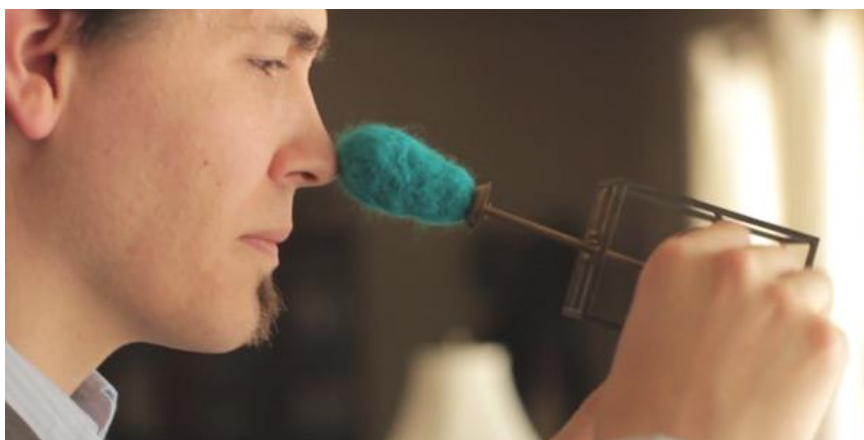


HM AG HOUSTON METAL ARTS GUILD

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Spring 2015

Edited by Alita Buck



**Metalsmith and educator Gary Schott with his “mechanical plaything”
*Eskimo Kisser #2.***

Gary will be presenting an artist’s talk and workshop for us in July.
See page 11 for the details and information.

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Letter From the President

By Jeff McGee



Hello HMAGers!

It has been a great honor of mine to serve our great organization for the past four years. When I came to Houston in 2011 for a teaching job at San Jacinto College South, I never could have imagined I would meet so many great people that share a passion, interest, and curiosity for the metal arts. I have made numerous friends since joining HMAG and even more since being elected to the Board of Directors, first as Communications Director, and for the past two years as your President. From community outreach events at

the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, to workshops held in the San Jac South studio I teach in on a daily basis, HMAG has played a major role in my social, professional, and artistic life.

Now is the time I tell you all officially that I will not be running for a Board position at the end of this membership year on May 31st. Recent changes in my life have made it difficult to commit to anything beyond that time, and a move out of Houston is most likely in the cards for my family. If I was able to, I would most certainly run in the upcoming election and continue to work with you on all the amazing things HMAG brings to the Houston area and its residents. However, it is time for me to move on, and allow other well qualified Guild members to step in. I will continue to support HMAG in any way possible, you all deserve it, and I feel eternally grateful for my time in your service.

The Board is due for an overhaul as several current members will not be able to run again in April when elections come around. As a friendly reminder, all Board of Director positions are open for election every year. They are as follows: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Workshop Coordinator, Program Director, Special Projects / Member Show Coordinator, Communications Director, Membership Coordinator, Educational Outreach Coordinator, Librarian, and Secretary. If you have any questions about any of these positions please email me at HMAGPres@gmail.com and I would be happy to elaborate on what a Board of Directors position with HMAG entails.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have served HMAG in any way throughout their tenure as a member. Whether you have been elected to a Board position, served on a committee, volunteered your time, or donated something beyond your annual membership dues, you have made a difference in our community. Ask anyone who has visited HMAG during a Gathering of the Guilds event at HCCC, we make a difference. We spread the good word about the metal arts through education, promotion, and engagement with a hands-on, inclusive approach. Our programs are open to the public while workshops and shows give members experiences unique to the area while raising our visibility to the regional public. Our scholarship initiatives support the next generation of metal artists while our extensive resource library informs and sustains best practices for our members.

I have had the good fortune to witness great things from HMAG over the past four years, and look forward to an exciting future for the organization that has done so much for me. Will you be part of making that future? How can you give back to a group that supports, encourages, and initiates a major part of your life? For those on the fence about volunteering, please believe me when I tell you that my position with HMAG has given me opportunities I would not have otherwise. It has enriched my brief time in Houston with friends, fun, and personal growth. I would not trade the past four years for anything.



