



Florida Artist Blacksmith Association

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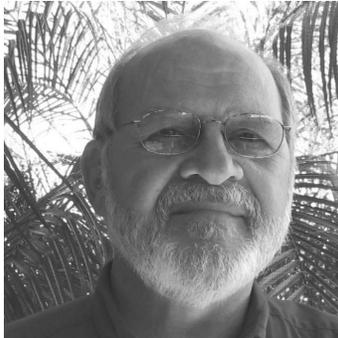
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – NOVEMBER 2011

Our annual conference at Barberville is OVER and it was GREAT even though we had to endure some rain. We had approximately 97 family units attending. Thanks to Gudrun and the Barberville crew for their assistance.

Peter Happny did a very fine job of demonstrating various elements that can be used for functional items or art. Peter also had many “stories / jokes” to keep the audience entertained during the “down times”. Peter used pipe / tubing to give a large piece texture and shape with lighter weight. Skeeter told a story of a demo “some years ago” when he was a “TWO HAMMER forging machine”; using both Left and Right hands while someone held the stock, WOW, what talent.

John White did an excellent job explaining all the details of knife making, starting from the theoretical TTT diagrams to the final steps of heat treatment and finishing. The classes from beginning blacksmithing, stained glass, basket weaving, glass bead jewelry, broom making and hollow form metalwork were well attended, with over 120 class attendees (some taking multiple classes).

Tim Ryan conducted an excellent auction as well as some entertainment along the way – Thanks Tim. Due to the rain we were not able to have the “anvil shoot”. Tim told us he has “passed his anvils” to Allen Hardwicke and Bob Jacoby to carry on the



anvil shoots in Florida and at the SBA meetings. Thanks Tim for allowing this historical event to be continued.

Mark Stone and his committee did a great job on the conference. Please help him next year with some suggestions that you want as well as lending a “physical hand” for set up and tear down. Thanks Mark.

Also a special thanks to **Rex Anderson** and his team who organized and accomplished the replacement of bad boards on tables and benches.

Our new members for this month are: Willis Charles & Lindy Sherrod of Blountstown; Rick & Tammy Fenlon of Leon and Bill & Carol Ann Nelson of Ocala. **Welcome to FAB.**

The FAB board met during the conference for the annual face-to-face meeting and the following items may be of interest to you. A second scholarship for \$1000 was approved and will be called the **Jerry Grice Scholarship**. We are helping to support the organizations where our FAB meetings are held; so if you know of a specific need, please let a board member know. Details of our financial condition can be obtained by talking to any officer or board member, so if you want to know, ask us and we will share.

Jerry Wolfe

ANECDOTAL SAFETY

from our very own Ron Childers

The other day I was moving some large oxygen cylinders and since I had to drag them over some clutter I inserted a “T” hook into the slot in the “safety cap” and proceeded to haul one out. Just as I had all my weight pulling on it, the cap came off and I fell backward into a junk pile. The cap looked brand new and tightened down just fine. It was the same cap that was on it when it came from the welding supply place (a shiny new red one), but the lateral movement must have disengaged the threads. When my buddy Roger got there he screwed the cap down tight and the same thing happened, but he was ready for it. Anyway, it really racked my frame, knocked a knot on my head and screwed up my back again.

which brings us to the next point...

SAFETY: High pressure gas bottles need to be handled VERY CAREFULLY to assure the valve does not get hit / damaged and create a missile. Acetylene tanks need to be transported vertically to assure proper vaporization of acetylene. I have heard that the security caps can come off easily; so do not depend on the cap to “carry the bottle”.

