



Now and Then
 Newsletter of the Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith Guild
July 2017

Inside: Club Information Meeting Notes General Notes Items of Interest	Editor's Notes: Summer has officially arrived. Please, please, please, take care of yourself! Be sure to stay hydrated!! Drink lots of water and cool off often!!! You don't have to stop blacksmithing during these hot months, but you do need to be safe. I enjoyed seeing lots of you at the Spring blacksmithing events. <p style="text-align: right;">SusanPlank.svbgeditor@gmail.com</p>
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Club Information

Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith's Guild Mission Statement:

- * **Preserve traditional blacksmith and metalworking skills through educational offerings to its members and the community at large.**
- * **Serve as a clearinghouse for information, techniques, tools, and training programs for any individual interested in hot-worked metals.**
- * **Facilitate educational opportunities and demonstrations for the general public, especially area children.**
- * **Share practical skills experiences and techniques with beginner and experienced blacksmiths alike.**
- * **Provide a forum for creative problem solving of metalworking issues as well as stimulate and inspire burgeoning smiths.**
- * **Provide these services to all who share an interest in blacksmithing regardless of sex, race, age, religious beliefs, national origin, or level of blacksmithing knowledge or experience.**
- * **Show and compare completed work or get suggestions on work in progress.**

2017 SVBG Board of Directors

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Club Information - Continued

More information on the Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith Guild can be found at these locations:

The Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith Guild website can be located on the internet at

<http://svbg.squarespace.com>

and

On Facebook, like us at Shenandoah Valley Blacksmithing Guild

2017 Calendar of Events

Have already happened:

January	12th Monthly Meeting - Dewey Baker demonstrated "Friederick Cross Key Fob"
February	9th Monthly Meeting - Bill Fox demonstrated "Candle Holder" 25th - Boone Pasture Party - Phil Heath with Tom Boone demonstrated "Folding Chair"
March	9th Monthly Meeting - Dave McKinnon demonstrated "Forge Weld" 31st - Greater Shenandoah Valley Knife Show
April	1st & 2nd - Greater Shenandoah Valley Knife Show 13th Monthly Meeting - Beginner and Mentor Night <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jim Oates mentored making ? 2. Matt Williams mentored making hooks and a letter opener 21st, 22nd & 23rd - Blacksmith Guild of the Potomac Spring Fling - <u>New location</u> was at the Fredrick County Fairgrounds located at 155 Fairgrounds Road Clear Brook, VA 22624. Two daytime demonstrators were - Kim Thomas and Williamsburg Gunsmith, Richard Sullivan; and an evening crucible melt demonstration was by Josh Fikentscher.
May	11th Monthly Meeting - Dirk Gold demonstrated Trivet 20th & 21st - Blacksmith Guild of Central Maryland 29th Annual Blacksmith Days had three demonstrators - Nathan Robertson, Jackpine Forge [tool making], Rob "Deker" Dekelbaum [Pattern Welded Steel and Bladesmithing], Jacob Selmer [Forging Sheet and Armor] held at the Carroll County Farm Museum located in Westminster, MD
June	8th Monthly Meeting - Jerry Veneziano demonstrated making a broom

Still to look forward to:

July	13th Monthly Meeting - Ray Plank demonstrates "Farrier Rasp Snake"
August	10th Monthly Meeting - James Spurgeon demonstrates ? 14th through the 19th - Rockingham County Fair
September	14th Monthly Meeting - Beginner and Mentor Night <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Matt Williams mentoring making hooks 2. 30th Mennonite Relief Sale at the Rockingham County Fair Grounds
October	1st Mennonite Relief Sale continues at the Rockingham County Fair Grounds 7th Dayton Days in Dayton, Virginia 7th SVBG Picnic - at Al McDorman's smithy with Tim Beachley demonstrating animal heads and flowers 12th Monthly Meeting - Jim Oates demonstrates a steak flipper
November	9th Monthly Meeting - Karen Robertson demonstrates ?
December	9th Monthly Meeting - Lanny Campbell demonstrates menagerie of pipe uses

Alternate - Daniel Burkholder

Meeting Notes



**Vietnam Veterans Thanked and Welcomed Home
by Daughters of the American Revolution
Massanutton Chapter 2-079-VA Members
and SVBG Members at our
March 9, 2017 SVBG Monthly Meeting**
article by Susan Plank; photos taken by Susan and Ray Plank

At the SVBG March meeting we “Thanked and Welcomed Home” blacksmiths who served our county during the Vietnam War. Diana Tull gave this speech - 'Thank you for allowing me a brief moment at your gathering. I, Diana Tull, am the Vietnam War Commemoration Committee Chairman for the Massanutton Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, better known as the DAR. There are two DAR members here besides myself, Pamela Potter and Susan Plank.

