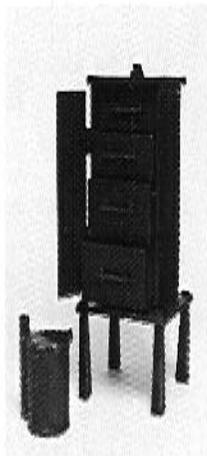


# Saltfork Craftsmen

Artist-Blacksmith  
Association

October 2007



Forged Four Drawer  
Chest by  
Maurice Hamburger  
Phoenix, Arizona



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By Hammer and Hand  
forged by Jim Keith, Tucumcari, N.M. Winner  
of Overall Creative Champion Award World  
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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



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

www url: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

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Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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ABANA Chapter Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Knoxville, TN 37927-3425  
Phone: 865.546.7733 Fax: 865.215.9964

## Club Coal

Saltfork Craftsmen have 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.

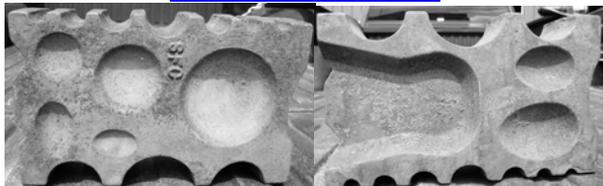
**S/C Region coal location:** Coal is in 1-2" size pieces. Bring your own container. The coal is at Max Scrudder's place in Mountain View. Contact Max for load out instructions.

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

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

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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 3)
Forge Welding - Bob Patrick
SCABA Conf - 1997 - Frank Turley (Tools)
Hammerman in Williamsburg
Jerry Darnell - 18th Century Lighting (Part 1)
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Jerry Darnell - 18th Century Hdw - Latches

Jerry Darnell - 18th Century Hdw - Hinges
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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
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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

### October

**SE. Regional** meeting (Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>) information is in the regional report.

**NE Regional** meeting (Oct 13<sup>th</sup>) Conference in Perry

**South/Central** meeting( Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>) will be hosted by Anela Hadick in Midwest City. The trade item is a doorknocker. Lunch will be ribs so bring a side dish or desert to go with it. Directions...On I-40 go to Douglas Blvd.(east side of Tinker) Go North on Douglas to 29<sup>th</sup>. Take 29<sup>th</sup> East to Westminster Rd, take Westminster South to Newey Ave. Turn Right onto Newey, 3rd house on left with green metal roof.

**NW Regional** meeting (Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>) Meeting will be hosted by Leroy Haight. A trade item is what ever you want to make. Meal will be beans and cornbread. Bring a side dish if you can. Directions are from stop sign in Cherokee go 10 miles west or if coming from Alva go 6 ¼ miles east.

### SE Saltfork Demos at RRV Fair for 5 Days

By: James Allcorn

The Southeast Saltfork group smoked out the Red River Valley Fair from August 28 through September 1 with a good presentation of skills, forges and demonstrations in general. While attendance at the fair exceeded 22,000, those selling forged items came up a bit short, perhaps because most folks spent their money at the carnival or on \$4.00 hot dogs! But there was a lot of interest in blacksmithing and we usually had a good crowd gathered around.

Gary and Ann Butler did a wonderful job of putting this fair demo together and deserve a lot of credit for an event that gave Saltfork a lot of publicity. A number of Saltfork applications were distributed to interested persons and we certainly need more



members to keep up the “public hammering” that we have been doing. Ann Butler coordinated the Cowboy Church’s chuck wagon cooking team that was set up next to our location. We enjoyed a number of fantastic meals, not to mention some of Ann’s great peach cobbler!

Bill Epps put on his usual fantastic show making everything from hearts to tongs to birds. It is always a pleasure to watch Bill work his magic with a hammer and a piece of hot iron! Not only is he fun to watch, if you pay attention while Bill hammers, you can get a pick up some great blacksmithing tips and tricks. I encouraged everyone who did not know Bill to take advantage of a wonderful opportunity to learn from one of the true Master Smith’s.



It is still in the talking stage right now, but Bill is considering hosting a hand’s on, two-day training session in Paris in either January or February. This will be on a weekend and tuition will be charged for attendance. The session will concentrate on basic and intermediate blacksmithing, tailored to the needs and skills of those attending. Bill will instruct in the morning and the forges will be open in the



afternoon with Bill providing individual instruction as needed. Bill is an entertaining instructor and you get your money’s worth in one of his workshops, so mark your calendars now. For more information, call Bill at 903-285-1004. We will have an update in later newsletters.

