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The Missouri State Fair is coming up. August 13th - 23rd. If you have not signed up to volunteer please contact Hollis Harbit. More information page 24.

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Joyce Nichols passed away on June 7th.2026. Though she was ill herself, she devoted her strength to caring for Don. After his passing, it seemed her heart was ready to join him, and she was able to leave this world peacefully as well.



Don Nichols items from the gallery.

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Presidents Letter Bam Conference 2026

Hello everyone, I feel we had a fantastic conference. Can't thank everyone enough for all the hard work. It does take a village. We had amazing demonstrators. It's amazing how as they work they do such a great job explaining the process but also the history.

I really enjoyed the flint napping demonstration. Thank you Keith Bishop for stepping in.

The Gallery had such amazing art projects. There is talent in our group. Thank you to all who brought Don Nichols items for the exhibition.

We had lots of family classes , thank you to all who work to put them on and help us learn new crafts.

I feel we had lots of great items in the Auction. Thanks to everyone who came and helped support our organization.

Looking forward to another great year of meetings and getting together. Next conference will be here before we know it.

Keep your anvil warm
Willy Bagley
President



Presidents Letter June 27th, 2026 Meeting

Hi everyone had a great day at Table Rock Lake, I feel we had a good crowd. Pat McCarty did a fantastic job on demonstrating. He made several different hearts after his leaf warm up. Thanks again Pat. The weather was great this year. We had lots of cool heart trade items. Thanks to all who participated. We got rescheduled at this shelter for May 22, 2027

Hope to see you all at State Fair sounds like Hollis has it all ready. Then at Bernie & Patti's for there Hammer In July 30th.

Thanks again for everyone's help in all our club does.

Keep your anvil warm
Willy Bagley
President

May 1, 2026, BAM Conference Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by BAM President Willy Bagley at the 34th Annual Ozark Conference, Sedalia, MO. He thanked Ashley Farnsworth for organizing another fine conference! Willy also thanked the conference demonstrators (Tyler Sydebotham, Simeon England, Broadus Thompson and Joshua Rachita) for their presentations.

Hollis Harbit reported he could use more blacksmiths for the State Fair demonstrations. Anyone interested should contact Hollis directly.

Willy reported that two officers wish to be replaced. Mike McLaughlin wants to give up the newsletter editor position and Don Anders would like someone else to take over the MTS classes and trailer. Both are willing to help their replacements with the transition. Anyone interested should contact Mike, Don, Willy, or David Rosemann (Nominating Committee). David reported there were no new candidates running for the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary positions. Karen Bouchkaert moved and Harold Smith seconded to keep the same officers we have. Our current officers will continue in their roles.

Willy announced the next BAM meeting is June 27th at Table Rock State Park, Branson. Pat McCarty will be the demonstrator. The trade item is a heart or heart-shaped object.

Rusty Osbourne (ABANA) announced the recipients of last year's starter forging kit. When he won the kit in our raffle, Rusty donated it back to BAM and asked us to give it to a worthy young blacksmith. The kit was given to Orion and Wesley Moran. The brothers were surprised and grateful. Congratulations to Orion and Wesley!

ABANA announced their conference is November 11 -14 in Bentonville, AR. They would like to see BAM members there. See the ABANA website for more information.

Colton Kiso donated a leg vise from Don Nichols to the BAM trailer. Karen Bouchaert announced \$600 was donated to the memorial fund for Don Nichols.

Willy led the Ringing of the Anvil for those BAM members who have passed this year. They were Don Nichols, Don Davies, Kerry Lawson and Allen Dippold.

The meeting was adjourned. The conference Forging Contest followed.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Talaski, Secretary

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Karen Bouckaert

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GRAND TOTAL--June 2026	551	100%

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Editor Notes.

This one is overfull. I'll try to get some Gallery photos in the next issue. This might be the last issue in this format. Publisher is going away in October , so I need to get everything in the new software. Everything will have to be rebuilt. My brain hurts already.

I joined BAM in the fall of 2006. Mark Lawson had joined earlier and brought in a newsletter to work. I read it and thought this sounds like what I have been looking for.

