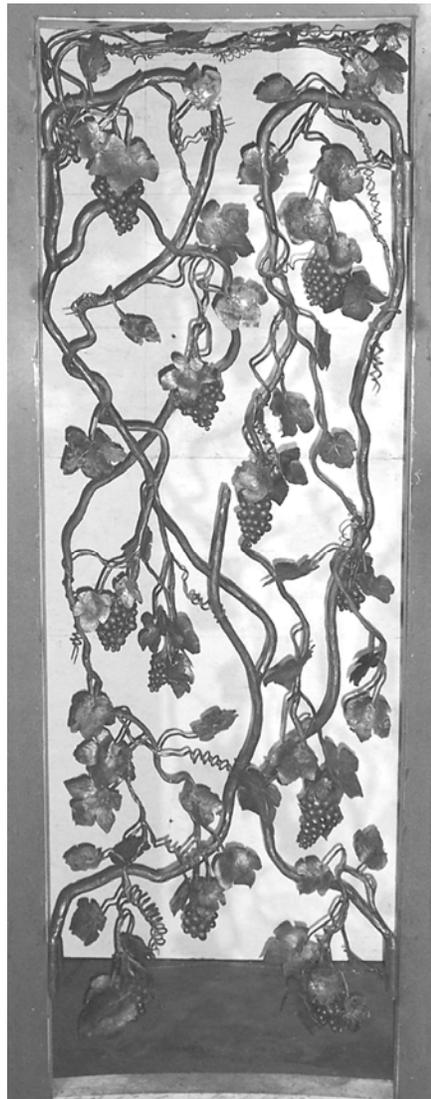


Saltfork Craftsmen

Artist-Blacksmith
Association

January 2008



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Artist-Blacksmith Association
Membership Application
April 2007 thru March 2008

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, 2008

Signed _____

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



ABANA

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

www url: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Fax: _____

Country: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

NEW MEMBER RENEWAL

Regular - \$55.00 Contributing-\$100.00

Student- \$45.00 Library-\$45.00

Senior (65+) \$50.00 Foreign-\$65.00

ABANA Chapter Affiliation: _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

VISA Mastercard Expiration Date: _____

Card Number: _____

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

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Trading Post

For Sale:

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. 2008 SCABA calendars featuring SCABA members, \$10.00 Contact Diana Davis, lazyassforge@tds.net or 1-580-549-6824

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), two rebuildable 50# hammers (\$2,000 each), and two rebuildable 25# hammers (\$1500 each). 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

Mail your ads to the editor or email them to
lazyassforge@tds.net

Club Coal

Saltfork Craftsmen has Arkansas coal for sale. The coal is \$95/ton to members and \$145/ton to non-members.

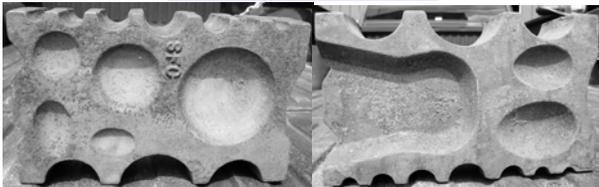
Bring your own containers. Contact Tom Nelson at 1-580-862-7691 to make arrangements to pick up a load. **DO NOT CALL AFTER 9 P.M.** If you make arrangement well in advance, Tom can load your truck or trailer with his skid steer loader. Otherwise you will need to bring a shovel. The coal can be weighed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

S/C Region coal location: Coal is in 1-2" size pieces. Bring your own container. The coal is at Max Scrudder's place in Mountain View. Contact Max for load out instructions.

Cost for this coal is .06/pound or \$120.00/ton. NO SALES to non-members.

Max Scrudder 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



Bill and Diana Davis have a few blocks available for those in the S/C region.

Library List

Title
SCABA Conf - 2002 - Bill Bastas
A Traditional Suite: Sword Making, Set Hammer
A Water Powered Smithy
ABANA Comes of Age - 1994 NOMM Exhibit
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Basic Blacksmithing - Hershel House (Part 1)
Basic Blacksmithing - Hershel House (Part 2)
Basic Blacksmithing - Hershel House (Part 3)
Forge Welding - Bob Patrick
SCABA Conf - 1997 - Frank Turley (Tools)
Hammerman in Williamsburg
Jerry Darnell - 18th Century Lighting (Part 1)