Those attending included Tommy Dean, Bill Epps, Gary and Ann Butler, Mark Hamill, James and Cindy Allcorn, Leo Hevrin, Thomas Hensel,

and several others (my apologies, I lost my list of names).

The October 6 meeting of SE Saltfork will be held at the Paris Bible Camp. Meeting will



begin around 6:00 p.m. The Bible Camp is located east of Paris in Reno, TX. This is a special meeting for our group and we have been asked to set up by Wade White, lead singer of the Plain Label Band, a regional country and western group that is immensely popular in NE Texas, Oklahoma,

Louisiana, Arkansas and Missouri. I'm not sure what will go on, but I suspect it will involve some Gospel singing. The Fair will be the regular SE Saltfork meeting for September.

<James Allcorn>



## Big Pasture Centennial Days

Gerald Franklin

Saltfork was asked to support the Big Pasture Centennial Days celebration in Grandfield, OK on 14-15 Sep, 2007. The dates coincided with the big Murray County Tractor Show in Sulphur, and we hated to miss that, but Jerry Cathey, David Seigrist and I agreed to go to Grandfield to demo. For those who might not be familiar with the SW part of the state, the "Big Pasture" region covers a large portion of the Comanche Nation and its "capital" is Grandfield, which is about 30 miles south of Lawton. I went down alone on Friday, Sep 14<sup>th</sup> and set up to demo for the Grandfield and Chattanooga Elementary Schools. I made about a ba-zillion S-hooks and answered another ba-zillion questions. The students and teachers showed a lot of interest.

On Saturday, Jerry and David were there to help so we were able to keep demonstrations going continuously all day long except for a brief lunch break. The crowds were good and there was a steady flow of folks moving by the forges all day long. Sales were pretty good too, so we were able to make a little "gas money" to get us home.

We were fortunate to be set up right in the middle of things and there were a lot of things going on. The city of Grandfield honored their past with historical interpretations, exhibits, vendors and a mile long parade. They also had Larry Morefield and the Medicine Park Mauraders set up their medicine show - an actual reenactment of the Old West snake oil sales pitch. It was good to see Larry out and around after his illness. He is doing well.

We were well received in Grandfield and hope to be asked back again next year.



Jerry Cathey and David Seigrist get set up at Grandfield on Sep 15.

## BOD Minutes August 26, 2007

- Call to Order – The Saltfork Board of Directors met at the Noble County Fairgrounds in Perry, OK on August 26, 2007. Members present were J.C. Banks, Jim Carothers, Byron Doner, Richard Dyer, Gerald Franklin, Mike George and Bill Kendall. Also present were Bill & Diana Davis, David Seigrist, Ron Lehenbauer, Carol Doner, and Marideth George. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM.
- Website Report – J.C. Banks reported that the Saltfork website has received over 7750 hits for the first 23 days of August. This is good news as it is an indication that we are getting interest from the rest of the smithing world. There are more changes in store for our website so be sure to visit it often at [www.saltforkcraftsmen.org](http://www.saltforkcraftsmen.org).
- Statewide Meeting – The Board has been approached on several occasions over the last two or three years about reserving one month of the year for a statewide meeting. We currently hold only one event where the entire membership is encouraged to gather. The directors decided to hold such a meeting in a central part of the state and to fund a free picnic in conjunction with the event. The idea is that there would be no need for organized regional meetings during the month that this “State Hammer-in” would be held, although no region would be discouraged from scheduling a regional meeting that did not conflict with the state meeting. Carol Doner volunteered to check with the fairgrounds in Norman to determine the availability of a facility there. She will check on the following dates in order of preference: Apr 19, 2008; Apr 26, 2008; and May 10, 2008.
- 2007 Conference – The Conference Task List is being completed and updated. Potential volunteers for spaces that are not yet filled will be contacted.
- Tool Box Raffle – David Seigrist is this year’s Point of Contact for the Tool Box Raffle. Tickets have been printed and were distributed at the meeting.
- Coal buy for Douglas – Jim Carothers reported that the coal supply in Douglas is low. The Board agreed to purchase a load of coal to be spotted at the Douglas site. Jim Carothers and Tom Nelson will coordinate delivery.
- Support of the Regional Conference in MO – SCABA was asked (informally) about providing equipment and personnel for one of the four forging stations that will be part of the Regional Conference in Sedalia, MO in 2008. The BOD agreed that we could probably support the event. Jim Carothers contacted the Blacksmith Association of Missouri (BAM) to get more information on their needs and expectations. As of this meeting, he has received no reply.
- Swage Block Sales in Alabama – We were asked to set up a vendor booth at the next Alabama Forge Council conference. The Board decided to not pursue this due to low swage block inventory.
- Swage Block Sales – We are about sold out again, so Mike George will contact B&L Foundry in Tonkawa to arrange for another pour.
- Floor Cone Project – Jim Carothers has contacted a foundry in Mississippi concerning the pouring of the cone mandrels. The foundry will build the pattern for \$1900 and pour the cones for \$54 each. This would bring our cost to about \$64 each for an order of 200. This cost does not include shipping from the foundry to Oklahoma. Mike George will check with B&L Foundry in Tonkawa for a price quote.

