

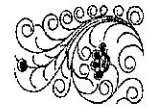


*The Badger Blacksmiths*  
*A Wisconsin Guild and ABANA Affiliate*  
*"We Can Forge Anything But A Check"*

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*President's Notes*

**President's Notes October, 2016**

Hello fellow Blacksmiths. What a busy few weeks; Labor Day at Fountain City Farm Fest and the Badgers at Hogy's on September 10<sup>th</sup>. On September 25<sup>th</sup> we were at New Richmond for Heritage Days. I want to thank Monty B. for his demonstration making the Scottie Dog. It was very nice.

For our November meeting, bring the Scottie Dog you started at Hogy's. We will have a contest with an independent judge to determine the best one. Someone may get a lump of coal. I don't want to be the only entrant. We will also auction off the snakes that Bob Brown made during the Spring Conference at the November meeting.

See you at Jared's on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October.

**Beginner's class – October 22 at 8:30. I have room for a couple more people.**

**Bring safety glasses, gloves and bag lunch. Cost \$35.00. Call for details.**

Don Hogenson  
President

**NOTICE**

*Dan Butt, our Webmaster, is interested in the following: a mission statement, constitution or other information concerning the formation of the Badger Blacksmiths. If anyone has copies of the original newsletters, that would also be helpful in detailing information about the group on our website.*

## *Editor's Notes*

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### September, 2016 Notes

We had excellent windy weather and a good turnout at Hogy's meeting. Monty Bygd was the demonstrator for forging a Scottie dog. He provided blanks. It was a great demonstration using a couple of jigs to help with the finer details of the forging. Along with the jigs, Monty imparted several tips on how to manipulate the metal to the final forms.

The October meeting is at Jared's shop. Dion Grethen will demonstrate making flint strikers. You've heard of starting fires using flint and steel, well this is the steel part. Dion will explain what steels are best for this project and how to form them for best results. He will also provide printouts of many different designs, some dating back to ancient times. There will also be open forges and steel available so it is a great opportunity to do some forging and get some advice from Dion. See the meeting schedule for directions to Jared's shop. I hope to see you there.

John Grump  
Secretary/Editor

If you have any contributions you would like added to the newsletter, please feel free to E-Mail me at: [johngrump@att.net](mailto:johngrump@att.net) or by mail.

## *Treasurer's Report*

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There is \$3,231.10 in the treasury.

## *Other Neighborhood Smiths*

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### Guild of Metalsmiths (GOM)

Martin Pansch, 8750 Yale Avenue, Young America, MN 55397.  
[www.metalsmith.org](http://www.metalsmith.org) .

### Lake Superior Metalsmiths (LSM)

The LSM meets the fourth Saturday of the month for potluck and meeting to follow.  
Contact Norm Groehler @ 715-399-8151.

### Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths (NMM)

The NMM meetings are the first Monday of the month. Often, but not always, at Keith Johnson's shop in Bemidji. Contact Keith at: [keith@greatriverforge.com](mailto:keith@greatriverforge.com) .

### Central Minnesota Blacksmiths (CMB)

Meeting schedule Monticello, MN, (763) 295-4632. Updated schedule pending.

### UMBA

Visit: [www.umbaonline.org/events.html](http://www.umbaonline.org/events.html).



## *Buy, Sell, Trade or Wanted*

**Steel Towne** Complete line of steel (by inch or lb.). N7102 SR 40 Elk Mound, WI 54739 (715) 879-5559 and a **new location** at 235 State Highway 35, River Falls, WI (715) 425-1138.

**Noble Nygaard** has a metal storage rack and shear for sale. If interested, please contact him at 651-592-6120.

**Bernard Heer** has a large quantity of steel rivets for sale. From 5/16<sup>th</sup> to one inch including a new 200# barrel of ½ by 2 ½ inch. See them at [www.facebook.com/bernard.heer.9](http://www.facebook.com/bernard.heer.9).

**Mike Rochford** has three Little Giant power hammers for sale. 25# Little Giant Transition model - \$2500, 50# Little Giant New model - \$3500 & 100# Little Giant New model - \$7500. Call 715-755-3520 for details. Located in Dresser, WI.

## *Membership*

There are three new members this month. Andrew Blomberg and his daughter, Nicole are from Emerald, WI. and Sam Kuehn is from Fall Creek, WI. Welcome to the Badger Blacksmiths. We hope to see you at our monthly meetings where we forge and learn the art of blacksmithing through our many talented members. We currently have 57 members.

## *Up Coming Events*

### **Badger Blacksmith 2016 Meeting Schedule**

<del>January 16</del>	<del>Reseburg Town Hall</del>	<del>9:00 to 4:30</del>	<del>Meeting and Demonstration</del>
<del>February 20</del>	<del>Dan Winrich</del>	<del>9:00 to 4:30</del>	<del>Meeting and Demonstration</del>
<del>March 19</del>	<del>Brad Hegge</del>	<del>9:00 to 4:30</del>	<del>Meeting and Demonstration</del>
<del>April 16</del>	<del>John Grump</del>	<del>9:00 to 4:30</del>	<del>Meeting and Demonstration</del>
<del>May 20-22</del>	<del>Spring Conference</del>	<del>9:00 to 4:30</del>	<del>Classes / Forging</del>
<del>June 11</del>	<del>Jon Gooding</del>	<del>9:00 to 4:30</del>	<del>Meeting and Demonstration</del>
<del>July 30</del>	<del>Gary Hennig</del>	<del>9:00 to 4:30</del>	<del>Meeting and Demonstration</del>
<del>August 12-14</del>	<del>Pioneer Days</del>	<del>9:00 to 4:30</del>	<del>Open Forge</del>
<del>September 10</del>	<del>Don Hogenson</del>	<del>9:00 to 4:30</del>	<del>Meeting and Demonstration</del>
October 15	Jared Riesenweber	9:00 to 4:30	Meeting and Demonstration
November 12	Jim Bloom	9:00 to 4:30	Meeting and Demonstration
December		9:00	Board Meeting

### **Information and Directions for the October Meeting**

The October meeting will be at Jared Riesenweber's Shop. It is located just one mile north of Pigeon Falls on Highway 53. The address is N41186 with a yellow brick house. From I-94 take either Exit 88 (Highway 10) or 98 (Highway 121). From Highway 10, go west to Highway 53. Go south for 10 miles to address on left.

From Highway 121, go west to Pigeon Falls. Go north on 53 for one mile to address on right. Hope to see you there.

## *Websites of Interest*

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***NEW* [www.alloy-artifacts.org](http://www.alloy-artifacts.org)**

Reference page for hand tools of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (Brad Hegge)

<http://www.spaco.org/bk.htm>

Pete Stanaitis' blacksmith section of his website which currently gets around 15,000 views per month. Say hello to Pete and Sheri.

[www.forums.dfoggknives.com](http://www.forums.dfoggknives.com)

Blacksmith's forum board

[www.iforgeiron.com](http://www.iforgeiron.com)

This site has over 600 how-to tutorials. Registration is quick and free

<http://www.tunnelmillcrafts.com/> John or Carol Adams run classes at Tunnel Mill Crafts.

[www.purgatoryironworks.com](http://www.purgatoryironworks.com) Free on line forum and member subscription blacksmith demonstration videos.

## *Tips, Techniques, and Inspiration*

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**“Nobody realizes that some people expend tremendous energy merely to be normal”, Albert Camus, philosopher, author, Nobel Laureate.**

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