

Subject: HABA Update #101
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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. Its going to be hot, so be sure to be prepared. We will have water.

The Magnolia Forge will be making a roasting fork. Below for more information.

We will be offering a beginning blacksmithing class at Armand Bayou on 9/16. The first 10 people to provide payment will be accepted for the class. See below for more information.

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.

One of our members, Don Halter, will be a contestant on Forged in Fire August 8th. For those interested, he is hosting a viewing party that evening at the Brewingz by Alameda Mall, upstairs party room, starting at 7:30pm. You can contact Don at forgemonkey1066@gmail.com.

A friend of Gary Hilton, Byrom Wehner, is selling his farm in Waller. He has a lot of blacksmithing equipment that he may be putting in storage if no one wants to buy it. Gary will put anyone in touch with him that may be interested. He's almost a 100 years old and isn't able to live at home anymore. Gary Hilton, P. O. Box 728, Hunt, TX., 78024, 830-459-4015, gwhilton@hotmail.com.

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:

August 12, 2017: Armand Bayou Nature Center will be cleaning out the iron rack. See attached flyer.

August 26, 2017: At the Magnolia Forge we will make a roasting fork. This will involve slitting a flattened piece of 3/8" or 1/2" stock after you flatten one end. If you have a good cold chisel, bring it.

September 29 to October 1: Annual Forge Fest in Plantersville. See attached flyers.

DEMOS & EVENTS:

September 16, 2017: HABA Beginner Blacksmithing Class with EJ McCann. See attached flyer.

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HABA Beginner Blacksmithing Class

September 16, 2017

Armand Bayou
8500 Bay Area Blvd.
Pasadena, Texas 77507

Audience:

This class is for beginners with no experience necessary. Participants must be 16 years of age or older. Participants under 21 will need to be accompanied by a legal guardian. The guardian can be a paying participant or a non-paying observer.

Class Description:

This will be a one-day class delivered by EJ McCann of Three Nail Forge from Kinder, LA. EJ will lead you through learning basic skills while creating a useful object you can take home with you. Materials, hammers, tongs, forges and anvils will be supplied but you are encouraged to bring your own tools if you have them.

The class will have a maximum of 10 participants.

Schedule:

We will start the class promptly at 9 AM on Saturday 9/16/2017. You should show up at 8 AM to help set up the class area.

There will be a lunch break from 12 to 1. You should bring a lunch or there are fast food locations within a couple of miles. Class will resume promptly at 1.

Class will end at 4 PM. Your help in tearing down the class area will be appreciated.

Fees:

The cost of the class is \$130.00 per participant. The class fee includes a membership in HABA.

Payment will be required in advance by 9/9/2017. We will accept cash or check. The first 10 participants to make payment will be admitted to the class. Any payments received after the 10 participants will be returned. All checks should be made out to HABA.

Contact Pete Farrell at pmforging@gmail.com if you have any questions. Checks can be mailed to 501 Williamsport Street, League City, TX 77573. Cash payments may be made at our second Saturday Armand Bayou meetings on 8/12 or 9/9. Please include a copy of this flyer with name, email and phone filled in on the spaces provided below.



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.

The class 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.

General Class 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.

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

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____



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:

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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

HABA Forge Fest 2017 Participant Guidelines

You are encouraged to participate in the HABA Forge Fest 2017. There are multiple ways you can be a part of this event.

