Lockwood, Kim Maas, Gordon Barr, and Richard Zielike

**Absent:** Derrick Phillips

## 1. Approval of Minutes

Previous minutes approved via email and formally by motion. Motion by Mark, seconded by Kim. Unanimously approved.

## 2. Treasurer's Report

Annual report deemed unnecessary; Treasurer to provide informal annual financial summaries.

Filing deadlines discussed: Sales/use tax (Feb 5), federal/state filings.

Treasurer's Report: Taya

Business Checking #6965	\$2,721.36
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Business Checking #7138	\$1,485.77
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Savings #7520	\$56,036.09
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Coal revenue: ~\$400-\$500/year; expenses ~\$10,000 annually.

Larry retired from coal ordering; responsibility transferred to Marty.

## 3. Membership and New Contributors

Lee Meilleur welcomed as new recorder and January Beginning Blacksmithing Class (BBC) contributor; Harvey Sreck recognized for assisting with BBC and participating on Education Committee.

Emphasis on engaging new members for organizational vitality.

## 4. Future Meetings and Demonstrations

February 9: Martin Pansch demonstration.

April: Tentative location at KnifeMaker Supply, Mankato.

June 6-8: Nowthen event coordinated with Wayne Olsen.

## 5. Education Committee Updates

Recent and upcoming classes reviewed (e.g., Intro to Arc Welding, Taste of Blacksmithing).

New courses planned: Brass/Copper Techniques, Flatware Jewelry (April), Animal Head Class? (Fall).

## 6. Publications and Communications

*Metalsmith* magazine archive now online; Discord membership at 46.

Website updates in progress, including demonstration calendar and gallery.

## 7. Guild Library and Apparel Store

Library organization discussed, with plans to photograph books for reference.

Apparel sales to continue biannually with modest profits.

## 8. Governance and Policy

Larry appointed as interim 7th board member (unanimously approved).

Bylaw review underway to clarify roles, income, and donation management.

Tax-exempt status under review; President to consult experts for guidance.

## 9. Budget and Financial Planning

2025 budget of \$40,650 approved, with flexibility for adjustments.

Rising NEON fees discussed; alternative systems considered.

Cost-per-member analysis proposed to evaluate potential dues increase.

## 10. Action Items

**President:** Nominate permanent board member; follow up on tax-exempt status.

**Board Members:** Review bylaws, suggest vacancy candidates, and promote engagement.

**Committees:** Address budget adherence and form donation management subcommittee.

**Adjournment:** 9:27 PM

**Minutes Prepared By:** Lee Meilleur and ChatGPT

## 'Metalsmith' is now on our website!

The first issues of "Metalsmith," from April 1977, to December 2023, are now archived and available on The Guild of Metalsmiths' website. <https://www.metalsmith.org/publications/the-metalsmith/metalsmith-archive>.

## This was a huge project that took a team to complete.

- Thank you, Martin Pansch, for finding and scanning the early years.
- Thank you, Peter Bettenberg, for helping collect the most current issues.
- Thank you, Myron Hanson, for allowing me to raid your collection of issues needed to complete the collection.
- Thank you, Craig Snyder, for uploading the collection to the website.

— Kim Maas, *Communications Committee Co-Chair*

## 2025 Fall Conference Craft Sale

We will again be having a Craft Sale at the September 20 & 21 Fall Conference.

If you are interested in selling your handcrafted items, please contact me, Paula Wasmund, by text or phone call at 507-469-0404. You can pick a table and let me know how much room you need. There are five 8-foot tables available.

**What does it cost?** A donation to the Guild's live auction and a \$10-\$15 door prize that we will be awarding at noon on Sunday during lunch. Doesn't matter what the door prize is, we just want to thank the buyers of our crafts. You will also be asked to volunteer two 2-hr. shifts to work sales. Consideration will be made if you're watching the demonstrators.

**Pricing your crafts:** Format needed for price tags. Vendors (sellers) need to price every item.

Seller number  
of your choice  
\$ price of item

This is how sales are tracked by vendors. Daily tallies of daily sales will be available to vendors. After lunch on Sunday, vendors will receive funds made during sale.

