

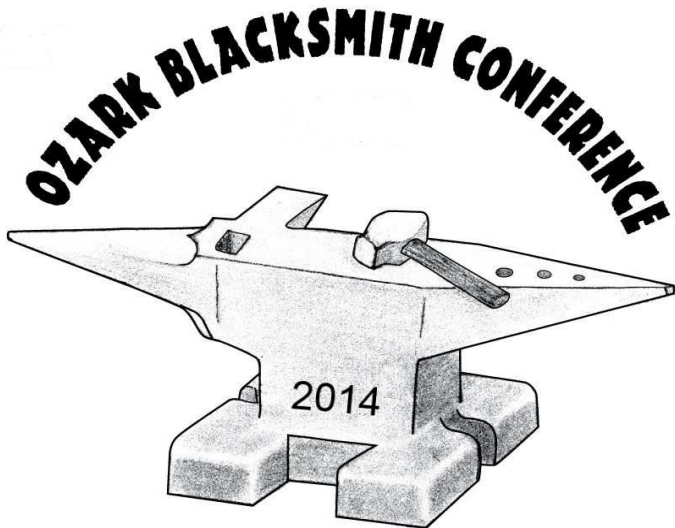


23rd Annual Ozark Conference

May 1st - May 4th, 2014
Missouri State Fairgrounds
Sedalia, MO

Pre-Registration must be postmarked by

April 5th, 2014



You are invited to attend the...

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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. 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.

2014 Conference Committee

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Lawson, MO 64062
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Downing, MO 63536
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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:

Don Anders
636-356-1043
donald.anders@juno.com

Karen Bouckaert
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kxh4161@bjc.org

~ Demonstrators ~

Peter Ross
2232 Whitesmith Rd.
Siler City, NC 27344
919-663-3309
peter@peterrossblacksmith.com

Peter's interest in early ironwork developed accidentally as the result of part time employment at a local living history museum. He spent weekends and summers working in the blacksmith shop, watching the pieces he had just made be put to use in correct historic context. After attending the Rhode Island School of Design and a year studying with blacksmith/whitesmith Dick Everett in East Haddam, CT, he opened his own shop.

In 1979 Peter was hired as a journeyman blacksmith by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Two years later he took over the shop as Master; a position he held for 23 years. In addition to reproducing hundreds of different pieces of 18th century hardware, utensils, tools, etc, Peter and staff helped re-discover pre-industrial methods long out of use.

For the last 30 years, he has been a frequent demonstrator at ABANA national blacksmith conferences, given hundreds of classes and workshops on historic tools and methods at prominent Craft schools, regional blacksmith conferences, and museum sites.

Peter now operates his own business in Siler City, North Carolina making museum quality reproductions of 18th and 19th century hardware. Recent projects include hardware for the distillery at Mount Vernon, door locks for Monticello and Montpelier, and other private restorations.

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. Also, please check with the Boutique before you go home. Any non-iron items should be picked up if not sold. We do not have a place to store fabric and other craft items so that they can be maintained in good condition from year to year.

~ Demonstrators ~
Cont.

James Crowell
676 Newnata Cutoff
Mountain View, Ark. 72560
870-746-4215

James Crowell began making knives in Mt. View, AR in 1980 and is a past Ozark Folk Center, State Park, Resident Blacksmith and Knife maker. He earned the distinction of Master Bladesmith from the American Bladesmith Society in 1986 and was certified as the first, non founding father, Instructor for the American Bladesmith Society (ABS) that same year.

Jim is a long time faculty member of The Bill Moran School of Bladesmithing at Texarkana College and teaches all over the country at seminars and "Hammer-Ins". His flawless work regarded by many as among the best hand forged knives produced has appeared in every trade publication and is in collections throughout the world. He has won many awards including the first American Bladesmith Society Bill Moran Knife of the Year, the Blade Magazine Best Forged Knife and was the winner of numerous American Bladesmith Society Cutting Competitions. Jim won the first World Championship ABS cutting competition in 2003 at the Blade Super Show in Atlanta Georgia.

www.crowellknives.com

Dr. Iron's Slackwater Gallery

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

As before, 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?

