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HABA PRESENTS TERRY CLARK

OF SURREY, ENGLAND

MAY 11 AND 12, 2002

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

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COLLEGE STATION, TX

Introduction

Master ornamental blacksmith, Terry Clark, of Surrey, England will lecture about his work and demonstrate traditional forging techniques with a pneumatic power hammer. The lecture and demonstrations will take place May 11 and 12 on the campus of Texas A&M University.

This is a unique opportunity for HABA members, any other smiths, students and people interested in the craft.

There will be two other demonstrators. One is Tom Clark of Potosi, MO who is providing the power hammer and other special tooling for Terry Clark. The other demonstrator will be by Tsur Sadan, a visiting smith from Israel.

The start time is 9:00 AM May 11 and 8:00 AM May 12.

Terry Clark's Demonstration

Terry will demonstrate key components of his large architectural gates: a corner, hinge components and a hinge strap. To put this in better context, the stock list for this demonstration is:

Two pieces of 1 1/2 inch by 2 inch by 6 feet.

One piece of 1 5/8 inch by 5 inch by 3 feet.

One piece of 1 1/2 inch round by 3 feet.

One piece of 1 1/4 inch by 3/4 inch by 6 feet.

Terry Clark's Lecture

Terry's lecture will take place in a nearby classroom. He will describe not only what he has made but show how it was made. All attendees are encouraged to inquire about his forging techniques until they are understood. Many in the audience have experience in front of a forge and Terry encourages these people to seek answers to forging problems they encounter.

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The techniques used for this large-scale work are pretty much the same as those used with a hand hammer at a 100 pound anvil.

Terry Clark's Web Site

For more information about Terry's work go to www.artsmith.co.uk.

Tom Clark's Demonstration and New Smithing Tools For Sale

In addition, Tom Clark of Potosi, MO will be demonstrating the versatility of the SSM 50 Sayah forging hammer that Terry Clark will use for his demonstration. At this time Tom plans to demonstrate forging a pair of tongs, a nail header of 5160 steel, and a hammer. There may be other items too. (Terry and Tom are not related.)

Tom is going to offer the following forging tools for sale:

Two SSM 50 Sayha self contained pneumatic forging hammers. These 110-pound hammers run on a 5 hp single or three phase 220 volt motor.

Two 265 pound twin horn anvils with three pritchel holes made of S7 steel. These anvils can be purchased with or without a three-footed stand, tool tray, hot cut hardy and bending fork.

An assortment of tongs.

Hoffi style forging hammers.

Israeli Blacksmith Tsur Sadan

And, Tom Clark will be accompanied by Tsur Sadan. Tsur is a professional smith of ten years who worked four years under Uri Hoffi. He is a frequent visitor to Tom Clark's Ozark School of Blacksmithing. Tsur just arrived and will be demonstrating something at 'HABA Presents Terry Clark'. What he will demonstrate will be a surprise.

The two days of demonstrations at Texas A&M University will be jam-packed.

Registration and Fees

To Register, please complete the attached registration form and send it to Larry Hoff at

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8026 Durklyn, Houston, TX
77070-3747. Please make out
any checks to HABA.

A nominal fee of \$35 per person
is asked to defray expenses.

For HABA members of record
on May 1, 2002, this fee will
include membership for 2002 –
2003. HABA membership is a
family membership.

A fee of \$10 is asked for
students with school ID.

Safety Equipment

All participants need to bring a
pair of safety glasses. Safety
glasses are a prerequisite for
this demonstration. Each
person will be required to wear
hearing protection too. Please
bring what is most comfortable
for you. HABA will make
disposable EAR plugs available.

Drinks, Snacks and Lunch

HABA will have some water
and soft drinks available.

You are encouraged to bring
your own favorite drinks,
snacks and lunch. Most people
will probably go to lunch in
town.

NOTE: Alcoholic beverages are
not permitted on the campus!

Camping

If you would like to camp,
please bring you camping
equipment. Camping is
permitted at the demo site.
There will be no charge. HABA
will have a temporary
shower...the one from
Oldenburg. There will be no
hot water however.

