

# Rocky Forge News

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## December 8 & 9 Events

The year is nearly over, and we have had some really good times this past year with meetings where everyone was actively working on projects. The creativity expressed by some of you has been exciting to watch. I trust next year will bring even more great times to our group. We will strive to do even better for 2013.

This month's meeting time is compromised by so many other things going on it's hard to decide which way to go. At the last meeting we decided not to have a regular meeting on the second Saturday (December 8th). Instead we will participate in the Illiana Antique Power Associations (Illiana) "Christmas in the Village" event. I received a text from Greg Searcy on Saturday saying that he has cleaned the building, added decorations and was just waiting for the visitors. Thank you Greg for taking the initiative. If anyone else would like to add their decorations please feel free to make the building look as much like Christmas as possible. Carol has two large lighted candles she will set on the ground at the two entry posts to the building.

Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, the Illiana folks will be doing a test run to see if all lights and other things in the village are ready for the event. At 2:00 Saturday afternoon Illiana will have a pitch in lunch for all those working the show that night. Please feel free to participate in this event. The show will be Saturday and Sunday evenings, 4-7 PM. Having blacksmiths with a fire going during darkness will be really neat. We need volunteers to man the forges during the show.

Unfortunately, Dominick and Ted have to be in Batesville Saturday for an IBA Board meeting. We might be back in time to make an appearance Saturday evening and we should be available for Sunday. Others who volunteered were Brad McCormick, Greg Searcy and his mother Virginia, Bob Myers and Tracy Deboer. Carol Stout will be manning the General Store both evenings. There

will be snacks available in various buildings through out the grounds and I would suggest you bring some for the blacksmith shop.

Hope to see a good turnout and a well-decorated blacksmith shop to show the public. Last year there were hundreds of people attend this event and as the word travels and the weather permits we could have a huge turnout this year. See you all on Saturday and Sunday.  
Ted

## IBA Meeting – December 8

The Indiana Blacksmithing Association will have its next meeting on December 8 at Chaz Kaiser's shop in Batesville. The guest demonstrator will be Doc (Vicki) Schertz. oc is an accomplished blacksmith and coppersmith. Her demo may include a stag horn hinge or maybe a hacksaw handle.



Doc at IBA Anniversary



Making a flower.



Doc's Geese



Doc's Lamp



At the Illiana Show Grounds in Rainsville.



A beautiful day for Rocky Forge meeting in November.

## Interesting Web Sites

**Doc's Blacksmithing:** Doc (Vicki) Schertz, PO Box 37, Tiskilwa, IL, 61368, email: [docsblacksmith@comcast.net](mailto:docsblacksmith@comcast.net)

**Chaz Kaiser's Shop:**  
<http://www.amstudio.us/home.htm> Address: 16 Indiana Avenue, Batesville, IN 47006. Directions: Coming from central Indiana, take I-74 east towards Batesville. Exit at SR229 and turn south towards Batesville. Turn left onto IN 46/Broadway St. and follow for about 1 mile. Turn right onto Pearl St. (by Batesville Casket) then follow Pearl St. to Indiana Ave.

**Christmas Bells Poem** by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow,  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BerstjSDts>

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## Dates to Remember

**December 8:** IBA Meeting at Chaz Kaiser's in Batesville, IN.

**December 8&9:** "Christmas in the Village", Illiana Show Grounds, Rainsville, 4-7PM.

**No December Rocky Forge meeting.**

**January 12, 2013:** Rocky Forge meeting



Chaz Kaiser's Cali Lily

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!**