Once again we will try to arrange a shipping address for those who either can't come to the conference or who would like to get their work here early. 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
785-865-5771
or
John Sherwood
jbsems@sbcglobal.net
314-821-5727

Workshops / Instructors

*All Family programs **and Gallery** will be in the
Mohler Assembly Building*

Thursday Afternoon

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Open Forging

Friday

BAM Beginning Blacksmith

The various skills the students will learn are tapering, hot cutting, punching holes, slitting, and forging shapes.

COST: \$30 / all day

Due to insurance liabilities BAM membership is **required, as well as safety glasses & other safety equipment for the Blacksmithing class!*

Broom Tying (8:00 - 11:00)

Hearth Broom - Jo Nietfeld
(10 students max.)

I will provide wood handles for the hearth brooms, or students can bring their own handle. Hearth brooms are primarily made for fireplace tool sets or use. You can bring your own forged iron handles, they should have a predrilled 1/8" hole about 1/4" from the broom end. No sharp edges at the bottom of the handle or in the hole. The handle should be about 15" - 20" in length for a broom of approximate total length of 27" - 30". The length from the bottom of the handle to where you want the weave to stop should be about 6" - 8".

The broom will add 10" - 12 " to the length of the handle. Handles can be wooden, iron, or anything else you think suitable as long as they are STURDY.

Broom Tying - Individual Classes

12:00 - 1:30

1:45 - 3:15

3:30 - 5:00

Choice of broom - Hearth, cob web,
Turkey Wing Whisk, or Regular Whisk.

COST: \$30 ea. or 2 for \$50

For Individual Classes please contact Jo Neitfeld @
joann.nietfeld@gmail.com

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Traditional Forging Contest

Phil Cox is heading up the forging contest again this year, but this time it's going to be a secret until the day of the contest.

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 7:00pm on Friday.

Hammer Making Class

Nathan Robertson, Jackpine Forge

~ Contact **Mike McLaughlin** for registration ~
10 students max. - **\$80**

We'll be forging hand hammers in what I consider my "standard style" with an upset flat forging face and a variety of peen options. Students will be able to choose to make cross, straight, diagonal or rounding hammers with double peen hammers and cutler's hammers as other options. Choice of weights will be 1.5, 1.75, 2, 2.25, and 2.5 pounds.

We'll be working in pairs and using striking techniques with sledges and top tools. Grinding and heat treating as pertaining to hammer making will be covered and each student will go home with a completely finished hand hammer ready to use. The class will start with a step by step demo of a cross peen hammer which will be donated to the conference auction.

All materials including steel, handles, and abrasives will be provided. All tools such as sledges, punches, drifts and tongs will be provided. Students should bring their personal safety equipment and wear appropriate clothing. Bringing your favorite forging hammer is recommended for any hand forging or fine tuning required. If you have a touch stamp bring that as well.

Conference Auction

Here is another way to help support BAM! Please donate any item—tools, books, forgings—that you feel would be of interest to your fellow blacksmiths. This is the major source of revenue for BAM, so don't be shy about bidding on items as well. 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. Be sure to fill out a donation slip for each item so that you and your gift can be recognized at the time of the Auction.



Friday's Basket

Square Market Basket

10" handle with choice of color, 10"x10"x6"
20 people max.



Saturday's Basket

Chief Urn

Side handles with choice of color, 10"x10"x11"
20 people max.

