

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting, March 11, At Ted's Shop

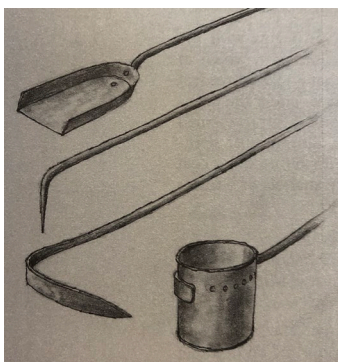
This has been a very busy month for several of the Rocky Forge members. Lots of time was spent on the improvements to our Rocky Forge Blacksmith Shop at the Illiana Showgrounds working with the contractors doing the electrical work, building enclosure, and venting of up to 12 coal forges.

Several accomplishments were completed: built two prototype coal forges, settled on a venting design, established the building and doors color, settled on which fire pot to order (\$200 each). Regarding the fire pot, if anyone wants one for their own use we will get a better price the more we order. Let us know if you need one. We will try to answer any questions you may have about the new shop at our meeting.

The agenda at this meeting will be to make fire tools and other tools we might need at the new building.

(Photo at right is from *New Edge of the Anvil* by Jack Andrews.)

Bring items for Iron-in-the-Hat. Thanks to Dominick we have enjoyed a super drawing for the last three months.



Iron-in-the-Hat is so important to the success of Rocky Forge. That and donations are our only income. We should feel very fortunate for the opportunities we enjoy from this group. The things we learn and the comradery we enjoy are essentially free. Most organizations charge a fee to belong and the schools that offer what is taught at Rocky Forge are very expensive.

Carol will fix spaghetti with meat sauce. If you can bring something to compliment that meal please do so. Looking forward to a fun day.

See you Saturday with coffee and doughnuts starting at 8:30AM.

Ted and Carol 765-491-2194



Over the last month five smiths worked to build two prototype forges for our remodeled blacksmith shop at the Illiana Showgrounds. Pictured are Ted Stout, Marty Mears and Randy Padish. Not pictured are Gene Hollingsworth and photographer Dominick Andrisani.

Interesting Web Sites

Skip Jack Press (for blacksmithing books including *New Edge of the Anvil* by Jack Andrews.
<http://skipjackpress.com/books/9781879535091>)

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Dates to Remember

Rocky Forge Regular Meeting: Saturday, March 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 February 11, 2023
Kurt Fehrenbach Demonstrates Forge Welding