The DAR is a service organization whose members have in common at least one Revolutionary War patriot. We love our genealogy, and we discover as we trace our lineage back to our first patriot, we almost always discover veterans of other wars as well - the Civil War, Mexican War, World Wars 1 & 2, and Korea. And as women like me retire and have more time to devote to this, we discover in common Vietnam veterans in our own immediate families - brothers, cousins and husbands. March 29 is Vietnam Veterans Day in Virginia. The Governor's website declares that Virginia is home to 800,000 veterans.

For decades, our government has honored their surviving veterans. The Pentagon plans special celebrations and honors on the 25th and 50th anniversaries of our wars, and now we are in the 50th anniversary period of the Vietnam War.

In 2008, President Obama issued a proclamation, and his words were powerful. He stated, and I quote, “And one of the most painful chapters in our history was Vietnam - most particularly, how we treated our troops who served there. You were often blamed for a war you didn't start, when you should have been commended for serving your country with valor. You were sometimes blamed for misdeeds of a few, when the honorable service of the many should have been praised. You came home and sometimes were denigrated, when you should have been celebrated. It was national shame, a disgrace that should have never happened. And that's why here today we resolve that it will not happen again.” Unquote.

Because our Vietnam veterans were treated so shabbily; because they received no honors or recognition, the Pentagon has set up a Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration and has encouraged service organizations such as the DAR to help them personally reach the 7.2 million Vietnam veterans and thank them for their service.

Across the country, more than 10,000 local, state and federal organizations just like ours have become Commemorative Partners.

The Veterans Affairs and U.S. Census Bureau numbers indicate that those 7.2 million Vietnam veterans equal 1 in every 44 Americans, that's all men, women and children. When you consider just those 65 years and older, that number becomes 1 in every 8 Americans, and you consider just men that age it's 1 in every 3!

You have in you midst two Vietnam veterans whom we wish to honor today with a DAR certificate and an eagle pin issued by the Department of Defense.

First of all, would Dave Potter please come forward. This presented certificate states that the Massanutton Chapter of NSDAR joins a grateful nation to honor you for your service, valor and sacrifice in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. We also have for you an eagle pin from the Department of Defense. This pin identifies you as a Vietnam veteran. On the back, it is engraved with the words, “a grateful nation thanks and honors you.”

I understand that Charles Howdeyshell, a Marine, could not be here, but I would like to present the same certificate and pin to Mark Thomas who will take this to him with our heartfelt thanks.

Thank you for allowing Pam, Susan and me to do this.'

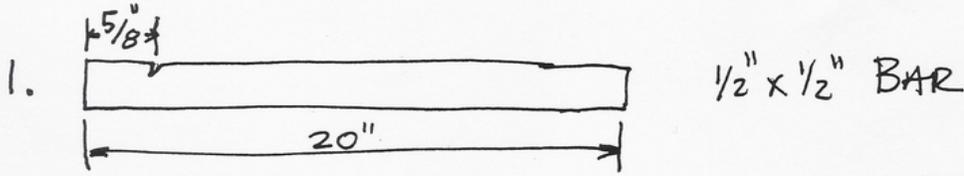
Later in the meeting it was brought to our attention that another of our SVBG members, Rich Little, also served during the Vietnam War. Ray and I stopped by his home on April 1 and thanked Rich personally.

If you are a Vietnam veteran and would like to to receive a DAR certificate and Department of Defense eagle pin or know a Vietnam veteran who might, please contact me at SusanPlank.svbgeditor@gmail.com or call and leave a message at (540) 896-1232. Remember I don't check my email often.

