

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting, February 11, At Ted's Shop

Hey there forgers of iron! We have a really good meeting coming up Saturday, February 11th. This will be a combination meeting with our members and Kurt Fehrenbach's beginning class and his advanced class. The theme will be forge welding. Kurt assured me everyone would do a number of forge weld types.

Also, a lot has developed over the past month regarding improvements to our blacksmith shop at Illiana. I am anxious to tell you about what has transpired!

Carol is preparing a roaster of chili, so please bring items to make the meal complete. Salads, fruit, vegetables, cheese tray, a casserole, deserts, etc. will help, since we will have so many guests.

A social period with coffee and doughnuts will be ready at 8:30AM, (sorry, but 7:30AM Illinois time).

We will have an Iron-in-the-Hat drawing, and I'll bet it will be a good one.

Looking forward to a fun and educational meeting this Saturday. Call me if you have any questions.

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2023 Southern Blacksmith
Association Conference



The 20th bi-annual [2023 Southeastern Blacksmith Association \(SBA\) Conference](#) will be held at the Lion's Club Fair Grounds in Madison, Georgia, Thursday, May 18th through Saturday, May 20th, 2023.

The 2023 conference theme is Shade Tree Blacksmithing. Celebrating the process of bringing smiths together to exchange knowledge and experience in blacksmithing.

The demonstrator lineup includes Liam Hoffman and Matt Jenkins. Other conference activities will include Green Coal classes, family programs, the Local Talent Forge, Iron in the Hat, forge and toolbox raffles, a variety of vendors, our Friday night Banquet, Auction, and Forging Competition – plus other surprise events along the way!

Dates to Remember

Rocky Forge Regular Meeting: Saturday, February 11, 2023.

IBA Conference: June 2-4, 2023

ABANA Conference: June 6-9, 2024, Johnstown, PA (Note: this date conflicts with the traditional date for our 2024 IBA Conference).

Rocky Forge Meeting of January 14, 2023 Jerry Eitnier Discusses the Trade Axe