I went to the Lathrop Steam show a few weeks later and ran into Ed Harper at the blacksmith shop. We talked for a few hours and he said there was going to be a meeting at Matthew Burnetts the next month. I went and I was hooked. In 2008 I was leaving the Meeting at Ned Digh's Ken Jansen, Larry Holts, Don Anders, and Karen Bouckaert were planning the Conference. They asked me if I would like to be a site captain for Mark Aspery at the conference in 2009. I agreed and that started my volunteering for things at BAM. Since then I have Been Conference Chair for a few years and just jumped in where needed. It is rewarding helping further BAMs mission.

I have been the Newsletter Editor Since the beginning of 2021. I took this so I wouldn't have to be an Officer.

Just a little history of me. Thanks to Willy Bagley for selecting me for the Lifetime Membership.

I would still like to find someone to replace me as editor.

Get out there and volunteer. You might just like it.

Mike M.



2026 Conference Overview

We had an outstanding week for the conference. The weather was perfect and there were a lot of extra activities going on.

The total attendance was 282.

It all started on Wednesday the 29th with a Casting Class led by Thomas (Mark) Sampsel. A lot of unique items were created in this 2-day class. Don Anders and Mathias Penn held ABANA's National Curriculum classes. It was another successful 2-day class.



Don Anders with Terry Credeur



David Roseman and Matthias Penn



Scott Birdno casting class pour.

Thursday is setup day, Potluck Dinner, and opening ceremonies. The trailers were unloaded and all the equipment made it to its needed location. Thanks to everyone that helped make it happen.

Karen Bouckaert made sure all the vendors and tailgaters were in their assigned spots and had the tables and chairs they needed.

After setup was the Phil Cox Memorial Potluck. There was a lot of good food. The highlight for me was "Cajun Corner" our friends from LAMA (Louisiana Metalsmiths Association). There was Gumbo and a Shrimp dish I can't remember the name of, Boudin sausage and Cracklins. They brought the key ingredients from Louisiana. You can't get those in Missouri.



President Willy Bagley welcomed everyone and lit the opening fire with flint and striker.



Keith Bishop from Marshall Mo. had the Thursday night opening demonstration. He is a Flint Knapper. He showed the process of breaking down the rock and refining it to a useful tool. He had some beautiful work on display also.



Friday, we kicked everything off with Willy Bagley playing the National Anthem on his fiddle. Demonstrations started With Joshua Rachita, Broadus Thompson, Tyler Sydebotham, and Simeon England.



Beginning blacksmith classes with David Roark. The Gallery was open and the Family classes got underway. Vendors and tailgaters were there to help support your habit. Forge Friday setup an area for open forging. Lots going on there too. We ended the day with another potluck dinner, the business meeting and the forging contest. Saturday started the same. We had Bryan Parker and Paul Talaski teaching the beginning blacksmith class. At the end of the day was the Banquet dinner, Awards and the Auction. The auction was run by Philip Yoder and crew from Johnson Auction Service. They do this for us at no charge. They always do a great job. Sunday is cleanup day and the large item raffle.



Awards

Hollis Harbit received the Bob Patrick Founder's Award from Santo Giuffrida. It is a traveling award that is awarded annually to one member. The award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution of time and talent to further BAM'S goals. The recipient is charged with the duty of selecting the next recipient and presenting it next year.



Mike McLaughlin (me) received the Life Member Award. It is chosen by the current President each year. Thanks Willy

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Forging Contest winners

Beginning Blacksmiths



1st place: Orion Moran (not shown)
2nd place: Matthew Pollet (right)
3rd place: Henry Buser (left)

Advanced Blacksmiths



1st place: Colton Kiso (left)
2nd place: Westley Moran (not shown)
3rd place: Steven Allen (right)

Sunday Morning Raffle winners

Tool Box: Daniel Wedemeyer

Swage Blocks: Phil Fisher (not shown)

Anvil: Ashley Hart

Blacksmith Kit: Lochlan Hendricks



At last years conference Rusty Osborne from ABANA won the Tool box and the Blacksmith kit. He donated the Kit back to BAM to be given to a deserving young blacksmith. The Officers chose Westley and Orion Moran.



