

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting, February 8 At Ted's Shop

HAPPY BIRTH DAY ROCKY FORGE BLACKSMITH GUILD

Yes, it is the Guild's birthday. We started February 2, 2002, so we are 18 years old. Over that period, we have seen many come and go and many who have stayed. There have been some really good metal smiths develop their skills over the years.

One of most rewarding outcomes is the answer to a question so often asked: Is blacksmithing a dying art? The answer is a resounding NO. What a rewarding occurrence to see so many come forward with an interest in the metal working field, people from all walks of life, young and old. It is especially rewarding to help our younger generation get starting and watch them develop their skills. We still have and have had some very talented individuals over the past 18 years. Our success is the result of all the dedication so many of you have contributed to the Guild. Like any organization, Rocky Forge Blacksmith Guild is only as good as the membership's participation. Thank you all.

The next meeting will be this Saturday, February 8, at Ted's shop. The gas forge build project is ongoing with the first prototype shell to be presented at the meeting. At the meeting we need to make templates and jigs to assist in all the cutouts and pieces to be welded to the tank. No metal or other parts will be ordered until all those wanting a forge commit to a deposit. We cannot order those expensive items until we know you are truly committed to paying your share of the cost and to share in the work. You no pay, you no work, you do not get a forge, simple as that. Bottom line: bring money Saturday to pay your deposit against the forge build. The amount can vary from \$25 on

up to \$100. Based on recent estimates we think it will total out at around \$100 for a forge with a value between \$650 and \$700

Hoping the weather will allow some of you to work on the coal forges outside and a few inside, while we have those working to develop the gas forge templates and jigs.

Iron-in-the-Hat will be one to remember if all of you do what you can to make it that way. I plan on loading it down this month. It may take two tables to hold it all, so come prepared to take home prize pieces.

As usual we will start at 8:30 A.M. with coffee and doughnuts followed at 9:15 with a meeting on the gas forge build, then off to the races.

Carol will make a pot of chili for lunch, so please bring a covered dish to compliment chili.

In conclusion we are sorry to tell you that Jim Bolin's wife, Diane passed away last week. She was a frequent attender of our Rocky Forge meetings and we will miss her. Her obituary from the Maus Funeral Home is on the next page.

See you all Saturday

Ted and Carol

Dates to Remember

February 8: Rocky Forge Meeting at Ted's.

June 5-7: IBA Conference, Tipton, IN.

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

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DIANE BOLIN'S OBITUARY

Hillsboro - Gladys Diane (Sexton) Bolin, 65, of rural Hillsboro, died at 5:35 a.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 in her residence. She was the loving husband of Rocky Forge member Jim Bolin.

Diane was born on March 3, 1954 in Fort Belvoir VA. She was the daughter of Maudie Lee (Cosby) Sexton and the late Carl Eugene Sexton. She graduated from Hamilton Heights HS in Arcadia in 1972. She then received her RN degree from Vincennes University in 1974. She had previously lived in Pence before moving to Hillsboro in 1989.

Diane married James Ray Bolin on January 31, 1977 in the Hedrick Church of God. He survives. Diane worked as a Registered Nurse specializing in OB/Gyn care. She started working in Riverview Hospital in Noblesville in 1974. In 1976 she began working in the hospitals in Danville, IL, first at Lakeview, followed by Prescence, United Samaritans, Provena UNS, and finally OSF; retiring on March 28, 2014.

Diane was a member of the Hedrick Church of God involved in the Abrahamic Faith. She was also a member of the Indiana Blacksmiths Assn, Illiana Antique Power Assn and the Pine Village Quilt Club. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, and studying Civil War History.

Surviving along with her husband of 42 years, James, are her mother, Maudie L. Sexton, Hillsboro; two sons, Kent Bolin, Hillsboro and Jon (Jennifer) Bolin, Veedersburg; daughter, Penny (John) Blackburn, Kingman; sister, Norma Kay (Harold) Galliher, Noblesville; and three grandchildren, Tiffany Bolin, Emily Bolin & Destiny Blackburn. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Paul Eugene Sexton.

Cremation will take place. A Memorial Service to be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at the Hedrick Church of God at 4:00 p.m. with David Cheatwood officiating. Contributions may be made to PSP - Progressive Supranuclear Palsy or the Hedrick Church of God.

Reference: <https://www.mausfuneralhome.com/obituary/gladys-bolin>