

Saltfork Craftsmen Artist-Blacksmith Association

November 2008



Tailgating area at the 2008 SCABA Conference.

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¾" round bar of 5160 (\$3.30 per foot plus shipping)
¾" and 1" round bar of 52100 (\$6.00 and \$9.45 per foot plus shipping) Contact Ray Kirk, ray@rakerknives.com or 1-918-456-1519



Army surplus round nosed pliers that make good scroll pliers for small items. They are 6" long \$5.00 each plus shipping. I also tie brooms on your handle or mine. \$20.00 plus shipping. Diana Davis 580-549-6824 or lazyassforge@tds.net



Due to health problems, I have decided not to rebuild any more Little Giant hammers. I have for sale: One decent used 100# hammer (\$3,500), one completely rebuilt 50# hammer (\$4,500). One good condition used 50# hammer (3,500). One early style rebuildable 50# hammer (\$1750), and one transition style rebuildable 50# hammer (\$2,250). I have some miscellaneous parts, dies, babbitt mandrels, and etc. for sale. Contact Mike George at 580-327-5235 (home), 580-829-1968 (cell) or Mike-marideth@sbcglobal.net

Wanted:
Advertising Coal Hammers, Contact Mike George at 1-580-327-5235 or o Mike-Marideth@sbcglobal.net



Complete blacksmith line-shaft. Good Running Condition with post drill, pedestal grinder/wire wheel and 40 lb Perfect Power Hammer, Lots of extras, Call for info. 817-329-5297 Jim White

Club Coal

Saltfork Craftsmen has a new shipment of coal for sale. Coal is in 1-2" size pieces. The coal is \$140.00/ton or .07 /pound to members. No sales to non-members.

NW Region coal location:

Bring your own containers. Contact Tom Nelson at 1-580-862-7691 to make arrangements to pick up a load. **DO NOT CALL AFTER 9 P.M.** If you make arrangement well in advance, Tom can load your truck or trailer with his skid steer loader. Otherwise you will need to bring a shovel. The coal can be weighed out at the Douglas Coop Elevator scales.

S/C Region coal location:

Coal is in 1-2" size pieces. Bring your own container. The coal is at Max Scudder's place in Mountain View. Contact Max for load out instructions.

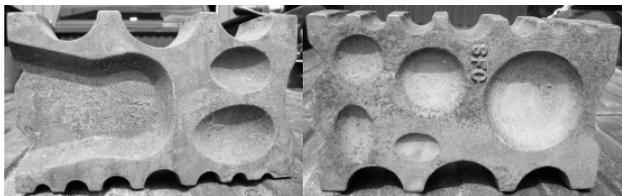
Max Scudder can be contacted at (405) 226-9951

NE Region coal location: Dan Cowart also has coal to sell. He can be contacted at dacowart@dishmail.net or CowartPat@gmail.com

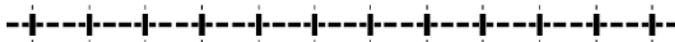
Saltfork Craftsmen Swage Blocks

\$105.00 each plus shipping. SCABA members can purchase one block for a special members price of \$85.00

Contact Mike George at 1-580-327-5235 or mike-marideth@sbcglobal.net or Bill Kendall at 1-918-742-7836 or wwkendall@aol.com



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MEETING SCHEDULE

November

SE Region meeting date is open.

NE Regional meeting (Nov 8) will be hosted by Mike Sweany. The trade item is something for Christmas. Look for a map or directions in back of newsletter. Lunch will be provided but bring a side dish if possible.

S/C regional meeting (Nov 15) will be hosted by Bill Davis at their home near Sterling, Ok. Lunch will be provided. The trade items is a spoon.

NW regional meeting (Nov. 22) will be hosted by Tom Neilson at his shop in Douglas, Ok. Lunch is on you own. Bring a Sack Lunch. There will be dutch oven dessert– so if anyone else wants to bring their Dutch Ovens,,it's fine.

Trade Item..forge shovel. Plan for the Day:

1. Make a pair of log pulling tongs.
2. help set adjustments on my 25# L.G. hammer
3. if others have projects we can work on them.

December

SE Regional meeting Dec 6th

Time; 8:30

Place: Bois D'Arc Forge 33 NE 1st St. Paris Tx

Directions; Go to the downtown plaza in Paris, go north on North main 1 block, turn right on E Houston, go one block, shop is on the corner.

