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This month at Armand Bayou Nature Center, we are cleaning out the iron rack. Bring existing projects you want to finish or help us use up leftover iron to re-create past projects or something new. It's going to be hot, so be sure to be prepared. We will have water.

We are gearing up for Forge Fest to be held September 29 to October 1. This year we plan on to have individual demonstrators with their own booths showing their skills and their ware for sale. We will also have tailgating. The auction will be setup so that the proceeds from the sales will be split with the donator. So all of you out there start working on items for this event. I will have more information soon.

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:

July 8, 2017: Armand Bayou Nature Center will be cleaning out the iron rack. See attached flyer.

September 29 to October 1: Annual Forge Fest in Plantersville. More information to come.

DEMOS & EVENTS:

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

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Monthly HABA Blacksmith Meetings

2nd Saturday of Each Month

**Armand Bayou
8500 Bay Area Blvd.
Pasadena, Texas 77507**

HABA will be holding a Blacksmithing meeting at Armand Bayou on the 2nd Saturday of each month. The focus of the meetings will be to have a group of interested members work their way through the controlled hand forging progression as a means of learning the basics of forging iron. The progression starts with the basic techniques for moving metal and shaping it. It eventually leads into advanced techniques. Along the way, participants will create various artifacts that are of use both in pioneer societies as well as the modern world.

To participate in the meetings one must be a member of **HABA** which only costs \$20.00 per year. This is to cover liability issues. The public is welcome to observe without charge and we will have displays of items made by members.

The meetings will take place in front of the hay barn next to the wood working shop. We usually have some good shade there and there is plenty of room for working. We will have at least 3 anvils, a leg vice or two and two forges. So if you don't have all the equipment we can share these.

Armand Bayou requests that we limit vehicle traffic between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM. So if you are bringing something that needs to be transported be sure to arrive before 9 AM. Another reason to arrive before 9 AM is to be able to enter the area without paying the Armand Bayou entry fee of \$4.00 per person.

Details of each upcoming meeting will be announced in the HABA Update email. If you want to be put on the list send an email to pmforging@gmail.com.

Schedule:

- Saturday:
 - 8 – 9 AM – setup
 - 9:00 AM – Work through the lesson for the day.
 - 12:00 – Lunch
 - 1:00 – Continue the lesson of the day or work on individual projects
 - 4 – 5 PM – tear down

Directions:

On Bay Area Boulevard 7 miles east of I-45, approximately 25 miles southeast of downtown Houston, 30 miles northwest of Galveston, and on the southeast boundary of Pasadena. ABNC is the neighbor of



NASA/Johnson Space Center, University of Houston Clear Lake and the Lunar Planetary Institute, the Bayport Industrial complex and is surrounded by significant residential development.

General Meeting Information:

Safety glasses are a requirement! Hearing protection and gloves are recommended.

No shorts or opened toed shoes allowed for your own safety. It is recommended that clothing and glove be either cotton or leather – avoid synthetics.

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 swing a hammer and are not a current Member!

For more information email Pete Farrell at pmforging@gmail.com

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>