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ABANA publishes the Demonstrator List to help Affiliates and members locate qualified artist-blacksmiths for local and regional events. It is one of many ways that ABANA shows its commitment to the educational enrichment of its membership and the general public.

The art and craft of blacksmithing is growing in popularity, as is evident by the wealth of talent and experience to be found in these pages. We hope you will find this resource useful in planning workshops, demonstrations and classes.

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Please note: ABANA is not liable for the quality or safety of demonstrations available through this list.

We are actively updating this list after a period of inactivity. Thus the fees stated may no longer be practical for the demonstrator. Demonstrators are urged to send updates to abana@abana.org. Thank you.



Dr. James Batson
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FEES: \$150/DAY 15¢ A MILE

Jim is available for demonstration of: tool making, blacksmith metallurgy, forging animated characters, bladesmithing, knifemaking and Damascus steel. Beginning, intermediate, and advanced projects available.

Bob Becker DVM
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FEES: NEGOTIABLE

Bob is an equine Veterinarian by profession. But his love is blacksmithing, which he has been doing for sixteen years. His studio is on his farm in Oxford, Michigan. Bob demonstrated at the 1990 and 1996 ABANA Conference in New York and the 1991 Quad State Round-up in Troy, Ohio. He has demonstrated in Indiana, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Alabama and at the Southeast Regional Conference in Madison, Georgia. He has taught advanced blacksmithing at the John C. Campbell Folk School. He also teaches at Touchstone Center for Crafts in Pennsylvania. He specializes in traditional designs and joinery techniques. The horse head is his favorite forging. (4/08)

Bob Bergman
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N8126 Postville Road
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FEES: \$250/DAY TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Bob has been in blacksmithing since 1969 and demonstrated at the ABANA National Conferences in 1988, 1996 and 1998. He is available to give demonstrations on the ABC's of Power Hammer Forging, explaining flat die forging techniques and tool and die work, blacksmith style. Bob also offers instruction in making sculpture by hand, working metal using examples such as the human figure. He has the ability to provide a mixed range of information on ornamental, industrial and repair work.

Michael Bondi
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mlbondi@michaelbondi.com

FEES: NEGOTIABLE TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Michael is the owner of Bondi Metals in Oakland and specializes in large custom architectural work, including forgings in bronze, steel and stainless steel, made with the use of power hammers.



Elizabeth Brim

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Penland, NC 28765
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FEES: NEGOTIABLE TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Elizabeth is well known for her forged pillows, which are “blown up” during her demonstrations. Known for translating the fluidity and softness of fabrics into steel, her unique style has been displayed in numerous exhibitions throughout the United States. Elizabeth received a Wally Award in 1992. She is a former member of the ABANA Board of Directors, and is presently the Coordinator of the iron studio at the Penland School of Craft in North Carolina.

Ward Brinegar

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FEES: \$300/DAY + TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Ward is comfortable working an audience. He spent 14 years as a museum blacksmith teaching beginning and intermediate blacksmithing. He’s been self-employed as a blacksmith for ten years. Ward’s work is primarily custom residential, running the gamut from interior to exterior, from cabinet hardware to driveway gates. He drafts on a computer and uses a variety of laser-cut parts. His demonstrations cover a wide range of forging techniques, as well as discussions of production work, design and layout, self-employment and the business of operating a blacksmithing shop. He’s comfortable with gas or coal forges, small power and treadle hammers. He’ll prepare items prior to the demonstration to keep it moving - with all items produced on site donated to the hosting organization for auction or raffle. Ward

was a demonstrator at the 2000 ABANA conference in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Jack Brubaker

(812) 323-0705
5035 Earl Young Road
Bloomington, IN 47408-9519

FEES: NEGOTIABLE TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Jack forges non-ferrous metals as well as iron. He demonstrates tooling for production forging, bending jigs, hammer tools, and appropriate technologies. Instruction on design elements as well as a hands-on forging design workshop can be arranged. Jack is also knowledgeable to lead discussions on marketing, design, and running a forging business.

