

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Over dinner one night during the holidays I was posed with an interesting question from someone outside the Guild; they asked me, "What does someone get from being a member of the Seattle Metals Guild?" As President, this kind of question brings up all kinds of murky thoughts about goals, deadlines, what's been good, not so good, and so on. From the literal standpoint, it's easy for me to answer such a question with a list of tangible benefits that are a pretty good deal for thirty dollars a year - you get a newsletter every 2 months, the opportunity to take several workshops, and invitations to Guild-sponsored social events such as the summer potluck and the Christmas party. To me, those tangible benefits are good (and something I would expect as a member) but in some ways secondary to other important, less obvious reasons to belong to our guild. They were exemplified in the tremendous outpouring of affection given to Ramona Solberg at the opening of her retrospective show last fall. I could not help but feel that the metalsmithing community and its supporters are a family of sorts. Being a member of the Seattle Metals Guild fosters that atmosphere of family and support, and your membership helps to ensure that it will continue well into the future for others to enjoy. With the end of our first holiday season since the tragic events of September, many of us are still confused and anxious over the situation. Though many remedies are offered, I think a supportive atmosphere in the form of family and friends is most important. In some way I hope that the Seattle Metals Guild can contribute to our recovery by providing an opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of new friends. They are the source of those intangible benefits that come with your membership.

This year we hope to make it easier for you to keep in touch with the Guild, and find out what's happening without trying to find that lost newsletter. First, the Seattle Metals Guild finally has a mailbox. You'll find it as the return address on the newsletters. It can be used for all correspondence except those related to workshops or other events that specify another mailing address. Second, we are moving ahead with a website. Sometime this year you should get a notification with the address. We hope to use the website to keep you current on the coming workshops, who to contact for specific questions, and more.

Take a look through this newsletter and find out what's coming during the next few months. Consider taking a couple of the workshops we are offering after the beginning of the new year, and before you know it, you'll be face-to-face with one of the things I enjoy most.....Spring.

All the best to you the new year

Ron Pascho

## TAKE NOTE!

We have a permanent address!!



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## WORKSHOPS

### Designing and Model Making For Casting Workshop With Joel Olson

Date: Sat & Sun, January 19 & 20, 2002  
Time: 10am-5pm  
Location: Pratt Fine Arts Center  
Cost: \$135.00  
Deadline: January 5, 2002

**FREE** Lecture: Friday, January 18, at 6:30pm  
Location: UW, Gowen Hall, Room 201

The Seattle Metals Guild is fortunate to acquire the talents of Master Designer and Model Maker, Joel Olson, for this first time offering of a workshop of this caliber in the Northwest. Geometric layout techniques for carving a perfectly symmetrical model will be covered through lecture and hands-on experience. Repeating pattern, lattice and Celtic designs will be discussed and demonstrated. Other scenarios such as build-up for Bas-relief, mechanisms and machining on a lathe and multi-piece casting to create articulation will be dealt with as time and interest permit.

Joel Olson is a highly skilled and in demand master of his trade throughout the country. Designing original models locally for Turgeon Raine, Phillip Monroe, Foxes & Sholdt Design. National clients include Tiffany's, Kremenetz and other recognized firms.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

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| June          | Year End Party               | -    |

