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This month we will be having our regular meetings at Armand Bayou Nature Center and at the Magnolia Forge. ABNC will be on the second Saturday, 1/13 and Magnolia will be on the 4th Saturday, 1/27. See below for more information.

We have a number of events coming up between now and Spring. See the events section below for more information.

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:

January 13: Second Saturday at ABNC. We will be making a BBQ fork. See attached description.

January 27: Last Saturday of the month at the HABA Magnolia forge.

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February 17: Steephollow Forgeworks Combo Demo in Bryan, TX. See the [Steephollow Forge site](#) for more information. This is also featured on the HABA home page.

March 10 & 11: 2018 LAMA Conference, March 10 & 11 [2018 Banging on the Bayou XXIV](#)

April 7: Balcones Forge Bluebonnet Demo - See [the web site](#).

April 21: Magnolia Depot Day at our Magnolia Forge. Located in front of the Magnolia historic train depot. Go to [Magnolia Historical Society](#) for more information.

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BBQ Fork

We will be making a BBQ fork this month. We will start with 3/16 x 1/2 inch stock. The first step will be to split one end to give us material for the 2 tines of the fork. The spit will be done length wise with a slitting chisel. We will then taper the tines to points and curve them as appropriate.

From there we will work on the opposite end to create a hook or ring to allow the fork to be hung from a hook. After that, it will be up to you what you want to do with the bar in the middle.

Below is a picture of what I did.



Be sure to bring your slitting chisel if you have made one from our previous sessions. If you do not have one, you can purchase a regular cold chisel from Home Depot or Lowe's. We should also have some that you can borrow, but they will be limited.



Magnolia Forge, 4th 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 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.

For more information email Bob Nichols: rknichols4@hotmail.com

Magnolia Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/664821203656364/permalink/667334863404998/>



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