UPCOMING EVENTS

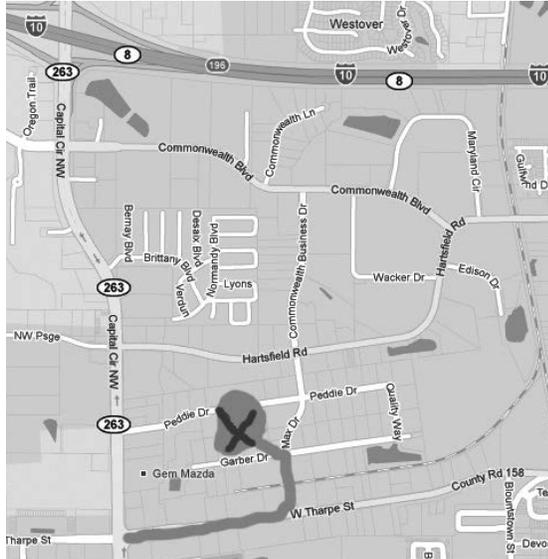
The calendar includes events of interest to the blacksmithing community. The regions have no boundaries - everyone is welcome everywhere. Come to more than one if you can. We hold regular meetings in each region on the following Saturdays of each month: NE-1st, NW-2nd, SE-3rd, SW-4th except for quarterly 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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!!!! MEETING CANCELLED !!!!
ALL NE MEMBERS

It has come to my attention that the Pioneer Arts Settlement is booked on November 5th for their Fall Festival which conflicts with NE Region meeting. Therefore, our meeting is cancelled.

~Butch Patterson



FUTURE EVENTS

NE November 5 - meeting cancelled

NW November 12 - Mike Bettinger's Welding Shop, 3440 Garber Road in Tallahassee with Rex Anderson demonstrating

SE November 19 - Tanah Keta

SW December 10 - gathering at Bethany and Patrick Ford's place in Myakka City

NW December 10 - Rex & Mary Ellen Anderson's shop in Monticello, FL

NE - Note from Butch about MEALS:

If you are interested in cooking and bringing the main dish for lunch, bring your receipts and I will see that you are reimbursed at the meeting. Email or phone me and let me what month you would like to do it. (see above for contact info)

IRON ROSE FOR NORWAY

submitted by K. Sullens

Oslo's blacksmiths are building a sculpture of forged roses made by smiths from all over the world, to honor the victims of the unimaginable violence in Oslo July 22, 2011 and to let the love grow from hammers and fire. Please go to Facebook and click LIKE to support.

A rose is a strong symbol of love that represents hope and opportunities. The Rose has become a powerful symbol of compassion in Norway after the gruesome attack 7-22-2011. Hundred thousands of roses in Oslo's streets shows people's engagement. Our wish is to complement this in iron.

The world's blacksmiths are invited to forge a rose about 40 cm high (15 3/4 inches). No finishing is needed. Oslo's smiths will build a sculpture of the roses. Sketches of the sculpture will be posted on this page. Follow the project on Facebook. Many thanks for your participation.

Best regards from Tobbe Malm and Tone Mörk Karlsrud Oslo Norway
Please send your rose before 12-31-2011 to:

Iron Rose
c/o Sjur Smed
Verksgata 6
1353 Baerums Verk
Norway

**Report from the Northwest by John Boy Watson and Billy Christie
(additional commentary from Ron Childers & Skeeter Prather)**

The September 10, 2011 NW meeting was held at the beautiful Panhandle Pioneer Settlement in Blountstown, Florida. We thank Willard & Linda Smith and company for opening the facilities and providing for us.

Our demonstrator was Ron Childers who was assisted by Roger Bell. In our continuing effort of wonderful small projects, Ron pulled out rail road spikes and horse shoes while explaining the agenda for the day.

With the fire being powered by Roger, Ron picked up his tongs and went to work. The first item up was a spike that he drew out and tied a knot in it. With that complete he took another spike that he had prepped and proceeded to make a cross with the head of the spike being flattened to become the platform. The next spike was split, shaped and became a heart. (Quote of the month, provided by Skeeter, "There is no such thing as a perfect heart") Ron then took a horse shoe, notched the center and shaped it into a heart. While making this heart the steel was allowed to get really hot, but just before it melted it was pulled out of the coke and held in the flames while it cooled down a little, so it could be worked. As we all have lost items due to excess heat, this will save it some of the time.

