



April 2011

The Florida **Clinker Breaker**

Florida Artist Blacksmith Association - *Established May 18, 1985*

President's Message - April 2011

Jerry Wolfe

We have had a change in leadership in the NE region. Mitch Widham has resigned and Butch Patterson has agreed to be the NE Coordinator. Welcome to this new responsibility and thanks for volunteering.

Also our NE Trustee Kathy Thomas has resigned and the board has nominated and elected Jordan Thomas (no relation to Kathy) for the term covering 2011 and 2012.

Thanks Jordan for volunteering to assist with these responsibilities. Thank you Kathy for your many years of service. Please help these new officers with their duties. Many hands make light work for each.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Our new members for this month are: Kevin & Rebecca Cox of Tallahassee; Rodney & Angela Rubright of Apopka; Dave & Doris Scott of Deltona; Morgan & Nancy Foran of Bristol; Michael Friedman of Gainesville; and Paul & Lyn Grant of Tallahassee. Welcome to FABA.

Here is a "testimonial" from one of our new members which shows the importance of "telling others" about FABA and inviting them to join.
"I ran into one of your members at the Yesterday Festival at Gold Head Branch State Park a few weeks ago and he gave me the contact information. I'm looking forward to attending a meeting and figuring out how to get started."

The Madison SBA conference "group project" this year is a flower with each of the seven clubs making a petal for the flower. I have challenged each region to participate and make a petal. These four petals or more will be judged and the best used for the Madison project. The others will be used for a project at FABA's October conference. Please contact your coordinator for details.



FABA is also responsible for organizing the gallery at Madison SBA; we have several volunteers, but need more. Please let me know if you are willing to volunteer a few hours to help with the gallery or the FABA booth.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

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We will be publishing name, address, phone number and email address.

March and April can still have some really nice days to work in the forge without getting too hot; so enjoy and be safe.

Future Events

- SE** Meetings held at Tanah Keeta Boy Scout Camp in Jupiter, FL unless otherwise noted.
- NW 4/9 S**
- NE 5/7** Steve Bloom's Iron Flower Forge in Archer, FL. Great chili will be served for lunch, so bring a covered dish to share. Steve will be demonstrating. The item is TBA.
- NW 5/14** Jim and Nita Labolito's Fernwood Forge, 1314 Fernwood Drive, Tallahassee, FL
- NE 6/4** Pioneer Arts Settlement, Barberville, FL. Open Forges. Jim Robarr will demonstrate Die Forging to make a Mouse Key Chain. Jim will also discuss his "1-brick gas forge".
- GA-SBA** May 19th-21st Southern Blacksmithing Assoc. Conference in Madison, GA.
- NW 6/11** Ken and Louise Burns, Kelley Rd, Tallahassee, FL. Rob Nichols will demonstrate.



Madison SBA Conference

Please reserve May 19th to 21st for the conference in Madison. The demonstrators this year will be George Dixon and Chuck Patrick – NC Knifemaker.

Report from the Southwest

Jerry Wolfe

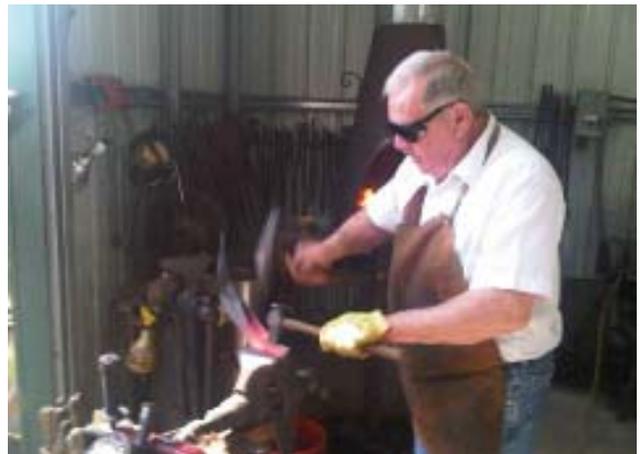
SW 2/26 meeting at Nager's

Our Feb 26th meeting was held at Ray Nager's shop in Lakeland with 21 attending.