Phone: 903-517-1667 (James)

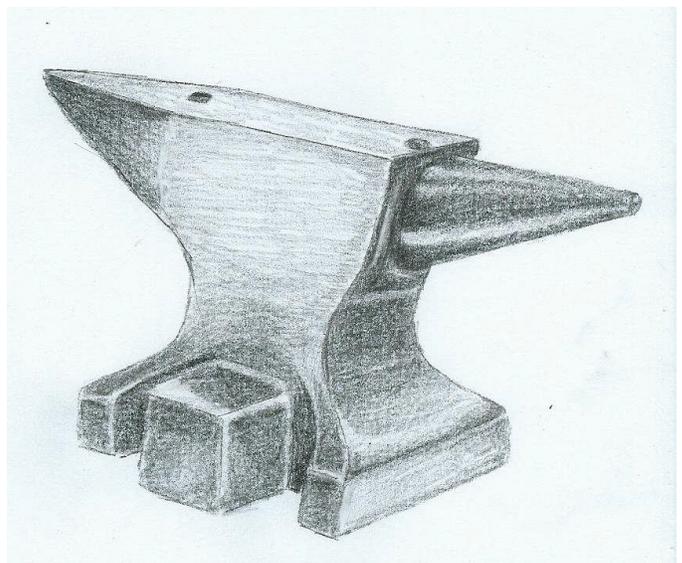
Trade Item: any kind of leaf made from 1/2" round or square bar

Lunch: Nancy's Café (dutch treat)

Project: Barstools

Real wrought iron....

If anyone is wanting some wrought iron to work with...Andy Martin has some 1 1/2 square bar. You can contact Andy at 918-757-4141 or email at andyorsharon@cimtel.net



Blacksmithing, horseback and wagon rides...

On 10/12/08, I did a small demo for the Ray of Hope Ministries at Comanche, Ok. They were having a Cowboy Sunday. There were horseback rides, wagon rides, long horn steers, food, cowboy poets, and a band. They went all out for their get-together. Looks like we may get one new member, I met a gentleman that has all of his grandfather's equipment so I let him smell some coal smoke and hooked him. I hope to see him at our next meeting. I had never made a Fredrick's cross so I called my old buddy, Gerald, and he gave me a quick lesson over the phone that Sunday morning and they were a hit. I even picked up some orders for more. I would also like to encourage all members to do a small demo if they can and don't feel bad if you may not have as much experience as the next member, just go out and have fun and you will soon learn that the average person doesn't care, they just want the interaction.

Jerry Cathy



'C' Notes

Members of Saltfork, I'd like to take this opportunity to share a few thoughts with you. I am sure there will be much more about our 2008 Conference in other parts of this newsletter, so I will keep this short.

The bar has now been raised well above Smithing 101. This Conference was one of the best events Saltfork has put on yet. The demonstrators were very good; tailgate and vendor sales brisk; the gallery well stocked; and our auction a near Broadway show by itself. Stage Coach BBQ (Newkirk, OK) did a fine job of feeding us. I am thinking that we must be doing many things right as we had people from as far away as Midland, TX and Max, MN attend and also gained a few new members.

I would like to thank all of you that made this event happen. I especially appreciate the year long up-front work done by the Saltfork Board members and Conference Co-Chairs; you all made this happen. Thanks is also due all the general membership volunteers that came early to help with the event set up and to those members that could stay and help us clean up and load out Sunday evening. I'm here to tell you that Bill Kendall and J. C. Banks can cook! The annual Friday night chili supper and Dutch oven cobbler (with ice cream) was fine. Good job guys.

Our host, Mickey Ratliff, keeper of the Noble County Fairgrounds, was very complimentary about the way we left the facility again this year. In fact he did not even ask for a deposit when I reserved the Grounds for the weekend of October 17 - 18, 2009 for next year's Conference.

Note that our Conference will again be the same weekend as Home Coming at OSU. That means you should mark your calendars, enter the data in your PDA, PC calendar, etc. now so that about next July you are reminded to call for motel room reservations before they are all taken. Had we selected the weekend of October 10, 2009, we would have had to deal with the Pig Sale again. The other weekends in October 2009 were already taken with other events that would use the buildings we need. So October 17 & 18, 2009 is our weekend.

