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*The Florida Clinker Breaker*

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I recieved from Patty The labels ect and items for this newsletter today. She refered to this issue as my "Swan Song Edition". A good name for it.

Since it is to be my last effort as Editor I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the people that gave me help and encouragment. There were so many that it would be impossible for me to thank all and then if I tried I would surely leave out some of the most important. Therefore I say again thanks to all.

and to all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Ralph

### ***3-Anvil Raffle Winners***

***Grand prize winner--130 lb. anvil***

***Everett L. Johns, Lakeland, Florida***

***2nd prize winner--50 lb. anvil***

***Willard Smith, Blountstown, Florida***

***3rd prize winner--railroad rail anvil***

***Sue Smith, Lake Helen, Florida***

*Congratulations to the winners! And thanks to all who participated. One-half of the raffle proceeds--\$378.05--is earmarked for the purchase of a power hammer for the Pioneer Arts Settlement in Barberville, Florida, home of the FABA annual conference. The remainder of the funds will be spent to support FABA's mission of promoting the art of blacksmithing.*

**FORGE FOR SALE**  
Buffalo 650 forge, complete with blower. Very good condition. \$350. Contact Ron Olsen at 407-777-0972 (Melbourne).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 3 N.E. Meeting Pioneer Art Settlement Barberville  
 making Christmas Presents
- Dec. 10 N.W. Meeting Sam Adkins Park, Blountstown  
 see this issue for map
- Dec. 17 S.E. Pete & Mary Brandenburgs Annual Family Holiday Party  
 299 Granada Rd. W.Palm Beach, Fl. 33401  
 (407) 833-2708 or 640-0445  
 see this issue for map
- Dec. 31 Crowley Nature Center
- Jan. 21 Statewide Meeting at Bo Davis and Sharon Blondet  
 617 S.W. 2nd Ave. Ft.Lauderdale, Fl 33315 (305) 541-1441  
 Guest Demonstrator will be Nol Putnam

I have all the maps that were sent me. If you do not know how to get to any of the others call the numbers given or your regional area rep.

Some interesting items were sent to me that I shall pass on to the new Editor as we would have to add pages to this issue to include them . For example one involves Summer Studios Assistantships in New Jersey. applications will be accepted until the first of April.

For more info call Peters Valley (201) 948 5200 .

Another contributor was Chris Curry from Williston with a story on his search for an anvil and a description of his first encounter with the anvil shot. I am sure you will enjoy reading these items from Chris at a later date but I am having trouble enough getting a printer here during this holiday period and hate to add the four pages. Half the items in this issue were received the day before Thanksgiving as well as my postage check and mailing labels from the secy/treas. I then prepared the finishing touches on the paper and went to the printer first thing Friday only to find them closed for the holiday, ( others were also closed). I shall have this at the printers 8:30 Monday and the minute I can get the copies from the printer I shall place them in the Mail.

# PAYTON FORGE

CLYDE PAYTON - BLACKSMITH

Route 3, Box 124-D, Payton Road  
Monticello, Florida 32344  
(904) 997-3627

NEWS FROM THE NORTHWEST REGION - By Clyde Payton

The NORTHWEST REGION met at the Museum of Science and Natural History near Tallahassee, Florida on Saturday, November 12, 1994. Normally we have the November Regional meeting at the shop of Doctor and Lou Prather. However, this year Skeeter and Lou had a prior commitment which obligated this particular weekend. Therefore, we conducted our meeting at this museum and demonstrated all day for the museum visitors - mostly children.

Your NORTHWEST REGIONAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR is Bill Robertson. However, he and Patty also had a prior commitment to be out of state this particular weekend. Therefore, he asked me to coordinate the activities for this Saturday and write up the meeting afterwards. That's why you are seeing this "Epistler" appearing in the CLINKER BREAKER again. But, that's fine, I'm glad to do it.

We had approximately 15 members (including several youngsters) who helped with this demonstration. There were three portable stations and the permanent station at the museum going all day. Since Christmas will be here before you know it, our demonstrations were to make something for Christmas presents. So, this is exactly what we did. Boy! You should have seen the dinner bells, wall hooks, sconches, and "thingamagigs" being made. I also recruited three new members at this meeting.

