

BAM

30th Annual Ozark Conference April 28th - May 1st , 2022

Missouri State Fairgrounds
Sedalia, MO

pre-registration must be postmarked by April 1st



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We will meet again at the Missouri State Fairgrounds (MSF) in Sedalia, MO. Located just 19 miles South of I-70 on US-65 at the junction of US-65 & US-50.

Don't forget our traditional fund raisers: Benefit Auction, Raffle, and BAM Boutique—as these are BAM's major source of income for the year. Items deemed to be valued at more than \$25 should be donated to the Auction.

Please be courteous to our instructors and fellow attendees by keeping your personal conversations outside the demo areas and remain seated so that others are able to see.

Due to safety concerns, safety glasses are required at all events. Please keep a safe distance from forges and demonstrators unless invited to move closer.

Thank You.
Conference Committee

Questions?

Contact:

Mike Gorzel
(636) 336-6347

mo.blacksmith.conference@gmail.com

VENDORS AND TAILGATERS

Sites are still free to registered participants in designated areas. Vendor spaces will be assigned and tables will be available from the Fairgrounds at \$8 / table. To make arrangements please contact:

Karen Bouckaert
1-636-673-1996

KIRK SULLENS

Kirk Sullens has been a smith for 30 years, and a full-time professional blacksmith for over twenty-eight of them. Best known for his wildlife creations, which decorate Bass Pro Shops/Outdoor World stores throughout the United States and Canada, he is now based near Orlando, Florida. An artist-blacksmith by trade, Kirk is inspired by the beauty he sees in the ordinary details that surround him. He uses his skill and creativity to transform unyielding iron into a vast collection of delicate and powerful works of art. Kirk enjoys passing along the art and craft of blacksmithing through teaching and demonstrating. He has worked with aspiring smiths of all ages, from absolute beginners to those seeking to broaden or deepen their skills. Kirk is a past BAM president, alias El Presidente.

JOHN LOVIN

I began blacksmithing in 1981, learning through practice, hammer-ins, and conferences, plus I have had several mentors that guided me along the way. Our work is anchored in the traditions of the small town, small shop blacksmith, ready to accept any work that comes through the door, but having our regular stock items.

We attend 12 - 20 craft shows annually, plus keep a retail store stocked. Our demo will showcase 25 -30 of our best-selling items, products that can be produced with a minimum of tools and tooling. We will discuss how to choose good craft shows, develop a product, and dealing with the public. We will discuss the business side of blacksmithing, paying taxes, and issues such as liability and insurance.

If you are interested in selling ironwork as a part time or full-time venture, our demo and discussion can help you through some of the pitfalls.

LIN RHEA

I've always appreciated the look and feel of a good knife. Being raised in a county setting, a knife was a necessity, not just for looks. When I found out about the bladesmith school in Old Washington, Arkansas, I was amazed that there was such a school. At first, I tinkered making knives, but wasn't happy with the results. Finally, my wife, Kay insisted that I attend a class with the school. It was the most interesting two weeks of learning I can remember. Joe Kessler and Greg Neely shared their love for the forged blade. A year later I was able to take the Damascus class under Bill Fiorini. This broadened the possibilities.

My favorite steels to use in my knives are 5160 and 1084 for carbon blades. For My Damascus, I like L-6 and 1095, 1080 and 15N20. I don't farm out any aspect of my knives. I do all the work on my knives and believe this will advance my skills and set my knives apart.

I am a member of the American Bladesmith Society with a Mastersmith rating, which I received in 2009. I am also a member of the Arkansas knifemakers Association.

**For more about Sedalia, MO go to:
www.visitsedaliamo.com**

OZARK CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 28, 2022

9:00 amSetup Begins
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.....Open Forging
5:30 pm' ish.....Potluck Dinner
EveningOfficial Opening

Friday, April 29, 2022

8:00 am - 12:00 pm.....Demonstrators
8:00 am - 12:00 pm.....Beginning Blacksmithing (MTS)
8:00 am - 12:00 pm.....Family Programs
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm.....Lunch Break

Catered Lunch available – reservations ONLY

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.....Demonstrators
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.....Beginning Blacksmithing (MTS)
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.....Family Programs
5:30 pm' ishPotluck Dinner
7:00 pmBusiness Meeting
Traditional Forging Contest

Saturday, April 30, 2022

8:00 am - 12:00 pm..... Demonstrators
8:00 am - 12:00 pm..... Family Programs
8:00 am - 12:00 pm.....Beginning Blacksmithing (MTS)
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm.....Lunch Break

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1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.....Demonstrators
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.....Beginning Blacksmithing (MTS)
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.....Family Programs
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.....Banquet Dinner Served
7:00 pmAwards, Drawings, Auction

Sunday, May 1, 2022

9:00 amClean Up (*all hands appreciated*)
(Schedule subject to change / see website for any updates)

BEGINNING BLACKSMITHING¹ **

This one day, hands on, BAM sponsored class, teaches the basic skills such as tapering, hot cutting, punching holes, slitting, and forging shapes.

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| <u>Friday</u> | All Day Class | \$30.00 |
| <u>Saturday</u> | All Day Class | \$30.00 |

Limit 10 people max per class

¹ Due to insurance liabilities, BAM membership is required for all blacksmithing classes, as well as safety glasses & other safety equipment for working around HOT metal.