From watching the TV and big screen monitors, I would say that our video crew caught all of the demonstrators work in close up detail. I plan to have the tapes edited and the master copies to Gerald by early January of '09. After Gerald gets the master tapes, they get converted to DVD and put in the Saltfork Library.

If you missed the 2008 Conference, you really missed a great learning opportunity; some exceptional time with your peers; and the opportunity to meet or mentor new members. If you missed the 2008 Conference, we missed having you there with us too. I hope to see you all at the remaining 2008 regional meetings.

Jim Carothers, President (2008)
Saltfork Craftsmen ABA

Ringling Western Day Celebration

Gerald Franklin

On September 27, 2008, Richard Simpson and I set up at the Western Day Celebration in Ringling, OK. Long time SCABA member Mike Porter was going to come down also but had to cancel due to a broken arm he suffered in a fall. Mike has ties to the community and his father still lives in the Ringling area. I know he was looking forward to demonstrating, but a blacksmith with a busted wing is at a disadvantage. We wish Mike a speedy recovery.

Richard and I arrived in Ringling about 7:30 AM so that we would have plenty of time to set up before the 10 AM parade that kicks off Western Day. It turned out that we had more than enough time to set up since there had been a death in the community and the funeral was set for 10:30. The parade was postponed until 2PM due to the funeral.

There were lots of things to see in this small town event. Of course, the parade was the central happening and people from all around the area turned out to see the tractors, marching band, fire trucks, police cruisers, and, of course, the obligatory riders mounted on everything from horses (standard and miniatures), mules, wagons, buggies, you name it. There was quite a turn out for the parade and Richard and I had a front row seat along with the nice folks from the Murray County Antique Tractor and Implement Association. Those folks really do a good job supporting local events.

It was a hot (unseasonably so) day, but all in all Richard and I had a good demo and visited with a lot of folks from "small-town-Oklahoma". The next time you hear of an event in your area, ask to demonstrate, they'll be glad to have you and you'll be glad you went.



NORTH EAST REGIONAL MEETING DATES

January 10, 2009

Host:

February 14, 2009

Host:

March 14, 2009

Host:

April 11, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

May 16, 2009

Host: *State meeting*

Phone #:

June 13, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

Trade item:

July 11, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

August 8, 2009

Host:

Phone#

Sept. 12, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

Trade item

October 17-18, 2009

SCABA Conference

November 8, 2008

Host: Mike Sweany

Phone #: 918-245-8460

Trade item is something for Christmas

December 13, 2008

Host: Charlie McGee

Phone #: 918-245-7279

NORTH WEST REGIONAL MEETING DATES

January 24, 2009

Host:

February 28, 2009

Host:

March 28, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

April 25, 2009

Host: Phone #:

May 16, 2009

Host: State meeting –No regional meetings

Phone #:

June 27, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

July 25, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

August 22, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

Sept. 26, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

October 17-18, 2009

SCABA Conference

November 22, 2008

Host: Tom Nelson

Phone #: 580-862-7691

December 27, 2008

Host:

Phone #:

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING DATES

January 17, 2009

Host:

Phone #

February 21, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

March 21, 2009

Host:

Phone #

April 18, 2009

Host:

Phone #

May 16, 2009

Host: State picnic at Norman

No regional meetings

June 20, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

July 18, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

August 15, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

Sept. 19, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

October 17-18, 2009

Host: : SCABA Conference Perry, Okla.

November 15, 2008

Host: Bill and Diana Davis

Phone #: 580-549-6824

Trade item is a spoon

December 20, 2008

Host: Aniela Hadick

Phone #:405-869-2043

Trade item: some kind of vessel

SOUTH EAST REGIONAL MEETING DATES

January 3, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

February 7, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

March 7, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

April 4, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

May 16, 2009

Host: State meeting in Norman Ok

June 6, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

July 4, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

August 1, 2009

Host:

Phone #:

Sept. 5, 2009

Host:

Phone

October 3 2009

Host:

Phone #:

November 1, 2008

Host:

Phone #:

December 6, 2008

Host: Cindy and James Allcorn

Phone #903-785-2608

Saltfork Craftsmen Artist-Blacksmith Association Conference Special





Its hard to believe that it has already been a year since our last conference but here we all are again setting up for our 12th annual SCABA conference.

