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Next Meeting, January 11 At Ted's Shop

Hello everyone, the gas forge build is on hold due to the many options for burner design and forge design. Using a pyrometer we are attempting to find the best options for your forges. Thanks to the help of Dan Sutton we are making progress. Once the options have been settled on we will build a single forge and test it. If it works like we anticipate, then we will inform the members who signed up for a build and proceed with the workshops. At this point the cost may be less than the \$125 estimate, no guarantee, but buying in bulk sure makes a difference.

There will not be a December meeting of Rocky Forge due to the Indiana Blacksmiths Association having their annual Christmas meeting on the second Saturday. I encourage you to attend that meeting which will be held at Don Reitzel's shop in Stilesville, Indiana on December 14th. Please bring Iron-in-the-Hat items, your bucket of tools and food to share for the meal. Those meetings are always fun to attend as they will probably have a demonstrator and open forge time. It's a good meeting to get to know smiths from other parts of the state. Don's shop is an interesting place to visit and lunch is typically in a log cabin choked full of neat stuff Don has made over the years. He is located just south of US Highway 40. From my house it is about 1.5 hours. Look in the Forge Fire for directions

This Friday and Saturday, December 6th and 7th will be Christmas in the Village at the Illiana Show grounds. Rocky Forge always cleans our building and decorates for the Holiday. We need volunteers for doing that Thursday

December 5th. We need volunteers to demonstrate on Friday and Saturday evenings. They want us to be ready by 4:00 P.M. and will done by 8:00 P.M. We always have a good time and encourage our members to attend. This year we should make Christmas ornaments or small gifts. If you want to bring any refreshments or snacks for the Rocky Forge crew it would be appreciated.

Thank you all and have a Merry Christmas.

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Work Party, Thursday, Dec 5

We will have a work party on Thursday, December 5, at 10 AM to clean up the Rainsville site to get ready for Christmas in the Village. Help out if you can.

Dates to Remember

December 6-7: Christmas in the Village, Illiana Show Ground, Rainsville, IN

December 14: IBA meeting at Don Reitzel's Shop, 4113 W County Road 900 S, Stilesville, IN 46180

January 12: Rocky Forge Meeting at Ted's.

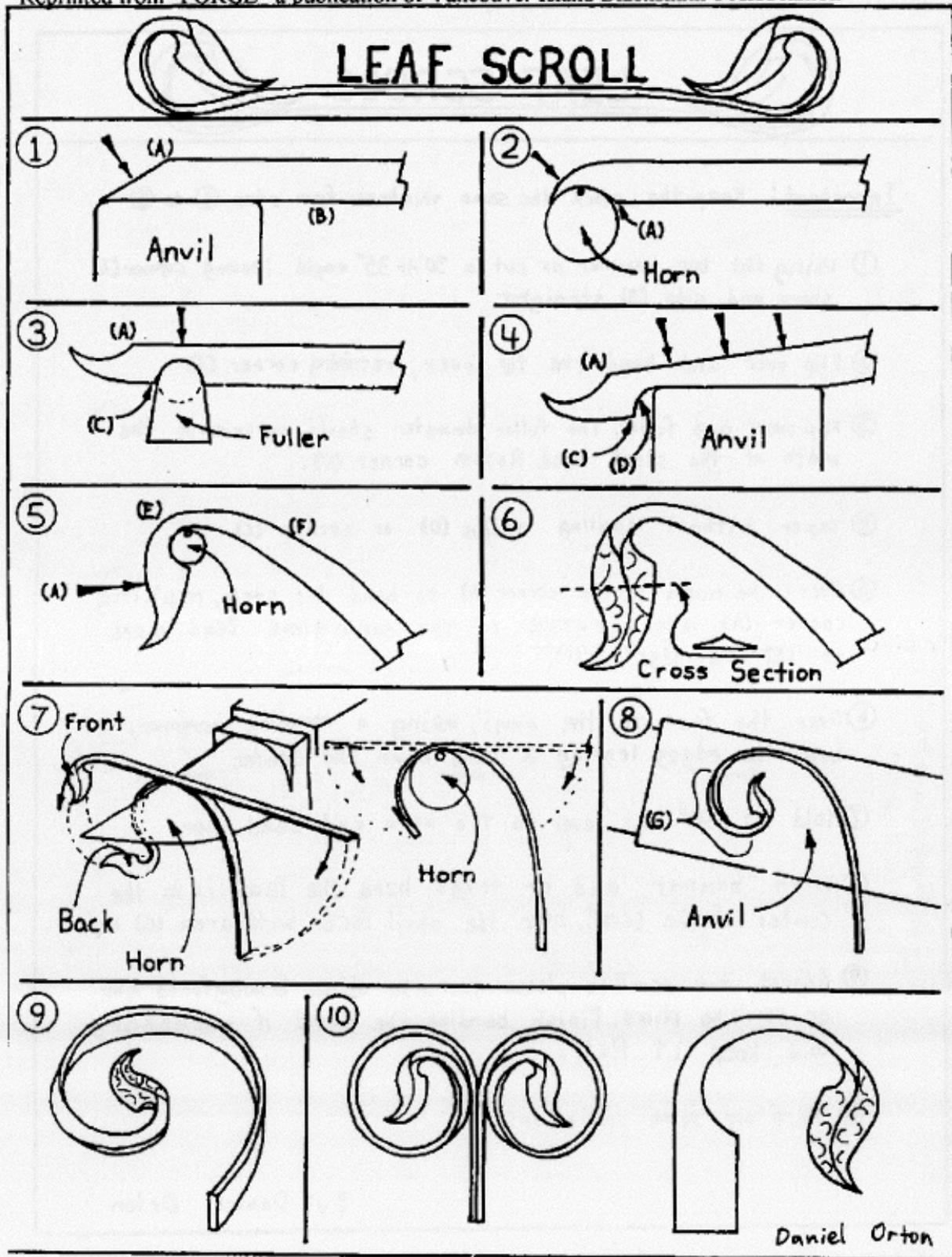
June 3-6, 2020: ABANA Conference, Washington County Fairgrounds, Greenwich, NY (east of Saratoga Springs and north of Albany)

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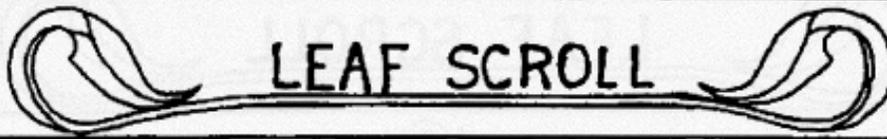
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Important: Keep the stock the same thickness from step ① to ⑤

- ① Using flat bar, hammer or cut a 90° to 35° angle leaving corner (A) sharp and side (B) straight.
- ② Flip over and bend the tip over, retaining corner (A).
- ③ Flip over and fuller. The fuller diameter should approximate the width of the stock used. Retain corner (C).
- ④ Taper without spoiling radius (D) or corner (C).
- ⑤ Over the horn strike corner (A) to bend the stem, making corner (A) into a curve at the same time. Bend more at (E) and less at (F).
- ⑥ Over the face of the anvil, using a rounding hammer, bevel the edges leaving a vein down the center.
- ⑦ Hold at 90° and level to the horn and bend over.
- ⑧ With hammer and or tongs bend the leaf into the center of the scroll, over the anvil face with area (G) hot.
- ⑨ Adjust the scroll to please your eye using bending forks and or scrolling pliers. Finish bending the scroll if necessary and keep it flat.
- ⑩ Here are some variations

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