Wayne Coe

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FEES: determined at the time of contact

Primarily, demonstrations are on beginning blacksmithing with emphasis on getting started right. There are many small issues that have I have discovered that are not usually taught but are a big help to the beginner. Other areas can be covered. Please feel free to contact me to request specific demonstrations or to discuss other areas. I have been blacksmithing since 2000 and now spend full time either forging in my shop in Eastern Tennessee or on ABANA Board business.



Tom Clark

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FEES: NEGOTIABLE, TRAVEL, & EXPENSES

Tom does basic classes, teaching the Alfred Habermann and Uri Hofi styles of forging. He specializes in toolmaking where generally an air hammer is needed. In most cases, Tom is able to bring an air hammer and other needed tools for his demonstration or classes.

Dan Easley

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Cedar Forge
5182 New River Road
Hinton, WV 25951-9526

FEES: NEGOTIABLE, TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Dan teaches at the John C. Campbell Folk School and specializes in demonstrating European traditional blacksmithing. He teaches techniques for beginning and intermediate levels that include scroll work and joinery, such as mortise and tenon.

Joe Elliott

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The Traditional Blacksmith Shop
128 East Antler
Redmond, OR 97756-2302
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FEES: NEGOTIABLE, TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Joe has been a blacksmith for over fifteen years. His work varies from architectural ironwork to small production items.

Jeff Fetty

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FEES: NEGOTIABLE TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Jeff specializes in residential and commercial architectural work, which is marketed by several galleries throughout the United States. An installation of five eight-foot high daffodils can be seen at Women's and Children's Hospital in Charleston and a sculpture completed for the Thomasville Public Library in Thomasville, Georgia.

Alison Finn

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FEES: NEGOTIABLE TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Alison has been blacksmithing since 1992 and has studied with smiths such as Fred Crist and Francis Whitaker. She has operated her own architectural blacksmithing company since 2000 which focuses on traditional and contemporary metalsmithing. Alison enjoys teaching and demonstrating traditional methods techniques as they apply to any variety of projects.



Bill Fiorini

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Koka Metalsmiths
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bkmetal@mwt.net

FEES: NEGOTIABLE TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Bill is available for the following types of workshops or demonstrations: 1) General Forging - Decorative iron for the beginner, forge welding, advanced decorative forging, decorative iron joinery techniques. 2) Tool Making Beginning and advanced tool making. 3) Damascus Steel - Beginning up to advanced pattern development, knife making, gun barrel welding. 4) Mokume-Gane - Beginning, advanced pattern development. 5) Steel Jewelry Forging

Martin Gabbert

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Fern Bottom Forge
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Eugene, OR 97404
fernforge@freeservers.com

FEES: NEGOTIABLE TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Martin demonstrates traditional blacksmithing techniques with projects that range from chain making, animal heads, forge welding and building period equipment.

James Garvey

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49 Castle Road
Piermont, NY 10968
www.jamesgarvey.net

FEES: NEGOTIABLE TRAVEL & EXPENSES

I will listen and propose a demonstration I think is appropriate once I have learned something about the people and the place it will take place. My work can be seen on the website www.jamesgarvey.com

It could be held at my forge in New York City if you are interested. I was fortunate to get connected to blacksmithing and I have some good things to pass along about movement, thinking, unlearning, engineering, repetition, staying quiet and forging something every day. My fee is not set until I talk to the persons who are inviting me to demonstrate

Mindy and Mark Gardner

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Flood Plain Forge
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blacksmith@floodplainforge.com
www.floodplainforge.com

FEES: NEGOTIABLE, TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Mindy and Mark will demonstrate as a team or individually. As a team, Mark will make a chasing tool and Mindy (using a treadle hammer) will demonstrate its use. The projects being made grow more complex as more tools are made. Mark, who began blacksmithing at age 11 also demonstrates traditional blacksmithing. Mindy will also demonstrate chasing using a treadle hammer. In 2002 Mindy made an ornament for the White House Christmas Tree and she demonstrated at the 2004 ABANA Conference. They have also taught at John C Campbell Folk School, Appalachian Center for Craft, and the New England School of Metalwork.