The crew started at about 9:00 on Friday setting up the forging stations in the arena. It takes a lot of planning and forethought to bring everything together and have the conference go off without a hitch. There are bleachers to get and platforms to set up for the film crews. There is also the auction and gallery that have to be ready to receive everyone's contributions.

Our conference chairmen, Gerald Franklin and JC Banks have done a great job getting it all organized. With the help of about a dozen others working behind the scenes, this conference looks to be the best one ever.

Gallery and Auction

Starting early on Friday Diana Davis and Carol Doner set up the Gallery and Auction. We drafted some of the men, when they came by, to help set up tables and chairs for the meals and family classes. We checked in over 80 items for the auction that was held on Saturday night and we had a very nice showing in the gallery.



Moose by JC Banks



Shelf brackets by Richard Dyer

Cross by Mark Carter



Tomahawk by Bill Davis



Sketch by Diana Davis
Tongs and tools by JC Banks

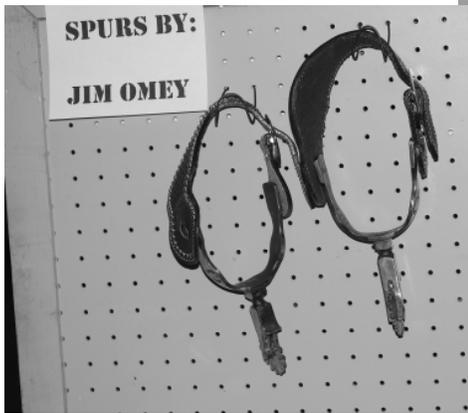
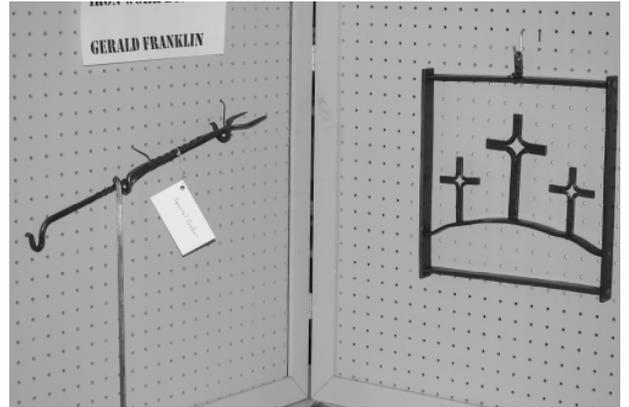
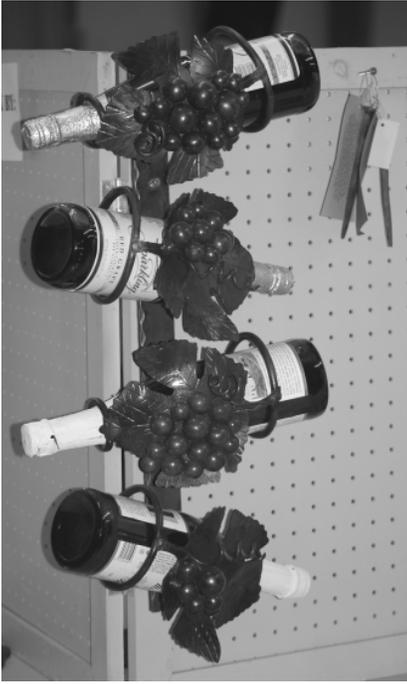


Candle holders and snake by Bob Alexander

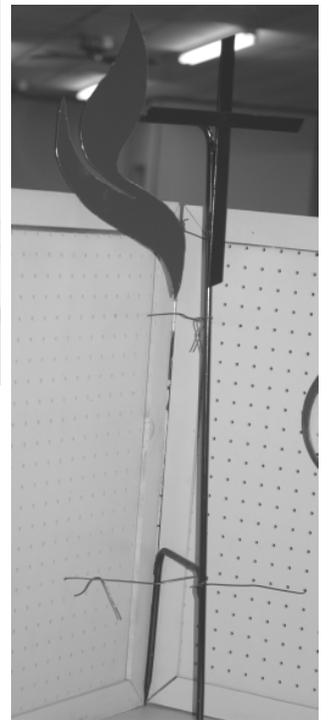


Tractor by Kent Hadick

Just a few of the many items that were in the gallery.