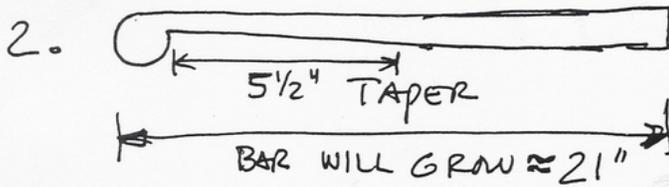


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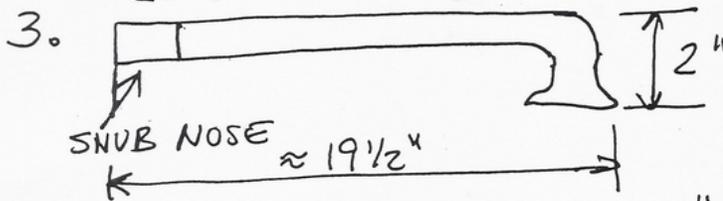
Trivet demonstrated by Dirk Gold
at the May 11, 2017 SVBG Monthly Meeting
page 4 - 5 directions and template



- A. TEXTURE BAR
- B. SET MARK AT $5/8"$ FOR SNUB NOSE
- C. CUT BAR 20" LONG



- A. START TAPER $5/8"$ FROM END
- B. TAPER $5 1/2"$
- C. CREATE SNUB NOSE



- B. BEND END *NOTE - FOOT IS 90° FROM SNUB NOSE.



