

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting, September 11 At Ted's Shop

The next meeting of the Rocky Forge group is set for next Saturday, September 11th. As usual the coffee and doughnuts will be available at 8:30AM. We will have an abbreviated business meeting this month just an update on the gas forge project. As a result, we should get the forge fires going early and plan to pound hot metal for the day.

Be sure to bring your tool bucket and items for Iron-in-the-Hat. Also, I'm running low on operating forges, so if you have one that can be hauled easily bring it along.

Carol is planning to make pulled pork so bring a covered dish to share.

I'm suggesting that we all make a **flesh fork** this Saturday. 3/4" by 1/4" stock is well suited for this project. Making this fork involves several learning steps, like drawing out, bending, fullering, chisel cutting, rounding, and decorating.

Google it to be prepared to make a real nice **flesh fork**.

See you all on Saturday.

Ted and Carol



Mask Wearing Recommended

Mask wearing at this Rocky Forge meeting is recommended. This is one simple way we help protect ourselves and others from COVID-19 during this continuing pandemic.

Dates to Remember

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

October 9-10: Feast of the Hunters' Moon

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

Coal Available

Marty Mears has 50-pound bags of coal available for \$20 a bag. To buy this coal call or text Marty at 765-201-2836.

Interesting Web Sites

Making flesh forks:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oFAdluH7qww>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_BBT9AU9WU















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Forging a Flesh Fork: Excerpted from John Switzer’s YouTube Video from [Black Bear Forge](#)

		
<p>Isolate several inches of metal for the tines.</p>	<p>Taper the handle and draw it out (elongate it).</p>	<p>On the other end of the metal use half-face blows to isolate metal for the hanging ring.</p>
		
<p>Draw out the ring metal and get graceful taper and make the metal have a round cross section.</p>	<p>Form the hanging ring on the horn of the anvil.</p>	<p>Split the tines from top and bottom with a chisel starting with light blows. Use soft metal under piece to protect.</p>
		
<p>Use chisel to elongate the tines and use a file to clean them up in the vice.</p>	<p>Square up tines on the face and on the side of the anvil. No need to eliminate the v-groove.</p>	<p>Make tines have round cross section. Shape tines on the horn to the desired distance apart.</p>
		
<p>Shape tines like a kitchen fork.</p>	<p>The metal in various stages.</p>	<p>John Switzer, Black Bear Forge https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oFAdluH7qww</p>