**SPURS BY:
JIM OMEY**



**DRAWING BY:
DIANA DAVIS**



Family Classes

Oklahoma Lace Guild



The Oklahoma Lace Guild set up their display and were showing anyone interested, how to tat.

We had four family classes set up and being taught during both Saturday and Sunday.

Sherill Carothers taught a scrapbooking class. Teresa Gabrish taught a beaded necklace class.

A Bulletin board class was taught by Michelle Perry and Becka Hadick and book binding class was taught by Diana Davis



Jewelry making class

Scrapbook class

We also had a class on making books. Everyone had a good time and plans for the classes to be held at the 09 conference were discussed.

Scenes from the demonstrations:

Bob Alexander

Alison Finn



You should have been....

Tool box raffle..

The tool box raffle was a big success again this year. We had a very nice cherry wood box built by Adam Hall. SCABA members made or purchased the tools for the box.



John Tolbert is the proud owner of the tool box.



Life time members:

SCABA board of directors decided that it was time to honor the founding members of our organization. There were 13 founding fathers and it was decided that they would be honored with a lifetime membership and a beautiful plaque. The presentation of the plaques was done on Saturday evening just before the auction. Presentations were made to :
Mike George, Levi Rutledge, Jim Omev and Terry Brooks.



Other lifetime membership recipients' are: John Burns, Andy Anderson, Leroy Haight, John Friend, Kim Dale, Louis Schupbach (deceased), Jude Wyckoff (deceased) and Richard Guthrie (deceased)

, Tom Smith (deceased), Ralph Schupbach

Saturday night entertainment....



Before the auction started HO (the auctioneer) and his father (Harold) played the fiddle. HO's father will be 94 years old on December 9th and still plays' a pretty mean fiddle.

The Auction got started about 7:30 and lasted until 10:00p.m. We had 75 items donated to the club for the auction and the demonstrators added 5 more items that were made during the day.

Sunday morning the demonstrations continued in the arena building and anyone that didn't get the participate in the family classes on Saturday could do so on Sunday. The scrapbooking and the jewelry making classes were the only two that were completed on Saturday.



Bob Alexander and Alison Finn were both great demonstrators. If you get a chance to go and see either one of them you should. You can't help but learn a lot of good things.

******Mark you calendar. ******

13th Annual SCABA conference will be held in Perry Oklahoma on Oct 17 -18. This is going to be OSU homecoming weekend again so go ahead and book a room at one of the local hotels...you can always cancel it later if something comes up keeping you from attending. 09 demonstrators are scheduled to be Rob, Chad and Brad Gunter.