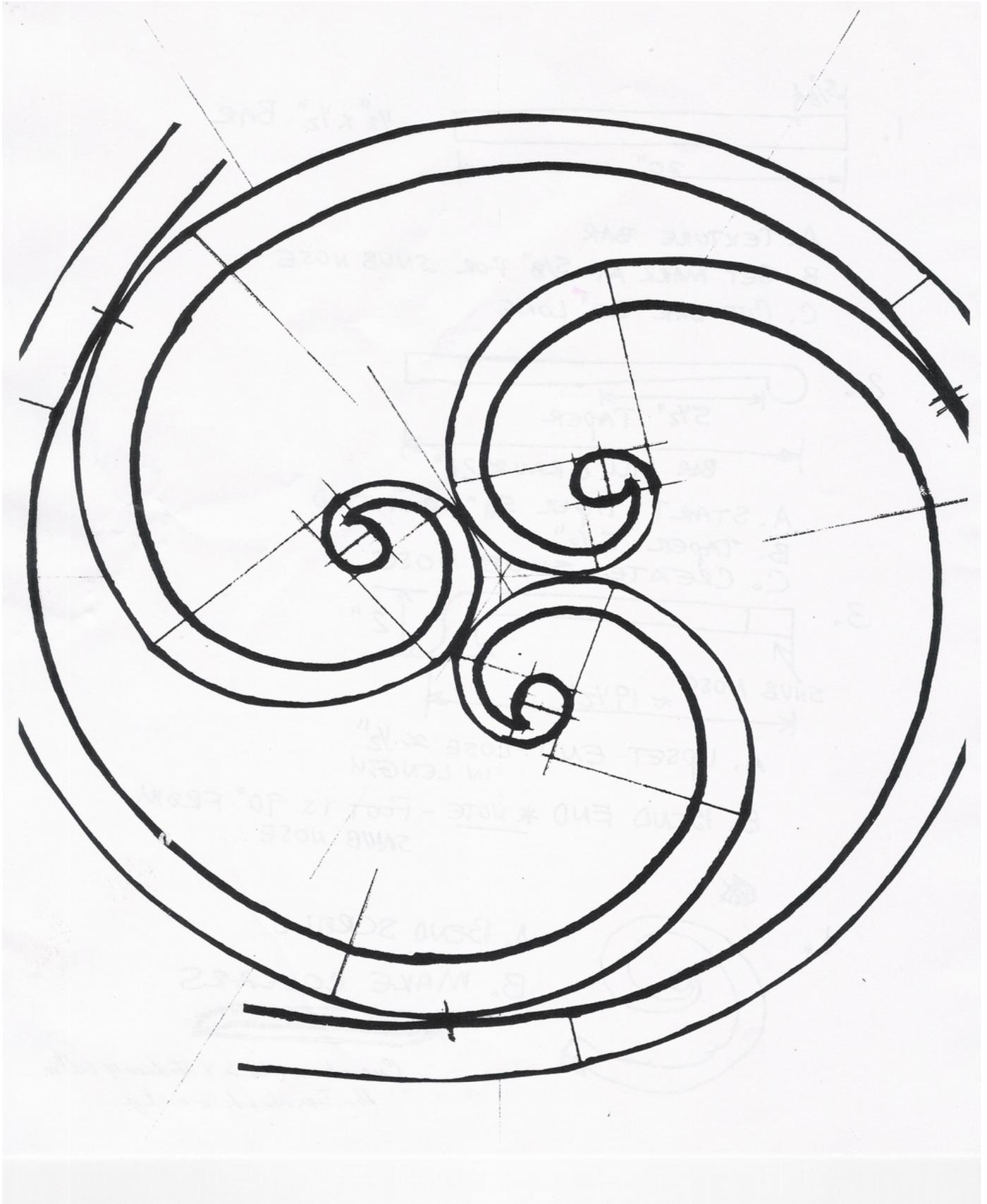
- A. BEND SCROLL
- B. MAKE COLLARS



NOTE: LENGTH OF COLLARS - CIRCUMFERENCE PLUS 2 TIMES THICKNESS OF COLLAR, THEN TAPER THE ENDS TO OVERLAP

Meeting Notes - Continued

Trivet template by Dirk Gold



Meeting Notes - Continued



**Snake from Farrier's Rasp demonstrated by Ray Plank
July 13, 2017 SVBG Monthly Meeting**
[demonstrated by Pat McCarty at BGCM 2014 Blacksmith Days]
directions on pages 6 & 7; photos by Susan Plank

Materials needed -

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| farrier's rasp | Stick or MIG welder and safety equipment |
| hammer | anvil |
| forge | tongs |
| swedge block | pointed punch |
| U shaped bending bracket | bending fork |
| vise | (Steiner Tractor is optional) |

Instructions -

1. Choose which type scales you want (rough or smoother).



2. Heat tang in forge - with chosen side up - put tip of tang over edge of anvil, drive down to roll it into a tight ball.



3. Weld sides of tang to form a solid lump for the head. Stick or MIG preferred since they add metal.



4. [Note: Treat the metal as high carbon, not allowing it to get above a yellow color because it may crumble...ask me how I know.] Divide rasp up into thirds and taper the bottom third down to a point for the tail - keeping it at about the same thickness as the original rasp.



Meeting Notes - Continued

Snake from Farrier's Rasp demonstrated by Ray Plank continued

5. Taper the top third from the head back to the middle third.



6. Put the side you have chosen as the outside of the snake down into the swedge block and dish in the rasp lengthwise, starting in the body and work to both ends - keep it straight.



7. Continue rolling it around until it forms a tube - you now have a straight snake!



8. Shape the head into a rough triangle with flat nose and punch two holes in for the eyes.



9. Put your U shaped bending bracket in the vise and heat up the snake. Use the bending fork to bend the snake back and forth to give it life - keeping the seam on the bottom.



10. Wire brush and bees wax finished snake.

[Note: Susan says try not to get startled the next time you see it!]

General Notes

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the SVBG Picnic October 7, 2017

The SVBG Picnic will be held this Fall with Tim Beachley, Blacksmith, demonstrating. Al McDorman has invited us back to his smithy. There will be inside seating with overflow seating outside the smithy under two 12' x 12' canopies.



Demonstrator: TIM BEACHLEY, Blacksmith from Frederick, Maryland. He is a member of the Blacksmith Guild of Central Maryland. Tim graduated from Frostburg State College in 1993 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree.

Date, time and place: Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 9 am - 5ish pm; 188 Staymen Lane, Staunton, VA

What's happening: Tim plans to demonstrate various animal heads (possibly - horse, dragon and ram) and flowers (possibly - iris, calla lily and rose). Throughout the day happenings - demonstrations, a pot luck lunch, Iron-in-the-Hat. Auction of Tim's finished demonstration pieces and possibly other items.

Registration starts: at 8:30 am

Demonstration starts: at 9:00 am

Cost: Free for all 2017 dues paid SVBG members and their immediate families. Anyone else \$15.00 entry fee and your choice of a guest membership for the day or a 2017 SVBG year membership (again, your spouse and children get in free).

Lunch: Pot luck lunch to share with beef hot dogs and fixins provided by SVBG.

Water, Tea and Lemonade will be available to drink. Also, paper products will be provided.

Demonstration resumes: 1:30ish pm

Auction: Auction starts right after demonstration finishes between 4:30 - 5:00 pm; This is a great way to obtain a unique piece that you watched being forged by our demonstrator, Tim Beachley.