1. Demonstrator:
 - a. Show the public your approach to making an item.
 - b. Should employ some form of metal smithing.
 - c. You will work in a defined space.
 - i. Unlimited outdoor space available
 - ii. It is recommended that you have a popup covering. HABA has a limited number of popups that can be used.
 - iii. There are a limited number of indoor spaces available for those that do not need fires.
2. Items for sale
 - a. You are responsible for all sales transactions and taxes.
 - b. Booth
 - i. You can provide your own booth space and this may be combined with a demonstration space if you are also demonstrating.
 - c. Tailgate
 - i. We will have an area reserved for those who wish to sell from the back of their vehicle.
3. Auction items
 - a. We are looking for handmade items.
 - b. Any item provided for auction that is not sold will be returned to the provider.
 - c. Proceeds from the sale of an item will be split 50/50 between the provider and HABA.
 - d. The provider may set a minimum bid price.
 - e. HABA will conduct the auction and be responsible for collection and distribution of all money.
 - i. Providers will be mailed their portion of the proceeds within 2 weeks after the auction takes place.
 - ii. Providers will be responsible for any sales tax liability that may apply.
4. Schedule
 - a. All participants are expected to have their booth/tailgate/demonstration ready to go by 9 AM on Saturday morning.
 - b. All participants are expected to have their venue occupied until 5 PM.
 - i. Tailgaters are free to leave after their items are gone.

For further information, please contact the Participant Coordinator, Chris Riffe:
chrisriffblacksmith@gmail.com, (281) 974-0296



HABA Forge Fest

September 29th through October 1st, 2017

Vendor Forging Demonstrations, Open Forging, Auction and Tailgate Sales
at

Pat Bossart Residence

8283 CR 209

Plantersville TX 77363

This year, we will provide an environment that will engage people in the exchange of skills and ideas for blacksmithing. There are many approaches to forging as well as many different desired outcomes of the forging effort. In order to share this diversity, we will set up multiple stations that will be manned by invited craft persons, vendors of tools and HABA members who feel they have something to share.

We have a large number of new members who want to learn more and obtain the tools and skills for moving forward in their forging journey. We also have several levels of experienced individuals who would like to show off what they have done and share their knowledge with others.

To promote this exchange of experience we will set up stations that will provide venues for the following:

- Invited blacksmiths who have all or a portion of their income derived from forging. They will provide demonstrations and have their forged wares for sale.
- Vendors who have tools or other products that appeal to the practice of blacksmithing. This will include individuals that want to make tailgate sales.
- Anyone who has something they want to show off in the way of technique or of final product. Bring your own equipment and setup.
- We will also provide a couple of forges, anvils and vices to be used by members to try out some of the things they will see here.

We will also hold an auction. This will auction off items provided by members, vendors and demonstrators. The proceeds from the sale of an item will be split fifty-fifty between HABA and the provider of the item. An appropriate item would be a hand forged tool, artwork, utensil, etc. We will have an experienced auctioneer to help with the sales.



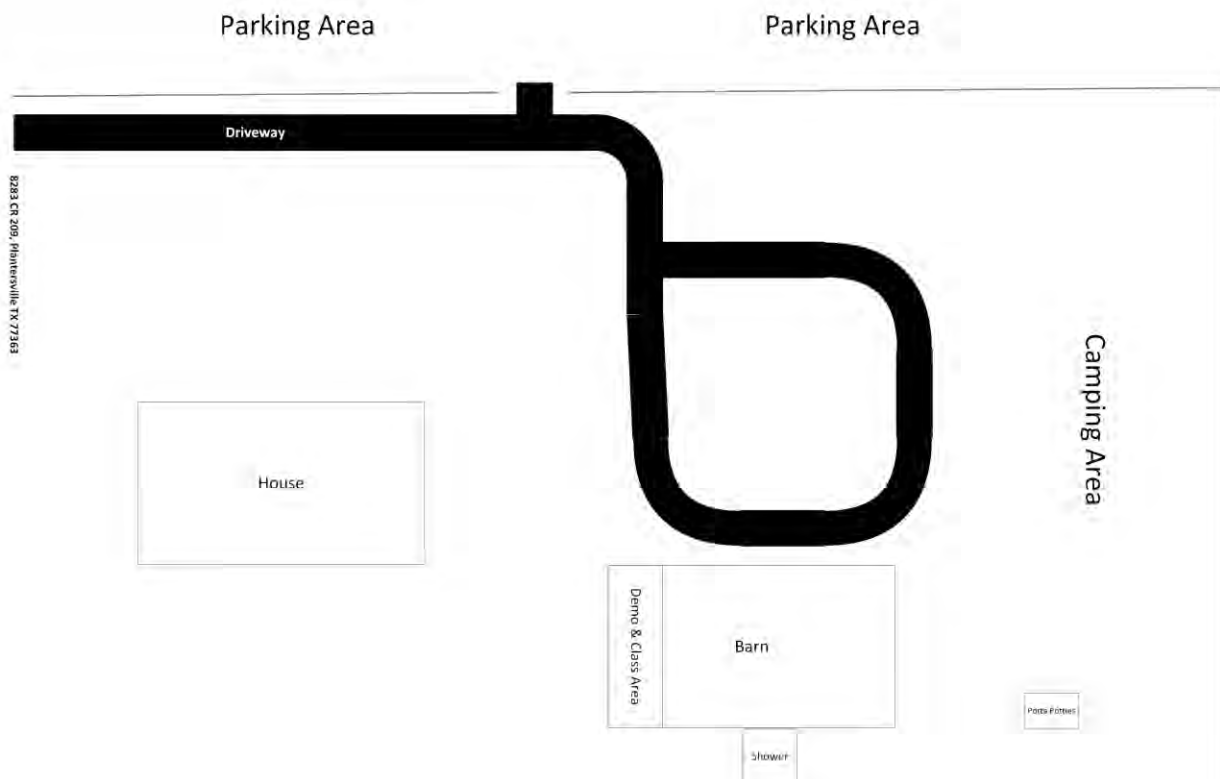
Logistics:

Demonstrators are encouraged to set up on Friday 9/29. Camping space will be available. We will have an outdoor shower, as well as porta potties. There will be limited electrical connections supplied by extension cords from the barn. There are several water spigots spread around the camping area.

Activities will start at 9 AM on Saturday and the various stations need to be ready to go by then.

If you are a vendor or demonstrator that will need a station, please contact Chris Riffe at chrisriffeblacksmith@gmail.com or Pete Farrell at pmforging@gmail.com. We will be able to supply a limited number of popups and there will be some indoors space for those not needing to have a lit forge.

Layout:



Schedule:

Friday 9/29

1:00 PM – Campers, vendors/demonstrators, and tailgate sellers may start arriving to set up.



7:00 PM – Chili dinner - \$10.

Saturday 9/30

9:00 AM – Start of Forge Fest

1:00 PM – Auction

1:30 PM – Lunch break

2:00 PM – Demonstrations continue

6:00 PM – Dinner surprise - \$10

Sunday 10/2

8:00 AM – Open forging

12:00 PM – Close of Forge Fest

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Clean up and tear down

Directions:

Pat is located at 8283 COUNTY ROAD 209, Plantersville, TX 77363. If you look on Google Maps you will get an approximate location but since his place was built in the last couple of years it does not show it accurately. His drive way will be the first one on the left after the dogleg in the road. We will have signs at the entrance to Co. Road 209 and Pat's driveway.

From Houston: Take I45 north to Hwy 105 in Conroe and go west. At Hwy 1774 turn right. At Co Road 209 turn right. After the dogleg (sharp right turn and then a sharp left turn) Pat's driveway will be the first one on the left.

Alternative route: Take Beltway 8 to Hwy 249 and go north. At some point between Tomball and Magnolia it becomes Hwy 1774. This will take you past the Renaissance Festival site and eventually past Hwy 105. At Co Road 209 turn right. After the dogleg (sharp right turn and then a sharp left turn) Pat's driveway will be the first one on the left.

From Austin: Take 290 east and at Brenham pick up Hwy 105. At Hwy 1774 turn left. At Co Road 209 turn right. After the dogleg (sharp right turn and then a sharp left turn) Pat's driveway will be the first one on the left.

From Dallas: Take I45 south to Hwy 105 in Conroe and go west. At Hwy 1774 turn right. At Co Road 209 turn right. After the dogleg (sharp right turn and then a sharp left turn) Pat's driveway will be the first one on the left.

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