Thank you for making the Houston heat bearable for a native Buffalonian, and good luck in all aspects of your lives, wherever they take you!

Jeff McGee
HMAG President

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Jeff McGee'.



Jeff McGee is a Professor of Art at San Jacinto College South Campus where he heads the Metals and Sculpture area. He received his MFA from the University of Kansas in 2009. His award winning metal work has been exhibited nationally and internationally.

Annual Meeting and Elections

Happy Twenty, HMAG!

Come to **HMAG's Annual Meeting** so you can be up to date on our celebration plans for HMAG's 20th year. We will also talk about our summer schedule and fall activities, and elect a new board!

Our Annual Meeting will be on
Friday April 17, 2015
From 6:30 - 9:30 pm at Freed Auditorium

Online voting begins Monday April 13, and we will have paper ballots at the meeting. After announcements, Val will present an awesome program covering the topics learned in his recent workshop. If you missed it, this program is a great way to learn about tools and texturing techniques!

Lastly, we will collect the ballots and announce 2015-2016's Board. We'll see you there!

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John Barber's World of Welding

Welding Workshops and Presentation



John Barber lead two workshops and gave a great introductory lecture to welding this Spring! Both sessions introduced members to welding tools, techniques, and safety 101. Spark showers filled John's home studio as members learned ARC welding, MIG welding, plasma cutting, and more. If you are looking for a way to get more sculptural and work larger, welding might be for you!

Val Link's Tour of Tools

Stamping, Texturing, and Chasing Tools Workshop



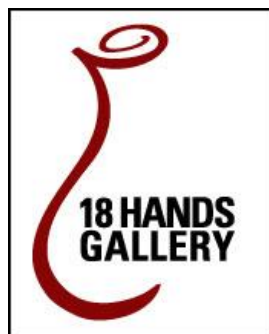
Val Link lead our latest workshop on creating stamping, texturing, and chasing tools by hand. Members carved and used their own two-brick forge and learned the processes of hot forging, hardening, and tempering steel. By the end of this weekend long workshop, members had crafted about 3-4 hand-made tools ready to be used in their next projects! Thanks to all who came!

Metal Magic, 2015

HMAG Annual Member Show

What a show! Thank you for the fine work you all made and shared with us, and thank you as well for the splendid turnout at the opening reception at 18 Hands Gallery!

Keep creating, and look forward to next year!



New Library Residence

**Our library now resides at Charisma Design Studios!
226 Cavalcade St, Houston TX 77009**

Now that our library has a permanent residence, we will no longer be mailing out books. Members are invited to visit the library and peruse our collection, which has grown thanks to many recent donations.



Thanks for letting us set up shop,
Cathy!

If you would like to visit, go to the **Library** page under the **Members Only** tab at HMAG.org.

Click **“I want to visit the library!”**

This will open a blank email addressed to Cathy Prieto-Smith, proprietor of Charisma Design Studios. Just let her know when you’ll be coming by and send your email. That way, she’ll know to expect someone on a certain day and will have the building open for you.



While you’re there, enjoy the cozy reading nook and explore the books! If you find a book you’d like to keep reading, fill out the check-out form and return your book in two weeks.

We hope this relocation and new check-out system make the library a fun, useful, and accessible resource for the guild!

Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting and Val Link Program

Friday April 17, 2015 from 6:30 - 9:30 pm at Freed Auditorium

We will kick things off with a Year in Review by HMAG President Jeff McGee and pass out ballots.

Then, Val will take the stage with his lecture on Stamping, Texturing, and Chasing tools that investigates the practices introduced in his March workshop.

Afterward we will collect ballots, announce our new board, and talk a little bit

HCCC Gathering of the Guilds

**Saturday April 25, 2015 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft**

This year at HCCC's Gathering of the Guilds we will have a Mother's Day theme for our project!

We have lots of leftover copper wire from our various events, so we will be helping visitors create hammered hearts and bracelets and the like.

Please come out for this wonderful Houston family tradition! Jeff McGee will be manning our booth, but we will need volunteers. Please send an email to HMAGPres@gmail.com to let us know if you can help out!