Bring a chair. The bleachers
can get pretty hard.

Motels/Hotels

Lodging will be difficult. This is
graduation weekend. Try your
luck on Bryan College Station.
Odds are that lodging will be
more available in Brenham,
Navasota and Hearne.

Here is a partial lodging list

Navisota, TX

- Best Western – 936-870-4100 – Hwy 6.
- Vanguard Motel – 936-825-6497 – Business 6 North side.

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- Super 8 – 936-825-7775 – Hwy 6.
- Cedar Creek Inn – 931-825-8000 – Hwy 6.

Brenham, TX

Best Western – 979-251-7791 – Hwy 290

Hearne, TX

Executive Inn – 979-279-5345 – Hwy 6.

College Station, TX

- Days Inn – 979-696-6988 – Texas Avenue
- E-Z Travel Motor Inn – 1-888-354-2888 – Texas Avenue
- Best Western – 1-800-267-7750 – University Drive
- Comfort Inn – 979-846-7333 – Texas Avenue

Tailgating

This is a perfect opportunity to sell any smithing tools you are no longer using. If you want to sell something, bring it along.

Iron in the Hat

After dinner Saturday evening we would like to have a little auction. Any piece of work you made or maybe a tool that did not sell as a tailgate item would be great items to donate.

HABA happens to have about 600 pounds of 2600 degree donated refractory we would like to turn into cash. This is a great opportunity for those of you who are building gas forges. It is a good start for auction!

Dinner Saturday Evening.

HABA plans to have dinner catered Saturday evening. The cost of the BBQ dinner will be \$7.00 per person. If you are interested, please add \$7 to your Registration check.

Directions to the Demonstration Site and Classroom

Get out a map and find College Station, TX, about 90 miles NW of Houston on Hwy 6. As you near College Station keep an eye out for Business Hwy 6. Exit on Business 6 from Hwy 6 from either the North or the South part of town. Business 6

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becomes Texas Avenue. Stay on Texas Avenue until you come to George Bush Drive. In other words follow the signs to the George Bush Library.

Drive past the Library Entrance on the Right and continue to the light at FM 2818. The entrance to the airport is right in front of you. Cross FM 2818 and turn left at Nuclear Science road. Follow Nuclear Science road past the reactor, past the end of the runway and past the A&M Fire School. After the fire school you will see a classroom building on the right side of the road. Go past this building until you come to the demonstration site, a three sided metal building. You cannot miss it. We will have signs up too.

More Information

For more detailed information contact Dave Koenig, President Houston Area Blacksmith's Association at 281-855-2869 or **76021.3660@compuserve.com**.

A Final Note

The opportunity to bring Terry Clark to Houston came to light a month and a day before the start of the workshop. A lot of work is done and more needs to be done before May 11 and 12.

In order for this event to be a success we need to get the word out. If you know of someone who may be interested but does not have e-mail or receive a hard copy of *The HABA Letter*, please give him or her a call. Let people know about this great learning opportunity.

We are going to learn a lot and enjoy every minute if the experience!

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HABA PRESENTS TERRY CLARK REGISTRATION FORM MAY 11 - 12, 2002

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____
STATE: _____

E-MAIL
ADDRESS: _____

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR HOME SMITHING ORGANIZATION?

HABA _____ BALCONES FORGE _____ NTBA _____
LAMA _____

EAST TEXAS _____ GULF COAST _____
NONE _____

OTHER _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF ABANA? YES _____ NO _____

REGISTRATION FEES

HABA MEMBER (Number of. of family members attending _____): \$35 MAX

MEMBER OF ANOTHER ORGANIZATION: \$35 X NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

(Spouses welcome at no extra charge): Spouse coming? Yes _____ No _____

STUDENT: \$10 X NUMBER OF STUDENTS W/SCHOOL ID.

BBQ DINNER SATURDAY EVENING. \$7 X NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

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Would you like to join HABA? If yes include \$20 for 2002 - 2003 Membership.

TOTAL COST

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