

# Rocky Forge News

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## Next Meeting, September 8

### At Ted's Shop

The last few months have been a whirlwind for the Rocky Forge group. The Stout's with Carols hip replacement and Ted's hospitalizations, the pressure of finishing the new assembly hall, the Indiana Blacksmith Conference, the Illiana Show, the State Fair demonstrations and Illiana History Day coming up the same time as the largest gathering of blacksmiths in the country (SOFA Quad-State). It's all pretty daunting, but we dealt with it as we always have because we have such a diverse and active group. Thanks to all of you who helped during those events. You should be proud of your participation as you have educated and entertained a lot of people. You may never know the impact you left with so many, especially the children.

Illiana will have the annual History Day September 21st, the same time as SOFA, Rocky Forge is desperately in need of volunteers for the that event. They are expecting in the neighborhood of 400 fourth graders from around 9:00 to 2:30 with about 30 demonstration stations, the blacksmiths, being one of them If you are able to participate please call Ted for details.

Our next meeting will be at Ted's shop on Saturday, September 8th, starting with coffee and doughnuts at 8:30AM. The weather "predictors" are calling for rain, but who cares we will be under roof. Bring your bucket of tools and plans for the day so we can pound away at whatever it is you want to make. Try something different from your usual task, broaden your skills, think outside of the box, challenge yourself. You may be surprised at what you can make. I probably will have the metal you need. Also we will have Iron-In-The-Hat, so bring something for the table.

We will have cold meat sandwiches, so bring a covered dish to go with them.

See you all on the 8th.

Ted and Carol

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## Dates to Remember

**September 21: Illiana History Day.**

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

**September 23:** Art on the Wabash, Tapawingo Park, West Lafayette.

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



Joe Kline and his son Ray pound metal.



Marty and Dan level the new tool shed.



## Ironwork from the Villages of Afissos and Palouri in Greece



These machine-made scrolls suggest waves. Note straight section at center.



Do these scrolls represent flowers?



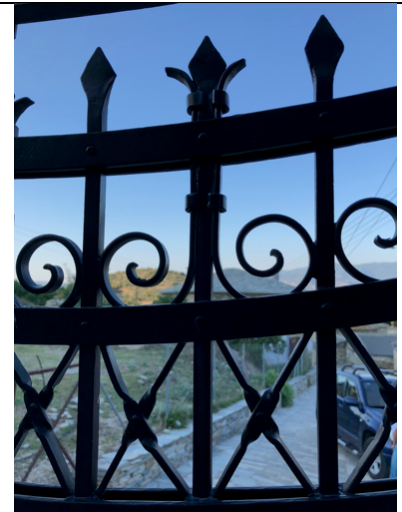
S-scrolls and C-scrolls



Gate at St. Nickolas Church, Palouri.



This may be more modern work.



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The inside end of a scroll should look like the tip of your tongue.



This second floor balcony is typical of traditional ironwork in Greece.



This ironwork is likely done locally about 80-100 years ago.