

# Rocky Forge News

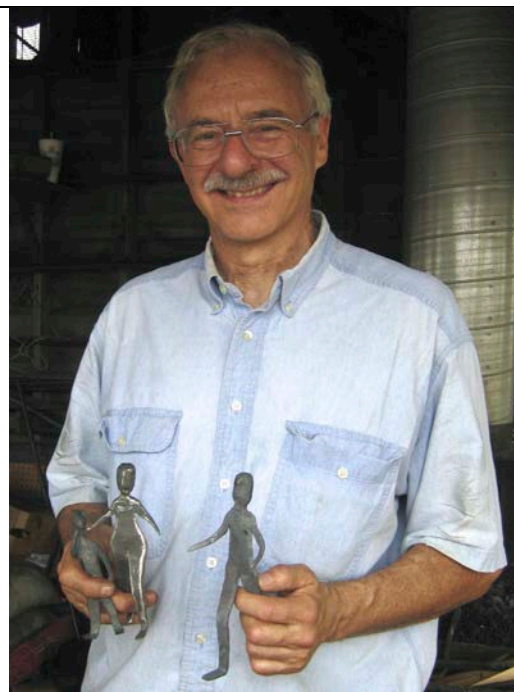
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## No August Meeting

We are not planning to have a Rocky Forge meeting in August. Several of us will be blacksmithing at the Indiana State Fair on Monday and Tuesday, August 10 and 11.

## 2015 Indiana State Fair We Need Smiths!

Once again it is time for the Indiana State Fair, August 7-23. The Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild will man the blacksmith shop in Pioneer Village on Monday and Tuesday, August 10-11. If you can make it, please let Dominick know (765-404-2817). It looks like Dominick, Gene and maybe Ted will attend. It would be nice to have some additional smiths to spread out the workload. Dominick plans to make small figurines out of bronze. Last year he made figurines out to steel as shown in the photograph on this page.



Dominick shows the three members of the Steele family that he made at the 2014 Indiana State Fair.

## Mid-America Threshing & Antiques 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Show

This coming weekend, August 6-9, 2015, will include the Mid-America Threshing & Antiques 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Show in Tipton, IN at the Tipton Fair Grounds. Come to the fairgrounds and blacksmith with or enjoy watching our friend Larry Whitesell.

**Next Meeting: 9/12/2015**

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Gene slaps copper at last year's state fair.

## Mike Bendele at IBA Conference: Forging a Candleholder



Start: Solid cylinder in gas forge



Die in power hammer to make ball



Ball partially made



Refining the ball



Completed first step: ball.



Second step: Drawing out the stem



Drawing out on power hammer



Third step: Crushing the ball into circle



Finished candleholder.

### Interesting Web Sites

**Indiana Blacksmithing Association Calendar of Events:**

[https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=sr4a9m3hf7qo2pjkdaq5c70khk%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New\\_York](https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=sr4a9m3hf7qo2pjkdaq5c70khk%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York)

### Dates to Remember

**September 12, 2015:** Rocky Forge meeting.

**Mid-America Threshing And Antiques 41<sup>st</sup>**

**Anniversary Show,** August 6-9, 2015, Tipton, IN

**Indiana State Fair:** Rocky Forge mans the blacksmith shop on August 10-11, 2015.

**ABANA 2016 Conference:** July 13-16, 2016, Salt Lake City, Utah