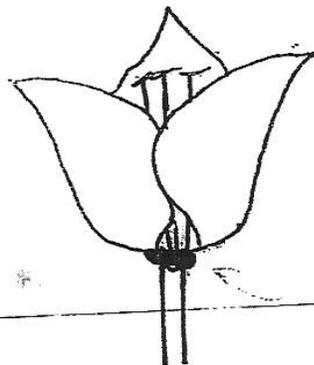
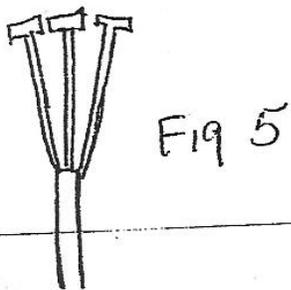
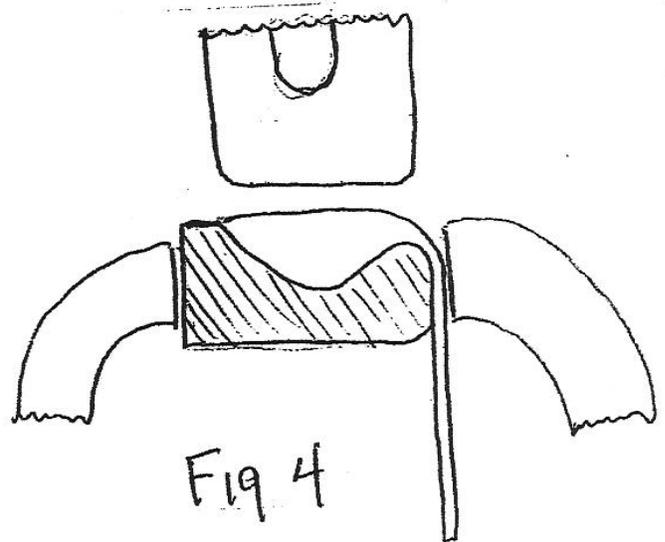
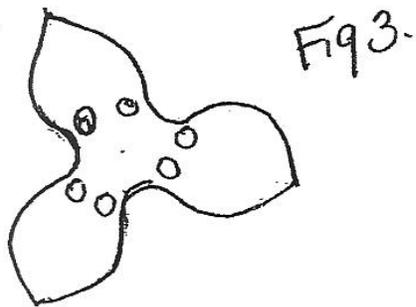
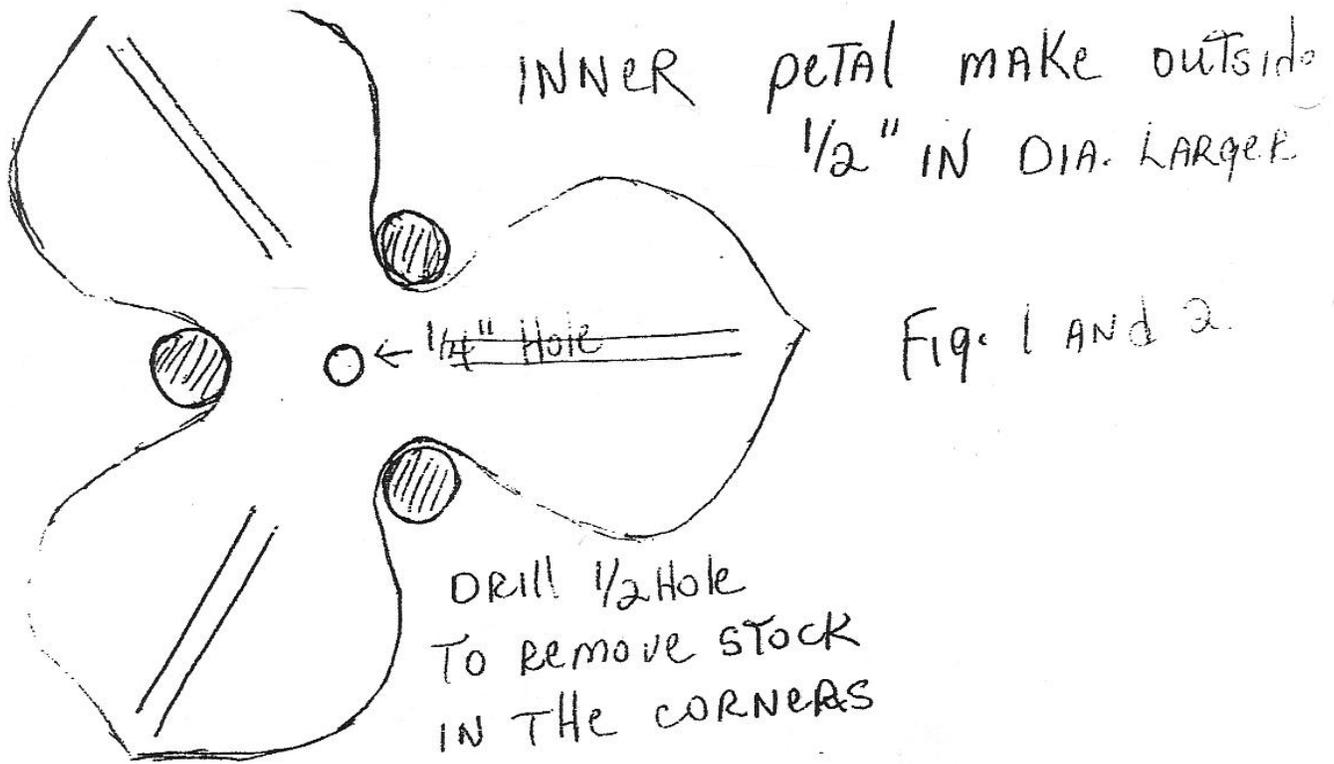
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Tulip