Jerry Darnell - 18th Century Lighting (Part 2)
Jerry Darnell - 18th Century Lighting (Part 3)
Jerry Darnell - 18th Century Hdw - Latches
Jerry Darnell - 18th Century Hdw - Hinges
Jerry Darnell - 18th Century Hdw - Pintles
SCABA Conf - 2001 - Jim & Kathleen Poor
Jim Hrisoulas - Damascus Pt 1
Jim Hrisoulas - Damascus Pt 2
Omey's 2002 - Kendall & Dyer - Table
SCABA Conf - 1998 - D. Steigler - Baskets
SCABA Conf - 1998 - R. Gunter - Hammers
SCABA Conf - 1998 - D. Steigler - Iris & Finishes
SCABA Conf - 1998 - R. Gunter - Hollow Forging
SCABA Conf - 1998 - D. Steigler - Repousse'
SCABA Conf - 1998 - R. Gunter - Scrolls
Samuel Yellin's Legacy
Omey's - 1997 - Ted Sawyer
Omey's - 1997
The Loveless Legend
Tom Smith at Hartdner, KS
Yellin Foundation & Manfred Bredohl
Allen Rogers - Projects
Forge & Anvil - Various Episodes
Unknown Conference - Unknown Smiths
Broom Making for the Blacksmith
Elmer Roush: Colonial American Hdw & Fixtures
European Masters & The Woodwright's Shop
ABANA Gallery Exhibit - 1992
Doug Merkel: Misc Projects
Doug Merkel: Nail Header
Doug Merkel: Sawtooth Trammel
Doug Merkel: Tomahawk & Misc
Doug Merkel: Hammers
Blacksmith's Journal Techniques - 1
Blacksmith's Journal Techniques - 2
Bill Epps - Tongs
Bill Epps - Animal Heads
Bill Epps - Animal Heads
Bill Epps - Birds & Bugs
Bill Epps - Leaves & Flowers
(RD1) 1990 Metal Madness
(RD2) Ivan Bailey & Paul Hubler
(RD9) 1992 BAM Ozark Conference
(RD69) 2002 UMBA Conference
(RD79) 2003 UMBA Conference
Knifemaking With William White
(RD 82) Wagon Wheel, Marble Inlay, Strikers
National Museum of Horse Shoeing Tools
SCABA Conf - 2004 - Don MacKay
SCABA Conf - 2004 - Bob Patrick
SCABA Conf - 2005 - Peter Happny
SCABA Conf - 2005 - Brian Gilbert

SCABA Conf - 2006 – Tal Harris
SCABA Conf - 2006 – Ed & Brian Brazeal
SCABA South Central Meetings - 2004

Meeting schedule

January

SE. Regional meeting (Jan 5th) The SE Saltfork January meeting will be held at Bois D’Arc Forge Blacksmith Shop, 33 NE First Street, Paris, Texas

NE Regional meeting (Jan 12th) The meeting will be hosted by Bill Kendall. He has a Poz Tong workshop planned. Bill’s shop is located at 5245 S. Peoria Ave. Tulsa Ok. (Behind the Ferguson Plumbing Store)

South/Central meeting (Jan 19th) The meeting will be hosted by JC Banks. It will be held at the OSU facility south of Altus on Highway 283. JC has a scroll jig-making workshop planned. Lunch will be provided.

NW Regional meeting (Jan 20th) OPEN

Check out the calendar insert for future meeting information. It will be updated on the website and newsletter as dates are booked.

SE Regional meeting

By: James Allcorn

The SE Saltfork group met on Dec. 1 at Bois D’Arc Forge Blacksmith Shop in Paris, TX with six attending. It was a cold blustery day but we accomplished a little forging on our “leaning how to make tongs” project. Brazos White and Howard Bost did most of the work while the rest of us watched with interest after we again watched the Bill Epps’ DVD on making tongs.

Howard Bost brought back one of my old Champion forge blowers that I had given him to repair. It worked “a little” when I got it several years ago, then it locked up and some of the ball bearings fell out. I just put it aside figuring someone would come along who could repair the thing. As it turns out, Howard has rebuilt around 16 or so of these blowers and is getting to be an expert on them. So if anyone has one of these blowers that need rebuilding, you should consider calling him.

We did have one visitor and potential new member, 14 year-old Alex Salas and Lyn, his mother, stopped by and I gave him a short lesson in

making an S hook. I think that “hooked” Alex and he may be back for a series of lessons in basic blacksmithing after the first of the year. He says his interest is in making a sword, so we will see how that progresses.

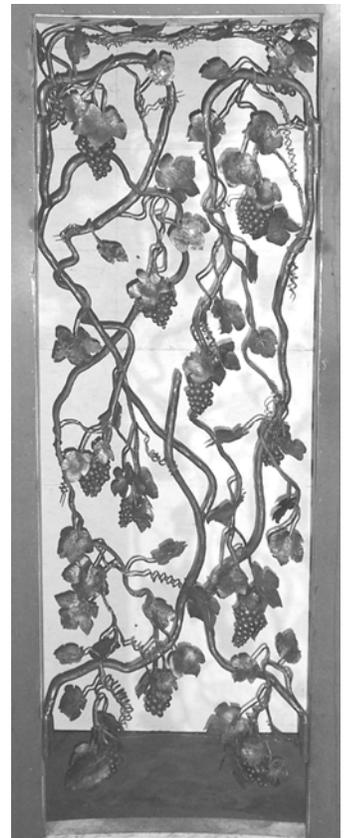
Next meeting will be January 5, 2008 at the Bois D’Arc Forge Blacksmith Shop, 33 NE 1st Street, Paris, TX 75460. No trade item and the program will again be on tool making, probably a continuation of making tongs.

