

News from ABANA

Artist-Blacksmith's Association of North America

2026 ABANA Conference Demonstrator **Zeevik Gottlieb**

Zeevik Gottlieb's sculptural work is focused on personal relationships, balance, and emotion as he draws on the world around him for inspiration. His work has been shown around the world, from galleries to public spaces.

For the conference, Zeevik will spend the three days forging a large piece (around 6-7 ft tall) that will be up for auction on the final day of the event.



More conference
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The ABANA National Curriculum offers certification for both blacksmiths and blacksmith instructors. Certification can help you hone your skills, be a resource for your local smithing group, or gain an advantage in finding a job or teaching gig. Visit abana.org.

Call for Entries “Favorite Forgings of 2025”



Topsy Table
by Frida Tranum Nielsen



Untitled
by Chris Unck

Submission deadline January 1, 2026

Images above are from prior exhibitions



Submit Your Work

What was your favorite project completed during 2025? Let's see it!

Submission Deadline:
January 1, 2026

<https://bit.ly/featuredforgings>

This is an online exhibition, so you're just submitting photos.

The Artist-Blacksmith's Association of North America is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, promoting, and sharing technical skills and design excellence in the blacksmith community. We offer educational workshops, technical and art publications, grants, awards, conferences, and exhibitions honoring the metal and forging arts.