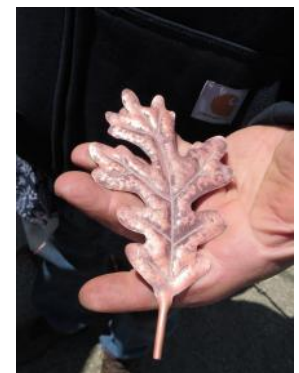
L to R. Westley Moran, Orion Maran, Willy Bagley, Rusty Osborne

BAM's new hydraulic press "Preston" Uncle Als from Riverside Machine.



Family Classes

There was a lot going on in the FFA building. We had Jeff Mueller with copper chasing. Basket classes with Cathryn Sylvester. Stained Glass with Tami Bagley (for some reason I have no photos of that). Mirror etching and Quilling with Rhonda Schrum. Floral Watercolor and Paper Collage with Nancy Jackson.



Random Conference Photos



Kim Stahl



Anvil Repair Demonstration

Written and Photos by Paul Talaski

On Saturday morning, June 6th, about twenty blacksmiths gathered at John Murray's in New Melle. They were there to see John demonstrate how he repairs the edges of a worn anvil. Some of the attendees had experience in anvil repair, although most did not. Some came from as far away as Kansas City, Springfield and Chillicothe.



John's approach is relatively simple but needs to be done properly to ensure lasting results. He showed examples of his technique used on a power hammer base and an anvil in his shop. After many years of service, they are still holding up very well.



Step One - Inspect and Prepare the Anvil
The anvil being repaired was a 107 pound Peter Wright, which had some rough use on the far edge (horn pointed to the left) and table edge. John advised inspecting for loose pieces and removing them if necessary. He used a wire wheel on an angle grinder to clean up the areas to be repaired. After cleanup, he heated the anvil top with an oxy-propane torch to a temperature just over what can be touched by hand (about 180 degrees).



Step Two - Welding and Hammering

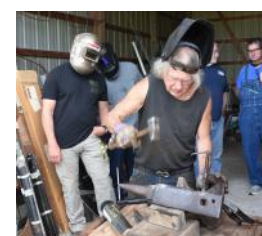
The main step of the repair is the welding and hammering the welds for the areas that need to be built up. John used a 5/16" Stooddy 2110 welding rod. This rod was developed for the railroad industry to repair the switch gear. It is almost pure manganese. The smallest amount these rods can be bought in are ten pound cans, which cost around \$220. John recommends partnering with some friends to share the expense.



John began the repair by welding a short bead (around 1 ½ - 2 inches), chipping off the slag and hammering the fresh weld. The bead is not one continuous bead, so as not to concentrate the heat on the anvil. After the slag is chipped off, the new weld is hammered hard, using the same hammer strikes as when forging. John says the hammering is just as important as the welding. The more the hammering, the harder the weld will become. The weld shrinks as it cools. Using the pein end of the hammer stretches the weld. You should feel the weld giving. The hammer will have more bounce back and a brighter sound as this happens.



John welded an area, hammered it and then skipped around the areas to be repaired, again to avoid concentrating the heat in one area. The goal was to build up an area and hammer it down to create a level close to what was needed while minimizing the amount of grinding to do.



Those present with welding helmets watched John weld. The hammer was passed around so that those who wanted to could hammer the welds and get a feeling for how the weld stretched. There were a lot of questions about the hammering, welding rod and other options.



Step Three - Grinding

When the welds were built up to the level he wanted, John used a large right-angle grinder and a 24 grit hard abrasive wheel to smooth out the weld. The larger the grinder wheel, the flatter the grinded surface and less likely the grinder would create dips in the anvil top. The welds were tested with some Rockwell files and indicated around 50 Rockwell in hardness after the hammering. With some patience, John knocked down the high spots and started to bring the edges back in shape.



The demonstration at this point was mostly complete. The repair will take more work than anticipated. John wants to add more welds to some of the spots. Rather than have the group watch a repetition of what was previously done, John will finish the project later. Many of the smiths took advantage of John's generous offer to answer other questions about his shop, equipment in it, and jigs and approaches he uses in there.