Brian Gilbert

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hammerguy@mindspring.com

FEES: NEGOTIABLE, TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Brian has been the editor of ABANA's "Hammer's Blow" since 2000, and often demonstrates some of the concepts found in that publication. A self-taught smith, he currently produces custom commissions for interior designers, working primarily in a functional/contemporary style, though the subjects that interest him range from contemporary jewelry to colonial hardware. He also likes to demonstrate simple and low-cost toolmaking for the blacksmith, and has taught courses on transitioning from hobby smith to part-time professional.

Robb Gunter

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The Forgery School of
Blacksmithing
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13 Imnaha Road
Tijeras, NM 87059

FEES: \$375/CLASS

Robb has been a practicing smith since 1980 and was the resident blacksmith at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, NM where he and Karl Schuler developed the recuperative gas fired forge. Robb demonstrates at conferences across the country and has also conducted many gas forge building workshops. He is available to conduct one or two day workshops or week long classes.

Peter Happny

(603) 436-4859
66 Rock Street
Portsmouth, NH 03801

FEES: \$350/DAY TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Peter offers an information packed lecture complete with tall tales and bad jokes. His demo includes a smorgasbord of techniques from practical to highly decorative ironwork. He is a self-taught smith who has made his living at it for over 35 years. Possible subjects include; reproduction techniques, sculpture, hardware, practical blacksmithing and large architectural commissions. "Tricks of the trade" include using simple techniques to make your work lightweight and economical to produce. Peter discusses working with designers, budgeting, pricing and dealing with squeaky customers. Slide lectures available from an extensive collection of European work.

Toby Hickman

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Lost Coast Forge
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Westport, CA 95488
waylan@sprynet.com

FEES: \$400/DAY (NEGOTIABLE) TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Toby prefers to demonstrate the use of 100# and larger power hammers. He shows both tooling and application as well as covering safety, efficiency, and design. Toby also demonstrates basic and intermediate hand forging techniques.



Beau Hickory

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FEES: NEGOTIABLE TRAVEL & EXPENSES

I am a fourth generation commercial blacksmith. I demonstrate in all disciplines of blacksmithing, from beginning to advanced. In the past I have demonstrated hammer control, design & engineering, and special techniques which have been requested on site.

In our shops, we have taught everything from the very simplest forms of toolmaking to fine gun engraving. There are very few techniques that I cannot demonstrate at the professional level. My goal is to assist craftsmen to produce a better product, utilizing techniques that will allow them to financially succeed at a commercial level.

William L. Howard

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FEES: \$250/DAY TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Bill demonstrates mokume gane, engraving, die making, die forming, chasing, repousse, hollow forming, various casting techniques, damascus patterning, stamps, touchmarks and scale model making for architectural iron projects.

The demos are designed to impart working knowledge and useful end products such as tools, touchmarks and other items as desired. Sample lessons, a gallery of work etc. can be viewed on the website. Videos of gravity casting and steam casting silver can be viewed on youtube.com.

Walt Hull

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FEES: \$300 PER DAY TRAVEL & EXPENSES

I do one to two full days on traditionally joined gates, grilles, railings or on small somewhat abstract figural sculpture.

Rome H. Hutchings

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rome.hutchings@
theprairieismygarden.com

Fees: \$250 per workshop or demonstration day, plus travel and expense. Other arrangements can be discussed.

Rome has been an Instructor for The Guild of Metalsmiths since 2000, Team Leader for Basic Blacksmithing since 2004. Rome has also instructed Forgewelding and Basic Joinery in a two day workshop format.