1. Draw and cut inner and outer pattern in 18-gauge metal of your choice. The outer pattern in the same except the diameter is about a $\frac{1}{2}$ " larger. FIG (1)
2. Drill $\frac{1}{2}$ " holes in the inside corners to ease the cutting process. Cut, file or grind the edges and debur. Peen the edges to taper them thin, and forge the veins on each petal. Drill $\frac{1}{4}$ " holes in the center. FIG (2)
3. To help with the shaping make light dimples at places where the bend are going to be made. FIG (3)
4. Using mandrel, bend the inner petal, finish radius and bend each of the lobes close to the mandrel. Use $\frac{1}{4}$ " flat rivet through center hole and into mandrel to keep petals align. FIG (4)

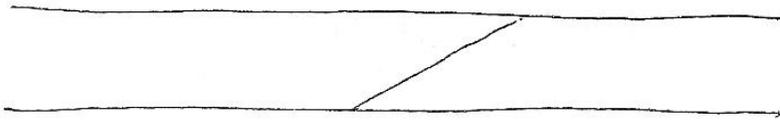
5. Now clamp the outer petals over the inner petal and shape over the mandrel making sure the petals are spaced 60 degs. from the inner petals. Hammer hot or cold making sure the corner is smooth and round.
6. Using small box nails #6 grind the head flat on its two sides or take baling wire and form into a "T" shape. After cutting to 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " – 2" length group 3 pieces together and weld. This will be the stamen for our tulip. FIG (5)
7. For stems cut 15" – 17" lengths $\frac{1}{4}$ " round stock and weld the stamen to the end, Grind smooth and slide the inner cup up to the stamen and weld to the stem. File or grind smooth and repeat with outer cup making sure to align the petals for the best fit.

8. Using a length of $3/16$ " x $1 \frac{1}{4}$ " or $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 25" cut near the center on a diagonal. Heat and thin the edges leaving the center thick. On the square end do not thin but narrow it down to about 1" wide.
9. Make sure the leaf edges are smooth and rounded by filing or belt sanding
10. Clean and wire brush the flowers, and leaves before welding them together. Tack weld leaves and stems, then heat, and shape them in a round swage. Weld secure, and finish the weld smooth.
11. Cut a base from $3/8$ " stock shape as desired and drill hole to fit the size of the shank of your flowers. Heat and dimple providing an area to weld on the underneath side so that the weld does not cause the base to wobble. Finish as desired.

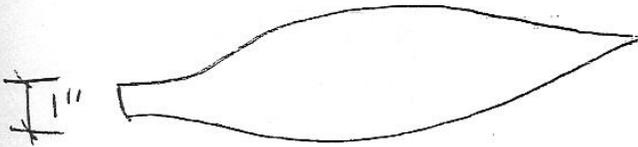


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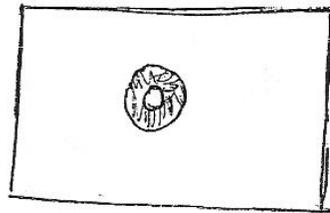
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1/4 OR 1/2