No doubt there are other approaches and variations to fixing anvils. This was a tried and tested approach that anyone with decent welding skills can use. From the feedback there, many felt they learned things that will help them with their repairs. I plan to post the completed anvil when it is finished.

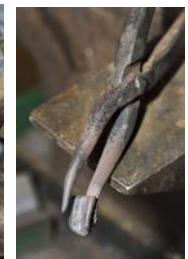
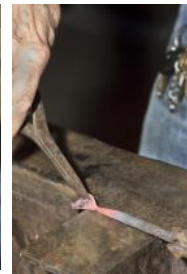


Pat McCarty Demo. Meeting June 27th, 2026

Photos: Bruce Herzog, Mike M.

Pat started his demo with what he makes every time he fires up the forge. A leaf. The material he is using is about 3/8" round bar that was a part of a silo at John C. Campbell Folk School. It was used as rebar.

Start with a point. Neck down where the stem will be. Flatten the part that will be the leaf a little. Then switch to your peen and spread it from the middle. Keep forging in the middle and leave some material on the outer edges. Heat again and use your peen to pull the sides out and around. Do both sides. He then folds it in a "V" block. Don't fold the entire leaf. Just flatten about 2/3rds of it. He will put his touchmark on the outside at this point. He uses a pair of snap ring type pliers to help open it back up. Open it up a bit then finish opening it on the edge of the anvil. Cut it off the bar and draw out the stem. He has a pair of tongs he made just to hold the leaf without damaging it while drawing out the stem. Wire brush and put on your favorite finish.

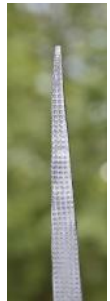


Heart with Wings

He used 3/16 x 3/4" flat bar 12" long and some thin copper roofing sheet.

He center punched the bar so he would know where the center of the bar is later. Draw a point on one end keep the thickness the same. Don't make it too pointy it could poke a hole in the copper that will be applied later. This ended up being about a 5- 6" taper. He has a block that has texture on it that he used to put a texture pattern on it. Chamfer the edges. Do the same to the other end. Curl the ends around to make the round parts of the heart. Make both sides the same.

Heat the center and put center punch mark on the far edge of the anvil and give it a little taper to the center. Heat it again and do it from the other direction. This creates the inside point of the heart.



He then used bending forks to bend the heart into shape. Make sure to texture the point area and chamfer the edge. Wire brush and apply your finish at this point.



Pat had already cut out the wings out of copper. He did some trial and error and came up with a shape he liked and made a pattern. He textured them with a small crosspeen. And used a swageblock to curve them how he wanted. He used a different fixture to curve the ends like he wanted. He used steel wool to clean it then colored it with a torch.



Trace around the heart you just made and cut it out with snips. He center punched and used a hand punch to make a hole where the cuts meet in the center of the heart. (not shown) Pat says it gives the snips a place to stop at and eliminates cuts that don't meet correctly. Use a file to clean up the edges and refine the shape if needed.



Mark, center punch and drill holes in your heart for rivets. Make sure you have two holes on each side to attach the wings.

He uses vise grips to hold it together while drilling and riveting the copper on. He used 1/8" brass rivets for another layer of color.

Use a ball peen to give texture to the inside of the heart. Go from the backside. Texture until you like it. Finally the wings are attached.



Pat also made a Ginkgo leaf out of copper. He used 1/4 x 1/2" copper bar. Setup like a leaf but leave it fat on the end. This requires a lot of spreading with your peen so anneal it before you think you need to.



This is another idea from Pat. It is a 10-24 screw about 5" long.



June 27, 2026 BAM Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm by BAM President Willy Bagley at Table Rock State Park. He thanked everyone for being there and estimated about 55 people attended. Willy thanked Pat McCarty for the morning demonstrations of making leaves and hearts. Pat got a well deserved round of applause.

Financial Report - Ashley Hart reported our budget is doing well. The conference went well and should have a net surplus of about \$9,500. We are still waiting for the final expenses. Ashley was asked and provided figures for the conference Iron-in-the-Hat, boutique, auction, etc.

