

**Subject:** HABA Update #115  
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We will be having our usual meetings this month at Armand Bayou Nature Center and the Magnolia Forge. Both venues are an excellent opportunity to try your hand at blacksmithing.

Last month we had to cancel due to the grounds being too wet at ABNC. So this month we will be making a coal rake from 3/8" round that we were going to make last month. Keep in mind that we won't be having the ABNC meeting in November since they will be having their Martyn Farm Festival (we will be demonstrating there so come on by).

Les and I will be demonstrating at Austin Town November 2 and 3. See below for links. We will also be doing Dickens on the Strand November 30 - December 2. I am looking for volunteers to help us out. I have one person and would like to get at least one more.

We now have Bill Epps supplying formal training at our Magnolia location. Go to the Magnolia Smithy Facebook page for more details. Go to Facebook and search for "Magnolia Smithy - Houston Area Blacksmiths Association" or click [here](#).

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.

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:**

**October 13:** Second Saturday at ABNC. We will be making a coal rake.

**October 27:** Last Saturday at the HABA Magnolia forge. Open forging.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**November 2 & 3:** We will demonstrate at Brazoria County Museum's Austin Town just north of Angleton off 288. [Click here for information](#)

**November 10 & 11:** We will demonstrate at Armand Bayou Nature Center's Martyn Farm Festival. [Click here for information](#)

**November 30 to December 2:** We will demonstrate at Dickens on the Strand. [Click here for information](#)

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## **Magnolia Forge, Last Saturday Meetings.**

**426 Melton Street, Magnolia Texas**

### **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 last Saturday of most months. There are 2 exceptions to this: we 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 Hensley: [bob@morphingmetals.com](mailto:bob@morphingmetals.com)



# Monthly HABA Blacksmith Meetings

## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:pmforging@gmail.com)**