Preferences: 1 and 2 day workshops, hands on. Demonstrations for one day settings, with a preference for audience participation. Rome is available for weekend workshops and demonstration only. Travel: Within one half-day drive of Central Minnesota; further distances can be arranged.

Rome participated in ABANA Ring Projects in LaCrosse, WI in 2002 and Seattle, WA in 2006. Rome was also the 2008 BAM Ring Project Coordinator. Affiliations: ABANA Board member, Central Minnesota Blacksmiths member and The Guild of Metalsmiths member.



Robert Kurz

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FEES: \$300/DAY TRAVEL & EXPENSES

With 30 plus years of experience as an industrial blacksmith, most of my demonstrations will be on the use of power hammers for the artist blacksmith. My most important topic is safety, but I will demonstrate production tong forging, as well as large sculptural and organic forms and design elements that could be used in architectural pieces.

Scott Lankton

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Ann Arbor, MI 48103-9569
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FEES: \$400/DAY (Negotiable) TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Scott is an informative and entertaining demonstrator. He shows basic and advanced techniques, talks about design, architectural ironwork, scrolls, jigs, customer relations, simple disguises and charm.

Fred McCluskey

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Elk River, MN 55330
fredsforge@yahoo.com

FEES: NEGOTIABLE TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Fred is a full time blacksmith and 'Senior Instructor' with the Guild of Metalsmiths in Minnesota. For over five years he has taught and specializes in basic blacksmithing. His demonstrations and workshops cover the basic processes, heat treating, and tool making.

Randy McDaniel

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FEES: \$300/DAY TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Randy is the author of "A Blacksmithing Primer, A Course In Basic and Intermediate Blacksmithing" and instructor in its' companion 6 hour-long DVD set. Over 30 years forging and instruction and his simple, straight forward and humorous approach to learning to be a good blacksmith has made Randy a much sought after demonstrator and teacher. Besides teaching forging at universities and craft schools, Randy has been a lecturer/demonstrator for ABANA's International Conferences in 1990 and 2002. Randy's blacksmithing experience includes a wide diversity of works, from designing and forging personal and whimsical business card holders and furniture to large scale lighting, gates, grilles, fountains, entranceways and sculptural pieces. Randy gives basic or advanced demonstrations and classes. (4/08)

Heather McLarty

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Los Angeles, CA 90042
steelcrazy@roadrunner.com

FEES: NEGOTIABLE, TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Heather demonstrates sheet techniques: sinking, raising, repousse (on stakes, clay, and pitch) and especially high relief chasing. Demos and classes can include discussion of design and tooling as well as techniques. Available for hands-on workshops.



John Medwedeff

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Medwedeff Forge & Design
695 Future Lane
Murphysboro, IL 62966
johnmedwedeff@aol.com

FEES: \$350/DAY, TRAVEL & EXPENSES

A blacksmith since 1981 and shop owner since 1988, John's expertise is in the area of design and forging of architectural ironwork. John demonstrated at the 1994 ABANA Conference in St. Louis and has taught at Penland School of Art, Appalachian Center for Crafts, Peters Valley, Touchstone Center for Crafts and John C. Campbell Folk School. He is available to do slide lectures on public art commissions. There is one additional requirement for the group hiring John as a demonstrator - he expects one bag of Mrs. Allison's gingersnap cookies per day as gratuity.

Doug Merkel

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Bear Mountain Forge, Inc.
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Vilas, NC 28692-0238
bearmtnforge@aczonline.net

FEES: \$200/DAY TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Doug began his blacksmithing in 1986 and has been a full-time smith since 1993. He specializes in colonial, rendezvous and reenactment smithing along with tool making for other crafters. Most of his work is done on commission but he does run a retail gallery along with a limited wholesale line. Demonstrations are designed to fit the needs and requests of the customer but are designed so that a one-person shop can produce the items without large expensive equipment. Emphasis is on hand hammer work and a coal fired forge producing smaller items that the part time smith can

complete. Doug is available for weekend demonstrations or for workshops up to a week in length.