What to bring: Bring your safety glasses and ear protection; pot luck dish to share for lunch; your own chair to sit on and an extra chair if you have one; Iron-in-the-Hat donations and money to purchase Iron-in-the-Hat tickets - cost \$1.00 each or 11 tickets for \$10.00; Auction item if you would like to donate something and money to pay your winning Auction bid



At our September SVBG Monthly Meeting, there will be an attendance and food sign up sheet. If you can't make it to the Sept. SVBG Meeting, but plan to attend the SVBG Picnic, please contact Karen Robertson by September 25 at (434) 989-2206 or email: ksrobertson7@gmail.com On the food sign up sheet please remember to write how many hot dogs you think you and your family will eat, so the SVBG provides enough.

Directions to Al McDorman's smithy - State Route 262 loops from I-81 around the west side of Staunton and meets up with I-81 again. You can take the northern most Woodrow Wilson exit or the southern most Staunton exit to get to State Route 262. From the northern exit you go through 3 intersections until you find State Road 720 W which is Morris Mill Road, go west. From the southern exit there are no intersections between I-81 and State Road 720 W/Morris Mill Road. Go west on Morris Mill Road passing Nature Trail, Lone Oak, Blue Bird and Hite Lane. Turn right on Rome Avenue at the Apple Hill Estates sign. Pass York Court. Take a right onto Staymen Lane. Turn left at 188 Staymen Lane, Staunton, VA 24401 up a gravel driveway with Al's Victorian style house up on the hill to the left of the driveway. [Al's # (540) 746-8708]

Upon arrival, you may drive up to the house and smithy to unload. We would like to save some parking close to the smithy for those unable to walk up hill. If you are able, once you unload, please move your vehicle and park to the right of his driveway.

Hope to see you this Fall at this Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith Guild event!

General Notes - Continued

Our Condolences go out to Dale Morse and family

One of our SVBG members, Dale Mose, lost his mother in mid April.

Radar Funeral Home posted this Memorial Page:



Elizabeth "Betsy" Peckham, 81, of Eagle Rock, passed away peacefully Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at Lewis Gale Medical Center in Salem.

Betsy was born May 28, 1935 and lived in Botetourt County since 1981. She was the daughter of the late Marion Butler and Eunice May Biller Reynolds.

Betsy was a self-employed artist. She was a member of the Botetourt Garden Club, Botetourt Historical Society and was employed at the museum, was a master-gardener for the Extension Service, volunteer for the National Park Service in Franklin County for ten years, and was active in Relay for Life for many years.

In addition to her parents, Betsy was preceded in death by her husband Robert S. Peckham. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Dale Morse and Susan Holland of Waynesboro, Va.; daughter Laura Rogers of Amelia, Va.; grandchildren: Jessica LeAnne Hobbs, Michael Carl Moseley, and Daniel Wayne Moseley; great-grandchildren: Shawn Michael Moseley, Gabriel Edward-Alexander Hobbs, Isabella Anne Moseley, and Madylen Justice Moseley; sister and brother-in-law Jane and Walter Hayam of New York.

A celebration of Betsy's life will be 11 a.m., Saturday, April 15, 2017 at Rader Funeral Home, 630 Roanoke Road, Daleville with Ben Peyton officiating. Betsy's family will receive friends at the funeral home 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the The Wildlife Society, Virginia Chapter, 425 Barlow Place, Suite 200, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. On-line condolences may be made to Betsy's family at www.rader-funeralhome.com. Rader Funeral Home 540-992-1212.

Please keep Dale and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Items of Interest

Blacksmith Guild of the Potomac 2017 Spring Fling

article by Susan Plank with assistance on Kim' work from Lanny Campbell; photos by Susan and Ray Plank

