

“Tales of the Western Reserve”



WRABA

Western Reserve Artist Blacksmith Association

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- OCTOBER 13-14 BURTON APPLE BUTTER FESTIVAL
- OCTOBER 28 HAMMER-IN
- NOVEMBER 10 HAMMER-IN
- DECEMBER 15 HOLIDAY PARTY

Above: Hands-On forging at the Conference, learning how to forge weld using various methods learned from Bob Patrick.

Below: Some music from (left to right) Bob Temple, Bob Patrick, Jason Nass, and Marc Yanko at the end of a day at the Conference.



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We are dedicated to preserving and promoting the art and craft of hand forging iron. WRABA, our group of blacksmiths meet monthly to share information and techniques at the smithy of one of its' members or at Century Village in Burton, Ohio.

A Membership application is on the back cover of this newsletter.

www.wraba.com

Get information on our organization. Find out what is going on and take a look at some great pictures of what we've been doing.

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The heroes of WRABA : Gary Barnhart and his brother rebuilt the bellows in the old Smithy at Century Village. This was a hard and difficult task as the frame and all leather had to be preserved, The leather for pattern and the wood to rebuild. They worked on it this past spring and early summer. All should take a look at their handy work and thank them for all they have done.

I want to thank Ken Tucker, Roy Troutman, for the work they put in to have the great conference with Bob Patrick. Thanks to the members that brought forges and anvils, It was the best yet. All who missed it missed the best forge welding info yet along with many tips and jigs to make your forging life easier.

Those of us who set up the area and loaned equipment could have used more help on Thursday. The club is its members not the officers or the few that always show up. Even if you do not want to participate in the conference help is needed for food prep, helpers with the hands on section, go'fers, set up and take down.

One more observation the festivals at Burton are not Bob Temple's private shows where he is responsible for set up and closing. I would appreciate knowing who is coming and if you will be there for set up. there were days where I was the only one till 10:30. Help out!!

We had Requests to have smiths to demo at the Society of Metals student Introduction to metals, a week long course that has one day where the students and smiths are together. It will be a long day and will take two to four set-ups and smiths. We need to know who is interested and would have the time. [Contact Bob Temple at 330 889-3952. More information below]

Good year so far. Apple Butter festival the 2nd week end in October 13th-14th. Come and have some fun, food and demo give a break to the demonstrators and work the raffle table.

That's All, Bob

Next year, an ASM Materials Camp is looking into increasing the number of days given to blacksmiths. With more days, more smiths are wanted to help out. The camp will run July 15th—20th 2013. The smiths have been there for one day only. For a time that was a Saturday but the last few times it has been a Friday. It is very difficult with the time allotted to give every student a chance to hammer an s-hook or something. They are reviewing the schedule for 2013 and trying to give the smiths more time with the students but have made no decisions yet - more days - more smiths. The Northwest Ohio Blacksmiths would be happy to help any of our members get acquainted with this event. The camp is held at Materials Park at 9639 Kinsman Rd, Russell Township—next to the West Woods Nature Center that held our Nature of Metal. Contact Bob Temple at 330 889-3952 if interested.

See <http://www.asminternational.org/portal/site/www/foundation/materials-camps/> for more information on the camp.

WRABA Events

October Apple Butter Festival
13—14th 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

Burton Century Village
14653 East Park Street
Burton, Ohio 44021

October Hammer-In
Sunday 28th 9:00 AM

Iron-in-the-hat
Pot-luck lunch

Don Pfaff
28151 Mountz Rd.
East Rochester, Ohio 44625
330-525-7836

November Hammer-In
Saturday 10th 9:00 AM

Iron-in-the-hat
Pot-luck lunch

Bruce Hale
Jaymac Body & Frame
1801 Ivydale Ave.
SW, Canton, OH 44706

Open Forge
Tuesdays 5:00—9:00 PM

Burton Century Village
14653 East Park Street
Burton, Ohio 44021

If you need a forge to use, help with a project, or just to learn something — come to one of the open forges.

Open Forge will be at Maple Leaf Forge starting November 5th

Maple Leaf Forge
(Ralph Neumeister)
17231 Messenger Rd.
Burton, Ohio 44021

December Holiday Party
Saturday 15th 1:00 PM—5:00 PM

Pot-luck lunch
Gift Exchange
Auction

Burton Century Village
14653 East Park Street
Burton, Ohio 44021

Bring a dish to pass, and a gift for each person participating in the gift exchange. Try to keep all gifts to a homemade (yourself or family member). Volunteers needed to help set up call Ralph at 440-552-9560 if you can assist.

