

Rocky Forge News

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Next Meeting: Trivets (5/8/10)

The May meeting will be at Ted's shop, Saturday, May 8th, at 9:00AM. Our agenda will be to work on the small anvils, the weathervane for the Women's Building at the Illiana Show Grounds and **trivets**.

We can only have 3-4 people at time working on these projects, so the remainder of the members should be making **trivets** that can be sold during the



Illiana Power Show. If you have never made a **trivet**, now is the time to learn. There are many types and forms of **trivets**, it all depends on your imagination. I have some books on early American Iron that can give you some ideas. Making a **trivet** can exercise many blacksmithing skills that could include drawing out, bending, twisting, punching, forge welding, riveting, scrolls and **mensuration**.

Be sure to bring some nice things for the iron in the hat drawing. Lunch will be provided with a donation jar to cover the cost. Carol will not be here, so lunch will be a crock-pot of hot dogs, another pot with baked beans. We will also have chips and any additions....

Looking forward to seeing a good turnout and having some "good ole forging time". The grass can wait, the gardening will be there the next day, the honey do list... well it just gets longer. Come on out for our next blacksmithing meet. See you all on May 8th. Coffee and **crumpets** will be ready by 8:30. Come prepared with your favorite hammer, tongs and metal.

Ted

Last Meeting: Anvils (4/10/10)

Most of the April meeting was spent grinding and painting the miniature anvils to be sold at the IBA



Conference (6/25-27/10), Illiana Power Show (7/16-18/10) and SOFA (9/24-26/10) to support the 30 year IBA party (10/15-17/10). We completed, except for grinding the letters, about 140 anvils.

Gene traced the rooster on the weathervane that I have in the shop. We all thought it looked more like a real rooster. He took home the sketch and a piece of copper. Hopefully, we will see a finished rooster at the next meeting.

Also, Carol is diligently working on the quilt made from blacksmithing **T-shirts**. She has received several T-shirts from out of state and some rare ones as well. I think this quilt will be a very desirable item that many blacksmiths will want to own.

Ted

Dates to Remember

May 8, 2010: Rocky Forge meeting at Ted's on "Making Non-Trivial Trivets."

Monday, 8:30 AM, May 3, 2010: History Day at the Illiana Show Grounds in Rainsville.

June 2-5, 2010: ABANA Conf., Memphis, TN.

June 12, 2010: Rocky Forge meeting of June??.

June 25-27, 2010: IBA Conference, Tipton.

July 10, 2010: Rocky Forge meeting of July??.

July 16-18, 2010, 2010: Illiana Antique Power Association Show, Rainsville, IN.

August 6-22, 2010: Indiana State Fair.

August 9-10, 2010: Rocky Forge demos at Fair.

August 14, 2010: Rocky Forge meeting of August.

September 24-26, 2010: SOFA QuadState Conference, Troy, Ohio.

October 2-3, 2010: Feast of the Hunter's Moon, at Historic Fort Ouiatenon Park near West Lafayette.

October 15, 16, 17, 2010: IBA 30th Anniversary Party at Ted's.

Interesting Web Sites

John Steel

<http://www.steelwelding.net/sculpture.htm>

Arizona Artist Blacksmith Association

<http://www.az-blacksmiths.org/>

Making Tongs with jig on power hammer on

YouTube: "Power Hammer Tong Jig.mp4"

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