

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting, 5/12, at Ted's

Has it finally happened! We have warm weather and will be able to forge outside. Predictions are for 80 degrees, possibly a little afternoon shower. I will have coal and gas forges available in the breeze way for your fun day of forging. I am sure many of you have pent up desires wanting to hammer some hot metal. Spring is a busy time for so many things to do, but I hope you choose to come out here and forge for the day. Your spring chores will still be there when you return.

The noon meal will be hamburgers off the grill, so bring whatever covered dish you would like to pass that will go with the burgers. Also, bring Iron-in-the-Hat items and your bucket of tools.

The guild has been the beneficiary of two nice equipment donations. Rob Durrett has donated a



nice **tabletop Dunlap drill press**. After some TLC the tool is ready for use.

Bill Reese donated a **wood lathe** that is around four feet in length and uses flat belt drive with an attached motor. It has the name "Little Giant" embossed on the

side. Both of these tools will be a part of the future wood shop located on the east side of the building at the Illiana Show grounds.

Our thanks to these guys for



their generous offering of these shop tools.

If you have any friends or relatives who would like to work in the wood shop during the Illiana show the 3rd weekend of July please let me know. There



are a number of projects they could do to demonstrate these older tools. In addition, I too have numerous tools to add to the wood shop that will make it a neat setting. The idea is to have tools that would have been found in a wood shop from 1960 back into the 1930's or even earlier. The wood shop, the cooper, the machine shop and the blacksmiths will all be nice additions to our shop for showcasing the early American trades. Other trades may be added as we develop our plan

As for you blacksmiths we need to plan our schedules to include the annual Illiana Show July 20th, 21st and 22nd. In the past Rocky Forge has been a highlight of the show for many people with as many as 20 active blacksmiths working. I trust we can keep that level of participation going. Feel free to invite any of your blacksmithing friends to participate. In the past we have had smiths from the IBA come in for 1 to 3 days just for the fun of it

Isak Glotzbach will have order forms for Rocky Forge logo clothing so be sure to get your orders in at this meeting. It would be nice if we all wore Rocky Forge t-shirts during the Illiana Show

See you on Saturday with coffee and doughnuts at 8:30 and fires starting at 9:15.

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

July 20-22: Illiana Power Show, Rainsville, IN.

September 21-23: SOFA Quad-State, Troy Ohio.

October 6-7: Feat of the Hunters' Moon, Fort Ouiatenon, West Lafayette, IN.

YouTube Videos

Sanderson Iron: <http://www.sandersoniron.com>

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

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 babbit bearings.

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.

Photos from the Joel Sanderson Shop



Shop is mechanically powered by this hit-and-miss engine and a complicated series of line shafts.



Shaper used as a "push forger"



Joel Sanderson shows scroll made by push forger.