

# Rocky Forge News

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## Next Meeting, June 12 At Ted's Shop

There will be a Rocky Forge meeting Saturday, June 12th, at 9:00 AM, at **Ted's Shop**. This will be our first meeting in my shop since February 2020.

Coffee and doughnuts at 8:30.

The business meeting will be very short, then we will set up and start forging. Lunch will be on your own, brown bag, local restaurants, or none. You can work through lunch if you so desire.

Bring items for Iron-in-the-Hat and your bucket of tools. If you want bring your own gas forges, mine are all out of commission.

If you have any questions give me a call.

Ted and Carol Stout



### SINNERS

hammered, welded statue  
bronze, brass, steel  
108, 103 cm

By [Václav Rubeška](#) [Inspirational Ironwork & Blacksmithing Photographs](#)

## Coal Available

Marty Mears has 50-pound bags of coal available for \$18 a bag. To buy this coal call or text Marty at 765-201-2836.

## IBA Conference Planning

This year the IBA is planning three smaller regional conferences, one in the middle of the state, one in the south, and one in the north. Each will be modeled after the Tipton conference schedule of a Friday night short demo, Saturday demo's, perhaps a gallery, etc. These plans are evolving rapidly so stay tuned.

The second of these regional conferences will put on by the Bunkum Valley Metal Workers and will be take place on **July 23-24** in Oden (Daviess County), IN. Details should be posted in the IBA Facebook page and in the Forge Fire newsletter.

## Dates to Remember

**June 12:** Rocky Forge meeting at Ted's Shop.

**June 19:** IBA Hammer-In, Snake Road Forge, Valparaiso, IN.

**June 20:** Father's Day.

**July 16-18:** Illiana Show, Rainsville, IN.

**July 23-24:** 2<sup>nd</sup> IBA Regional Conference, Bunkum Valley Metalsmiths, Odon, IN.

**July 30-August 22:** Indiana State Fair.

**September 3-5:** 3<sup>rd</sup> IBA Regional Conference, Covered Bridge Blacksmith Guild, Parke County 4-H Fairgrounds, Rockville, IN.

**September 24-26:** SOFA Quad-state, Troy, OH

**May 11-14, 2022:** ABANA Biennial Conference, North Fort Worth, Texas.

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*August 2020**Pittsburgh Area Artist – Blacksmiths Association***Portable Folding Hammer and Tong Rack By Jacob Willson**

I don't have a dedicated shop for hot work and I do my forging in the driveway. I wanted a rack that would hold my hammers, tongs, and what I was working on. This rack would also need to be compact for storage when not in use. I wanted to share what I came up with to help anyone else in the same situation or anyone that may like an extra table that folds up when not in use. I built this with materials I had on hand, it has a nice rusty patina, so feel free to modify with what you have.

The cross racks or tool holders are  $\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " flat bar, 20" long and the legs are 1" angle, 36" long, making a table height of 30". (Tip - Pythagorean Theorem) The racks have  $\frac{7}{8}$ " holes on each end and one end pivot's on  $\frac{1}{2}$ " pipe with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " all thread through bolted to the legs. My original plan was to weld the flat bar to the pipe, but I'm still playing with the spacing and don't think it is really necessary. On the other end of the bars, I cut notches at an angle (see picture) to hold on the other end when in use. For the cross members holding the legs together, I used some rod with threads on the end from an old washing machine, that's why it is 12" deep. You can use all thread or weld bolts to a small piece of pipe, be creative.

To fold up, just pull the end cross members together and either flip the rack over or let them fall down. It folds up and stores pretty compact until it is needed again. It's nice to have all your tools needed for a project organized and readily available. It's portable and allows for easy storage.



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