The Museum staff cooked us up a mighty delicious lunch in the old pioneer home kitchen - on an old wood stove. It's been a long time since I have tasted hot biscuits cooked on a wood stove served with homemade sopping syrup! We also had chicken and dumplings, collard greens, mustard greens, onion casserole, baked sweet potatoes, apple pie, green beans, and a lot of other stuff which I was too full to sample. Many thanks to Donna Wolin and her volunteers for such a wonderful meal.

Our next NORTHWEST REGIONAL MEETING will be the second Saturday in December on the 10th. The meeting will be at the SAM ADKINS PARK in Blountstown, Florida. This will be a work day in order to complete the brick forge, finish the siding on the blacksmith shop, and install building hardware. This is a good time for you to learn how to make your own permanent brick forge. So, please come join us for this work day - we need your help. The main feature of the day will be that wonderful lunch which the ladies always serve up - this has got to be the best lunch in the world! See this issue for a map to the SAM ADKINS PARK. SEE YOU IN BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA.

...SPECIALIZING IN TOOLS...



# S.E. REGION JANUARY MEETING

will be the quarterly statewide meeting.

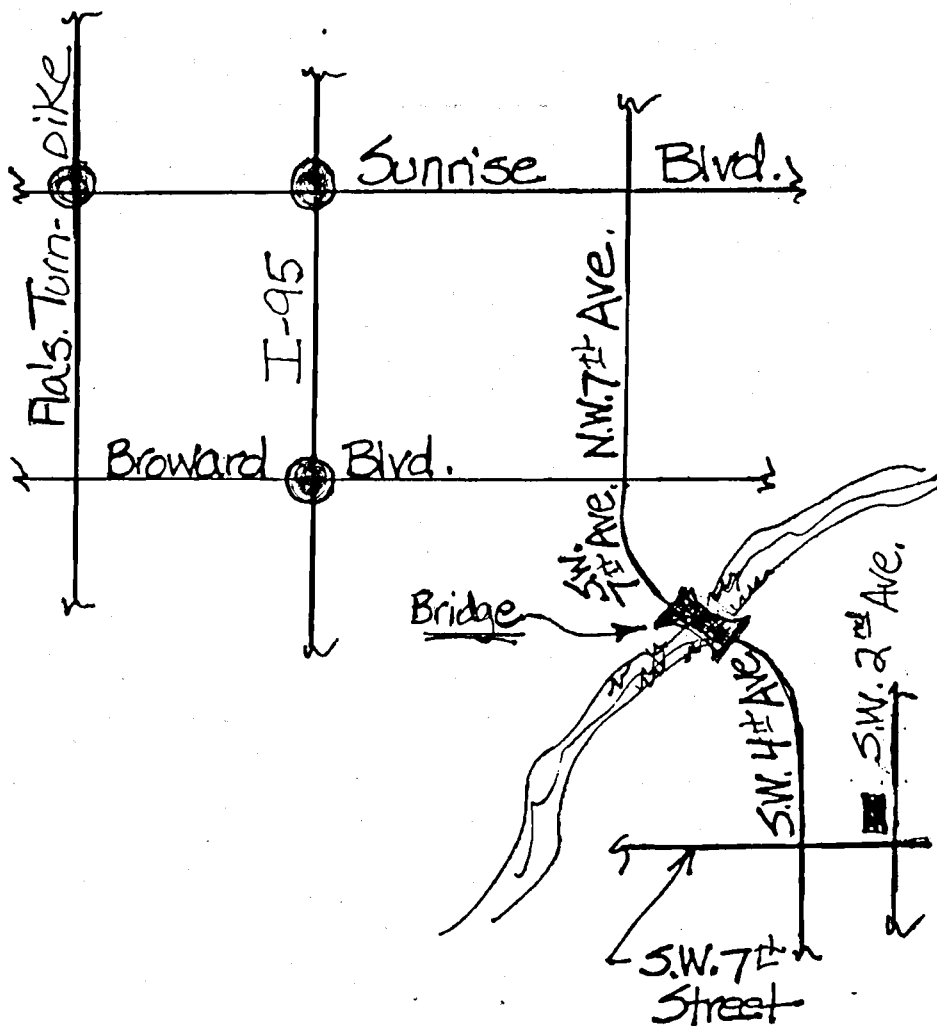
January 21, 1995

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

at Bo Davis & Sharon Blondet's shop  
617 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale  
(305) 524-1441

EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Guest Demonstrator will be Nol Putnam!



## The 1994 FABBA Annual Conference Steve Bloom - Program Chair

Well - it's over and I didn't smell any hot tar, so I guess the conference was a success (or maybe the rain squalls just put the fire out). For those of you who didn't make it, you blew it - or more accurately, Elizabeth Brim blew it - pillows that is. Some of the implications of Elizabeth's inflatable sculptures were visible in a fine piece of work by Bill Roberts in the form of angel fish collection which was on display in the Gallery. Jim Batson held forth on Damascus, Bowie knives, fit and finish, and hydraulic presses while Jerry Darnell demonstrated 18th century lighting pieces and hardware to a rapt (and usually overflowing) crowd. If Debbie Paramore's taping of the sessions works out, maybe I'll get to see what went on. The family program was enthusiastically received and given the requests I've gotten already, we'll be asking the flute maker and sheath-maker back again next year. The auction was a arousing success (and put the conference firmly into the black), i.e., Dr. Tim Ryan worked his usual entertaining magic parting folks from their bank accounts. And there will more T-shirts (yes - X-Large ones) available - just come to the State meetings!

I especially want to thank Gloria Corbet for holding down the Registrar's duties (and handling the critical details with elan), Maggie Rubio for a repeat smash hit with the food, Tico Rubio for continual help, Patty Draper for playing paymaster, and Bill Robertson for overseeing the Tennessee Ernie Ford Memorial coal bin ("I loaded sixteen tons..."), for Jim Corbet for teaching the beginning blacksmith classes (which we, hopefully, will expand next year), Carl Van Arnum for the drill-sharpening class (yes - there is a better way then just pressing harder), Ronnie Fowler, Dave Glendening, and Ron Jacoby for assisting the demonstrators, Bill Roberts for his help in building equipment, and to all of you, too numerous to mention, who pitched in and helped when I asked (instead of running when you saw me coming).

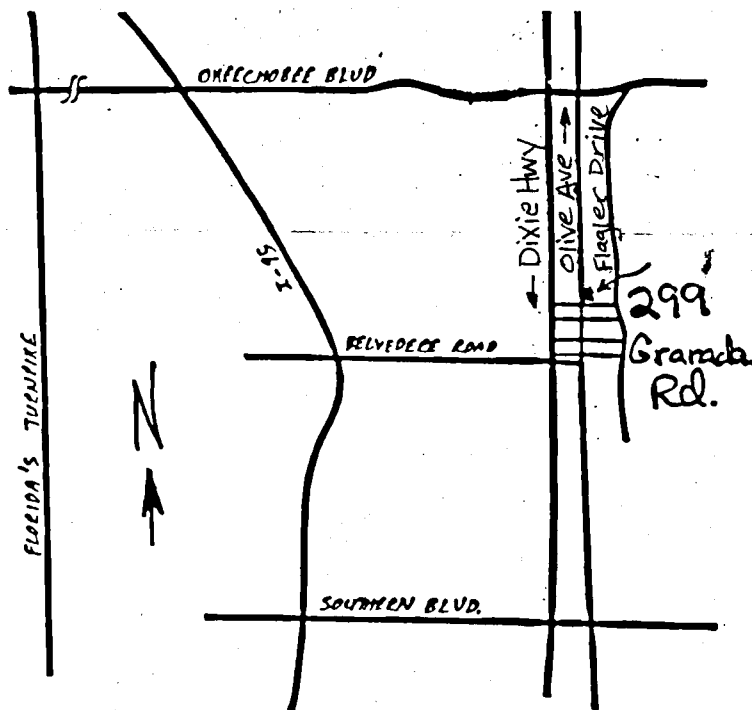
It was a great conference, thanks to the efforts of many fine people. The only problem will be topping it in 1995. If you have suggestions (we need to line up a folding-knife maker, a traditional smith, and someone doing innovative stuff out on the edge), please let me hear them. If you wish to volunteer (for demonstrator helper, or whatever), I WON'T say no. Remember - it's your organization and your conference, so it won't get done without you.