With this wonderful list of items completed. Roger stepped into the action with another spike. He heated up the spike and proceeded to twist it just below the head, for a handle. Then he drew it out and shaped a blade. There by making a spike knife. Nice.

Ron quickly hammered out a sword of grand size from a Duplex nail.

The "Iron in the Hat" drawing had a good number of hand forged items and other interesting stuff. Billy sold the tickets with such a masterful technique that it looked like we were going to run out of tickets. Then Billy proceeded with Lloyd Wheeler drawing and calling the winning numbers. The drawing produced \$ 107.00 for the Settlement.

The ladies of the Settlement provided a delicious and filling lunch, consisting of pulled pork and BBQ chicken, along with all the great covered dishes & desserts.

In conclusion, we would like to thank Ron Childers & Roger Bell for their wonderful and safe demonstration. Willard & Linda Smith along with all the great personnel associated with the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement, directly or indirectly. And to each of you who gave of your time and products to further the Florida Artist Blacksmith Association. As always, please bring a covered dish to share and your 'Hat' items.

Be Safe and Happy Hammering.

Report from the Southwest by Lisa Anne Conner

Nokomis Forge on Saturday, September 24, 2011:

There was 5 people that came to the meeting Jerry, Gary, Brad Patterson(new), Jeffery Robertson(new) and my self. It was hot I made a 5# fullering hammer. we were done by 11:30 Jeffery brought samples of his work here is a link to his website <http://www.bronzebyjeffreyjrobinson.com/> though it was hot we had a good time.



Report from the 2011 Conference by Mark Stone

The 2011 Conference in Barberville is in the books and despite the rain, the Demonstrators demonstrated and the Class Instructors instructed. The main Demonstrators, Peter Happny and John White, captivated their audiences with traditional and bladesmithing techniques and even threw in some humor to lighten things up. Kirk Sullens' Hollow Form Metal classes were full for all three sessions and the students soaked up a new technique in working metal. "Thanks" to Peter, John, and Kirk for their contribution to our conference. The Family Classes had great turnout and also provided refuge from the rain, though, it was not planned that way. The number of classes registered for was the highest we've had since I've been the Coordinator. I would like to extend "Thanks" to Lisa Ann Conner, Lyle Herrick, Dina Estenson, Ron Childers and Jeff Mohr for the classes they taught. I would also like to thank the Beginning and Intermediate Class Instructors, Donal Pomar, Jim Croft, Jordan Thomas, Henry Kuczwarra, Keith Ivey, and Rob Nichols. Lloyd Wheeler did a great job of providing us with a historically correct portrayal of Benjamin Franklin and his Story Telling. Rev. Jim Labolito, our Secretary, also deserves a big pat on the back for keeping the registrations in order and selling T-Shirts, etc. Dot Butler, our Treasurer for keeping track of the money and Vi Payton for taking care of our Auction Donations. Greg Cumbaa did a great job with the Gallery once again. Tim Ryan did a great job with our Auction and provided us with a great night of entertainment and raising money for our Association. Unfortunately, our Anvil Shoot did not happen due to the rain but the tradition will take place next year if the weather cooperates. "Thank You" Deborah Norton with Let's Party and Catering for providing us with delicious meals throughout the weekend. I would also like to extend a HUGE "Thanks" to all who showed up early for setup and stayed late to help tear down. I would also like to thank Gudren and her staff at the Pioneer Settlement for hosting us once again and also for taking down our tents after we left and so they could dry out for proper storage.

Planning for next year's conference is already in the works and I look forward to another successful event next year. For those that attended this year, "Thank You", and for those that missed it, we hope to see you next year for what will be another great conference.

Thanks,

Mark Stone

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