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Pre-Registration *(per family)* **post marked before 4/5/14**

Whole Conference # _____ x \$65⁰⁰ _____

Fri ONLY # _____ x \$40⁰⁰ _____

Sat ONLY # _____ x \$40⁰⁰ _____

Catered Meals *(per person)*

Friday Lunch # _____ x \$ 8⁰⁰ _____

Saturday Lunch # _____ x \$ 8⁰⁰ _____

Saturday Banquet # _____ x \$15⁰⁰ _____

Workshops *(per person)* ***(with paid registration)***

BAM Beginning Blacksmithing
(requires membership) # _____ x \$30⁰⁰ _____

Sock Monkey *Friday*
 AM # _____ x \$20⁰⁰ _____

Sock Elephant *Friday*
 PM # _____ x \$25⁰⁰ _____

Sock Elephant *Saturday*
 AM # _____ x \$25⁰⁰ _____

Sock Monkey *Saturday*
 PM # _____ x \$20⁰⁰ _____

Broom Tying

Friday
 AM—Hearth Broom # _____ x \$30⁰⁰ _____

PM - _____ # _____ x \$30⁰⁰ _____

2 Friday Brooms # _____ x \$50⁰⁰ _____

Saturday

AM—Turkey Wing # _____ x \$30⁰⁰ _____

PM - _____ # _____ x \$30⁰⁰ _____

2 Saturday Brooms # _____ x \$50⁰⁰ _____

Basket Weaving

Friday # _____ x \$30⁰⁰ _____

Saturday # _____ x \$35⁰⁰ _____

BAM Membership Dues *(if applicable)* \$25⁰⁰ _____

TOTAL Enclosed \$ _____

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

Kent & Deanna Harbit
 627 Poplar Drive
 Windsor, MO 65360-2030
 660-647-2349

Name: _____

Others Attending: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Ozark Conference Fees

<u>Pre-Registration</u>		<u>On-Site Registration</u>	
Thur/Fri/Sat	\$65	Thur/Fri/Sat	\$70
Fri ONLY	\$40	Fri ONLY	\$40
Sat ONLY	\$40	Sat ONLY	\$40

Spouses, dates, significant others, & children under 18, are **FREE** with a **registered** attendee.

Catered Lunch

Will be available for those **pre-registered** by 4/5/14
Cost is \$8.00 a day/person.

~ Kehdes Barbeque ~
Sedalia, MO

* Please Note - No meal wagon will be available this year!

Friday - \$8 / box lunch

Ham sandwich, potato salad, beans, cookie, drink.

Saturday - \$8 / box lunch

Turkey sandwich, slaw, beans, cookie, drink.

(pre-register only!)

Saturday Night Banquet - \$15 /person

Beef, pork, Posh Potato Casserole, green beans, slaw, buns brownie, drink.

Ozark Conference Schedule

Thursday, May 1, 2014

8:00 amSetup Begins
1:00 pm—4:00 pm.....Open Forging
5:00 pm—6:00 pm.....Official Opening

Friday, May 2, 2014

8:00 am—12:00 pm.....Jim Crowell / BAM Members
8:00 am—12:00 pm.....MTS Beginning Blacksmithing
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.....Peter Ross / BAM Members
1:00 pm—5:00 pm.....MTS Beginning Blacksmithing
1:00 pm—5:00 pm.....Family Programs

7:00 pmBusiness Meeting
Traditional Forging Contest

Saturday, May 3, 2014

8:00 am—12:00 pm.....Peter Ross/ Jim Crowell
8:00 am—12:00 pm.....Family Programs
8:00 am—12:00 pm.....Hammer Making Class

12:00 pm—1:00 pm.....Lunch Break

Catered Lunch available – reservations ONLY

1:00 pm—5:00 pm.....Jim Crowell / Peter Ross
1:00 pm—5:00 pm.....Family Programs
1:00 pm—5:00 pm.....Hammer Making Class

6:00 pm— 7:00 pm.....Banquet Dinner Served

7:00 pmAwards, Drawings, Auction

Sunday, May 4, 2014

11:00 amClean Up (all hands appreciated)

Ozark Conference Raffle

BAM is once again sponsoring a fundraiser raffle to be held Sunday, at noon. Please check out the items being offered, and buy tickets at the BAM Boutique.