Well the new digs for the Blacksmith Guild of the Potomac Spring Fling seemed to work out very nicely. The Fredrick County Fairgrounds located at 155 Fairgrounds Road in Clearbrook, Virginia was a bit more compact set up than the Berryville site. For those of us who camped, we didn't seem to be away from everything. This new site even has showers which was nice since Friday was stifling hot! Quite a few of us took advantage of this amenity on Friday night and Saturday morning. This three day (almost local for us) blacksmith event took place April 21, 22 and 23 with two daytime demonstrators, Kim Thomas and Richard Sullivan, Colonial Williamsburg Gunsmith, along with one evening crucible melt demonstration by Josh Fikentscher. Kim taught techniques that the French do. He showed how to make the real right angle corner with a fillet in it. Kim also showed how to use angle iron and channel to mimic the "French Style" pieces. He showed how to forge weld and arc weld a piece on the angle or channel that you can taper or roll up into a scroll. Kim presented a slide show on Friday evening. Richard rifled the barrel of the long rifle he is continuing to work on using 18th century type tools. On Saturday evening, Richard showed the Colonial Williamsburg "Gunsmith of Williamsburg" video that is now a part of our SVBG library. No attendees seemed to be grumbling about the demonstrations, so all must have gone well and been enjoyable. Honestly, I have no idea what all happened blacksmithing wise...I was otherwise happily occupied. I set up a "Thanks and Welcome Home" tent for the Vietnam Veterans that were in attendance and assisted with the Iron-in-the-Hat on Saturday and Sunday. I was privileged to personally thank and welcome home 12 Vietnam Veterans over the course of this weekend. During the weekend, I found out that another one of our SVBG members, Tom Coker, was a Vietnam Veteran. Thanks to all who have served and those who are serving!



Kim Thomas mentoring punching round pass through holes in round stock



One of the "Thank You" presentations of DAR certificates and DOD eagle pins to our blacksmith Vietnam Vets



Thanks again Tom for serving!

The BGOP contest this year was a forged triangular dinner bell. Darius Johnson, a BGOP member, won this contest with a really interesting triangular dinner bell he forged with a spur on one corner. Ray Plank, a SVBG member, won the display table prize with his forged and filed tomahawk. There were some unique pieces on display on both the contest table and the display table. The weekend was full of good food, fellowship, tailgating and educational opportunities! If you couldn't make it this year to the Blacksmith Guild of the Potomac Spring Fling, put it on your calendar for next year. My understanding is that it will be held on the third weekend in April and will again be held at the Fredrick County Fairgrounds. Usually, they have their registration form on their website www.BGOP.org in February.

Items of Interest - Continued

Blacksmith Guild of Central Maryland Blacksmith Days

article and photos by Susan Plank

This is another blacksmith event within driving distance for SVBG members; from here in Fulks Run it takes about 3½ hours. The Blacksmith Guild of Central Maryland Blacksmith Days event happens the third weekend in May and is held at the Carroll County Farm Museum in Westminster, Maryland. There are usually two blacksmith demonstration tents and one farrier demonstration tent. This year there were three blacksmith demonstrators - Nathan Robertson making tools; Rob “Deker” Dekelbaum making patten welded steel and bladesmithing; and Jacob Selmer forging sheet and armor. On Saturday, the local farriers had a workshop and Sunday just enjoyed hammering with other farriers. I was also able to personally thank five Vietnam veterans at this event.

The BGCM contests this year were a forged hammer and an item with three or more mechanically assembled components. It was very nice this year to see more entrants participating in their contests. The Carroll County Farm Museum allows camping on their property, but I don't think there are hookups for electricity or water. This blacksmith event is also full of good food, fellowship, tailgating and educational opportunities. Blacksmith Guild of Central Maryland Blacksmith Days is worth the drive!



Art tells the contest judges about his entry



Nathan and “Deker” forge a hammer out of “Deker's” Damascus billet



Dean Geis forges a pony shoe



Lincoln Homestead Farm
article and photos by Susan Plank

On May 9, 2017, Susan Plank, a member of the Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith Guild and the Massanutton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), attended a press conference at the Lincoln Homestead Farm. Preservation Virginia selected the beautiful and historic Lincoln Homestead Farm for their “Most Endangered Historic Places 2017” list. During the press conference, Sharon Grandle, a DAR member, thanked the Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith Guild again for their volunteer refurbishment work on the cemetery wrought iron fence. [Thanks again Everette Burkholder, Daniel Burkholder, Al McDorman and Ray Plank for your work on this project.] This interesting fact was noted during the press conference, “..., when Dr. Wayland, a renowned historian, interviewed previously living Lincoln descendants in the area for his book, it was disclosed that Daniel Boone, with his parents and his family, stayed with the Lincoln family and visited with the Bryants before moving on to Kentucky. This certainly adds to the colorful history of this magnificent property.” A neat tidbit for those of us who just attended the 2017 Boone Pasture Party in February!