- Francis Whitaker Blacksmith Shop – The John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC is planning to renovate and expand the Francis Whitaker Blacksmith Shop beginning in 2009. SCABA donated \$1000 to this effort. Bill Davis cleaned up and inscribed a Saltfork swage block to donate to this project. Bill Kendall will deliver the swage block in September.
- Next BOD Meeting – The Board of Directors will meet the home of Byron and Carol Doner in Norman, OK at 2PM on November 11, 2007.
- Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

## Request for demonstrators

Mr. Carothers,

Do you know if any of the Saltfork Guys would be available on October 13<sup>th</sup> to help out with the blacksmithing class from about 9am to noon? I had a good turnout last year, and if there are as many this year, it would be nice to have some help, if any is available!

Also, I was wondering if might be available for some more instruction, sometime during the month of September? I have a big group of Boy Scouts coming at the end of the month, and they wanted a miniature Pawnee Bill Ranch brand, or two, to brand key chains, mugs, and the like.

On a personal note, I finally remembered to send in my membership dues, so I should be an official member of the Saltfork group, now, and I am looking forward to starting to attend meetings!

Hope you and your wife are well, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Brandon W. Reid  
 Historical Interpreter  
 Pawnee Bill Ranch and Museum  
 Oklahoma Historical Society



Saltfork Members:

I received a call this evening from Jamie Murray, LDS Encampment Chairman, asking if Saltfork could provide one to 4 demo smiths for the Friday, October 19th Boy Scout encampment being held near Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

See <http://okldsencampment.org/index.php> for more information.

Jamie says they are expecting 500 to 750 scouts and adult leaders this year -- big event. At the website left hand menu bar, click on "1997 encampment" for photos of the event 10 years ago.

Since there will be a lot of people at this event, I am thinking it would be good to arrive on Thursday afternoon or evening and get set up. Likely the scouts can find an extra spot for the demo smith or smiths to stay in one of the tents and they will sure enough feed the smiths well. Arriving early on Friday would be OK too.

I am thinking that this would be a great opportunity to use the Teaching Trailer. What we need is demo people not tied to a day job.

If you would like to be one of the demo smiths at this event please let Jamie Murray know. His phone number is 405-747-5777.

Let me know as well please.

Thanks for your attention.

Jim C.

## Notes from the president

### Saltfork Members:

I am sure that all of you know that the Saltfork Annual Conference is only a few weeks away now. However, we only have about 30 people registered as of this writing (Sept. 19). This is less than half of what we are expecting. I encourage you to pre-register. The handful of volunteers that are working for you and for all the membership need you to do this so that they can plan meals, family craft classes, drinks, snacks, and all the other little things that make our conferences some of the best in the country. If you have been holding off on registering for the conference, please get it done. We need an accurate head count.

I also encourage you to arrive early for the conference. There will be a lot of material to cover this year; the demonstrations will start at 8 AM. We will have the Fair Grounds buildings open by 7 AM both days to make the best use of our time.

You can count on me like a broken record to remind all members about the use of safety glasses. Safety Glasses are required in the Arena Building where the smithing demonstrations are held. If you are forging outside at the Saltfork Teaching Trailer, you will need safety glasses. We will have a few pair of safety glasses at registration for those who are new to smithing and have not already purchased this necessary tool. Glasses will be \$5 per pair this year.