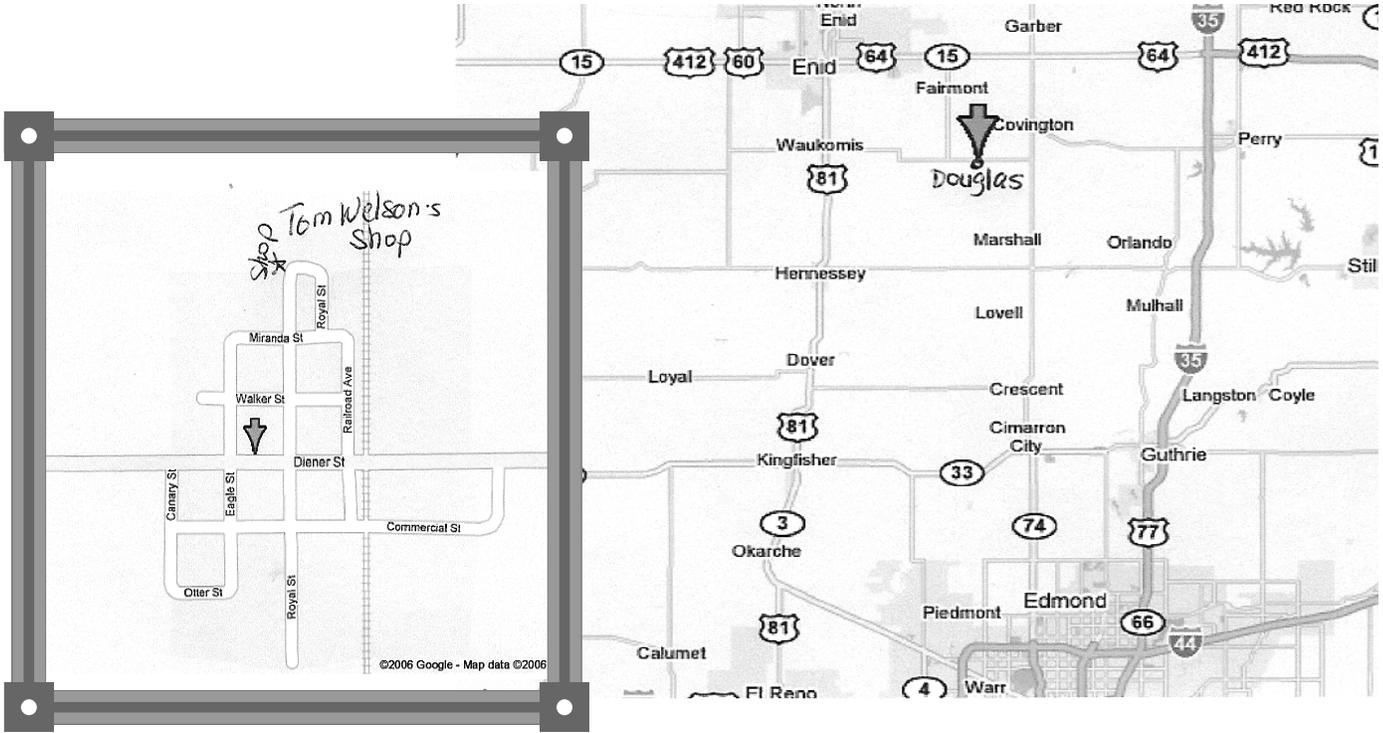


Dimple IN THE BASE
FOR WELD AREA



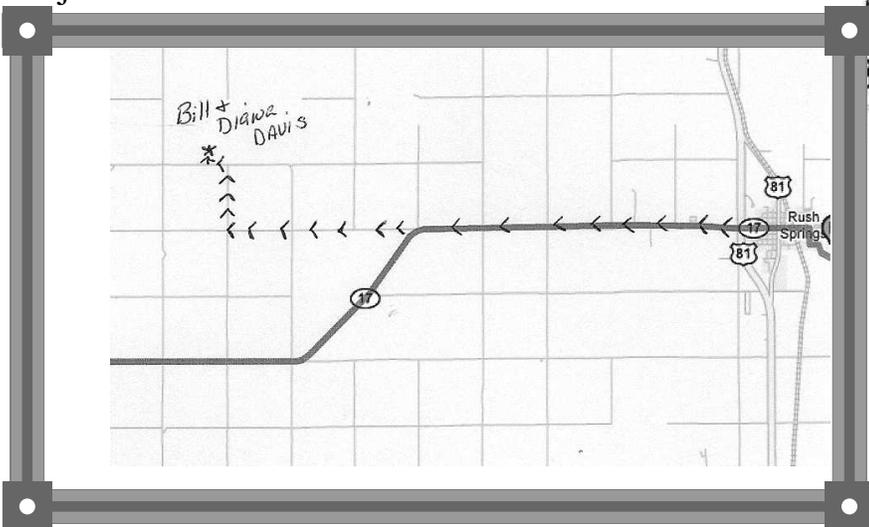
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Map to Tom Nelsons Shop at Douglas, Oklahoma.



Map to Bill and Diana Davis home west of Rush-Springs, Ok.

Watch for the signs at the intersection of 81 and 17 then just follow them to the house.



Saltfork Craftsmen

Artist-Blacksmith Association
Membership Application
April 2008 thru March 2009

Please accept my application

Date: _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Married? Yes No Spouses Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

E-Mail _____ ABANA Member? Yes No

I have enclosed \$20.00 for dues to March 30, 2009

Signed _____

Return to: Saltfork Craftsmen, 1227 Fourth St. Alva, Ok 73717



ABANA

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

www url: _____

City: _____

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Fax: _____

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TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

NEW MEMBER RENEWAL

VISA Mastercard Expiration Date: _____

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Submit check, money order -U.S. Banks only, or by credit card:

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