Blacksmith classes:

1. Our SVBG Guild Master, **Dale Morse**, at *Virginia Institute of Blacksmithing* located at 200 West 12th Street in Waynesboro, Virginia 22980 has various classes. This is a tentative schedule for 2017. The schedule is subject to change. For any questions regarding classes, call (434) 960-9718 or email him through info@vablacksmithing.org



- August - 5-6 BSMITH 112: Certification Course
 12-13 Beginning Blacksmithing: Tips and Tricks of the Anvil
 19-20 Beginning Blacksmithing: Wall Mounted Pot Rack
 26-27 Beginning Blacksmithing: Build a Spear
- September - 2-3 BSMITH 101: Certification Course
 9-10 Beginning Blacksmithing: Re-Enactors Class
 16-17 Leaves, Twists and Other Embellishments
 23-24 Beginning Blacksmithing: Hook Rack and Candlestick
 30-Oct. 1 Beginning Blacksmithing: Build a Helmet
- October - 7-8 BSMITH 102: Certification Course
 14-15 Beginning Blacksmithing: Dinner Triangle
 21-22 Beginning Blacksmithing: Tips and Tricks of the Anvil
 28-29 Beginning Blacksmithing: Build a Spear

Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith Guild members at large -

On March 31, April 1 & 2, 2017 you could find three of our SVBG members displaying their wares or services at the 26th Annual Greater Shenandoah Valley Knife Show. **Rudy Dean, Jeremy Liskey** and **Mark Thomas** put great effort into demonstrating one of our SVBG Mission Statements by sharing their completed work with the public. Thanks guys!



Mark Thomas, Craftsman to the Past, participated in the Fort Harrison Colonial Trades Fair at 335 Main Street, Dayton, Virginia on June 24, 2017. The Fort Harrison Colonial Trades Fair helps us discover how 18th century trades contributed to the early settlement of the Shenandoah Valley. Mark set up his table with his handcrafted wares for sale and demonstrated engraving. Throughout the day, Mark also demonstrated firing his flintlock rifle. When we arrived, Ed Latham, another SVBG member, was there checking out Mark's table. There were many trades being demonstrated, besides Mark's engraving and firing of his flintlock rifle, including - smoking of cheese, sausage and trout; blacksmithing; white oak basket making; surveying; rug weaving; broom making; Colonial dancing; spinning and weaving. The house was also open for tours. For children, there was an activity page to get them involved by asking questions of the demonstrators and for which they received a sticker for that particular trade. At the surveyor demonstration, children were actually able to "learn" the trade by participating in a survey. Ray and I attended this event for the first time this year and found it quite enjoyable.



NOTE: I would love to include more of our SVBG members at large in the next newsletter! If you demonstrate or take pictures of one of our guild members demonstrating, please send me a quick note of who, what, when and where along with a photo so that I can keep us all informed of how we are reaching out to our community. Send info and photos by September 15, 2017 to SusanPlank.svbgeditor@gmail.com Thanks!

Items of Interest - Continued



Ray and Susan's July 4, 2016 Barn Fire Update

Ray and I still say “Thank You” to all of our blacksmithing friends for your continuing support and outreach from our loss last year. The 40' x 56' (not 52') big barn is still on the schedule to be built this summer. Ray is making do with the carport smithy. He finds it a little warm right now, but is happy have a place to hammer. If you look closely at the front right forge leg, it is shorter than the others. It got a little too warm in the fire and warped a bit, but as you can see is still usable. His Byler Barn knife clean room now has electric and is being put to good use!

Thanks for looking in your shops and seeing what you have to share with us! We are still shopping for a few more replacement tools, so if you have duplicates or pieces you no longer use, we would love to see them to see if that is what Ray is looking for. Leave a message on our home phone (540) 896-1232 or Ray can receive pictures of what you have for sale at his new work email - Plank-Raymond@Aramark.com



This was an unexpected visitor at Ray's smithy the other day. These moments just make you smile!
Take time to enjoy these moments in your life; they are precious.

Ray's shopping list [almost complete] -

- Metal cutting band saw (prefers the style that swings) - we have a small Porta Band
- Heavy Duty metal shelves
- (old style) Plastic gas cans 1, 2 and 5 gallon [we think we have a place we can buy the old style nozzles]
- Metal cutting Miter Saw (sometimes referred to as a chop saw)
- Shop rolls of sanding paper with adhesive backing - grits 220, 320, 400 and 600
- Craftsman Milling table

Thanks,
Ray and Susan Plank