If you have not already done so, please consider bringing something for the Conference Auction, Iron-In-The-Hat, and for the Tool Box. Purchased or hand made items are welcome.

The Conference site this is again the Perry / Noble County Fairgrounds Arena Building. The Family Craft Classes, meals, auction, and the gallery will be held in the Women's Building directly across the parking lot West of the Arena Building. To get to the Fairgrounds from the West, Exit 186 / Fir Avenue / US Hwy 64 off of I-35. Drive East nearly through Perry on Fir Avenue to 6th Street. There is a Conoco Quick Trip at the 6th St. and Fir Avenue stoplight. Coming into Perry from the East on US Hwy 64, the 6th St. / Fir Avenue stoplight is the first light on the East end of town. Turn North on 6th St.; go up to Ivanhoe Street (Holly is the street just before Ivanhoe). Turn back East on Ivanhoe; continue on Ivanhoe across the RR tracks to the Noble County Fairgrounds and the Saltfork Conference. Watch for the Saltfork Conference Banner and anvil signs at 6th Street and Ivanhoe.

See you in a few weeks for a really great weekend of fun and education.

Jim Carothers, President (2007) Saltfork Craftsmen ABA

## Tulsa Scottish games

On September 15th and 16th, the 28th annual Tulsa Scottish Games were held at river west park and for the 6th year, Saltfork members were there demonstrating for the visitors. The event is a gathering to celebrate Scottish heritage with traditional games, music, and food. Also called the gathering of the clans, it was an opportunity for those of Scottish decent to research their ancestors. Clayton Hall and his wife and Steven Knisely were there making a lot of small things. Clayton's apprentice, Chris was also there working both days and Michal and Alyssa Lusk came out on Sunday and made some things. Somebody brought a railroad spike and asked Michal if anything could be made from it. After a lot of heating and pounding, she had roughed out a pretty good letter opener all the while explaining the subtle differences between a real knife and a "knife shaped object". At the end of the day on Sunday, the directors of the games came out and thanked us for being there and for the work that we did. They said that several of the participants and many of the spectators had said that the blacksmithing demonstrations was a favorite part of the event and then asked if we would come back next year. Over all, we had a good time visiting with old friends and meeting new ones. Several people showed a serious interest in Saltfork and they left with news letters. Others just watched the shows and left with good memories. Either way, it was a fun way to spend a sunny weekend.

Steven Knisely

## S/C regional meeting

The Sulpher Tractor Show started on Friday Sept. 14th and it was school day! Larry Mills, Dawnavan Crawford and I got our fires going just as the first bus unloaded then didn't sit down the rest of the day as 1400 kids kept us busy! Larry showed and explained tong making, then Dawnavan and I gave short history lessons to each group of kids as they came by. On Friday we had a visitor from the Oklahoma Horizon show on PBS and did some filming and interview for an upcoming show in about 2 weeks.

On Sat. we had some very fine weather for the 16 folks that showed up and had 7 forges going! Everyone seemed to be doing something different at each station. Kent Haddic was making a door knocker, Dawnavan made a knife from a horse shoe, folded and welded, Byron forged out a new hook and key for the rope makers machine. All the activity kept a crowd around the booth all day. If you weren't hammering you were answering questions and sometimes both. Then about 5:30 the Sulpher club had a blacksmiths favorite activity Dinner! Working downwind of the smokers all day was pure torture smoked ribs, ham and brisket and all the fixin's! If you haven't been to the Sulpher show you have missed meeting some great folks that put on a really good show and is a pleasure to work with. Make plans for next years show and plan on some good fun.

Terry Jenkins



Pictures provided  
by Byron Donor



Hello Mike,

Please send this out to all of our members. We've had quite a few tools donated for the raffle and a very nice toolbox. If anyone has been thinking about making or purchasing a tool here is a list of what we still don't have:

Straight Peen hammer

Tongs:

1/4" Flat

3/8" Flat

1/2" Flat

Bolt

Scrolling

Side Grip

Rivet backing tool

Rivet setting tool

Flat wire brush w/handle

Cold cut hardie

Spring swage (necking down)

Chisel, large

Chisel, small

Send me an email and let me know what you would like to contribute and I'll make sure we don't end up with 50 wire brushes. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each just get in touch with me or one of the directors. Thanks to all the members who've donated and I look forward to seeing you at the conference.

