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The last Saturday of the month meeting on 6/24 at the Magnolia forge will be a continuation of the chisel making from last month. Also note that Charles Lewton-Brain will be providing foldforming presentations in Austin.

I receive a lot of requests for classes. Unfortunately, HABA does not yet have a formal class program. If you provide classes or know of someone who does so, please send me contact information and any other information that may be available on the classes. I will put together a referral page on the website to help respond to these requests.

I often receive requests for demonstrators and for blacksmiths who will do work on commission. To help me out in responding to these request please send me your name, email and phone number stating if you would be interested in receiving information about these requests. I will put together a mailing list specifically for notifying you about these requests. Please note that any interaction with the requesters will be a non-HABA sponsored relationship.

Be sure to check out the [HABA](#) page. The [calendar](#) has been updated with upcoming events.

Note that we are now putting a PDF copy of the HABA update email on the HABA web page. Click on The [HABA Update](#) to see it.

Most of the events are open to the public and we often team with other organizations such as Armand Bayou, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Barrington Farms (Washington on the Brazos), Lake Jackson Historical Museum, Brazoria County Historical Museum, Magnolia Train Depot (where we have built our own forge shop) and others around the Houston area.

We hold monthly meetings to which the public is invited to observe. If you want to

swing a hammer on hot iron bring safety glasses and gloves and \$20 to become a member (membership can be renewed at the end of the year) and covers all family members. All of our members are glad to show a new person the basics and answer questions (there are no dumb questions). Feel free to send me any questions about HABA or Blacksmithing and I will endeavor to find an answer for you. Comments and suggestions are also welcome.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

June 24, 2017: Forging at the Magnolia forge. A continuation of the chisel making from last month. See attached flyer.

## **DEMO & EVENTS:**

July 14 - 17, 2017: Charles Lewton-Brain will present on foldforming at Creative Side in Austin. See attached flyer.

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## **Magnolia Forge**

**June 24, 2017**

**426 Melton Street, Magnolia Texas**

### **Making a Cold Chisel**

At this month's meeting at Magnolia Smithy on June 24th, we will be using the skills we learned last month. We will take a piece of tool steel, forge it and file it into a cold chisel, and then heat treat it. Before the forging begins, we need to do a quick cleanup of the storage room, so we have room to store things more efficiently as we add tools and supplies to accommodate the growing number of folks learning to forge. Come help us and make yourself a new tool for your toolbox!

### **General Information**

We are located at 426 Melton Street right next to the Magnolia Historical Train Depot. Please be aware that we are an open air, "off grid" shop, with no water, bathrooms or electricity (but we do have a roof!). Please dress appropriately for the outside weather (cotton, linen or wool clothing, leather boots, nothing synthetic that can melt) and bring drinks and snacks for your own comfort.

We meet on the 4th Saturday of most months. There are 3 exceptions to this: in April we open whenever the Depot Day is held (typically the 3rd Sat of April), and we also meet on the 2nd Sat. in Nov. & Dec. due to the scheduling conflicts most of us have with Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We open our doors at 9:00 AM (ish) and wind down in the afternoon - the exact time depends on the projects being worked on, normally around 3.

### **Schedule:**

Start at 9am

Lunch at 12 to 1pm

3:30pm shut down forges and cleanup.

### **Directions:**



From Houston take I-45 North to FM 1488 west about 16 miles into Magnolia then take Melton south two blocks. Park at the civic center. Optional route take beltway 8 to 249 north into Pinehurst where 249 become 1774 continue north into Magnolia take a right at RL Butler Street.

From the West take 290 in to 1488 exit go east into Magnolia then south two blocks on Melton Street.

For more information email Bob Nichols: [rknichols4@hotmail.com](mailto:rknichols4@hotmail.com)

Magnolia Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/664821203656364/permalink/667334863404998/>

## **Foldforming workshop in Austin**

Charles Lewton-Brain will be in Austin at Creative Side July 14-17 giving an overview of foldforming. He demonstrated at ABANA in Salt Lake City in 2016.

<http://creativeside.org/classes/details/1293/fold-forming>

This info works well in steel.

info on foldforming here: <http://brainpress.com/Foldforming.html>