Membership - Jeremie Howell said membership was at 535 on May 1. Since then a total of 17 were added and 9 members lost, plus one member added today for a total of 545 members. Our newest member, Caleb Justice, was recognized.

Anvil Repair Demonstration Follow-up - Paul Talaski reported about twenty people attended the demonstration on June 6 at John Murray's in New Melle. John gave a fine thorough demonstration of welding, hammering and grinding the rough edges of an anvil to make a durable repair. Some of the members got to do some of the hammering. We did not finish the anvil that day but John hopes to complete it soon. There will be an article about it in an upcoming newsletter and photos posted in the BAM gallery. Willy attended and said he learned some things to try.

State Fair Demonstrations - Hollis Harbit said all the tickets have been turned in and are being distributed. The demonstrations are full. Twenty-five people signed up, with 5 to be there every day. This was the best response for demonstrators.

New Business

1. Next year's Table Rock State Park meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 10, pending confirmation of the permit. The other option was July 3, which was too close to the holiday weekend.
2. Upcoming Events include July 30 Old Retired Guys and Anyone Who Wants to Take the Day Off Hammer-In at Bernie Tappel's, August 29 at Willy Bagley's (Chillicothe) with trade item a hardie tool to fit 1" hardie hole, and September 26 at Brady Steam Engine Show Grounds (Boonville) with trade item a cabinet latch.
3. Denny Quinn asked how many BAM members are from Missouri. It was estimated about 400 (about 72%) are Missouri residents.

Adjournment - Karen Bouckaert moved and Mike McLaughlin second to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Follow Up - Next year's Table Rock State Park meeting will be May 22, 2027.

Don Anders is planning 2 one-day forge welding classes at next year's conference.

Trade Items June 27th. Meeting

Heart Shape

Photos Bruce Herzog



Pat McCarty to Garrett Royston



Harold Van De Mark to Christin and Bryan Parker



Garrett Royston to Mike Morton



Paul Talaski to Caleb Justice



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David Roseman to Kim Stahl

Don Anders to Ashley Hart



John Sherwood to Willy Bagley



John Diggs to Don Anders



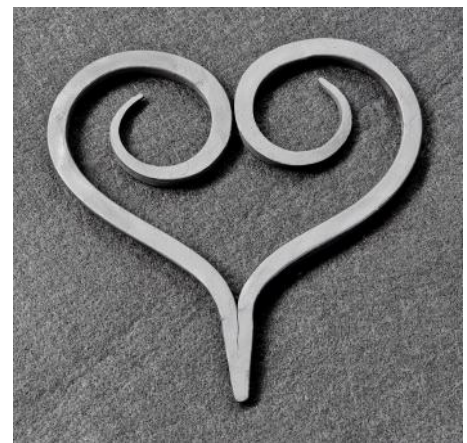
Steven Allen to David Roseman



Caleb Justice to
Tom Ringwald



Rose Justice to Daniel Meinson



Mike Smith to John Sherwood



Ashley Hart to Paul Talaski



Mike Morton to Harold
Van De Mark



Jeremie Howell to Steven Allen



Kim Stahl to Pat McCarty



Christin and Bryan Parker to
Mike Smith



Bob Stormer to Jeremie Howell



Tom Ringwald to John Diggs



Willy Bagley to Rose Justice

Fun at Steve McCarthys

We met around the weekend of June 6th at Steves. We were joined by Terry and Ada Clements from Louisiana. The first order of business was making hardware for his outhouse that will be put on his hunting property. Everybody made a piece for it. Next was making and learning how to throw a tomahawk. Bernie showed us his method then we went after it. The forge welds were set using Steve's Bradley. This worked great. Everyone was able to get a good usable hawk. We made stuff and ate a lot of good food. It was fun. #DNS

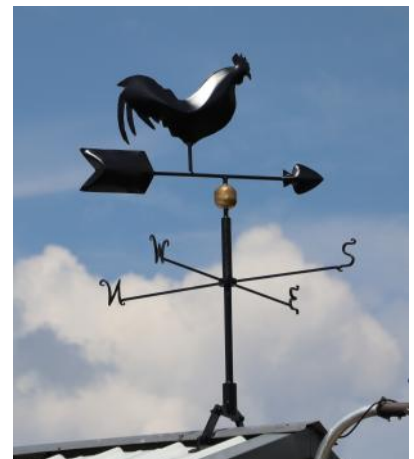


Steve made the hinges. This was the rest of the hardware that we made and installed.