Andrew Molinaro

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FEES: NEGOTIABLE TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Andrew has 18 years experience in the craft of Blacksmithing and was primary smith on the Lady Liberty ring project for the 2008 BAM conference. Andrew started smithing at the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire in 1990, first as apprentice and then as the head blacksmith. With Stokes of England, an architectural smithing firm in Charlottesville, VA he worked his way from apprentice to General Manager. He founded Artisans of the Anvil in 2000. His demonstrations focus on creative application of traditional blacksmithing techniques.

Lou Mueller

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FEES: \$250/DAY (NEGOTIABLE) TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Lou's demonstrations focus on the fabrication and tooling of colonial hardware from the 1700's through the 1800's. His demonstrations use Donald Streeter's approach to tooling for reproducing period hardware; examples of which can be found in Streeter's book 'Professional Smithing'. Presentations can accommodate situations where fire is not allowed.



Dan Nauman

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Kewaskum, WI 53040-9484
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FEES: \$300/DAY TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Forging since 1979, Dan's style stresses traditional methods utilizing collars, tenons, forge welds, splitting, repousse, chasing, and more. His designs reflect the influence of Baroque, Art Nouveau, and contemporary motifs. A delicate leaf may evolve from Dan's repousse hammer, or from the power hammer he may sculpt a fluid form. He enjoys all aspects of shaping the material.

Jonathan Nedbor

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High Falls, NY 12440
jonned@hvc.rr.com

FEES: \$400/DAY TRAVEL & EXPENSES

A full time blacksmith for over 30 years, Jonathan is a popular teacher and demonstrator, able to share his insights into the forging process. He specializes in historic forged ironwork focusing on early hardware of the Hudson Valley. Much of his work is used on historic houses and museums listed on the National Register. He also designs and produces contemporary furniture and household iron.

Jonathan's classes and demonstrations seek to communicate the beauty and simplicity of a pure forged approach to shaping iron. He covers tool making, forge welding, scrolls, approaches to authentic reproduction of historic hardware and more.

Ries Niemi

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Bow, WA 98232-9019
Rniemi@fidalgo.net

FEES: FLEXIBLE TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Ries has over twenty years of experience with public art projects in metal, with budgets up to \$200,000. Reis can discuss how to get public commissions and what to do when you get one. Slide lectures accompany his demonstrations. Coming from a fine art sculptural point of view, he fabricates all the work himself in a large shop, utilizing blacksmithing, sheet metal fabrication, machining and plasma torch operation.

David Norrie

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FEES: NEGOTIABLE TRAVEL & EXPENSES

David has been blacksmithing since 1976 and is self-taught. He operates a three-man shop that specializes in architectural ornamentation. David gears his demonstrations to the interest and knowledge level of the audience. His demonstrations can include general information, design ideas, traditional or contemporary techniques.



Charles Orlando

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orlandoforge@infoblvd.net

FEES: \$250/DAY TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Charlie gives a "back to basics" lecture and demonstration using basic techniques, from fire to hammering to drawing, upsetting, shaping, welding, punching, tool-making, etc. He provides hands-on opportunities that help smiths improve their technique and learn to work around the anvil. Charlie is available to lecture or demonstrate forge brazing, sundials and business practices.

Christopher Opresko

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Treichlers, PA 18086
smithy1800@entermail.net

FEES: NONE

I am 18 years old and have blacksmithed for four yrs. I demonstrate the making of traditional kitchen ware including spits, dutch oven lifters etc., I own a 100 pound English pattern anvil. I have two forges, a propane wisper mama from NC Tool Co. and a riveters coal forge with a hand-crank Champion blower. I am very knowlagable in the metallurgy field and my goal for each demonstration is for every person to walk away from my demo with a new piece of history and hopefully spark some young minds to join this wonderful art.