Ray is one of our founding members and has a very elaborate shop so we all received ideas from his expertise. Ray did a detailed explanation of forge welding without flux and why it is the best way. Even with the thin sheet metal used to make the boat; he was successful in welding without flux. Makes a CLEAN weld.



Ray is relocating so he had lots of things for sale. We all had a great time. Ray is an ABANA trustee and encouraged each of us to join ABANA and support the efforts of expanding blacksmithing education. (photo's by Jerry Wolfe.)



Report from the Northeast

March 5, 2011

We had pleasant sunny weather at the Pioneer Art Settlement in Barberville on March 5. A group of 30 or so was on hand to learn some new smithing techniques.



Jerry Wolfe, our FABA President, came from Sarasota to demonstrate. He demonstrated candle holders.



Jerry's first candle holder was a scroll design. He started by forging a fishtail on a 3/16" x 1 1/2" about 30 inches long. Then he textured the metal with a couple of interesting tools made from ball pien



hammers. He then used a scroll jig to bend the material.



Jerry was seeking the Divine Proportion in the curves. Divine Proportion is an art term meaning "most pleasing to the eye". Having accomplished that, he moved on to forging a candle cup and a wax drip cup. The cup was flaired by



hammering a piece of 3/4" Shld 40 black steel pipe on the point the horn and on the anvil face to flatten the flair. Jerry used a Guillotine fuller to crimp the pipe down to about a 1/4" diameter. He cuts the cup off, threads the bottom of the cup and bolts it to the base.

His next design was a simple but elegant coil base votive candle holder. Jerry pointed a length of 1/4" round stock and bent the point to 90 degrees over the face of the anvil. Then he carefully rolled the material into a nice, tight coil. Then he flattened the remaining length and forged it into a handle.

Jerry illustrated three sizes of the coiled holders as well as another —



Special Thanks to Jerry for his demonstration. Photos by Bob Brown.

Northeast Meeting Pics!!!



Report from the Northwest *Billy Christie*

The Northwest Region of FABA had their February 12, 2011 meeting at Juan Holbrook's, Talca Forge, in Gainesville, Florida. It was a beautiful day with twenty seven on the sign-in sheet. Juan was our feature demonstrator and he was assisted by Michael Friedman. The project for the day was to work on the base of a big, beautiful, custom made, black marble top table. There were hand-outs available of the entire table base complete with measurements. Juan started out by explaining how he uses vinegar to soak the stock in over night to clean the metal. After it dries, he spray paints it black, and then before it completely dries he wipes it down with a clean dry rag. Then he lets it dry overnight, the next day he heats the metal up and melts beeswax all over it, now it is ready to work with.

To make the tendons, Juan used a Blacksmith Magician to make the transition where the tendon starts. Using a custom made swedge block that had several different size notches, that way he starts with the larger, then forges it into the smaller notches until he gets it down to the desired size. Juan was using mostly 1/2" square stock and he determined that one inch of stock will forge out to be 1.6" tendon after it is necked down.

To make the mortis side of the joint, after the desired location is found, you mark the center of the 1/2" square bar, this is where he split and drifted a hole for the tendon.

To make the desired size of scrolls that he needed, Juan determined that he needed a piece of 1/2" square stock that was 58" long. Next he tapered the ends, then using a scroll jig to form the scrolls, which were shaped like a big "S".

Juan used collars to attach the scrolls to the main frame. When making collars, remember the collar length is the distance around the area, plus 2.5 times the collar thickness.

The "Iron in the Hat" drawing had some beautiful hand formed glass pieces, forged items and other interesting stuff. We raised \$79.00. Thanks to Lloyd Wheeler for drawing and calling the winning ticket numbers.

A delicious lunch was furnished by Juan's daughter, plus all the covered dishes that were brought by members. Someone brought strawberries that were absolutely delicious...thank you!!!

Thank you Juan and Michael for an interesting and educational meeting.

P.S. The April 9, 2011 State wide meeting will be at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement in Blountstown, Florida with Kirk Sullens demonstrating. Hope to see you there.



