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# The Florida CLINKER BREAKER

Florida Artist Blacksmith Association—Chapter of ABANA, Inc.  
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## CRISIS AT BARBERVILLE

If you've been reading your local newspaper you know that there's not enough money for public schools in Florida. What you may not know is that the site of the Pioneer Settlement for the Creative Arts, in Barberville, belongs to the Volusia County public school system, and they provide the staff to operate it.

Like everyone else, the Volusia County School Board is cutting back on spending. Right now they are thinking about eliminating funding to support the Pioneer Settlement. We use the Pioneer Settlement's blacksmith shop for many northeast regional meetings. We've held our last two annual conferences there, and plan to hold the 1991 annual conference there again. The Pioneer Settlement is important to Florida blacksmiths.

Please write to the Volusia County School Board members listed below, and urge them to continue staffing the Pioneer Settlement for the Creative Arts. All the kids in Volusia County will benefit by stepping back in time to see sights such as the old school rooms, the turpentine still, and, of course, the blacksmith shop that is often manned by a FABA volunteer demonstrator. Those of us who live in other counties, but enjoy our visits there, should write—right now!

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**MEETING SCHEDULE—JUNE, 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.

- June 8, 1 pm: AUCTION of the late Alva Hebert's blacksmith shop in Orange Park by FABAs member Skeeter Prather. Come in the morning to look over the many items, including a 500-pound anvil. See page 3 for details.
- June 15, 9 am: Southeast region, Bob Ringer's shop, Fort Lauderdale.
- June 29, 10 am: Southwest region meeting, Crowley museum, Sarasota.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 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.
- Sept. 21, 9 am: Southeast region meeting, Ray & Anne Reynolds, Royal Palm Beach.
- Oct. 11-12: FABAs Annual Conference, Pioneer Settlement, Barberville.
- Nov. 9-10: Gas forge construction workshop, Jerry Grice's shop, Tallahassee. Space is limited and advance sign-up is required. For details, contact Walt Anderson, 7 Soco Trail, Ormond Beach, FL 32174, (904) 672-4603.

**HOW TO FIND THE JUNE, 1991, MEETINGS**

**How To Get To The Crowley Museum  
SARASOTA, FLORIDA**  
I-75 IS SUGGESTED IF POSSIBLE

June 29, 10 am  
SOUTHWEST REGION  
Dale Kipp (813) 747-6743  
Crowley Museum (813) 322-1000  
16404 Myakka Road, Sarasota

June 15, 9 am  
SOUTHEAST REGION  
Bob Ringer (305) 772-3802  
Old Dixie Welding  
792 NE 45 St., Fort Lauderdale

**1991 DUES WERE DUE MAY 1**

Have you renewed your FABAs membership for 1991? Your membership expires on the date shown on your mailing label. Annual dues are \$15 per family for the year running from May 1 through April 30.

**FLORIDA ARTIST BLACKSMITH ASSOCIATION - Chapter of ABANA, Inc.**  
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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  
1 year of membership with this title for the Florida Clinker Breaker

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**FABA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
 Florida Artist Blacksmith Association  
 - Chapter of ABANA, Inc.

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:

ABANA  
 P. O. Box 1181  
 Nashville, Indiana 47488

**GAS FORGE CONSTRUCTION WORKSHOP**  
Walt Anderson

At the Southeastern Regional Blacksmith Conference in Madison, demonstrator Robb Gunter of New Mexico used one of the gas atmospheric forges he developed at Sandia Labs. This is the one that ABANA sells plans for, and that Robb demonstrated at the ABANA conference in New York last year.

Considerable interest was expressed in having a workshop in Florida, where each participant would build a forge under Robb's leadership.

Sixteen of us at Madison have committed to participate. The workshop will be held November 9-10, 1991, at Jerry Grice's shop in Tallahassee, Florida. It will be limited to 25 participants. The additional 9 slots are available to other FABA members until July 1, 1991, and then are open to others.

The cost is expected to be \$250-300. A \$150 payment is required to reserve a space, with the balance due at the completion of the workshop.

Walt Anderson will be workshop coordinator. Contact him for one of the open slots, and send him \$150 to confirm it when he requests it; Walt Anderson, 7 Soco Trail, Ormond Beach, FL 32174, (904) 672-4603.

*Editor's notes: See article on page 6. The workshop will use the new revision of the gas forge plans. Monday, November 11, is a holiday for some people.*

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Blacksmith Shop Auction  
Orange Park  
(June 8)

Sarasota  
(June 29)

Fort Lauderdale  
(June 15)

**June, 1991, MEETINGS**

See detailed meeting schedule on page 2.

Member Through 4/30/92

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