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Recently my pmforging@gmail.com was compromised and a number of people received emails from me with malicious links and attachments. Therefore, I am investigating other methods of communicating with you each month. For now, I am removing all active links from this email and will no longer supply attachments. This will cause you some inconvenience because you will need to copy the link and then paste it into your browser.

This month we are having our usual meetings at Armand Bayou Nature Center and at our Magnolia Forge. See below for dates.

It is time to renew your membership. Please bring your dues to any meeting. Let us know if your contact information has changed.

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 copy and paste this to your browser:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/664821203656364/permalink/1101839299954550/>.

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 calendar at <http://www.habairon.org/meeting19.html>.

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:

January 12: Second Saturday at ABNC. We will be making a poker for the coal forge.

January 26: HABA Magnolia forge. Open forging.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 16: Steephollow Forgeworks 9th Annual Combo Demo See the Steephollow Forge site for more information.

<http://www.steepforge.com/learn.html>

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