

What's Happening in the AACB

May 2016 Addition issue

The Appalachian Area Chapter of Blacksmiths Monthly email Update

Current Updated Website

<http://aacblacksmiths.org/>

There is a Calender there with lots of info.

The old link still redirects there

<http://www.appalachianblacksmiths.org/>

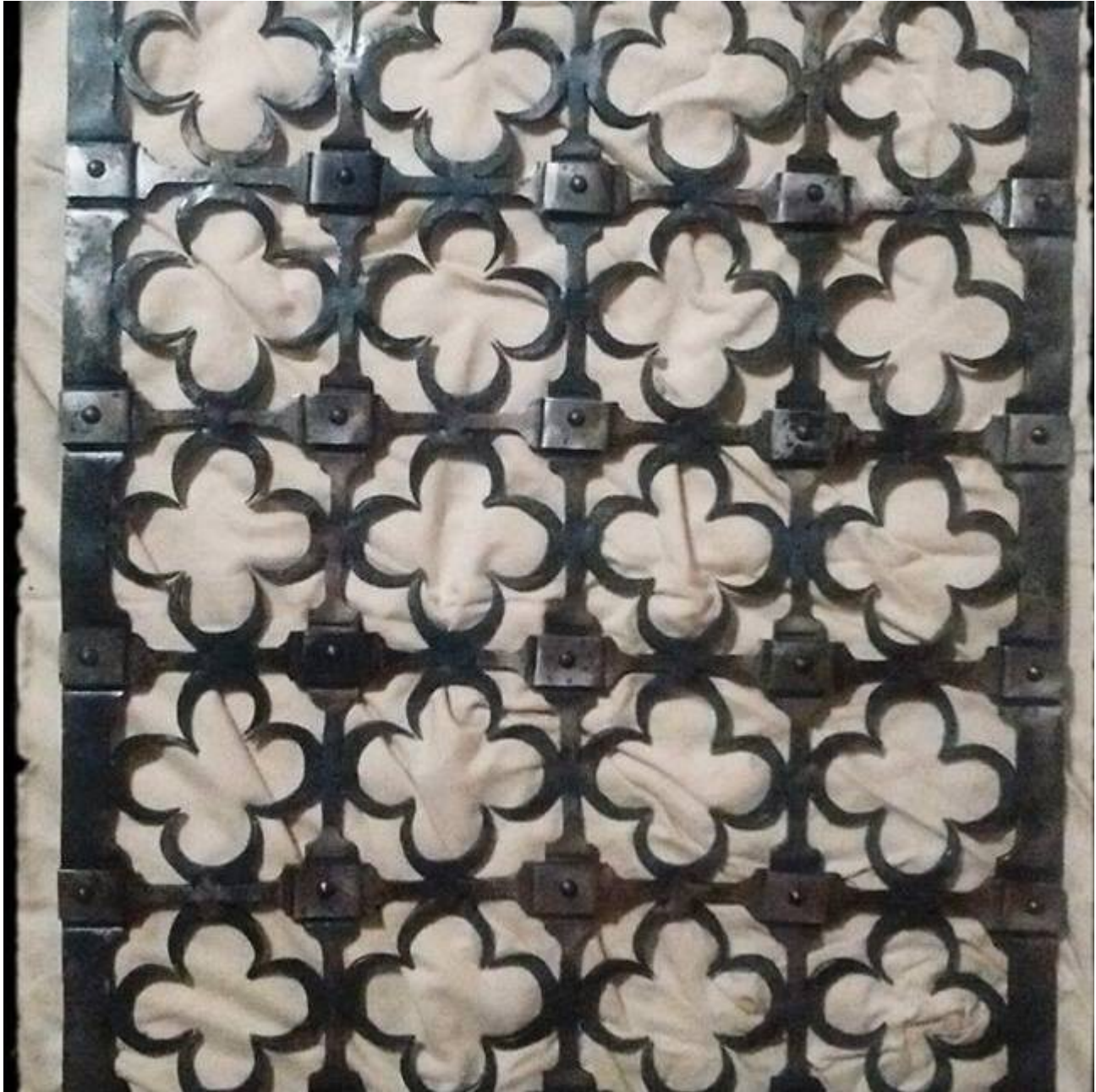
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I had to throw that in there, being May the Fourth and all.

We have been blessed with a hard working Conference Chairman and Co Chairman for our 2016 conference; Buzz Busbee and Ron Nichols respectively. Please tell them how much you appreciate their effort, they have volunteered countless hours each week for the past year planning this event. Having lots of previous experience, they are piecing together our best conference yet.

We have some really great talent in the AACB, and sometimes you have to call someone out. When a person challenges themselves for the pursuit of the art. They need to share their project and ambitions with others so that we too can catch your enthusiasm. You know who you are and we expect a few of your recent projects to make their way into our newsletter.



Look at the hand cut dovetails on the Conference Tool Box, It is curly Maple and Walnut. The silhouette of the hammer is hand carved and will darken around the perimeter as it ages, and the image will be more pronounced and beautiful as time goes on. I always liked to see the cut marks scribed into the face of a piece when dovetails are laid out by hand. It is like a witness mark found on hand forged pieces.



AACB Blacksmith Conference 2016

May 19 - 21 , 2016

Cannonsburgh Village, Murfreesboro, TN

The 2016 AACB Conference info is up on the website. I have registered.

2016 – Welcome & Chairman’s Message

AACB Blacksmith Conference Murfreesboro, Tennessee, May 19-21, 2016

Welcome Fellow Blacksmith Enthusiasts!

We would like to welcome everyone to the 2016 AACB Conference. We strive to make each Conference a fun and memorable event! We are very excited this time to bring Mark Aspery from California and the team of Susan Hutchinson from North Carolina/Julie Clark from Georgia as the Featured Demonstrators.

