Our new members for this month are: James Emmit Zugar from Ocala; Bill & Patricia Coleman from Dunedin; Garry Beachler from Crawfordville and Matthew & Heidi Hansknecht from Green Cove Springs. Welcome to FABA. Concerning membership – we have dropped 25 members in the past two months due to lack of paying dues – I am always sad to see this happen, so please keep your membership up to date so we can continue to send you the Clinker Breaker.

ELECTIONS – Make sure you vote to have your voice heard in FABA.

SAFETY TIP FOR AUGUST: Make sure you keep your safety glasses handy at all times. Even simple tasks can lead to an injury, so do not take a chance without the proper protection. August is always HOT, so drink plenty of water and electrolytes while working.

SBA AWARD TO VI PAYTON

Vi Payton was recognized for her service to the Southern Blacksmiths Association (SBA) on May 20, 2011. She has audited the SBA records for many years. Vi was not able to attend the 2011 conference this year, so John Butler accepted the award presented by Cindy Alexander, this years SBA Chair. The award was later presented to Vi much to her surprise by Patty Draper.

Thanks for your hard work Vi. The beautiful award was designed and created by Robert Taylor and Allison B. Kress.

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**FUTURE EVENTS**

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SE third Saturday each month meetings to be held at Tanah Keeta until further notice.

**SW August 27** at Tandova. Tandova, Inc., is located at 6010 North Armenia Avenue, Tampa, FL 33604. That is north of Hillsborough Avenue and south of Sligh Avenue, if you choose either of those exits off of I-275. In case anyone needs further directions or information, Lisa Anne’s cell phone is 813-505-8041, and her e-mail is MelisandeAubrey@hotmail.com. This is again a full-day event, with open forges and blacksmithing demos - specializing in tool-making- crafts – celebrating!

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

The calendar includes events of interest to the blacksmithing community. The regions have no boundaries - everyone is welcome everywhere. Come to more than one if you can. We hold regular meetings in each region on the following Saturdays of each month: NE-1st, NW-2nd, SE-3rd, SW-4th except for quarterly Statewide meetings. The actual dates vary so check the schedule below. Our meetings are informal gatherings around the forge. Prospective members are always welcome. Come for all or any part of a meeting, bring your tools or just watch. Most meetings run from 9AM to 4PM and you’ll want to bring a bag lunch if not otherwise noted. If you have any questions about meetings, please contact the Regional Coordinators:

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Report from Southwest by Lisa Anne Conner

This is a good hot day project I found this on the Wood working for Mere Mortals. It is a Fibonacci gauge in the Video section for measuring Phi which will help you and many layouts. I made the set for this project out of 1/8”x1/2” strap. But you can make it out of what ever Brass, stainless and steel. You can make them as ornamental as you like but for this exercise I kept them simple and functional. The important thing about this project is that your measurements need to be accurate. There is a drawing in PDF form on the website. So it’s time to go out and make another tool Happy hammering

This was from Trez Cole’s demo for the Gathering at Wolfe Forge on June 25th. We had a small group of eight who braved the “very” rainy morning to join us to watch Trez’s demo of these specialty calipers.

Our Gathering on Saturday, July 23rd will be at Patrick and Bethany’s forge, located at 5352 Wauchula Road, Myakka, FL 34251. And, don’t forget the Second Annual SW FABA Hammer-In and Happy Birthdays Celebration at Tandova, Inc., on Saturday, August 27th! This is again a full-day event, with open forges and blacksmithing demos - specializing in tool-making - by Henry Kuczwara, Jordan Thomas, Trez Cole and others; as well as Family Programs in lampworking, spinning, weaving, and jewelry! Bring your own hand-work projects and show off your crafts! If you are interested in doing a demo, please contact me - Lisa Anne (MelisandeAubrey@hotmail.com - not AOL as listed in the Directory!!!). More info in the August Clinker Breaker!

Report from the Northwest by Billy Christie and John Watson

The June 11, 2011 meeting was held at Ken & Louise Burn’s Forge, located on the east side of Leon County. We had a total of 33 sign in and the demonstrator was Farrier Rob Nichols.

Rob, who is a highly skilled farrier and artist blacksmith, opted to stretch himself with the making of a sun dial. He started with a detailed drawing and some 11/4” X ¼” steel bar. The sun dial consisted of two parts, one being the sun dial and the second being the support post. When the parts were completed, they were riveted together. Once finished, it was taken out into the sunlight and oriented toward the north. (Just a side note here, fingers were pointing in a variety of directions, for North.) A compass was used to find true north, then a watch showed that the sun dial had the correct time.

We want to thank Rob for his time and effort demonstrating the making of this time piece. We would also like to thank John Boy (Watson) for bringing his custom smoker and cooking all the delicious hamburgers and helping make the tasty surprise of home made Strawberry & Vanilla Ice Cream. It was great, especially on such a hot day. We also want to thank Ken & Louise for opening their shop and home up for this meeting, even though they are in the middle of a major construction project.
The “Iron in the Hat” had a good showing with a number of hand forged items along with other wonderful items looking for a new home. We made $117.00 and everyone is to be commended for their support of the organization.

As a side question here, we don't know which is hotter; the forge or being in the southern sun without shade! Happy Hammering!

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Northeast Report by Butch Patterson

We had an ice cream social to celebrate Independence Day. About 20 members attended the July 2 meeting at Pioneer Settlement in Barberville. Many enjoyed open forges. Steve Estenson made 2 bracelets that he later contributed to Iron in the Hat. Jordan Thomas picked up a few points of bracelet forging from Steve. Allen Hardwicke worked on the Little Giant power hammer. I did not have a chance to see what he was making.