Back row: Mike McLaughlin, Steve McCarthy, Ken Jansen, Bernie Tappel, John Sherwood, Terry Clements. Front: Lori McCarthy, Patti Tappel, Ana Ansel, Eileen Sherwood, Ada Clements.



Last years project at Steves installed. (right)



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You can also find my jewelry, knives, and handcrafted work year-round at The Virtuoso Collective on Cherokee Street in St. Louis.

Upcoming events where you can find me and my work:

August 22nd - 23rd, 2026: Gateway Area Knife Club Annual Cutlery Show – Carpenters Hall, Hampton Ave. STL

September 25th-26th-27th, 2026, Rock & Mineral Show, Kirkwood community center

October 16th - 17th, 2026, : Midwest Metalsmiths Annual Metal Art & Jewelry Show – Webster Groves

For class schedules and registration, visit CraftAlliance.org. I hope to see you at the forge, the jewelry bench, or one of the upcoming shows!

Beginner & Intermediate classes are being held at Mueller Industries (via Craft Central), 12951 Maurer Industrial Drive, St. Louis, MO 63127

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Upcoming EVENTS

July 30th, 2026 Old Retired Guys Hammer-In Hosted by Bernie and Patti Tappel. 204 Hidden Valley Rd, Jefferson City, Mo. Bring a project to work on or something to demonstrate. Bring chairs. Lunch available.

August 13th -23rd BAM at the Missouri State Fair. Bring some tools and a project or 2 to work on. We have coal forges, anvils and post vices. This is also an opportunity to learn things from other smiths. Demonstrate and talk to the public. Show them what we do and who we are. We have signed up some new members at this event. Contact Hollis Harbit 816-277-8554 for tickets and more information. We would like to see more people volunteer for the middle of the week if possible. Setup day is August 12th.

August 29th, 2026 - Meeting - Willy Bagley 9940 Rd.2302, Chillicothe, Mo.64601 Lunch available. Bring Chairs. Trade Item: Hardy tool to fit 1" hardy hole.

September 26th, 2026 - Meeting - Scott Birdno Host. Brady Steam Engine Show Grounds 24289 MO-179, Boonville, Mo. 65233 Bring chairs and Lunch. Trade Item: Cabinet Latch

November 7th, 2026 - Meeting - Greens Welding and Sales. Host Chris Green 1464 SE County Rd. 15305 Appleton City, Mo. 64724 Bring Chairs. Food truck available. Trade Item: Sculpture.

November 27th, 2026 Ken Jansens Black Friday Hammer-In. Bring a hammer. Ken usually has a project for you to work on. 2257 Carter Rd. Moscow Mills, Mo. 63362 Lunch available

May 22nd, 2027 -Meeting- Table Rock State Park 5272 Historic Hwy 165, Branson, Mo. 65672 Bring Lunch. Trade Item TBD.

Meetings start at about 8:30am. and go to about 2pm. Demo until noon. Lunch, then business meeting. Iron in the hat and Trade Item exchange.

Hammer-In events require participants to be 14 years of age and minors need to have a legal guardian present during the event.

Photos taken at the BAM events could be used in our Newsletter and/or website. Posing in a group photo will constitute as permission. If you do not wish any individual pictures of yourself to be included, please contact the Newsletter Editor and/or Webmaster.

