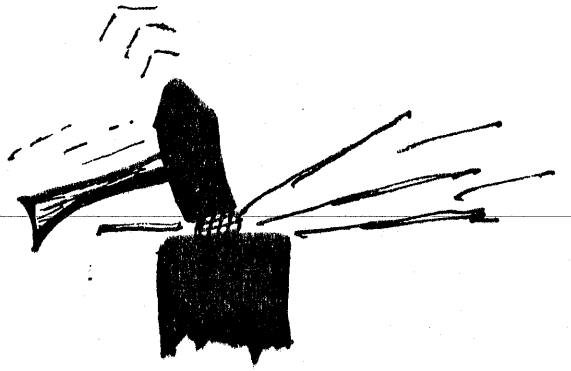


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The next meeting: Sat. July 13th
Peola Valley Forge
hosted by Doug & Bonnie Hendrickson



Photo taken April 20th at BAM meeting VII
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is an organization devoted to the preservation and advancement of blacksmithing in Missouri and surrounding areas. It plans to advance the skill of it's members, and to increase the interest of the public in supporting blacksmithing and purchasing handforged ironwork. BAM is a meeting place for ideas to be exchanged. Strictly speaking, blacksmithing is the shaping of iron or steel under hand control, but BAM will stretch the word blacksmith to include metalworkers of all kinds. BAM will have workshops with respected metalsmiths from all over the country, and hopefully the World, to enable the smith in Missouri to gain knowledge from the masters without having to travel to the ends of the Earth. This will take the work of all the members. The more all of you support BAM, the more that will be accomplished. Hopefully, as we become a chapter ABANA we can help it's goals nationally. BAM will seek to be a teaching tool and a means of communication. This newsletter will try to follow these ideals.

PASS THE WORD

about BAM It is for everyone interested in working metal. We welcome them; they need us and we need them.

It will be the policy of this newsletter to print anything pertaining to working metals. Unless you ask me not to, what you send will be printed as you write. Letters to the Editor welcome; as are suggestions for making this newsletter suit you better. Pieces from other periodicals and books are also possible, but be sure to include the publisher, so we can get permission to reprint.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the membership informed, and also to serve their informational and educational needs. We need your input.

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BAM MEETING VII

Beautiful fresh spring weather drew over 25 people to Colin and Ann Campbell, s for a full day of blacksmithing demonstrations and informative and lively conversations. Colin is a professional carpenter and has a large woodworking shop he built himself. Colin says that blacksmithing for him is a very enjoyable hobby, and you can tell that the airy and organized blacksmithing shop he built for himself was a labor of love.

When I arrived some folks were doing some scrolls, including some out of square tubing (welded on end). A good idea for hiding wire in light fixtures and they sure are easy to bend.

Don Asbee brought a guillotine type extra hand with interchangeable top and bottom dies, and demonstrated some fullering dies he made.

Steve Austin brought a splitting jig for use under the trip-hammer. Steve used this jig for a split in the middle of a picket on a recent job.

Along about middle of the morning we held the business meeting: the first thing that happened, I was elected as Minister of Information.

We decided to keep yearly dues at \$15, payable on Jan. 1st each year.

All were in favor of continuing a raffle to raise money and exchange for fun at each meeting.

Steve Austin volunteered to follow up on the non-profit status paperwork. This is so we can get grants and for chapter status with ABANA. Steve will also print stationary.

Don Asbee volunteered to recontact Barry Bergy concerning 1986 Francis Whitaker workshop. Barry is the State folklorist and is looking for a project to be executed by the workshop. We also need to establish workshop framework and get funding. Jerry Hoffman volunteered his shop for the event.

We talked about advertizing and decided to run an add in the Rural Missouri and to work up a one page flyer with a tear-off membership form, for hand outs.

Then back to the anvil where Jerry Hoffman showed us a way to forge a leaf with a fold for the vein.

Bill Miller turned and punched a horseshoe. Bill made it look easy- he uses a pritchel with a slight mushroom on the end which punches a very clean hole.

Around 1 o'clock, The Campbell's put out a wonderful spread; meats, cheeses, breads, cake and cookies. After lunch was the raffle drawing for a nailheader made by Grady Holley. Jerry Hoffman was the lucky winner, and it made BAM \$60 richer.

A reporter from the Franklin County Tribune came out so Don Asbee and Jerry Hoffman forged a chisel for some pictures.

Doug Hendrickson demonstrated a poker with a fagot welded barb and welded and twisted handle. Doug had some interesting glasses that have didymium lenses. Glass blowers use them to look into the forge. They do make it easier to see in the fire. They are available from R & R Welding 1700 2nd Ave. Des Moines and Centaur Forge. Doug also brought two beautiful damascus knives he recently forged.

Colin let us play with his new Dillon MKII oxy-act welding and cutting outfit. It features a more concentrated flame and lower fuel usage.

Bernie Tappel welded up a damascus billet using a piece of file and mild steel, which he forged welded together. By drawing it out and cutting in half, then welding it back together again Bernie took it to 32 layers. Then he drilled partly through in several places and forged it back flat. With a little grinding and a weak acid solution the pattern showed nicely.

For some smiths, BAM meetings are the only chance to talk shop and it is a time and place for all smiths to share and learn new information. It was a satisfying day and many thanks to Colin and Ann for being such warm and generous hosts.

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THE NEXT MEETING

will be BAM's eighth get-together
on Saturday, July 13th 1985
at The Peola Valley Forge
hosted by Bonnie & Doug Hendrickson
RR 1 Box 16D
Lesterville Mo. 63654
(314) 637-2576

There will be a business meeting and forge-in. Bring your forge and recent work.