* Minimum age 14 years

BASKET CLASSES **

Friday, Basket Tote **\$45.00**

2 leather straps as handles

Limit 15 people.

Saturday, Jelly Jar Basket **\$30.00**

8" x 4" w/ 4" iron handle

Choice of colors

Limit 15 people.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW **

with Tami Bagley

- 12" x 12" window in Scrappy Style

with zinc frame

- class takes 2 days

Friday & Saturday **\$75.00**

Limit 5 people.

****Due to class limits, you must call in advance to secure a spot. Contact:**

Ashley Farnsworth II

call or text 573-201-3923

e-mail abfarn@embarqmail.com

Ozark Conference Raffle

(Drawing times to be announced at conference)

Tickets available at the BAM Boutique.

*~ Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 ~
(Sold at conference)*

Featured Item:

New Ernst REFFLINGHAUS #56a model
165 lbs. Euro Style Anvil

BAM BOUTIQUE

Please remember to help support BAM by donating something to the BAM Boutique. (Items need **not** be blacksmith related.) All proceeds go directly to the BAM treasury. Remember to label your donation with your name and a suggested price. Please drop off donations at the Boutique as early as possible during the conference. Patti Tappel or any of the other ladies working there will be glad to take them.

CONFERENCE BENEFIT AUCTION

Please donate any item—tools, books, forgings—that you feel would be of interest to your fellow blacksmiths. Please drop off donations at the Auction Collection Table as early in the conference as possible; buyers like to peruse the table during breaks in the action. This is the major source of revenue for BAM.

Dr. Iron's Slackwater Gallery

It's time once again to start thinking about what to put in Dr. Iron's Slackwater Gallery. This is our chance to show off, to inspire each other and, to be inspired.

This is not a juried show. You get to decide what's good enough to share. Any category of blacksmith work is welcome. You may, if you wish, offer your work for sale, and work shown in the gallery may also be donated to the auction if you wish.

Please don't be shy or modest. The whole point of this organization is for us to learn from each other. If we don't see your work, how can we learn from you?

We had a great response last year, and will try to come up with a little more display space so everyone's work can be shown to the best advantage. We think we're getting better, but we're still learning. Any advance information you can give us about your piece would be helpful.

Contact:

Walt Hull

Gallery Coordinator
walthulliron@gmail.com
785-766-9405

OR

John Sherwood

JBSEMS@sbcglobal.net
314-717-5293

TRADITIONAL FORGING CONTEST

What it is, how it is judged and the time limit as well as other details will be announced at the time of the contest. Bring your own hammer and skill set.

Sign up before 7:00 pm. on Friday.

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EARLY REGISTRATION *(postmarked before 4/1/2022)*

Member * \$00.00/family FREE

Non-member pricing immediately below

Whole conference \$45.00/family _____

Fri ONLY \$25.00/family _____

Sat ONLY \$25.00/family _____

LATE REGISTRATION *(postmarked after 4/1/2022)*

Member * \$15.00/family _____

Non-member pricing immediately below

Whole Conference \$60.00/family _____

Fri ONLY \$30.00/family _____

Sat ONLY \$30.00/family _____

BAM membership dues \$30.00/ family _____

WORKSHOPS *(pre-registration required)*

Beginning Blacksmithing**

(Requires membership) # _____ x \$30.00/person _____

Basket Weaving Friday**

Tote Basket # _____ x \$45.00/person _____

Basket Weaving Saturday**

Jelly Jar Basket # _____ x \$30.00/person _____

Stained Glass Window**

Friday - Saturday # _____ x \$75.00/person _____

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CATERED MEALS

(pre-registration required)

Friday Lunch # _____ x \$10.00/person _____

Saturday Lunch # _____ x \$10.00/person _____

Saturday Banquet # _____ x \$18.00/person _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

*“All applicable taxes are included”
See requirements under class description

Make Check out to **BAM** and mail to:

**Ashley Farnsworth II
11050 Private Drive 5316
Rolla, MO 65401
573-201-3923**

~ Please Print ~

Name: _____

Others Attending: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

LODGING

Camping

Campsites are available at the Missouri State Fair Grounds. Fees will be collected by MSF after you set up. Full RV hook up \$25 /night. Tent sites \$12 /night.
<http://mostatefairgrounds.com/camping/>

~ No Camping in the Swine Pavilion. ~

Motels

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| Motel 6 | 660-827-5890 |
| American Inn | 660-826-2488 |
| Best Western | 660-826-6100 |
| Holiday Inn Express & Suites | 660-826-4000 |
| Hotel at State Fair | 660-827-5890 |
| Hotel Bothwell | 660-826-5588 |
| Stardust Motel | 660-826-8662 |
| Sunset Motel | 660-826-1446 |
| Super 7 | 660-827-0215 |

BAM Rates

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| Hampton Inn Sedalia | 660-951-1163 |
| Comfort Inn Sedalia Station | 660-829-5050 |

Make reservations early. The rooms are going fast.

Saturday Night Banquet \$18.00

Beef Brisket, Dinner Salad, Garlic Bread,
Coleslaw, Brownie & Cookie, Beverages

Friday Lunch - \$10.00

Pulled Pork, Green Beans,
Garlic Bread, Cookie,
Beverages

Saturday Lunch - \$10.00

Turkey, Potato Salad,
Garlic Bread, Brownie,
Beverages

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