Coal Stations

Coal Captain: Mike Lanham

Price per bag:

BAM Members \$20.00

Non Members \$25.00

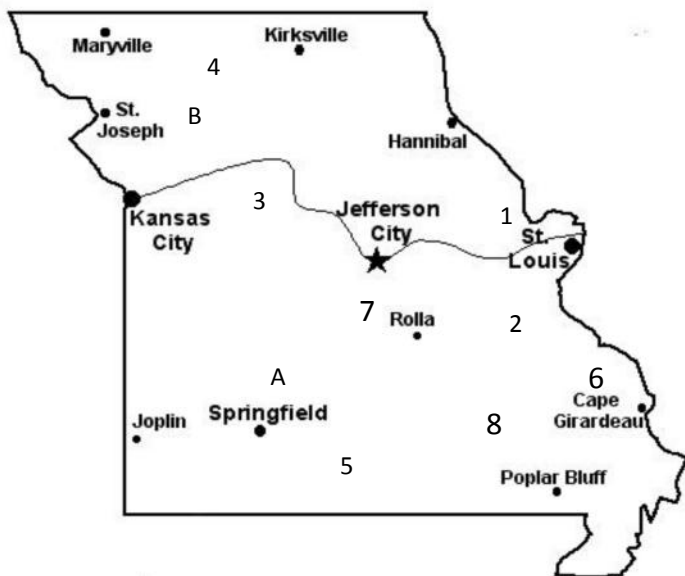
Member's pickup at Mike Lanham's \$18.00

Non-Members pickup at Mike Lanham's \$23.00

Coal keepers earn \$5.00 per bag

Bags are approximately 50lbs. each

Please call for current pricing.



A few notes on our coal:

1) Not all coal is created equal. The coal we buy is from the West Virginia to Pennsylvania vein and is a high metallurgy grade unlike coal from other areas.

2) Raw coal from the bagging company is stored outside which allows it to get rained on, (rain is water which weighs 8.4 pounds to the gallon). If the coal is bagged wet and then dries out the weight will change.

3) The coal fines which when mixed with water to form a paste burns along with the chunks of coal but during shipping and handling may sift out of the bags causing a weight loss.

So, the bottom line to all of this is we are selling coal in approximately 50 pound bags.

Non BAM Coal

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- B. Coal for sale \$20 per approximate 50 lb. bag. Missouri School of Blacksmithing
Matthew Burnett 816-575-2798, 3100 NW Winchester Rd., Cameron, MO. 64649

BAM COAL

1. Mike Lanham (636) 614-5095
2230 St. Paul Rd.

St. Paul MO 63366

After 5:00 pm M-F call for week-ends and before you come. You can text also.

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DeSoto, MO 63020

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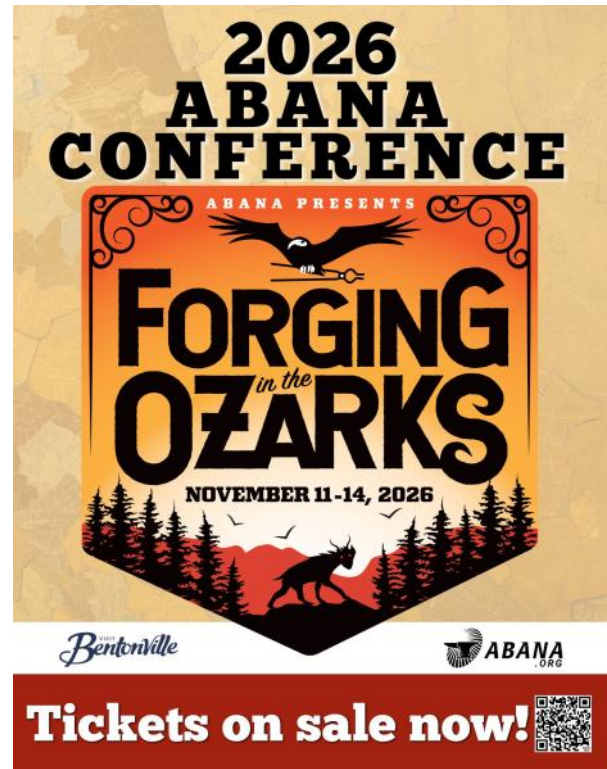
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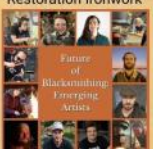
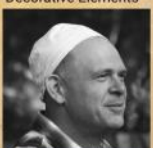
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