PAABA Events

THURSDAY NIGHTS - FORT ALLEN - Open Forge Call Dick Fisher for details! 724-836-3625 See the new addition and take part in the friendly atmosphere. \$5 Donation appreciated for fuel.

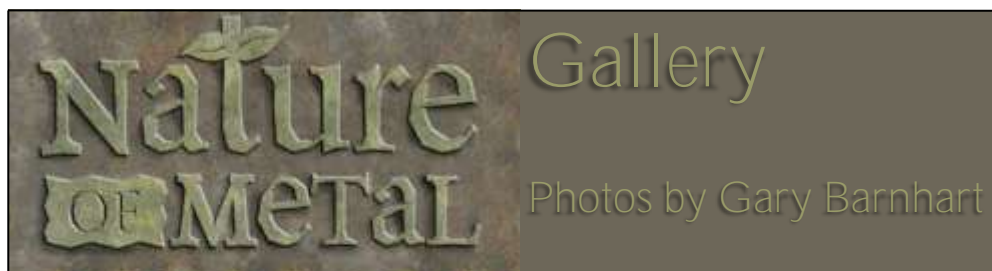
November 3 - **Jymm Hoffman's Shop, The Turkey's Return to Roost!** Join Jymm Hoffman and see what he is up to this fall. Lots to learn and see! 9 AM Start

NOB/SNOB Meeting

Saturday, November 17, 2012
9:00 AM

Iron-in-the-hat Christmas
Ornament or Gift

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When Pigs Fly Tree by Art Wolfe



Lamp by Vince Krava



Morning Spider by Gary Barnhart





Dogwood Fireplace Set
by Pat Livengood



Maple Leaves
by Marc Yanko

Leaf with Red
Glass by Jim
Hovanec



Frogs and Butterflies by Suzette Cohen;
Captured by Brenda Traffis; Vining by
Linda Woodward;



Pink Butterfly
Pin by Jeff Hise

June Conference with Bob Patrick

Photos by Linda Nau and Jeff Nau



Blue Moon
Press was at our
Conference
selling an
assortment of
metalsmithing
books

Scarfig for T weld
done on the corners
of the anvil





chain link welded
from straight
round stock

Scarf before
forge welding;
Bob Patrick likes
to use only anti-
borax



Bob Patrick using tong clips
to hold a bundle to forge weld
to make a trivet



Trivet with forge welded end. The
scroll ends are started before forge
welding and scrolled after



This simple tool has
twisted bar welded onto a
flat bar with handle. It
makes the pattern visible
in the picture bellow
of the roughly finished trivet
Bob Patrick demoed at
the Conference





Bob Patrick forging scrolling tongs. They start like normal tongs, but with a square tapered end (top right) then rounded (bottom right). The handles are half rounded in a die (top left)





Punching the
tongs for a rivet
hole



Using a short piece of round stock
to make a rivet.



Above: adjusting the rivet

Left: The tongs are angled at 90° to make them
more sturdy and easier to scroll. Note how the
handles are curved for comfort



Top left: auction items at the Conference. Books donated by Blue Moon Press. Left knife donated by Bob Temple. Belt by Bruce Woodward

Top right: tomahawks made by Marc Yanko.

Left: Rose by Vince Krava; Belt by Bruce Woodward

Bottom Left: steps to make a tomahawk out of a gun barrel

Bottom right: Grill made by Bob Patrick at PAABA's Conference



Made By Bob Patrick
at PAABA 6-16-12
Grill made with
Claydon Clamps

Classifieds



WRABA Anvils

"WRABA" brass anvils are available.
They are 4" long and 2" tall.
Their cost is \$25.00
Get one at the next WRABA event.



This item is wanted. It is a cradle, used to cut stone blocks. Dr. Phil Wanyerka, an Archaeologist, would like to have an original sample for a current project. Contact Dr. Wanyerka at p.wanyerka@csuohio.edu or the editor at jeffrey@naufamily.net 216-409-6291

Blacksmith helper 3/4 by 2 inch dies Member \$80 non member \$100

various die heat treated 4140 to rc50 \$55 member --\$65 non member

monkey tool set 4140 heat treated set of 5 --3/16-1/4--5/16--3/8--1/2 \$60 member \$75 non member

blacksmiths ruler \$20 member --\$25 non member

e-z weld 1# can \$14 member ---\$16 non member

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We use a C & C Plasma cutting machine

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WRABA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

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Forge Name: _____

Occupation _____

What areas of metalworking are you interested in? _____

Smithing:

Professional___ Hobbyist___ Beginner___ Advanced___

Dues are payable by MARCH 1st. \$20. yearly single \$25. yearly family

(new members prorated quarterly: March-May, June-August, Sept.- Nov. and Dec.-Feb.)

New membership_____ Renewal_____ Date_____

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