## S.E. Region News

by Ray and Anne Reynolds

The S.E. Region's November meeting was held at Ray Roberts' Palm City home. The weather was delightful and dry. In attendance were Larry Odom, Pete Yockey, Charlie Stemmann, Dale & Casey Kipp, and Ray & Jonathan Reynolds. Everyone was busy and it was a productive meeting. Charlie worked on tongs, as did Larry. Pete Yockey worked on several knives at both ends, handles and blades. Jonathan, with Ray Roberts' excellent tutelage, created a good, sharp knife. Ray Reynolds worked on fashioning a blade from a chainsaw chain and also worked on some railroad spike letter openers and garden spikes. Ray Roberts' new hydraulic press is a fun toy to work with, everyone enjoyed it. The luncheon Ray provided was incredible. Everyone loved the shish kabobs on handmade skewers, too!

December's meeting will be the Annual Family Holiday Party at Pete & Mary Brandenburg's on **Saturday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m.** This is a great opportunity for everyone to bring show and tell items of things they have made or perhaps seen lately. Some of our members have taken fabulous trips in recent months and perhaps have their pictures developed, hint-hint. A map is attached. Everyone is welcome!



**SE REGION DECEMBER MEETING**  
**December 17, 1994 from 6:00 p.m. to ?**

**Pete & Mary Brandenburg**

**299 Granada Road**

**West Palm Beach, FL**

**(407) 833-2708 home**

**(407) 640-0445 work**

TO: TICO RUBIO AND PATTY DRAPER  
FROM: CLYDE PAYTON, TRUSTEE  
SUBJECT: FABA CONSUMER CERTIFICATE OF TAX EXEMPTION

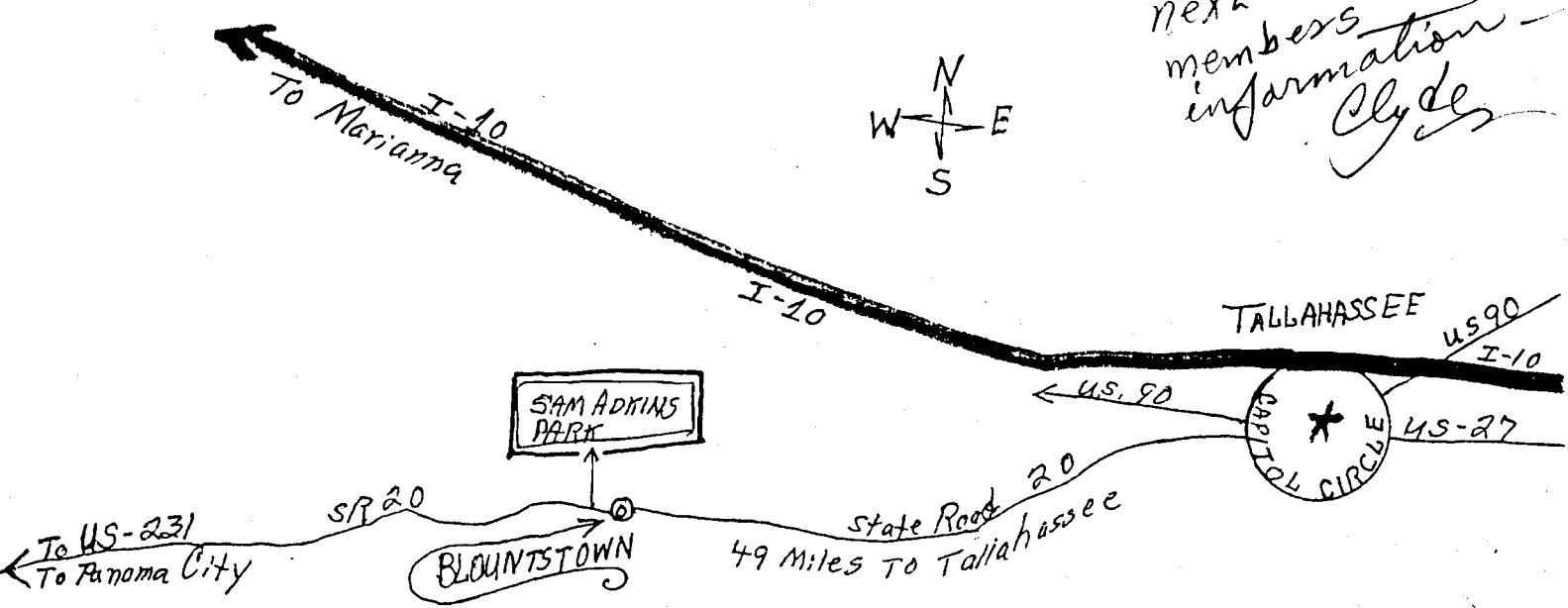
*Clyde*

Well, finally we got our Florida "Sales Tax" Exemption certificate renewal. Through the Department of Revenue, Not-For-Profit Corporations must renew their exemption every five years. Our first exemption certificate expired on 7/7/94. Our renewal certificate is good until 7/7/99. Our first attempt to renew was rejected because of questions regarding the "primary purpose" of our organization. After many telephone calls and much correspondence to the Department of Revenue I think everything is finally satisfactorily resolved and now FABA is renewed for another five year term.

I am sending the original certificate and letter of use instructions to Secretary/Treasurer, Patty Draper. I am sending a photo copy of these documents to President, Tico Rubio. I am retaining a photo copy of these documents in my own files. If any other FABA officer/board member believes that they need a copy of this document, then please contact Tico or Patty for same.