Want to know when your membership expires? For those getting the CB via the USPS, look at the address label for your membership expiration date. It is printed just below your name.

FLORIDA ARTIST BLACKSMITH ASSOCIATION

Budget for 2011

	2009 Actual	2010 Actual	2011 Proposed
INCOME			
Membership Registration	\$4,280	\$6,620	\$6,000
Conference Registration	\$5,232	\$6,742	\$5,000
Conference Auction	\$4,869	\$5,622	\$5,000
Sales	\$1,150	\$4,365	\$1,600
Regional Raffles	\$3,102	\$2,183	\$1,500
Interest	\$0	\$1,767	\$1,000
SBA Share (Madison, GA)	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,000
Misc. Income	\$105	\$1,247	\$600
Total	\$20,738	\$28,546	\$21,700

EXPENSES			
Conference	\$12,831	\$8,305	\$11,000
Bank Charges (including cc)	\$88	\$382	\$200
Clinker Breaker Expenses	\$5,697	\$9,372	\$5,000
Office Exp (board travel, post)	\$571	\$2,648	\$1,200
Dept. of State (IRS, Licenses)	\$70	\$162	\$100
Merchandise for Resale	\$0	\$3,091	\$1,200
Regional Mtgs. (Honoraria)	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Scholarships	\$0	\$1,377	\$1,000
Misc. (including insurance)	\$884	\$1,525	\$1,000
25th Year Celebration	\$0	\$1,093	\$0
Total	\$21,141	\$27,955	\$21,700

Approved at Board Meeting on January 20, 2011

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Blacksmith Coal

Barberville has COAL. A new shipment of coal has been received, so if you need coal you can make arrangements with Gudrun at the Pioneer Settlement to purchase coal. <http://www.pioneersettlement.org/>

BLACKSMITH COAL

\$35 per 100 lb bag (Cash, Money Orders, Visa and MasterCard accepted. For pickup only). Please call for details. 386-749-2959

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

By: Clyde Payton

As I travel along today – not being distracted by any of that newfangled electronic gadgetry – I have time to do some constructive musings – and time to remember things I should not have forgotten. But now a’ days it is so easy to credit my forgetfulness to antiquarian prerogatives.



Here it is March already and I just thought of one thing I should have done in October –

specifically I am referring to a note of thanks which I should have sent to our newsletter to express my appreciation to the FABAs Board and FABAs membership for bestowing upon Willard Smith, Skeeter Prather, and myself HONORARY LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP in FABAs! This kindly act was done at our 25th Anniversary celebration in October at our Barberville Annual Conference. What a SURPRISE! And what a wonderful gesture!

But the “icing on the cake” came when our Treasurer, Dot



Butler, related to me her story about the difficulties she had in trying to get her computer program to accept and properly display “lifetime” membership on our newsletter mailing label. – Seems her computer machinery would accept a “renewal date” ONLY! But being very smart, Dot quickly solved this problem by simply entering a very, very “safe” pseudo expiration date for us three lifetime members – she entered “4/1/2050”!!!

Well, I do love Dot’s optimistic prognostication as regards my actuarial probabilities - ain’t she sweet!

... just passed a road sign that said, “LONESOME VALLEY REST STOP – STRAIGHT AHEAD”. Hummm . . . I’ve heard of that place before somewhere?!?!



NOTICE

Charter FABA Member **Dr. ED CRANE** is selling out his shop.

A **Tool and Blacksmith Equipment Auction & Sale** will be held on
SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011,
starting at 1:00 pm. Come earlier to view items.

The location of this event will be in Tallahassee, Florida at the Crane home located at 5947 Heartland Circle, Tallahassee FL 32312. Telephone 850-893-3212.

DIRECTIONS: Starting in Tallahassee go North on Meridian Road to Ox Bottom Road. Turn right (East) and go approximately 3/4th mile to Heartland Circle. Turn left (North) on Heartland Circle and go through the gate. Gate will be open. Go to the very first (1st) driveway on your right. Look for Anvil sign at driveway. You may run a map from Google and/or Map Quest for above address location.