May Program: the Visual Arts Alliance

Monday May 4, 2015 from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm at Charisma Design Studios

Matt Adams, President of the Visual Arts Alliance, will be visiting HMAG to tell us more about his organization! The VAA is a multi-medium educational organization dedicated to advancing the arts in Houston and beyond.

The synergic opportunities for collaboration between our two guilds are endless! Come on out, enjoy our Meet-and-Greet pre-program, and learn more about another thriving Houston artist community.

Mechanical Motion with Gary Schott

Gary Schott's Program and Artist's Talk

Friday June 12, 2015 from 6:30 pm 9:00 pm at Charisma Design Studios

Gary Schott's "Mechanical Motion" Workshop

**Saturday and Sunday June 13 - 14, 2015 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
at San Jacinto College South Campus**

Gary Schott will host our June Program and present the intricate and beautiful world of mechanisms! His two-day workshop follows that weekend.

Registration will open soon!

"Students in this fast paced workshop will be introduced to fabricating and implementing simple mechanisms in a two-day project. Fabrication methods and joining will be demonstrated and discussed as they pertain to the subject matter. Additional topics such as gears, pulleys, and ratchets will be discussed as time permits. Students should expect to walk away with one mechanically functioning 'plaything.'"

Summer Swap & Shop Party

Saturday July 11, 2015

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Members Only Preview

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm or later Open to Public

at Charisma Design Studios

Come out and enjoy some summer fun with your HMAG buddies while simultaneously trading, buying, and selling old and new gear, material, and works!

HMAG's 20th Birthday!

HMAG is turning 20 this September! WOW

We need to throw a party. That's about as far into the planning process as we've gotten, so if you are a party planning enthusiast please send an email to hmagcomm@gmail.com and let us know you'd like to help!

We'll discuss a little bit more at the upcoming Annual Meeting, so that's another great opportunity to get your ideas heard! We feel HMAG deserves plenty to-do, and we welcome creativity! Let's show our great guild some love and celebrate in style.

Introducing: The HMAG Member Development Grant

The **HMAG Member Development Grant**, sponsored by Charisma Design Studios, will award its first scholarship of **\$500** to a HMAG member for the purpose of attending a workshop, professional event, or otherwise assisting the member to enhance metalsmithing knowledge and development.

In exchange for the scholarship, the recipient will make a presentation to the HMAG membership in the form of a brief live lecture or short article for the HMAG newsletter following the experience. The recipient will also be featured in the HMAG newsletter as well as on the HMAG website.

Possible applications for the grant:

- Conferences
- Workshops
- Seminars
- Symposiums
- Professional travel
- Material purchases



Eligibility:

Applicants must be HMAG members, and the recipient must be an HMAG member in good standing to accept the Grant. The awardee will be chosen based on merit and intent. Artwork submissions must be completed within the last 5 years.

Deadlines:

The submission deadline for all application materials is **JUNE 15, 2015**. The recipient will be notified August 1, 2015, for use during 2015-May 2016.

To learn more about the HMAG Member Development Grant and the application process, click the Education tab at HMAG.org

HMAG Educational Student Scholarship

Our 2015 recipient of the HMAG Educational Student Scholarship is

Shondra Muhammad!

The Scholarship awards **\$500** annually to an area student for the purpose of enrolling in a semester-long Metalsmithing and Jewelry course at a Houston area college or university.

Shondra first encountered metal arts in 2013 at Houston Community College. She has been creatively engaged with art in a variety of mediums throughout her life, but her experiences in metal have brought new depth, skill, and confidence to her work. Last year, Shondra launched her own full-time jewelry business and plans to use her scholarship award to pursue advanced metals classes at HCC and continue her development as a metalsmith!



Unknown Title by Shondra Muhammad

Welcome to HMAG,
Shondra!

We're so happy to share our
love of the craft with you!

To learn more about the HMAG Educational Student Scholarship and the application process, click the Education tab at HMAG.org

Swap & Shop Party!

