

March 20, 2010

***Exploring Bowls and Vessel Making
Hammer-In Workshop***

***at
Ziwa Forge
in Simonton, Texas***

In March we feature our perennial favorite (five years running!) exploration into bowls and vessel making, while enjoying a day in the country at Dana Flanders' new shop in beautiful downtown Simonton.

We don't plan to have specific "demonstrator" at the front, but will be looking to build on the collective experience of prior year's efforts and take our experimentation to new heights. Russell Parish and Dana will facilitate an opening "show & tell" dialogue session, where we hope various members will step up, show some of their recent vessel work, and / or briefly describe an interesting element / technique / idea for consideration by the group. Hopefully, this brainstorming will stimulate further creativity in areas such as raw material, shape, sinking techniques & tools, line, texture, finish, etc. and we will see these individual decisions play out in the work that gets progressed during the Hammer-In that follows.

This year's event is not linked to the Empty Bowls Houston efforts, as often in the past. Valuable history, training, and background can be found by following the links below:

- [Bowls and Vessel Making 2006](#)
- [Bowling with the Smiths 2007](#)
 - [2007 Workshop Outline by Dave Koenig](#)
- [Annual Bowls and Vessel Making Hammer-In Workshop 2008](#)
- [Copper Bowl Workshop 2009](#)

When & Where :

Saturday, March 20 :

- **8:00 am** : Sign In and Set-up
- **8:30 am** : HABA Meeting and Announcements
- **9:00 am** : Show & Tell / Brainstorming Session
- **9:00 am** : Begin Workshop
- **12:00 pm** : Break for Lunch
- **1:00 pm** : Continue Workshop
- **5:00 pm** : Conclude

Where :

Ziwa Forge
9510 FM 1489
Simonton, TX

Directions

Heading south on FM 1489 from I10 (about 9 miles), the shop is on the right, in the same fenced area as a two-story red metal building, just a few hundred yards south of the center of Simonton, which is at the junction of FM 1489 and FM1093. If you need to get in touch with Dana, call 713-569-8422.

What to Bring

Various sample sizes and gauges of copper, aluminum, and steel sheet will be available for trial. Bring your own raw material to support deeper exploration of your own specific interests.

Bring safety glasses with side shields. *This is a requirement!* Hearing protection is recommended.

Bring your gas forges (we won't be burning coal other than in the shop forge) or torches for heating and annealing.

Bring your anvils, stumps, swages, pipes, etc. for sinking and forming.

Bring your embossing or ball peen hammers, mallets, etc. for sinking and forming.

Bring your chisels, punches, files, sand paper, wax, etc. for texturing and finishing.

Plan to bring a lunch or eat at the deli in Simonton or restaurants in Fulshear.

Bring a chair to sit in.

You do not have to be a member to attend our meetings! Bring a Guest!

Minors are welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Bring your Membership Dues if you want to work at a forge and are not a current Member!