

BAM

32nd Annual Ozark Conference

May 2nd - May 5th, 2024

Missouri State Fairgrounds
Sedalia, MO

pre-registration must be postmarked by April 1st



Celebrating The Craft

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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

Ashley Farnsworth II
call/text 573-201-3923
e-mail: farnsworthforge@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
1-314-302-9103

Conference Benefit Auction

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

~ Demonstrators ~

Matt Jenkins

Cloverdale Forge

<https://cloverdaleforge.com/>

His dad introduced him to blacksmithing, although, like most teenagers, he stayed away from his parents' interests. That attitude changed when he landed a summer job in the blacksmith shop at Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site. Having picked up a hammer early on, Matt feels at home working beside an anvil. Over the past 25 years, he has honed his skills and techniques while studying under Master smiths around North America. Matt Jenkins is an internationally recognized award-winning blacksmith. In 2009, he received an Honorable Mention in the team forging at the World Forging Championship in Stia, Italy. Returning to Stia in 2015, Matt took home first place in the Drawing and Design category. More recently, Matt designed and forged a hook every day of the year, creating the #366Hooks project.

Matt uses hand tools and early industrial equipment to create designs with a timeless feel. Besides daily forging for clients, he teaches workshops near and far from home.

Charles Carpenter

Big River Forge

<https://www.bigriverforge.com/>

With a long family history in blacksmithing Charles officially Began his blacksmithing journey in 2010. In approximately 2013 Charles began to make a few knives and that was the beginning of his knife making journey. In 2015 Charles learned

about the American Bladesmith Society and joined immediately. After joining the organization Charles began to focus his efforts solely in the realm of bladesmithing and in an effort to learn and grow as rapidly as possible he attended every learning opportunity he could find.

In 2019 Charles achieved the ranking of Journeyman Smith (JS) with the American Bladesmith Society, and appeared on the History Channel's "Forged In Fire." Season 5 Episode 32

Today Charles' focus is on continuing to perfect his craft and work toward the ranking of Master Smith.

Brendon Stevens B.C.S. Blacksmith
<https://www.youtube.com/@BCSBlacksmith/videos>

When he was fourteen years old, Brendon decided one day that he needed a sword. Popping into his backyard, he created a makeshift forge, and has been making things out of metal ever since.

Now, in his early twenties, Brendan has a decade of blacksmithing underneath his belt. During his teen years, he started volunteering at the Minnesota Transportation Museum (MTM), competed in 4H Metal shop and won at county and state levels several years in a row, and otherwise spent every spare moment with a hammer. His interest in swords and knives was quickly overcome by a higher interest in tool-making. He loves to create hammers, tongs, and anything else he might find useful for his craft. In addition to using the forge at MTM, he was also introduced to other aspects of metalworking, including welding and fabrication, which played a key part in the development of his career.

Brett Smith T-Star Leather

<https://www.tstarleather.com/>

Thursday evening Brett will be doing a leather carving demonstration.

Ozark Conference Schedule

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

8:00 am – 5:00 pm National Curriculum Class

Thursday, May 2, 2024

9:00 am..... Setup Begins

8:00 am – 5:00 pm National Curriculum Class

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Open Forging

5:30 pm..... Potluck Dinner

6:30 pm..... Brett Smith

Friday, May 3, 2024

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Demonstrators

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Beginning Blacksmithing

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Family Fun Classes

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch Break

Lunch available – Food Trucks

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm..... Demonstrators

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm..... Beginning Blacksmithing

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm..... Family Fun Classes

5:30 pm..... Potluck Dinner

7:00 pm..... Business Meeting

Traditional Forging Contest

Saturday, May 4, 2024

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Demonstrators

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Family Fun Classes

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Beginning Blacksmithing

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch Break

Lunch available – Food Trucks

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm..... Demonstrators

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm..... Beginning Blacksmithing

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm..... Family Fun Classes

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm..... Banquet Dinner

7:00 pm..... Awards, Drawings, Auction

Sunday, May 5, 2024

9:00 am.....Clean Up (*all hands appreciated*)

(*Schedule subject to change / see website for any updates*)

Beginning Blacksmithing Classes^{1 **}

This one day, hands on, BAM sponsored class, teaches the basic skills such as tapering, hot cutting, punching holes, slitting, and forging shapes. **Limit 10 people max per class**