I helped James Emmitt Zugar, a new FABA and new smith, how to draw out a railroad spike and how to manage the fire. He did very well. He will be a very good blacksmith with a little more experience.

Many desserts were brought to share after lunch. Emily's homemade peach ice cream was a hit and as you can tell from the photo - “good to the last drop”.

Our Iron in the Hat had several interesting items, even a hickory tree. It brought in $65.

The Pioneer Art Settlement would like to showcase our ironwork before the FABA Conference in October. If you have items you would like to display, please bring them to the next meeting (Aug. 6) and check them in at the office.

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This is a poor man's ball vise idea from Roland Gerson, a friend of mine in Idaho. "I made a ball vise so that I can rotate and line-up my project however I want and can work on it comfortably with files and grinders. A true "Rube Goldberg" invention, but it works well!! Note: Angle iron welded on a plate and bolted to the pipe vise allows you to orient it however you want when placed in the bench or post vice. Ron Childers.

It's an old 3 jaw pipe vise, a 1' steel ball welded to a 3/8 X 6” round rod, then what ever vise attachment you want welded on top of that. I've been obsessing over the idea for about 2 weeks, went into the shop yesterday, took a look at what I had available and ended up making something much simpler than I had imagined. God, it's nice to own your own flea market.

My local town is "Weiser", about 80 mi NW of Boise, and named after one of the member's of the Lewis and Clark "Voyage of Discovery", Peter Weiser...bet that's more than you wanted to know LOL. No affiliations w/ any organizations, there's a couple of smith's out this way but we don't really keep in contact. I've tried to set something up but no dice. However.......once upon a time I did some tool development working w/ Rio Grande Tool Co. and they still sell the "Gersonhammer". That's all I ever did to brag on.....on the good side that is LOL. Roland

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FABA ELECTION BALLOT

The five positions open this election are listed below. There was only one individual per position nominated and who agreed to run. To avoid the cost of mailing a ballot to each member, and all valid members receive a copy of the Clinker Breaker, the Board decided to use this media as a ballot. You may return to the Secretary via "snail mail" or as an email. One vote per family membership.

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NW Trustee Ron Childers [ ]
SW Trustee Lisa Ann Connor [ ]

Mail to: Jim Labolito, FABA Secretary
314 Fernwood Road, Tallahassee FL 32304
Or send your ballot to: fernforge@comcast.net
A $500 scholarship will be awarded for the Traditional Joinery Projects class at the John C. Campbell Folk School, October 30 - November 4, 2011 taught by Clay Spencer. Francis left some money at the Folk School to provide for scholarships for this class. It has grown to the point where we can award 2 or more scholarships each year.

This scholarship is for intermediate and advanced students who have a solid foundation in basic blacksmithing skills, can manage a coal fire and forge weld.

Interested blacksmiths should complete the following application and e-mail it to clay@otelco.net. Contact Clay at 256-558-3658, e-mail or 73 Penniston Private Drive, Somerville, AL 35670 on any questions.

Include your name, address, e-mail and phone number.

1. Describe your blacksmithing experience, how many years, classes taken, jobs, kind of work you do, how many hours you forge in an average month.
2. Goals for your blacksmithing career, what you wish to do as a blacksmith.
3. Make a scale drawing of a proposed project (your original drawing, not copied from another source). Should show 2 or 3 views with stock sizes and specify proposed joinery. Include a cut list for the stock. This does not have to be the project actually made in the class.
4. Describe your participation in the blacksmithing community: teaching, demonstrating, craft shows, writing articles, belonging to and attending local groups, attending conferences, etc.
5. Explain why you need a scholarship to attend a class.
6. Do you sell blacksmithing items you make? What type items? How do you sell?
7. Include at least 3, no more than 5, photos of some of your work.

The completed application should be e-mailed (e-mail preferred, regular mail accepted) no later than September 22, 2011. Successful applicants will be notified by September 28, 2011. Your application will be judged against other submissions to determine the winner. The money will be paid directly to the Folk School. You will be responsible for all other costs such as fuel fee, materials, transportation, etc. The school has dorm rooms and a campground.

After the class you are requested to write a 2 page article explaining some of the blacksmithing techniques used in making your project, (include some photos or sketches) and send it to your state organization.

Francis required that students prepare a drawing before the class and send to him so that any problems could be worked out before class. He emphasized that drawing was another skill that a successful blacksmith must acquire. You must be able to make a drawing to present a proposal for a client or draw your project on steel table so you can make it. Most everyone has done some sketching, doodling or drawing, it is nothing to be afraid of and your first attempts do not need to be professional. Just start sketching, sketching, sketching, refining your ideas until you figure out the joinery and stock sizes you think are right. Then start making it to scale, easiest way is to use quad paper. You can get large sizes, about 2’ x 3’, with 1” squares

Chances to win a scholarship have been 100% for the last 3 classes. Good luck.

FOR SALE

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This is the original 3 volume set, not the abridged 1 volume book.
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2001 Miller Bobcat 300amp Welder
The unit also puts out 8000 watts in generator mode, has very low hours, and a new battery. It's one hell of a good welder and comes with 200 feet of leads. Price is $2300.00 (about 50% of retail) and as a bonus, you get good scratch tig (bottle and all). Contact Dennis at stiffsilversmith@aol.com

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