We are going to have an exchange, a pair of balusters. The balusters should be 36" long, made from 3/4" square stock and left open on the ends. These items could possibly be used in a group project at a later date. If you bring two balusters, you'll get to take two of someone else's home.

A skillet made by Don Asbee will be the raffle item.

A focus of the meeting will be handle development, design and fabrication, bring your ideas.

Lunch will be served.

You and your family are invited for the weekend. There is a campground 3/4 mi. from the forge. The Hendrickson's will reserve space for us, send them questionnaire on back page. On Sunday we'll will do a float trip on the Black River.

Bring a tee-shirt and Doug will silkscreen the BAM logo on it. The ink will be black, so a light colored shirt would be best.

Bring your musical instrument and we'll have a good time.

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Francis Whitaker

has been nominated as a National Treasure in the Folks Arts Program of the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, DC. If he is chosen as a National Treasure, he will be awarded \$5,000 and be honored at a dinner in Washington DC. To assist in his selection you can write a letter of recommendation to Ms. Pat Sanders, National Endowment for the Arts, 2401 E. Street NW, Washington, DC 20506, emphasizing how much he has contributed to the resurgence of black-smithing in the U.S. As expressed in the newsletter of the Upper Midwest Blacksmith Assn., "Yes, we think he is great, but except for improving our work, there has never been a way to really say "thank you"! But now the National Endowment for the Arts is in the act. Take pen in hand. Now is your turn to help Francis."

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Damascus Steels

by Oleg D. Sherby and Jeffrey Wadsworth
is a good article and can be found in the February 1985 issue of
SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, begining on page 112.

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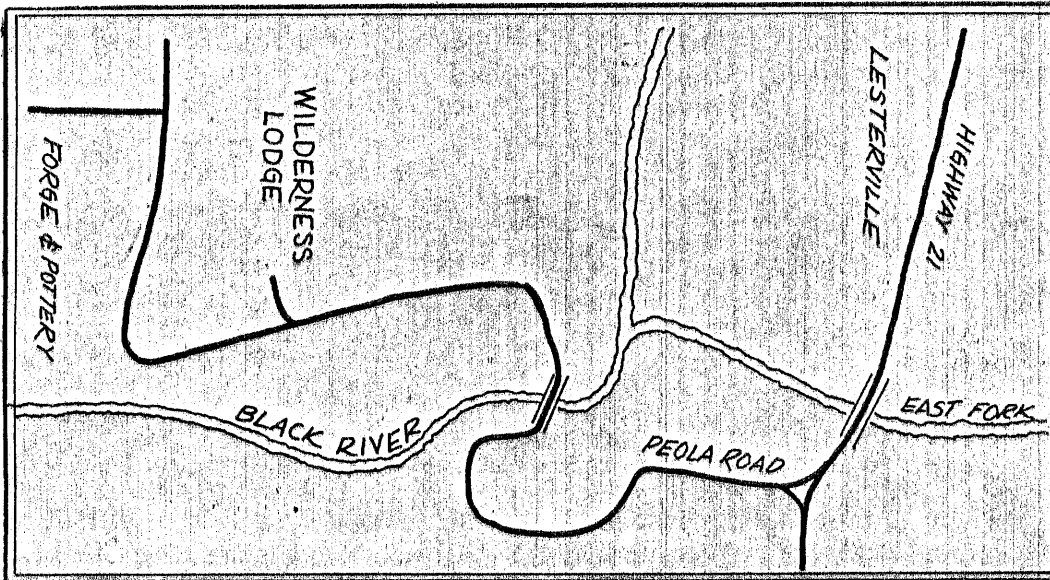
swage blocks & cone mandrels send SASE to: Roger Lorance Kankakee Valley Forge R.R. 1 Box 180 Bourbonnais, IL 60914

seminar notes for: Darryl Nelson (animal heads) Bernhard Heer (bird and crucifix) Renato Ferrari (modern: leaf-gate and candlestick) \$5.00 from Michael Chisham P.O. Box 82 Petaluma, California 94953

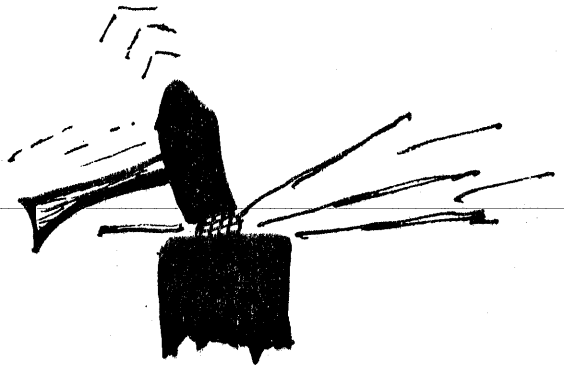
ABANA Switchboard has been set up to answer questions concerning blacksmithing or related subjects. Fred Caylor is available to answer all questions and has a group of experienced blacksmiths on his staff that will insure that you get a good answer. You can contact Fred at

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map for PEOLA VALLEY FORGE Lesterville Mo. 367-2576



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Address: _____ City _____ State _____

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Do you have your own shop? Yes ___ No ___

Are you Full-time smith _____

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Interested _____

Suggestions for BAM _____

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Name: _____

Do you have ideas for exchange items?

Do you want to Buy, Sell, or Trade?

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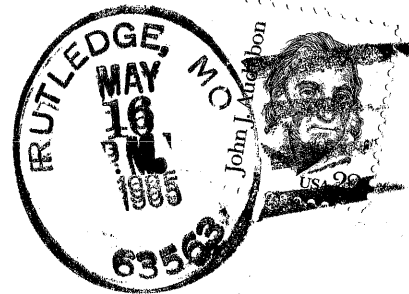
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____ I would like to do canoe trip Sunday
number in party _____

Name _____

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