Hans Peot

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New Carlisle, OH 45344-7667

FEES: NEGOTIABLE TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Hans is a former member of the ABANA Board of Directors. He believes in giving back to the organization, and so makes time to be available for demonstrations on tool making, Damascus knife-making and associated tools. He is most willing to gear the demonstration to the level of the audience.

Nol Putnam

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White Oak Forge, Ltd.
31 Shootz Hollow Road
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FEES: \$350/DAY TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Nol provides demonstrations for all skill levels, focussing on drawing for design purposes and organic motifs such as the flowers and leaves used in architectural ironwork that require joinery.

Elmer Roush

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Brasstown, NC 28902
email@metcalferoush.com
www.metcalferoush.com

FEES: NEGOTIABLE TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Previous demos have covered basic techniques, animal carving, historic weaponry & locks and ornamental elements of smithing. I can demonstrate for different skill levels and can incorporate a 'by request' session for suggestions from the audience.



Bob Rowe

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FEES: \$200 A DAY, TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Bob demonstrates basic blacksmithing with an emphasis on 18th Century type ironwork. He also focuses on production techniques.

Tim Ryan, Auctioneer

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FEES: NEGOTIABLE TRAVEL & EXPENSES/FREE REGISTRATION

Tim is a licensed Tennessee Auctioneer specializing in Blacksmith Equipment and Blacksmith Art. He has provided services for benefit auctions all across the country. References are available upon request.

Michael Saari

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Woodstock, CT 06281
work3d@aol.com

FEES: NEGOTIABLE TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Michael is a full time artist-blacksmith specializing in 18th and early 19th century reproduction hardware. His work appears in many historic buildings. Michael studied at the International Teaching Center for Metal Design in Aachen, Germany; at the Yellin Workshop and at the Philadelphia School of Art. Additionally, he has exhibited in Europe and throughout the USA. He was the feature demonstrator at the Second World Congress of Smiths conference in Aachen, Germany in 1991.

Nana Schowalter

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Blanchardville, WI 53516

FEES: \$250/DAY TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Nana has a Fine Arts background, receiving her MFA degree from UW-Madison in 1987 with an emphasis on sculpture. She was first introduced to blacksmithing in 1984 by Bob Bergman, her partner. Nana's work includes interior sculpture, garden sculpture, candle ware and tables, as well as commissions. She combines iron, copper, and brass in works inspired by the images of ancient cultures from around the world, exhibiting nationally. Her demonstrations include the copper patination processes and oxy/propane as a heat source for forging.

Peter Sevin

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FEES: NEGOTIABLE, TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Peter demonstrates scrollwork, door hardware, traditional lighting and elements of traditional architectural iron work. You might have caught a glimpse of Peter demonstrating at Quadstate Round-Up. A blacksmith since 1975, he enjoys making a living from full-time custom work.



Jay B. Silber

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Kestrel Ridge Forge
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jbsilber@swbell.net

FEES: NEGOTIABLE

Jay is the owner and operator of Kestrel Ridge Forge, he does mostly colonial style blacksmithing. No horse shoeing, just traditional blacksmith work with a coal-fired forge, hammer, and anvil. Available for demonstrations in the Dallas / Ft. Worth area.

Lorelei Sims

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FEES: \$550/DAY TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Lorelei has owned and operated Five Points Blacksmith Shop since 1993. She works on diverse projects such as repairing and sharpening farm equipment, production work carried in selected stores across the country and architectural commissions such as doors, furniture and gates. Her background is in Art Education and Sculpture. The influence of seven generations of Danish coppersmiths on the maternal side of her family is reflected in the decorative, functional ironwork she creates for home and garden. Her demonstrations cover many blacksmithing techniques and applications, and her abilities, demeanor and humor make for an informative and entertaining presentation, perfect for birthdays, Bah Mitzvahs and branding parties.

