

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting – July 14 Show Grounds in Rainsville

Our next meeting will be in our blacksmithing building at the Illiana Antique Power Show grounds near Rainsville. The date is July 14th at 9:00AM. Coffee and doughnuts should be ready by 8:30.

The day's plan will be to prepare the building for the Illiana Power Show, July 20, 21, 22, which is the following weekend. I am going to set up my work-station and except for the hand tools leave it over the next few days. Security-wise there will be several Illiana members camping during the week to keep an eye on our stuff.

Assuming we get set up, we need to make several of the flower pot holders that Jim Bolen designed to hang on 6" posts. I will provide 1/2" round stock for that project. Beyond that we can have open forge time to make whatever you please.

Also, we need volunteers for the State Fair; if you would let me know ahead of time that would be appreciated so that we can get our passes on order.

I know it is going to be hot, but I trust you all will pitch in on July 14th to prepare for the show and be available for the show July 20th and the State Fair August 6th and 7th.

Another decision we need to consider is whether to have an August meeting, the week of the State Fair.

On Friday evening July 20th the Illiana has contracted with the "Highway 341 Band" from Wallace for entertainment. They are really quit good and do a variety of music.

The food vendors will be open late that evening for our convenience. Bring your family, friends and lawn chairs for the evening. A free will offering will be taken to help cover the expense.

Lunch on the 14th will be a pitch in and I will bring a large pot of bean soup or we may just bring cold cuts for sandwiches. So bring what you can to go with those goodies.

See you all on the 14th.

Ted Stout

Illiana Antique Power Show

July 20, 21, 22 **Be there or be square!**



ABANA 2012 Conference

RAPID CITY, JULY 18-21

Demonstrator Claudio Bottero will be working by hand and power hammer with a team of blacksmiths to create a large sculpture. Punzo Family Coppersmiths will take scrap copper and turn it into beautiful copper vessels. All work is done by hand with very few tools. Håvard Bergland will make a true Viking Axe. Håvard's book, that has been translated into English with the help of KJ Groven, will be for sale. The Patient Order of Meticulous Metalsmiths will be making a Scandinavian style door with custom engraved hardware. Becky Little will create a coat rack with her whimsical style. Brian Brazeal and his assistant Lyle Wynn will do some hard hitting to make hammers and tooling. The Smelt Team - Lee Sauder, Steve Mankowski, Shel Browder will be building a furnace on site. The first smelt will be on Thursday along with a talk about theory on site. Friday will be the second smelt. The first bloom will be transformed into sculptural piece; the second one will be made into steel and forged into an axe. Knife Makers will demo making and patterning a damascus billet, and making Mokume Gane (Copper, Brass, Nickel Silver)

From the 2012 IBA Conference



Delicate shapes by Clay Spencer



Dragon by Bill & Jenn Conyers



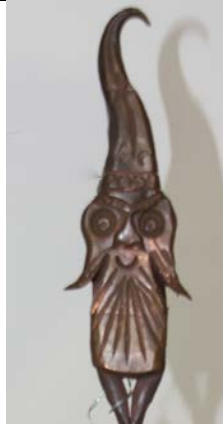
Dish by David Kunkler



Bill & Jenn Conyers



Stacked cubes



Kenny Dettmer's Wizzard



Cross



Clifton Ralph and Austin Williams



Gary Phillips & Dave Wells



Power Hammer tooling by Clay S.

Dates to Remember

July 18-21, 2012: ABANA Conf., Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City, South Dakota, "Reunion on the Great Plains".

July 20-22, 2012: Illiana Antique Power Show in Rainsville, Indiana.

August 6-7, 2012: Rocky Forge works at State Fair.

August 11, 2012: Rocky Forge meeting TBD (?).

September 14-16, 2012: Potawatomi Fest, Attica.

September 22-23, 2012: Feast of the Hunters' Moon

September 21-23, 2012: SOFA Quad-state Conf.

October 5-6, 2012: Gaither Fall Festival, Alexandria, IN.

Interesting Web Sites

Illiana Antique Power Association 2012 Show:
<http://www.illianaantiquepower.com/showinfo.htm>
 ABANA Conference "Reunion on the Great Plains"
www.abana.org/Conferences/2012Conference.shtml

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