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Next Saturday, 5/27/17, at the Magnolia Forge we will be making a cold chisel. See below for more information. We are also planning a general meeting for June 17 in Galveston on the pier where the Elissa is docked. We are still planning this, so the details are not ready yet. As usual we will have our second Saturday session on June 10 at Armand Bayou Nature Center, but again the details are not ready yet. I will get something out to you before then with details

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 requests 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 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:

May 27, 2017: Making a cold chisel at the Magnolia Depot forge. See attached for more information.

June 10, 2017: The Skills Building session at Armand Bayou Nature Center. Activities to be determined.

June 17, 2017: Forging wrought iron from the hull plates of the Elissa in Galveston at the Elissa pier. Details to come.

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Magnolia Forge

May 27, 2017

426 Melton Street, Magnolia Texas

Making a Cold Chisel

We have decided it would be a good idea to emulate our southern HABA group at Armand Bayou and begin to have a project for each 4th Saturday session at the Magnolia Smithy. This month we are planning a trial session to make a cold chisel. We will all forge a practice piece made of low carbon steel. The practice piece can be cut back to correct errors. When we are able to make a useable tool, we will go buy some 1/2" x 9" O1 tool steel and we will do it for real at the next meeting including heat treating. We plan to have more such projects upcoming, including more tools you can make for yourself, so keep watching for HABA updates on the news from Magnolia Smithy. There will also be things to do for newer members who may not be ready for chisel making, so come down and see us!

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.

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Magnolia Facebook Page:

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