Kirsten Skiles

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with links to online portfolio
on-line shop: <http://knitsteel.com>
kassmiles@hotmail.com

For demos- I will demonstrate my style of leaf forging, using pre-cut leaf blanks and gas forges only. I can also do this demo for non-ferrous materials, using an acetylene or propane torch. Demos costs - \$350 per day plus expenses

I will teach workshops on chasing and repoussé in steel, bronze, or other jewelry metals. I can gear this workshop toward blacksmiths or jewelers. A 2 or 3 day workshop covers chasing and repoussé. A week long workshop includes the tool making, with gas forges only.

Workshop costs \$350 per day plus expenses or \$1000 per 5 day week plus expenses

Please contact me for complete studio or workshop requirements and a materials list.

Torvald Sorenson

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Weland Smithy
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FEES: \$150/DAY TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Torvald has been actively smithing since 1987. He is a traditional smith and avoids the use of power tools and electric welding when producing forgework. He sells his goods at craft shows, retail outlets and by commission. He prefers demonstrating on the care and feeding of a coal forge and the forging of utilitarian devices such as kitchen utensils, fireplace tools, axes and house hardware. He teaches basic blacksmithing skills such as drawing out, upsetting, punching, slitting, welding, with an emphasis on craftsmanship and product finish.



Clay Spencer

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**FEES: \$350 PER WEEKEND/NEGOTIABLE
.30¢ PER MILE PLUS LODGING & MEALS**

Clay teaches the use of the treadle hammer, using a couple of the hundreds of different tools he uses to perform blacksmithing tasks. Traditional joinery techniques, as taught by Francis Whitaker, are used to make a small grill section which demonstrates forge welded branching scrolls, upset square corners, collars, tenons and decorative riveting. Clay's workshops typically last from three to five days, with a student population of twelve to twenty-four. Students may build gates and grills, construct treadle hammers, make flowers, wizard heads or tools.

Dorothy Stiegler

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FEES: \$350/DAY TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Dorothy demonstrates a variety of beginning and advanced forging techniques, including tool-making and tempering, forge welding, various leaves, flowers, animal heads, basket handles and scrolls. She lectures on design, shop layout and pricing. She includes a variety of tips and techniques on interior lamps and finishes.

David Thompson

(541) 688-2348
4440 Theona Dr
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www.SculptorOfSteel.com

FEES: NEGOTIABLE TRAVEL & EXPENSES

David has owned and operated an architectural ironwork business since 1970. He has exhibited his sculpture internationally. He is interested in demonstrating contemporary design and sculptural form by combining forging with modern technology. He is well known for his demonstration of forging pipe and tubing. He can also lecture on stairway construction and stair rail layout. Slide shows are also available.

Paul M. Thorne

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thorne@thornemetals.com
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FEES: \$1000 EXPENSES

Paul's demonstrations focus on decorative forge detailing that can enhance any forged metalwork. Such detailing includes: carved rivet heads, pulls, escutcheon plates, lock covers, corner applique's, inlays, surface texturing and patinaes. These decorative "kisses" can be made with a power hammer, treadle hammer, forging press or with special hand tooling. Materials used include: steel, stainless steel, brass and copper. Techniques include: top and bottom set tools, chisels, abrasives, and a variety of clear and colored finishes. Unique to Paul's work is the controlled use of flame patinas, (heat coloring), texturing, and multiple layered repousse'. During the demonstration, a thorough overview of Paul's unique special tooling methods, including multiple die holders, shop organization, production tooling and his own approach to forging known as, "controlling the vectors" are presented. Once you've seen Paul work, and



apply his methods your work will not be the same. With an eighteen-year smithing career, Paul has learned through the school of hard knocks numerous business and technical approaches as a working blacksmith which he is happy to share; such as determining your clientele, understanding them and how to survive and thrive.