If you have questions call Clyde Payton at 850-997-3627 or Ed Crane at 850-893-3212 or email at paytonforge@nettally.com or ncrane8364@aol.com . .

Sandia Gas Forge w/gas bottles	Elect. Tools - Saw, drills, etc.
Metal Lathe	Post vises
Metal Stock of many sizes	Angle grinder
Equipment Stands, Benches & Tables	3 hp. Elect. Motor
Wire Brush Wheels	Radial Arm Saw
Cone Mandrel w/many accessories	Drafting Table
Swages & Fullers	Chain Hoist
Hand tools	Air Tanks
Fire Brick	Professional tumbler
Pipe Clamps	Metal desks
Metal Cabinets	Metal & wood shelving & bins
Tubing bender	Small Refrigerator
Electrode Cabinet	100's of other small items

All items sold where is, as is.

You will be responsible for handling and loading – hand trucks & hoist will be available for your use. Sorry, no credit or debit cards. Cash and good checks only, please.

Bring your spouse and another friend and make an enjoyable day of it.



Contact: (850) 674-2777



CUSTOM KNIFE SHOW & SALE **Saturday, April 23, 2010**

The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement will be having a Custom Knife Show and Sale on Saturday April 23, 2011 at 8 a.m. CST. The Southern Knife makers will be at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement to show and sell one of a kind knife's. If you enjoy hand made knives, this is the place to be on Saturday the 23rd of April. If you do not see a knife that you want then talk with the knife makers and order your own custom made knife.

There will be a knife making demo at the Settlement Blacksmith Shop beginning at 10:00 A.M. thru out the day. Stop and see the blades hammered out to shape from the Forge to the Anvil.

Bring your family, your father, your brother, your neighbor; enjoy this 3rd Annual event at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement in Blountstown, Florida. There is a \$5.00 admission fee (kids under 12 are free).

The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement is a living museum documenting rural life in NW Florida since the early 1800's. It is located in *Sam Atkins Park*, about 1 mile west of the intersection of Hwy 71 and Hwy20. Follow HWY 20 West out of Blountstown. Look for signs for Sam Atkins Park. Turn North at Lindy's Fried Chicken (Silas Green St.). Follow the signs.

For more information, call 674-2777 or email: info@ppmuseum.org.
More information on the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement's historical Buildings go to www.ppmuseum.org.

Florida Artist Blacksmith Association Walt Anderson Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Walt Anderson, one of our charter members. Its purpose is to further the craft of blacksmithing and is available to any FABA member in good standing. The award is limited to the actual cost or \$1000 whichever is lesser. It may be used for materials, tuition, lodging and transportation (paid at the rate of 43.2 cents per mile or the actual cost of public transportation, whichever is lesser).

A letter of application or a detailed email may be submitted provided the applicant answers the following questions:

1. What is your name, address and phone number?
2. How much experience in blacksmithing do you have?
3. How will this instruction help you with your blacksmithing craft?
4. What is the name of school you wish to attend?
5. What is the name of the course and the name of the instructor teaching the class?
6. What costs will be incurred (tuition, materials, lodging, transportation, etc.)?

Note: By accepting the Walt Anderson Scholarship the applicant agrees to provide a demonstration of skills learned and write a report of the learning experience, including “how-to” for publication in the Clinker Breaker. This next item not required but strongly suggested that an article made by the new knowledge be offered for auction at the Annual meeting.

Completed letters of application or emails should be sent to me:
John Butler, Chair, FABA Scholarship Committee,
777 Tyre Road, Havana, FL 32333
or emailed to jgbutler@sprintmail.com.

Deadline for receipt is June 15, 2011. Three finalists will be recommended to the Board. The decision of the Board will be final. The successful applicant will be notified.



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FABA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Florida Artist Blacksmith Association, Inc.

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Signature _____

Your FABA membership begins when your application and membership fee is received. Membership is per family and lasts one year. Send \$25.00 fee and application to:

Dorothy Butler, FABA Treasurer

777 Tyre Road

Havana, FL 32333