

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting, 3/10, at Ted's

If mother nature will allow and no other interference we will have a Rocky Forge hammer-in on Saturday March 10th t Ted's shop. Since all of us have been cooped up for several months it only seems fitting not to sit and watch a demonstrator, therefore we will have an open forge time to release our pent up frustrations and do some blacksmithing, tinsmithing, welding, grinding, blade work and socializing. Have a plan for what you want to accomplish, nothing I enjoy more than seeing individuals and groups working together on a project. It's called involvement and very important to your improvement as a metal worker. We have a lot of knowledge and experience in our group and a well-equipped shop to do what we want.

A friend of mine gave me a bunch of wood working tools, etc., some of which I am keeping and some I am passing on to the club for sale. As a result we will have a small auction following the iron in the hat drawing. The proceeds will go into the Rocky Forge treasury. Our in house auctioneer, Randy Padish, will conduct the auction and Carol Stout, a professional auction clerk for over 50 years, will keep track of the sales. Should be a fun time so bring your check books or extra cash. Also, if any of you have something you would like to contribute to the auction please do so. We keep trying to accumulate enough to take our building over at the Illiana Show grounds to the next step.

Lunch for the day will be a whole ham baking as we work, so please bring a side dish that would go good with the ham. As always Rocky Forge takes pride in our noon meals; let's keep that reputation alive.

Please keep Dan and Margie Michaels in your prayers as her father died in Florida last week.

See you Saturday. Ted and Carol Stout

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Dates to Remember

June 1-3, 2018: IBA 2018 Conference, Tipton County Fairgrounds, Tipton, Indiana.

June 27-30, 2018: ABANA 2018 Conference will held in Richmond, Virginia at the Meadow Event Park.

Meeting Location

At the home of Ted and Carol Stout, 8525 W 700 S, West Point, IN 47992-9258 (765-572-2467 home). Take IN25 two miles south from West Point, IN. Take a right onto West 700 South. Ted's house is the first house on the left.

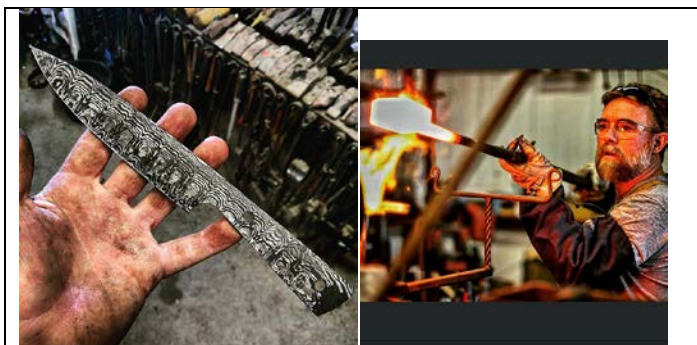
2018 IBA Conference, June 1-3

Nathan Allen will be teaching two one-day classes at Conner Prairie prior to the IBA's June conference. The first class is forge welding on May 30 and the second is tong making on May 31. Details and registration information can be found in the February IBA Forge ire.

For the June conference the primary demonstrators are Nathan Allen and Jose "Pep" Gomez. Nathan will be demonstrating traditional blacksmithing techniques.

Pep works in unusual Damascus pieces. Samples of his work are shown below. More information can be found at: <https://ink361.com/app/users/ig-628057701/lostartsforge/photos> .

The Saturday only demonstration will be power hammer rebuilding led by Bill Conyers including pouring babbitt bearings.



Jose Gomez and a damascus knife.

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FORGED PICKET

knick at 3" for initial shoulder
 3" $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ " stock

$\frac{1}{2}$ face blow over edge of anvil to set shoulder
 break all corners (chamfer) on all work... it looks better to have facets

draw out the material with the edge of the hammer
 finishing heat (blackrange) with light overlapping blows to refine the grain structure of the metal for a smooth finish

bend in vise w bending fork

upset over horn & shape corner
 horn
 make two pieces

upset w peen to spread material out to corner

horn
 second piece

then do other one

match both pieces
 tack weld or wire both parts

file edges flat, then break edges (chamfer the corners)
 then forge weld end
 vise

3 sided taper... scarf on 3 sides
 SIDE:
 TOP:
 helps to blend the metal when forging

scarf and weld to $\frac{1}{2}$ " to $\frac{3}{8}$ " bar stock

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