Tis the season for spring cleaning, but you might want to wait a couple of months before putting those unwanted tools out on the lawn. HMAG is throwing a summer **Swap & Shop party**, and it'll be the perfect place to unload unused tools, old inventory, books, even finished projects!



When: Saturday July 11, 2015

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Members Only Preview

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Open to the Public



Where:

Charisma Design Studios

226 Cavalcade, Houston TX 77009

at the corner of Fulton and Cavalcade. There is parking in front, as well as in the open lot next door.

We want our members to have first pick of all the great stuff our collective guild has to offer! So if you're an HMAG member, get there early and enjoy a mimosa while you browse during our Preview hours. I am seriously trying to get mimosas for this event.

What if you haven't had a chance to renew? No worries, we'll have a renewal table you can drop by and get your membership up to date in a jiffy.



Do you already have some things in mind you'd like to trade or sell? Already rummaging through those storage bins?

That's great! Between **May 1 and July 1**, members can fill out a **Member Table Request form** to let us know how many tables and chairs you'll need, whether or not you'll need electricity, and what types of items you'll be displaying. The form will be available on our website starting May 1st!

This is going to be so fun!
Come out to the summer event of the year,
HMAG's Swap & Shop Party!

2014 - 2015 Timeline

September

- Jeff McGee's "Forming Forerunners" Program on forming history and processes
- HMAG's Night Out with Fresh Art's Cultured Cocktails social



October

- Conducted Member Feedback Survey

November

- Holidays!

December

- Annual Holiday Party hosted by Founding member Catherine Leachman



January

- John Barber's Wonderful World of Welding Workshop Session I

February

- HMAG's first event at Charisma Design Studios: John Barber's Program on welding techniques and process
- Nathan Dube photographed entries for the HMAG member show



March

- Stamping, Texturing, & Chasing Tools Workshop with Val Link
- John Barber's Wonderful World of Welding Session II



April

- Member Show Metal Magic 2015 opening reception at 18 Hands Gallery
- Upcoming Annual Meeting and new Board of Directors elections
- Upcoming Gathering of the Guilds event where we will hammer copper wire hearts for Mother's Day



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Houston Metal Arts Guild (HMAG) exists to provide education and promote public awareness and interest in the metal arts by enriching the local community through activities relating to the fields of metalsmithing and jewelry. HMAG membership is open to anyone interested in supporting the metal arts. Membership benefits include discounted workshops, a free page in the HMAG.org Member Gallery, invitations to exhibit your work, and technical and business programs. Join HMAG today! In addition, HMAG communicates breaking news and artist opportunities via email. These communications are free and a great way to stay in touch with the Houston metal arts community.

HMAG Statement of Purpose

The Houston Metal Arts Guild, Inc. is a non-profit organization made up of people with varying interests and involvement in traditional and contemporary jewelry and metalsmithing. The Guild was founded to provide for the exchange of ideas and information, as well as offer affordable educational opportunities to its members and the public. Our activities include: a bi-annual newsletter, exhibitions and a series of aesthetic, technical and business workshops/lectures. The skills, energy and enthusiasm of the Houston Metals Arts Guild, Inc. members promote and sustain its successful programs. We welcome and encourage participation by everyone.

HMAG Membership Benefits

- Discounted workshops
- Invitations to exhibit your work
- Technical and business programs
- Visiting artist lectures and panel discussions
- Online gallery space at HMAG.org
- Full access to website including member directory
- Access to our comprehensive library
- Networking with local and visiting artists
- Exhibition openings
- Social events
- 10% discount at Jemco USA store



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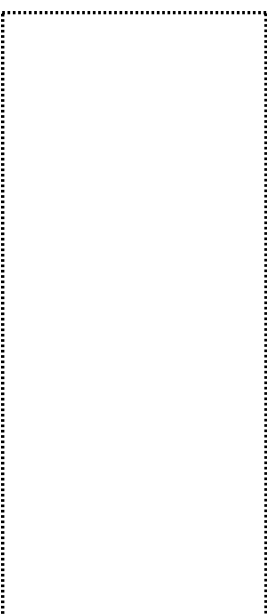
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Be sure to get your
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advantage of the great
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down the pipe!