And now, as Senior Trustee of FABA, may I exercise just a tad of "office responsibility" - - as a former State Program Chairman and former Treasurer of FABA I can assert to you that we can save considerable money over the next five years by the proper and full use of this exemption certificate. Therefore let's use it in every FABA expenditure.

*Ralph, Please  
Put this in the  
next issue - for  
members  
information -  
Clyde*



Blountstown is 49 miles west of Tallahassee on SR-20. From the Traffic light in Blountstown go west one mile on highway 20. Look for a sign that says SAM ADKINS PARK. Turn NORTH and go 3/4 mile to the Blacksmith Shop.

### FABA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Florida Artist Blacksmith Association

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in procuring:

- Anvil       Coal       Hand Tools  
 Blower     Forge      Post Vise  
 Other

Send this application and membership fee of \$15 (make checks out to FABA) to:

Patty Draper FABA secy/tres  
Applecross Forge Rt 7, Box 1082C  
Tallahassee, Fl. 32308

FABA membership includes a one year subscription to *The Florida Clinker Breaker*. Membership year begins May 1; new memberships received after Jan. 31 cover the following membership year. Membership includes your entire family. You don't have to be a member of ABANA to join FABA although we encourage membership in both organizations.

### ABANA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Artist Blacksmith Association or North America, Inc.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby apply for membership in the Artist blacksmith Association of North America, Inc. and enclose \_\_\_\_\_ as my annual membership dues. Checks must be US funds and made out to ABANA. Membership includes a one year subscription to *The Anvil's Ring*.

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|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Membership                | \$35  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time Student (one year only) | \$25  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership (one vote)      | \$40  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen (over age 65)      | \$25  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overseas Membership               | \$45  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributory Member               | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Library Subscription       | \$25  |

Visa / MC:      Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Call (812) 988-6919 to charge your membership to Visa/ MC, or make out a check to ABANA and send to:

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