Frank Turley
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Turley Forge Blacksmithing School
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FEES: NEGOTIABLE TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Frank is a Master Blacksmith who founded his school in 1970. He has been instrumental in fostering the current renaissance in blacksmithing in the United States. He instructs on how to create traditional ironwork, emphasizing clean, artful workmanship in decorative ironwork and hardware. He gives instruction in scrollwork, architectural hardware, tool-smithing and metallurgy. (4/08)

Jill Turman
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FEES: NEGOTIABLE TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Jill has been a full time blacksmith and shop owner for 12 years. She works on diverse projects such as public arts projects, and architectural commissions such as doors, furniture and gates. Jill continuously works to develop her skills as a designer and a craftsman. Her demonstrations cover many blacksmithing techniques and applications. She provides an informative and entertaining presentation.

Nick Vincent
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FEES: \$300/DAY, TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Nick is a production blacksmith for an ever expanding wholesale network, as well as for retail craft shows and has branched out to architectural forgings. His work includes traditional and nature designs from the Chesapeake Bay region.

Workshops include production techniques, tooling, jigs, business planning and project management.



Jim Wallace

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c/o National Ornamental Metal
Museum 374 Metal Museum Drive
Memphis, TN 38106
wally@metalmuseum.org

FEES: \$450/DAY TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Jim Wallace considers himself a tolerable blacksmith who combines both traditional forging operations with modern technology. His primary products are architectural pieces including gates, staircases, rails and lighting. His demonstrations usually include several slide lectures, ranging from the changes of style in ironwork throughout history to a survey of other contemporary producing designer-blacksmiths. He is the director of the National Ornamental Metal Museum, a fly fisherman and in heavy demand.

Jim White

(817) 329-5297
Ole Village Blacksmith
P.O. Box 1249
Mansfield, TX 76063

FEES: \$800 TRAVEL & EXPENSES INCLUDED

Jim started blacksmithing in 1960 as an agricultural blacksmith. He studied at Kansas State College in Manhattan taking courses in arc welding and oxy / acetylene operation. Jim held a number of welding related production jobs and managed his own business from 1960-1993. He served as the resident blacksmith in historical Grapevine, Texas from 1995-2004 and currently serves as a living history smith at the Mansfield Mill Blacksmith Shop in Mansfield, Texas where he also teaches. Jim can demonstrate everything from making jigs and running power hammers to operation and set up of forges. He is also available to discuss advertising your products, sales and marketing. From beginners to advanced smithing, when you learn a skill or craft with

your own ideas, practice and work you can achieve a very nice hobby or vocation. Whatever you learn and accomplish no one can take away from you. Your opportunities are unlimited and up to you. I hope to have the opportunity to pass some knowledge on to you. I wish you magic!!!

Douglas Wilson

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FEES: \$450/DAY TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Doug has been a metalsmith since 1972, operating a forge on Deer Isle since 1981. He produces commissioned work; functional, architectural and sculptural as well as contemporary designs and traditional joinery. He also makes hollow forming sheet and plate for use in architectural and functional works. Doug has demonstrated and taught basic though advanced forging and design, drawing and design workshops and how to make proposals to clients and client relations for twenty years throughout the U.S. This year Doug will begin teaching small group workshops in his new forge on Little Deer Isle.

Chris Winterstein

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FEES: NEGOTIABLE, TRAVEL & EXPENSES

Chris is ABANA's President and is a well-known demonstrator.



George Witzke

(505) 535-4776

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Buckhorn, NM 88025

blacksmith@starband.net

FEES: \$1,250

Witzke demonstrates hand forged floral, leaf and vine formations, gas forged in mild steel. He includes a discussion of marketing wares through arts and crafts festivals vs galleries, the pros and cons of various avenues of marketing as well as comparing production vs custom work.

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EDITIONS OF THE ABANA DEMONSTRATOR
LIST

If you know someone who would make a good demonstrator who is not listed above, please e-mail, fax or mail the following information to the ABANA Central office:

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