**The Craft Sale hours:** Friday 2 PM – 10 PM  
Saturday 7:30 AM – 6 PM  
Sunday 7:30 AM – 1 PM

Packing up your crafts will be after lunch on Sunday.

**Cancellation policy:** Please give at least 10-day notice if you need to cancel your reservation unless it is an emergency. This will allow someone on the waiting list to take advantage of the cancellation.

**Door Prize Rules:** You may sign up for door prize with each sales transaction with the Craft Sales. If you have more than one transaction in a day, you may sign up with each transaction. \*Must be present at conference to win. \*One prize per person.

— Paula Wasmund

## Supplies needed for the Guild

I am the champion/class manager for the Beginners Blacksmithing Classes. The classes use 24, 1½" three ring black binders, annually. If you have any 1½" binders laying around and don't know what to do with them, I would like to take them off your hands. Please contact Kim Maas, 651-328-7219 (text or call), [tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com) to arrange to connect. Or you can bring them to any membership meeting and give them to me then.

The Communication Committee uses past issues of *Metalsmith* to promote the guild. They are used in displays for demonstrations, Minnesota Transportation Museum and Minnesota School of Horseshoeing. They are sent to the Beginners Blacksmithing class students in a "Thank you" packet after the class, encouraging students to join the Guild, along with other opportunities to promote the Guild. If you have issues of *Metalsmith* that you would like to donate for promotional purposes, please contact Kim Maas, 651-328-7219 (text or call),

[tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com) to arrange to connect. Or you can bring them to any membership meeting and give them to me then. I will make sure that the mailing addresses are illegible before using them.

Thank you for considering my request for supplies.

— Kim Maas

## 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](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com) and you will be sent an invitation by email.

## Tunnell Mill Events—2025

### Quilt Retreat in the Country with Carol Adams, April 25, 26 & 27, 2025

Starting at 4:00pm Friday - Sunday afternoon. All meals furnished.

### Gothic Door Class, June 25 to 29, 2025

#### Tom Latané and Paul Nyborg

Tom will teach the metal portion on the first 2 days, June 25-26, and Paul will teach the wood portion on June 27-28th. Both Tom and Paul will be available to address any issues and work with students on the 29th. Cost of class is \$700.00 including room and board.

**Directions to Tunnell Mill**

28036 Cty Road 1

Spring Valley, Minnesota 55975



Tunnel Mill is located 20 miles south of Rochester Minnesota. Take Hwy 63 South out of Rochester to Stewartville, turn east on Hwy 30 to County Highway 1 (approx 5.5 miles). Turn south on County Highway 1. Follow CO HWY 1 6.5 miles to Tunnel Mill on the left side of CO RD. Call about camping on the grounds. 507-378-4983 or 507-289-4189, Carol Adams. Lodging available in Spring Valley, 5 miles further south on CO RD 1.

Shady Rest 507-346-2625---Spring Valley Motel & Suites-507-346-7788

# 2025 Fall Conference T-Shirt Contest

The Fall Conference T-Shirt design for this year's event will be a **Contest!**

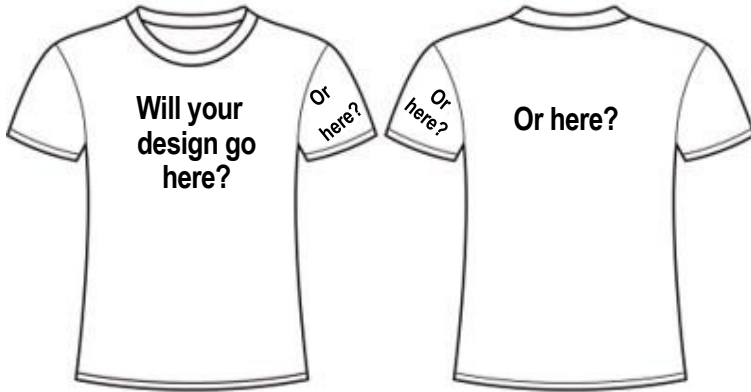
What would you like to see on this year's t-shirts? How would you design it?

