

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting: 9/12/2015

As of this writing Carol has finished her third and last round of chemotherapy treatments. She will have a month off then will have 33 daily radiation treatments. We are looking forward to the end, but dread getting there. Though she has been sick, she is very fortunate to not have experienced the illness so many have warned about. Science today has provided drugs to control the illness to a much larger degree.

The Rocky Forge group has not had a real meeting for several months and I fear the group is falling apart. My goal is bring the group back together and work on the health of our club. So many of us enjoy the blacksmithing and camaraderie that comes with our meetings that we must regroup and re-energize our interests. We need to bring our existing members as well as those who have expressed interest in blacksmithing together and work to create a stronger metal smithing group.

There will be a meeting on September 12th, at Ted's shop, with doughnuts and coffee beginning around 8:30AM. We will have a meeting to discuss some plans for our growth and to plan for the Indiana Bicentennial next year, 2016. I trust we will have a good turnout for this meeting. Plan on having an open forge time so bring your coal, metal and bucket of tools. Some ideas on items made in 1816 may be fun to do in preparation of the bicentennial.

Though Carol is limited on what she can do so she will make a dish of baked beans and I will fire up the electric hot dog cooker that we tested at an earlier meeting at the Illiana Show Grounds. Due to Carol's limitations I am asking that you bring a covered dish to pass for everyone to enjoy. We now have a kitchen and bathroom in the shop to better serve our needs. The kitchen will not be complete, but the bathroom is useable.

Illiana History day is coming up for September 22 so we will need some volunteers for that day.

I hope to see a good attendance at the meeting.

Ted

Dominick Displays Work at Art on the Wabash

Each year the City of West Lafayette runs a juried art show in Tapawingo Park near the old Main Street Bridge. This year your own Rocky Forger, Dominick Andrisani, has been selected to participate along with 42 other local artists. The event gives the artists an all-day opportunity to display and sell their work. The artists include painters, jewelers, potters, and a blacksmith. Dominick will display and hopefully sell more than 22 separate pieces of work. Several of those works are pictured on the second page of this newsletter.

Please try to attend and support local artists, encourage Dominick, and buy some cool art things.



Art on the Wabash; A Local Artists' Fair will be held at West Lafayette's Tapawingo Park from 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday, September 20, 2015. This juried fair features work from artists in a 15 county area and is presented by the City of West Lafayette with technical assistance from Tippecanoe Arts Federation and sponsorship funding from KitchenArt, The Store for Cooks.

Busy Month of September

Take a look at the calendar for September and October at the end of this newsletter! Busy, busy, fun, fun!!

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Dominick's Work to be Displayed and Sold at Art on the Wabash



Forged bronze candle holder



Bronze anticlastic Nut Bowl



Copper Venetian Gondola Vase



Bronze split crosses



Solid stainless steel sculpture



Copper Rose Bowl



Steel Door Knocker



The Steele Family



The Martian Table

Dates to Remember

September 12, 2015: Rocky Forge meeting at Ted's.

September 19: IBA Board Meeting.

September 20: Dominick shows metalwork at Art on the Wabash, Tapawingo Park, West Lafayette.

September 22: Illiana History Day at the Show Grounds in Rainsville.

September 25-27, 2015: SOFA Conference, Troy, OH.

October 2-4: Feast of the Hunter's Moon at the Fort.

October 10, 2015: Rocky Forge meeting.