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

1st Drawing
Tabasco Forge
www.chiliforge.com

2nd Drawing
Blacksmith Tool Boxes & Tools

3rd Drawing
BAM Treadle Hammer

You must be a BAM member in good standing and your membership must be maintained for the entire year. The winning ticket holder will be responsible for all transportation from the conference and back to BAM at the March 2014 regular meeting - or before - so it can be prepared for the next conference. The hammer must be kept inside and in good condition, and no modifications may be made to it. If during the course of use the hammer should become broken or otherwise need repair you will be given the name of BAM members in your area to be notified for assistance. The hammer will not be for sale to you or anyone else for the duration of your use.

Friday Classes (continued)

Basket Weaving—Mary Jo McCarty

Square Market Basket

With 10" metal handle - choice of color
10"x10"x6"

\$30 / all day

Monkey Business 101 (AM) - Margie Cox

Do you need a gift for your grand baby or another baby? These sock monkeys are appropriate for newborns through any age person. We will make a sock monkey from red heel socks. There will be some machine sewing and some hand sewing. All materials will be provided along with the sewing machines. Please bring your own scissors.

\$20

Sock Elephant (PM) - Margie Cox

Last year the Sock Monkey went out and found a friend at the circus and it was the Sock Elephant. We will make sock monkeys or sock elephants from the red heel socks. There will be some machine sewing and some hand sewing. All materials will be provided along with the sewing machines. You can make a brown, blue or pink animal of your choice. Please bring your own scissors.

\$25

Tong making class - Friday morning.

Sign up at the conference. Space is limited. Check website for fee.

Saturday

Basket Weaving—Mary Jo McCarty

Chief Urn - 10"x10"x11"

Metal side handles - choice of color

\$35 / all day

Sock Elephant (PM) - Margie Cox

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\$20

Broom Tying (8:00 - 10:30)

Turkey Wing Whisk Broom - Jo Nietfeld

This is a little more challenging but fun. For people who enjoy tying a broom but would like to make a new style. I make two types of looks for the top of the whisk - one style has a corn braided top and the other style does not. Your choice as to which style you'd like to make. No handles are necessary for the turkey wing whisk brooms.

Broom Tying - Individual Classes

10:45 - 12:15

1:15 - 2:45

3:00 - 4:30

Choice of broom - Hearth, cob web,
Turkey Wing Whisk, or Regular Whisk.

cost: \$30 ea. or 2 for \$50

Broom Kits will be available(broom corn, spinner, & needle) for \$40

For Individual Classes please contact Jo Neitfield @
joann.nietfield@gmail.com

Or **BOTH** Saturday Brooms \$50

~~ Please bring sharp knife and a pair of pliers ~~

Hammer Making Class

- Nathan Robertson, Jackpine Forge

~ Contact Mike McLaughlin for registration information ~
10 students max

Lodging

Camping

Camp sites are available at Missouri State Fairgrounds, located West of Clarendon Road (Public Campground). Reservations are not needed. Fees will be collected after you setup by MSF.

Full RV hookup is \$19 /night

Tent sites are \$10 /night

Motels

Make reservations before March 31st, 2014.

***Mention Blacksmith Association
of Missouri***

Please call for hotel rooms as early as possible.

Comfort Inn

Sedalia Mo.
(660)829-5050
15 double rooms
79.00+ tax

Truman Inn Econolodge

Sedalia Mo.
(660) 826-8400
15 rooms blocked
Breakfast Buffet
69.95+ tax

State Fair Inn

(formerly the Super 8)
Sedalia Mo.
(660)827-5890
15 rooms mixed
59.95+ tax

Dining*

Sedalia has a number of fast food establishments, as well as several casual dining restaurants within a few miles of the conference site. Coffee will be made available on site at the tool crib every day.

Sorry, no food wagon this year!

****Please remember that you must pre-register for the Saturday evening buffet banquet by April 6th. There may be limited / unclaimed banquet tickets available at the on-site registration, but to ensure you have a place at the table, please pre-register.***