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### Important notice:

All members with emails need to update their information. We send out important information by email and many of the ones sent out are bouncing back. Please take the time, in the next few days to send Mike George and Diana Davis your email address. ***Even if yours has not changed since you joined*** please send in this information. It will not be shared or distributed to others. If you have an email account where the emails are stored on a server you may need to go in and delete Spam or other unread email. They will cause your box to be unable to receive new emails. This may be a house-cleaning chore you will need to perform occupationally.

## NW Regional meeting

Dorvan Ivy hosted the September meeting for the NW Region at his home in Hammon Oklahoma. Some of those that attended were Ron Lehenbauer, Mike and Marideth George, Bill and Diana Davis. There were several others but I am sorry to say I can't remember their names. We really need to meet as one group more often so we can get to know each other better.



Dorvan had chosen an ice cream scoop as the trade item. Only Bill Davis had his made before the meeting. Mike got over on the forge and hammered him out one. Dorvan had one started but decided he could make a better one so didn't enter his in the trade. With only two to choose from it wasn't hard to do the swap.

Dorvan and his wife cooked some really good brisket for lunch and the other companion dishes were excellent also. We also had pecan pie and blackberry cobbler for desert. Around 3:00 we had  
Didn't get to try out the ice cream scoops.



some homemade banana nut ice cream.

After lunch Bill got up and welded a chain link and then the challenge was one. Each person was challenged to forge a link. Dorvan was first, followed by Mike George, Diana, Dorvan's son and one other member (can't remember his name) and before long we had a chain that had 6 links. A nice start, maybe Dorvan can bring the chain to the next meeting he attends and maybe other members can add more links.

I think everyone had a good time at Dorvan's and wish to thank him and his wife for hosting the meeting.

The next meeting for the NW Region will be held at Leroy Haight home west of Cherokee. Check out the information in the calendar section of this newsletter.

♣ We need more members in the NW Region to host meeting. Too many months are going by with no meetings. Remember that you don't have to have a large shop or fix a meal to host the meeting. We need host for meeting in all the regions. There will be a calendar at the conference for next year's meetings. Sign up to host a meeting.



## Ntba hammerfest in Bridgeport texas

On Saturday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, Bill and Diana Davis and Gerald Franklin attended the Hammerfest held at the Sid Richardson Boy Scout Ranch that is located just west of Bridgeport Texas. This is a yearly blacksmithing demonstration that is held by the North Texas Blacksmithing Association. This year's demonstrator was Bob Alexander. Bob does Colonial Ironwork, Full Animal Sculptures and Things made from junk. He also teaches at the John Campbell Folk School.

Bob is a very organized demonstrator. When we came from our cabin on Saturday morning we could hear someone down at the demonstration site and so went to see who was up that early and working at the forge. We found Bob finishing up some forge welding that he wanted to have ready when he started his demonstration after breakfast.

Bob's first demonstration piece was a colonial candleholder. We soon found out what the forge welds he had done before breakfast were for. Just in case he had problems getting the forge weld to work, he wanted to have a couple extra ones ready to use. The forge weld worked the first time so the others were not needed. He continued forging each of the pieces for the candleholder and then went through the steps for assemble. He soon had a beautiful completed piece for the auction.

Bob also show some of the tooling he had made to help make some tulips and Irises. The tulips he made were put in the auction but he didn't make any of the Irises but he did bring a lovely sample for us to look at.



In the two days that Bob demonstrated he never failed to keep us all of our attention. I wouldn't mind watching him again. He was prepared for each item he was going to show and he also had some extra items in his bucket so that if he finished up a piece and still needed something to fill the time he had something to show. This was the situation on Sunday. He finished up his demonstration item, which was another type of candleholder, early so he dug around in his bucket of metal and brought out a horse hoof rasp. He soon had produced a rather life like snake. One of the best that I have seen made. At least good enough that I purchased it at the auction that was held soon afterwards. It was still hot when I won the bid.

He also plays a pretty good Resonator Guitar. On Saturday night after the auction, Bob and I got out our instruments (mine is a Mandolin) and did a little bit of picking. Being as both of us are beginners at playing our chosen instruments we had an interesting time trying to accompany each other. Not sure if the listeners would agree but I think we did a pretty good job.

If you get the chance to attend one of NTBA's Hammerfest at Bridgeport, you need to do so. It is a very relaxing weekend.

Diana Davis