Friday	8am to 5pm	\$30.00
Saturday	8am to 5pm	\$30.00

National Curriculum^{1 **} Is a structured method to teach fundamentals for all students and receive a certification for ABANA members. This class will be focused on Level 1 and Level 2. Wednesday and Thursday 8am to 5pm \$40.00

- 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

Family Fun Classes

Basket Classes **

with Cathryn Sylvester

Victorian Market Basket	12"x8"x14"	\$45.00
Friday	8am to 5pm	<i>Limit 10 people</i>
Double Chain Hearth Basket	13"x8"x14"	\$45.00
Saturday	8am to 5pm	<i>Limit 10 people</i>

Stained Glass Classes **

with Tami Bagley

Stained Glass Panel	9.5" x 6.5"	\$50.00
Friday	8am to 5 pm	<i>Limit 6 people</i>
Suncatcher	6" x 3.5"	\$20.00
Saturday	8am to 10am	<i>Limit 6 people</i>

Mini Classes **

with Rhonda Schrum & Nancy Jackson

Chicken Scratch Embroidery		\$15.00
Friday	8am to 12pm	<i>Limit 10 people</i>

Needle felted animals		\$15.00
Friday	1pm to 5 pm	<i>Limit 10 people</i>
Dyeing with Indigo		\$15.00
Saturday	8am to 12pm	<i>Limit 10 people</i>
Fun with Watercolors		\$15.00
Saturday	1pm to 5 pm	<i>Limit 10 people</i>

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

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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.

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.

Ozark Conference Raffle

(Drawing times to be announced at conference)

~ Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 ~

(Sold at conference)

Featured Items:

176 lbs. DTX 80 Anvil
From Blacksmith Supply

66 lbs. swage block
from Holland Anvil

BAM Tool Box
tools donated by members

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:

Paul Talaski
Gallery Coordinator
ptalaski@gmail.com
314-605-8583

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Early Registration (postmarked before 4/1/2024)
Whole Conference \$45.00_____/family
Fri ONLY \$25.00_____/family
Sat ONLY \$25.00_____/family

Late Registration (postmarked after 4/1/2024)
Whole conference \$60.00_____/family
Fri ONLY \$30.00_____/family
Sat ONLY \$30.00_____/family

Catered Meal (pre-registration required)
Saturday Banquet #____x \$20.00_____/person

Classes (with Paid Registration and Pre-Registered)

Beginning Blacksmithing^{1 **} Friday
(Requires membership) #____x \$30.00_____/person

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

National Curriculum^{1 **} Wednesday & Thursday
(Requires membership) #____x \$40.00_____/person

Basket Weaving Friday * #____x \$45.00_____/person
Saturday * #____x \$45.00_____/person

Stain Glass Friday* #____x \$50.00_____/person
Saturday * #____x \$20.00_____/person

Chicken Scratch Embroidery*#____x \$15.00_____/person

Needle Felted Animals* #____x \$15.00_____/person

Dyeing with Indigo * #____x \$15.00_____/person

Fun with Watercolors * #____x \$15.00_____/person

BAM membership dues \$30.00_____/family

Total Enclosed \$ _____

**See requirements under class description*

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

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

Campsites are available at the Missouri State Fair Grounds. Fees will be collected by MSF after you set up. Full RV hook up \$35 /night. Tent sites \$12 /night.

<http://mostatefairgrounds.com/camping/>

~ No Camping in the Swine Pavilion. ~

Motels

Motel 6	660-827-5890
American Inn	660-826-2488
Best Western	660-826-6100
Holiday Inn Express & Suites	660-826-4000
Hotel Bothwell	660-826-5588
Econo Lodge	660-826-8400
Super 7	660-827-0215

BAM Rates

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

Make reservations early. The rooms are going fast.

Saturday Night Banquet \$20.00

Each plate includes:
Pulled Pork, B.B.Q. sauce, Potato Salad,
Cole Slaw, Garden Salad,
Dinner Roll, Cookies & Beverage

Food Trucks

David's Original Cheesesteak Co.

<https://www.facebook.com/davidscheesesteak/>

Tacos El Arca

<https://www.facebook.com/noeivethpimentel/>



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