## Rules to the Contest:

- Design must be Guild or metal work related.
- Design must be original—*your design. Can be inspired, 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 email or postmarked by: **June 1, 2025.**

### Entries need to include:

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



**At the June 2025 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!**

**Email entry to: Kim Maas, Volunteer Coordinator**  
[tgom.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:tgom.volunteer@gmail.com)

**or mail entry to:**

**Kim Maas**

**965 Gorman Ave.**

**West. St. Paul, MN 55118**

**Questions, comments, or concerns??**

**Text or call 651-328-7219**

# Our neighborhood of smiths

## The Guild of Metalsmiths (TGoM)

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612-599-4762

Vice-President: Paul Widenhoefer [pwidenhoefer@gmail.com](mailto:pwidenhoefer@gmail.com)  
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**Our website is:** <https://www.metalsmith.org>

## Badger Blacksmiths

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

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[johngrump@att.net](mailto:johngrump@att.net)

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

## Lake Superior Metalsmiths

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

Contacts are:

Charley Brown, President, [CharleyRB@charter.net](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 Jeff Olson for monthly specifics at [olsonironworks@gmail.com](mailto:olsonironworks@gmail.com). The NMM's website is <https://www.northernminnesotametalsmiths.com/>

## Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center (CAFAC)

Quarterly blacksmithing classes, exhibits, and open house events.  
[www.cafac.org](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  
Email: 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 [raspberryislandfolkschool.blogspot.com](http://raspberryislandfolkschool.blogspot.com) for details or call: 218-851-6085  
Gary and Janet Hill  
Raspberry Island  
50569 218th Place  
McGregor, MN 55760

## TGoM Membership Perks

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/>

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



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

## February 2025

Feb. 12, Guild Membership Meeting, MN Transportation Museum/Jackson Street Roundhouse

## March 2025

March 1 & 2, 2025, Zombie Killer / Chopping Knife 2-Day Class, MN School of Horseshoeing

March 8, 15, & 22, 2025, Beginning Blacksmithing Classes, MN School of Horseshoeing

March 29, Intro to Forge Welding, MN School of Horseshoeing

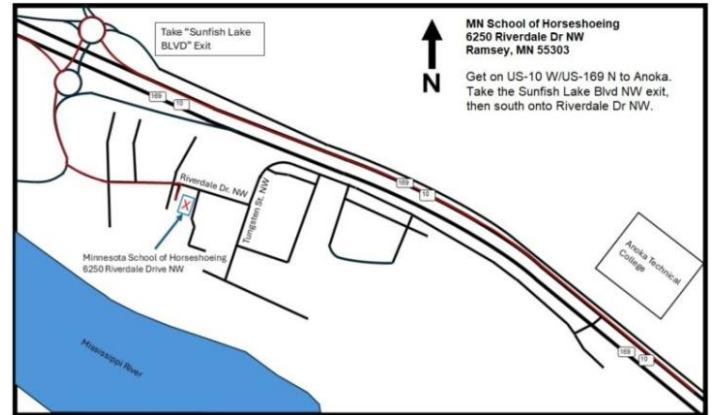
## April 2025

April 9, Guild Membership Meeting, tentative location KnifeMaker Supply, Mankato

April 12, Brass and Copper Decorative Techniques Class, Rick Wessling's Shop, 3442 North Washington Avenue, Minneapolis

April 26, Flatware Jewelry Class, MT Museum/Jackson Street Roundhouse.

## Map to MN School of Horseshoeing



# Join The Guild of Metalsmiths

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

The Guild of Metalsmiths  
PO Box 72  
Hudson, WI 54016

**List Me**  
in the directory  
but don't list address - phones: home - work - fax -  
cell - email - web page  
(circle items above you DO NOT want published)

**Don't List Me**  
in the Directory

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**We do not sell our mailing list.**

## ELECTRONIC FORUM

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



## Address Service

If you have items to be included in *The Forum*, please send them to Georgia Myers, editor, by email to: [gldmyers@embarqmail.com](mailto: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.

## February 2025



**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 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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