

## **WHO WE ARE**

The Houston Area Blacksmith's Association Inc. (HABA) is a 501 (c) (3) Texas nonprofit educational corporation. Our goal is to preserve and promote the art and craft of blacksmithing. Blacksmithing refers to the process of hot and cold forging and fabricating of metals for art and utilitarian purposes.

#### **OUR COMMITMENT**

HABA is committed to becoming the premier resource for blacksmithing and hands-on forging experience in the Houston area.

# WHAT WE DO

HABA members seek out and share esthetic and technical skills related to blacksmithing. HABA shares these esthetic and technical skills by:

Meeting the third Saturday of the month except December.

Publishing a monthly newsletter, The HABA Letter when available.

Maintaining a web site: www.habairon.org.

Demonstrating blacksmithing at public venues like parks, schools, museums and local festivals.

Contributing ironwork to nonprofit organizations.

## **OUR BEGINNINGS**

Fourteen interested people met in February 1997 and decided to form a blacksmithing organization. HABA incorporated in February of 2000 and became a 501 (c) (3) corporation in July 2002. In November of 2002 HABA became an affiliate of ABANA - Artist-Blacksmith's Association of North America, www.abana.org. The present membership numbers about 150 and is increasing.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For additional information about HABA and what it is doing, go to **www.habairon.org** or contact Tee Hines, President, at 281-356-1340 or email to hmartgourds@charter.net.