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The Florida CLINKER BREAKER

Florida Artist Blacksmith Association—Chapter of ABANA, Inc.
Established May 18, 1985 Treasury: \$7677.96 Membership: 206

MAY 4 NORTHEAST REGION MEETING

Steve Bloom

The Northeast Region's May meeting (on the 4th) is scheduled at Steve Bloom's shop south of Archer. Activities will consist of forging hardware for the new shop building and meeting a visiting smith from Czechoslovakia, Mr. Jaroslav Valek. You have probably seen photographs of his work in the *Clinker Breaker* and *The Anvil's Ring*. So come on out and see what has arisen from the ashes of the old shop, and let Jaroslav meet a bunch of Florida smiths. We'll be supplying lunch, but you should bring your own drinks and ice.

[Editor's note: Steve's shop was destroyed by fire, but he rebuilt it in record time. He is ready for blacksmithing again. Come welcome Jaroslav Valek to the United States. Jaroslav has shared his sculpture with us before in the February, 1990, and February, 1991, issues of *The Florida Clinker Breaker*. We'll get him to demonstrate a few of his secrets at Steve Bloom's May 4 meeting in Archer.]



The Owl's Family

One of Jaroslav Valek's sculptures

MEETING SCHEDULE—MAY, 1991

The regions have no boundaries—everyone is welcome everywhere. Come to more than one if you can. We hold regular monthly meetings in each region (except that we all try to get together at one Statewide Meeting quarterly) on the following Saturdays of each month: NE-1st, NW-2nd, SE-3rd, & SW-last. The actual dates may vary from month to month; check the schedule below. We also hold short board meetings at the quarterly statewide meetings, and a board meeting and general membership meeting at the annual conference. Our meetings are informal gatherings around the forge. Prospective members are always welcome, of course! Come for all or any part of a meeting. Bring your tools, or just watch. Most meetings run from 9 am to 4 pm, and you'll need lunch if you stay all day, unless otherwise noted.

- May 4, 9 am:** Northeast region, Steve & Kimmy Bloom's shop, Archer. See page 1.
May 17-18: Southeastern Regional Blacksmiths Conference, Madison Lion's Club Fairgrounds, Madison, Georgia. Demonstrators include Jerry Grice, Robb Gunter, Hans Peot, Mike Rose, Brad Silberberg, and Roger Stuart. The family program will feature 8 workshops and a tour of historical, pre-Civil War Madison homes. This Conference is held every other year, sponsored by the Alabama Forge Council, the Appalachian Area Chapter of ABANA, the Florida Artist Blacksmith Association, the North Carolina Chapter of ABANA, and the Tullie Smith House Blacksmith Guild. For information, contact conference chairman Mike Shaffer, 1155 Dantel Ct., Stone Mountain, GA 30083, (404) 469-2680.
- May 25, 10 am:** Southwest region, Crowley Museum, Sarasota.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 24-26:** 39th annual Florida Folk Festival, Stephen Foster State Folk Culture Center, White Springs.
May 4: Deadline for getting something in next month's newsletter (four weeks before the first Saturday of the month).
June 15, 9 am: Southeast region, Bob Ringer's shop, Fort Lauderdale.
July 27, 10 am: Quarterly Statewide Meeting, Crowley Museum, Sarasota.
August 5-9: Damascus Steel class by Charles Ochs, Texarkana College's School of Bladesmithing. For information, write to Texarkana College, School of Bladesmithing, 2500 N. Robison Road, Texarkana, TX 75501.
Oct. 11-12: FABA Annual Conference, Pioneer Settlement, Barberville.

1991 SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL BLACKSMITHS CONFERENCE MADISON, GEORGIA, MAY 17-18

The Southeastern Regional Blacksmiths Conference will be held at Madison, Georgia on May 17-18. This is the major blacksmithing event in the southeastern United States. We are expecting 200 blacksmiths this year. This conference is presented every two years by the Tullie-Smith House Blacksmith Guild, the Appalachian Chapter of ABANA, the Florida Artist Blacksmith Association, the Alabama Forge Council, and the North Carolina Chapter of ABANA. If you have not received a conference brochure, contact conference chairman Mike Shaffer at 1155 Dantel Ct., Stone Mountain, GA 30083, (404) 469-2680.

1991 DUES ARE DUE MAY 1

FABA secretary Norma Austin has sent renewal notices to those whose memberships expire on April 30. Our annual dues are \$15 per family for the year running from May 1 through April 30. New members joining after January 31 are credited for the following year. Your membership expires on the date shown on your mailing label.

JUNE NEWSLETTER WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL

Pete Brandenburg

I mailed the last few newsletters late, so some people have been getting it late. I've just finished a project that's kept me at work around the clock for several weeks, so the newsletter will be back on its normal schedule next month. The bulk mail seems to be working out well. I haven't heard of anyone's mail delivery taking more than two weeks. If you've sent in an article and haven't seen it yet, please don't let that stop you from sending in another. I apologize for the delay.