Bois D’Arc Forge Participates in Art Walk 2007

For the second year, Bois D’Arc Forge Blacksmith Shop participated in the Paris Art Walk, which showcases artist studios and specialty shops in the downtown historical district. The weather was mostly pleasant and traffic was good with a total of 92 visitors to the shop during the four-night event held over two weekends.

Showcase for the event was the almost-completed wine cellar door for a local client. The door fits under a curved staircase that we constructed this past spring and summer. The concept for the door is “frameless” with only the four hinges providing support. The door is comprised of two doors that open outward from the center and is three-dimensional. It is approximately 5 inches in depth and 26 inches wide. Both doors open out into the home’s formal foyer and can be displayed either closed or open.

All “vines” were hand forged from solid round bar from 3/4 to 1/4 inch diameter and were heated, hammered, bent and twisted. The leaves were hand made from 14-gauge plate. Hand-made tendrils and thirteen hand-made grape clusters also adorn the door. Finish was obtained by a chemical staining process and sealed with lacquer.



NE Regional meeting
NO MEETING OR REPORT SENT IN

Don't forget the January 2008 S/C meeting

This is advance information for the Jan. 2008 meeting of the S/C regional meeting that will be held at the OSU barn in Altus and hosted by JC Banks. It will be a scroll design and forming workshop. Everyone can bring a drawing of a scroll, or we will help design and draw one. We will get the form transferred in chalk to a piece of rusty metal, then we can make a scroll form to fit the design. The goal will be to let everyone take a scroll form home with him or her. If we have time, we can go through an exercise on tweaking a scroll to fit a specific spot in the design using scrolling wrenches and a bending fork. ***All Material will be furnished,*** all they need to do is bring a design or idea.

The following email was received from Sharon Martin. She has been having some health issues this year and I thought many of you would like to have an update and a way to contact Sharon and Andy while they are out of state. Editor

December 15, 2007

First - dear Fellow Saltfork Members, we want to wish you a blessed time to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as He was born to fulfill the needs of the Jewish prophesied Messiah but unaccepted – then at age 33 was killed to offer His blood as redemption for our Salvation through Faith alone in Him (I Cor. 15: 1-4).

Second! My health has been an issue this year starting sort of in January and definitely in July. Currently myself and husband Andy and daughter Lee Ann are in Houston, TX. We arrived on November 13 for some testing and then surgery to remove a brain tumor from the left side of my head on November 19. Everything went well and currently I am having radiation treatments five days a week until 30 treatments are

complete. Then after the radiation a few days later Chemo by pills will start and we can see the doctor here but take the medicine at home. We will be glad for that because our families at home are carrying a lot of responsibility for us while we're here. The Lord has blessed me so and I am doing well. But we'll all be glad when this health issue is healed. Truly!

Andy's company has blessed us so by allowing him to work from here using a special computer they gave to him to use. It has been great because he can take us wherever/whenever and also continues his responsibilities of work.

Our address here is Extended Stay Deluxe, Room 241, 1301 S. Braeswood Blvd., Houston, TX 77030 and Andy's phone is 918-232-6806. Call or write anytime if you like. We should be home again after January 15 or so.

The Lord has blessed me so and I'm better every day. We also have been able to give folks heart-shaped glycerin soaps we make with words like Faith, Hope, Peace, etc. and sealed with my business name "Sharin'-the-Word" and Scripture reference for 1 Cor. 15: 1-4 as thank you gifts for everyone's work at the hospital that have helped us and also now to folks we see in the waiting rooms for treatment. We thank the Lord for this possibility to serve Him in a special way.

May your Christmas time be blessed and your New Year blessed greatly!!

Sharon Martin

South/Central meeting

The December meeting for the South/Central region was held in Medicine Park at the shop of Larry and Linda Morefield. Even though the weatherman was talking about snow for most of the state, there were only a few flakes that fell during the day and not enough to affect the parade or the forging that was going on during the day.

Medicine Park held their Christmas parade complete with Santa Riding in a Red Convertible.

The parade came by Larry's shop so all we had to do was walk outside to watch.

The weather did cut down on the number of members that came by but there were still 3 forges going most of the day. Two were propane forges that helped heat the shop.

The trade item was a bell and there were 7 there for the trade. Some were from the pattern in the last newsletter but there were three that were made from swaging down a section of pipe.



Lunch was bean and cornbread cooked by the Medicine Park Marauders.



Employment opportunity

My name is Darin Berryhill, owner of Berryhill Ornamental Iron, LLC in Broken Arrow, Ok. I am currently looking for a full time working foreman for my company. We primarily do production iron fencing, grated communities, stairs, balconies, etc. We currently do very little forging but would like someone with this background. I offer very competitive pay, insurance and quarterly production bonuses. I am looking for someone that is self-motivating, instructive, with a positive attitude. My email address is;

darin@berryhillornamentaliron.com

My web site: www.berryhillornamentaliron.com has the email link as well.

Thanks Darin Berryhill



Alex Scrudder

Bill Davis



David Seigrist