In addition, we have three outstanding AACB members performing demonstrations throughout the Conference. Our lineup includes Larry Cole, Daniel Pelletier, and Samuel Stoner. This will be a great opportunity to see some of the best talent AACB has to offer.

Early birds will enjoy the best of the terrific Tailgate Sales, and the numerous Vendors scheduled to be present. Everyone is encouraged to bring your own tailgate items to sell or trade.

During the Conference you will be able to browse and bid on the numerous IITH (Iron-in-the-Hat) and Auction Items on display. Bring your own special items for the Auction and IITH. Also, please bring in any unique pieces you have for Show-and-Tell. There will be Drawings for a Complete Electric Coal Forge w/Anvil, Vise, and Hand Tools, so please come and bid. All proceeds help AACB promote blacksmithing at individual forges and workshops.

Green Coal Classes and one-on-one instruction from AACB teachers will be available We also have a fantastic lineup for our Family Programs this year. Marilyn Jobe will instruct a Glass Fusing Jewelry class, and Jeff Mosley will have a class making Copper Pencil Cups.

Friday night’s BBQ Dinner followed by the Forging Contest will make for an enjoyable evening for all.

The Conference location at Cannonsburgh Pioneer Village offers a unique experience of days gone by and is within walking distance to numerous shops, restaurants, and Murfreesboro’s historic downtown square area. If you enjoy history, Murfreesboro is home to numerous pre-civil war estates as well as the Stones River National Battlefield.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Clint “Buzz” Busbee and
Ron Nichols
2016 Conference Co-Chairmen

This is me at the controls of a giant Espresso Machine. Somewhat of an inside joke, as people say I always look like I am a barista in my forge apron. One of those guys who makes coffee. When you hang out with me at the conference later this month, you are more than welcome to have some of my coffee.



Jack Wheeler demo at our AACB meetign hosted by Choo Choo Forge on 4-16-16



This is what we do, Cook out and hang out.





So, we got to honor Lonnie with Lifetime membership at Choo Choo Forge. It was well deserved and he was a little choked up. It is always best to surprise someone in front of everybody. There is more shock value that way.

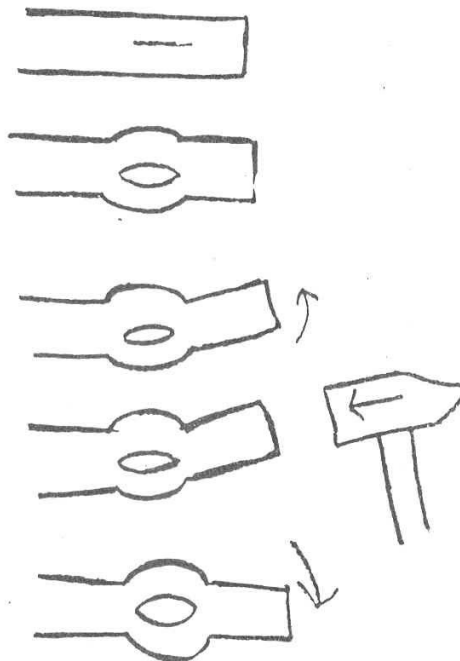
The following article archives are taken from Ryan Johnson's archive database of old AACB articles.
<https://sites.google.com/site/aacblibrary/home>



BLACKSMITH HINTS

HOW TO ~~UNEVEN~~ DRIFT

1. When slitting, it is hard to get the two sides to come out even.
2. Drift the hole open.
3. Tilt the end at a slight angle in the direction of the thicker side of the uneven slit and drift hole.
4. Upset the end. All the force goes to the thicker side and moves the metal toward the end.
5. Straighten back the end and the hole will be even, to be drifted round or square for tendon or a pass through rod.



(By Eric Moebius - Upper Mid-West Blacksmiths Association news letter)

Request from The Medieval fair:
Good Morning!

I am contacting you on behalf of the Tennessee Medieval Faire. This is an annual 3 weekend outdoor event that attempts to recreate an English village during the Middle Ages. The Faire includes crafts, food, beer, stage acts and real jousting.

We are currently looking for a blacksmith interested in selling wares out of a tent/booth and perhaps demonstrating on the side. Another possibility is a group such as yours that would set up a demo area and use it as a recruiting/advertising venue for your organization. If this is of interest please contact me at:

Phone: 865-248-8414
Email: tnmedievalfaire@gmail.com
Thank you for your consideration!

Warm Regards,
Cara Treadway

From The Metal Museum:

My name is Houston Cofield, and I am the Marketing Coordinator for the Metal Museum in Memphis, Tennessee. I wanted to reach out let you know we have opened our registration for [*Forging on the River 2016*](#). We are expecting great turn out this year, and would love for the Memphis and regional communities to be aware of this event.

Attached you will find a press kit outlining the details for [*Forging on the River 2016*](#) as well as links for registration. We are grateful for any promotional help you can give this event!

Please feel free to contact me for additional information, or for any high-resolution images you might need. Thank you in advance for your help with this, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,
Houston

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AACB member **Allen Dawson** has coal for sale. Tons of it. 423-595-3040
It is best sold 40 bags a skid, which is 2000 pounds for \$440/skid, that is \$11/bag.
It can also be purchased \$15/bag individually These are 50 pound bags of metallurgical blacksmithing
coal. He attends our meetings and you can call him to arrange ahead of time to have him bring you
some.

Larry Johnson is keeping the AACB Facebook page up to date:
<https://www.facebook.com/Appalachian-Area-Chapter-of-Blacksmiths-602897423090889/?fref=ts>