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1990 HOW-TO ARTICLE REPRINT BOOKLET—\$2.25, POSTPAID

We have reprinted a year of FABA members' how-to articles from *The Florida Clinker Breaker* in a 24-page, 8½" by 11" booklet. The booklet contains members' how-to articles from the twelve issues of *The Florida Clinker Breaker* from November, 1989, through October, 1990. We're selling the booklets at FABA's printing and mailing cost of \$2.25 per copy.

To order the booklet, make out a check or money order to "FABA" for \$2.25 per copy, and send it to: Carl Austin, Treasurer, P. O. Box 1601, Zolfo Springs, FL 33890.

FROM FLORIDA FORGES, 1990
 A Year of How-to Articles from the Florida Clinker Breaker

Walt Anderson
 Steve Bloom
 Ronnie Fowler
 Steve Kalb
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FABA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Florida Artist Blacksmith Association
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Date _____
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Spouse's name: _____

Are you interested in procuring:

anvil coal hand tools
 blower forge post vise
 other _____

Send this application and a membership fee of \$15 to:

Norma & Carl Austin
 FABA Secretary/Treasurer
 P. O. Box 1601
 Zolfo Springs, FL 33890

Make check out to FABA. The FABA membership year begins May 1. New memberships received after Jan. 31 also cover the following membership year. Membership is a for a family. You don't have to be an ABANA member to join FABA, but many FABA members are, and we encourage membership in both organizations.

ABANA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Artist Blacksmith Association
 of North America, Inc.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Phone: _____

I, _____, hereby apply for membership in the Artist Blacksmith Association of North America and enclose _____ as my annual membership dues for one year. Checks must be US funds. Membership includes a subscription to The Anvil's Ring.

VISA Card number _____
 Master Card Exp. date _____

Signature _____

Full time Student (1 year only) \$25.00 per year
 Regular Membership \$35.00 per year
 Family Member (one vote) \$40.00 per year
 Senior Citizen (age 65) \$25.00 per year
 Overseas Membership \$45.00 per year
 Contributory Member \$100.00 per year
 Public Library Subscription \$25.00 per year

Call (812) 988-6919 to charge your membership to VISA or Master Card, or make out a check to ABANA and send to:

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 P. O. Box 1181
 Nashville, Indiana 47488

HOW TO FIND THE MAY, 1991, MEETINGS

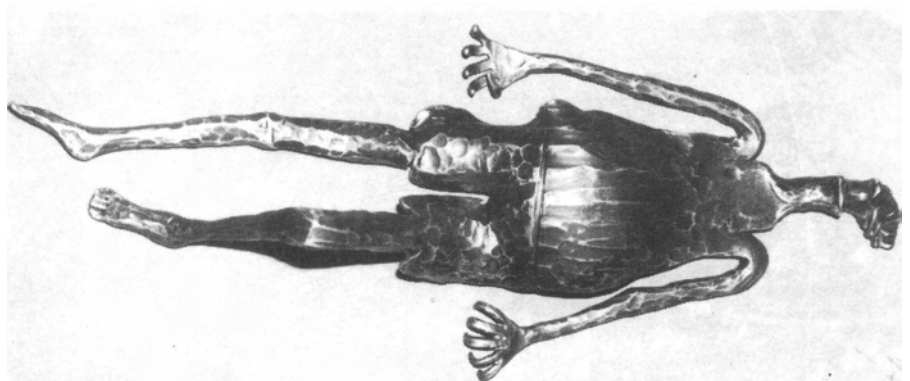
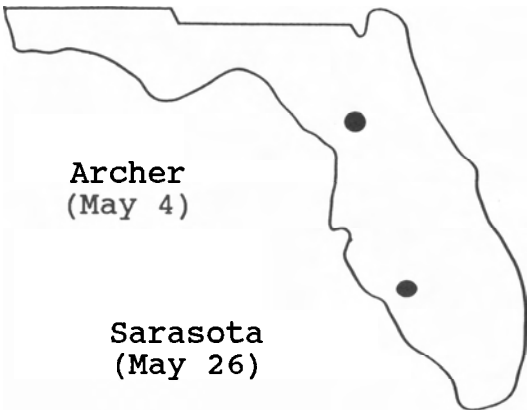
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SARASOTA, FLORIDA
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May 26, 10 am
SOUTHWEST REGION
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Crowley Museum (813) 322-1000
16404 Myakka Road, Sarasota

May 4, 9 am
NORTHEAST REGION
Steve & Kimmy Bloom
(904) 528-6508
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Czechoslovakian blacksmith visits Florida—see page 1.

May, 1991, MEETINGS
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