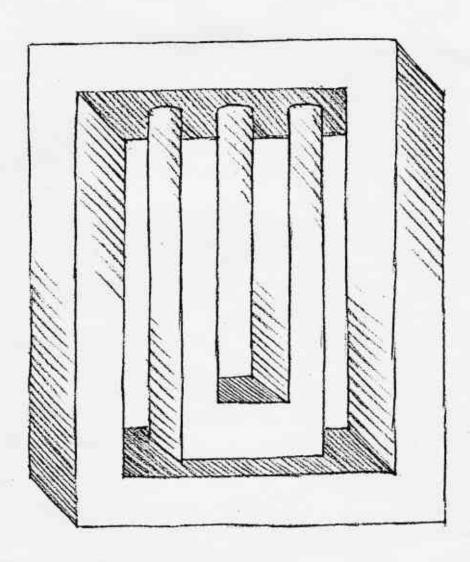
Newsletter the Blacksmiths Association of Missouri



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The Blacksmiths' Association of Missouri is a The chapter of Artist-Blacksmiths' Association of North America. This organization is devoted to preservation. advancement, and communication between blacksmiths of Missouri and surrounding areas. BAM's newsletter's goal is to support these ideas. Letters to the editor, tech tips, tools for sale, or any ideas which further these ends will be considered for publication.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEVALS

Be sure to check the date on the label of your newsletter. This is your membership renewal date. We will include a renewal reminder in your copy of the newsletter when your membership is due to expire. If the date on your newsletter label is not correct, please notify Bernie Tappel as soon as possible.

PARTICAPATE

Several times a year, usually when I'm having a hard time coming up with enough material for the newletter, I make this plea. This is your newsletter, send me articles, tips, want ads, book reviews, drawing and photographs (high contrast black and white) or anything else you would like to share with our membership. Your editor should not have to fill in so many blanks with his droll prose. Get involved.



TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Steve Austin reports the BAM account is up to \$2600. Remember this money is ours to use to advance the goals of this organization. If you have any ideas drop our President a line. A year ago we were scratching and scrambling to cover the Turley Workshop. Increased membership, and faithful renewals, and a generous gift have put us safely in the black.



RINGS PROJECT REPORT

The ten inch rings are slowly coming in. We now have about 10 or 11. We need 18 to finish the project. So beat yours out and send it to Vernon Fischer, Box 756, Rocky Mount, Mo. 65072 or bring it to the next BAM meeting.

IDEAS FOR NEXT TWO DAY WORKSHOP?

As you all know BAM sponsers an annual 2 day workshop with a well known smith. It's time to start thinking of 1990. Please contact Bernie with ideas and recommendiations. Colin Campbell has been talking about trying to get Peter Ross, Blacksmith at Williamsburg, for 1990. What do you think? Input - Input - Input!

Next Meeting

MARCH 18 - 19 BAMS GREATEST HITS AT SIU-E

Our next meeting will be at SIU-E in Tom Gipe's sculpture studio. You will all recieve a flyer with everything you need to know shortly.



MAY MEETING

The May Meeting will be at Don Asbees in Hartsburg on May 20th. A map and details will be included in the next newsletter.

January Meeting

JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting was held at Stan Winkler's new shop in Ste. Genevieve, with everyone arriving between 8:30 and 9:30 A.M. It was a great turnout with around 40 smiths making an appearance. There were many new faces in the crowd. There was a low rumble across the shop until the business meeting was called to order.

At 11:30 the Business Meeting adjourned and we all crossed the steet from Stan's shop to the Southern Hotel, a local "bed and breakfast" and checked out the sights. The Southern Hotel purchased our circle screen project. The screen has been incorporated into a headboard by Stanley and is now displayed for overnight guests.

We left the bed and breakfast for a leisurely lunch at the Anvil Restaurant - good food and great conversation.

Back at Stan's, Jerry Hoffmann was asked to demonstrate forge welding techniques.

To everyone's amusement, Steve Baker brought his VCR film showing the antics from last months meeting.

Stanley Winkler gave a demo on sharpening plowshares. (Thanks Stan.)

Various smiths played in Stan's forge and with the trip hammer. In general we all had a great time.

BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

The first order of business was the BAN skillet and throwing shoe raffle. The skillet went to Jim McCarty and the shoes to Joe Kilo.

Final plans for the "Greatest Hits" gathering were made. Steve Baker volunteered to make vidio tapes of the workshop. You will receive a separate flyer with the details of the "Greatest Hits" workshop.

It was suggested that we should try to get Peter Ross for our major workshop in 1990.

We still need more circles for the metal museum screen. If you need more information on this project, check past newsletters or call Doug Hendrickson at (314)637-2576.

Steve Austin reported that we presently have \$2669 in the treasury.



Steve Austin, BAM'S treasurer giving his report to the members at our Jan. meeting.



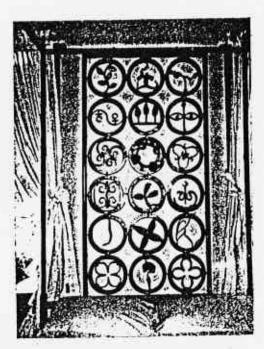
The grubby little smith and his BIG bammer?



Stan Winkler's new forge based on plans published in the Anvils Ring.

THE LADIES VERSION OF THE BAM MEETING by Patt1 Tappel

Well, fellow smith wives, you missed another good one. There was just myself and one other friend, Eunice Fischer, who showed up with our husbands at the meeting in Ste. Genevieve. It is a grand old town to tour. Established in the early 1700's by the French it is full of gorgeous timberframe and/or log homes, museums, a fort, the Church of Ste. Genevieve built in 1759, many Bed & Breakfast Inns and lots of antique shops. We walked from Stan's shop and found more then we could possibly see in the one day stay. We quickly darted in and out of shops, looking over their wares and making note of what we liked.



This is how our last group project turned out. Stan sold it to a Bed & Breakfast in Ste. Genevieve, they in turn hired Stan to build a 4 poster canopy bed with the project as a headboard. Pretty neat, huh?

in case we needed to make a return trip with the car. (Which did come about after we found a shop that was going out of business at give away prices!)

At noon we stopped in at the Anvil Restaurant and Bar for lunch with the men folks. After a rather long wait for our food it was back to the quiet town for more bargains. The day was really going fast and it was soon time to return to Stan's to pick up our husbands and see if they would fit into our cars with the days purchases.

If you missed this meeting in Ste. Gen. you really missed seeing a bit of history. Perhaps you could join us there the next time Stan is host. Thanks Stanley, you live in a beautiful town.



Safety

by Walt Hull

Dear Professor Safety,

A lot of people wear steel-toed shoes when they work but a guy I know says that the steel toe might be crushed by a falling weight and cut into my foot. What do you think?

Piggy

Dear Piggy,

I once heard something as dumb as that, but I can't remember just now what it was. Let me share with you an experiment I performed. I was retiring a worn out pair of steel-toes and I decided to see what they'd been doing for me. I laid one on the anvil and struck the toe as hard as I could with a 2# hammer. This had no effect, so I tried a 4# hammer. This did no more, so I took the 6# to it. When I still hadn't moved the steel toe, I asked Mitch to try it with the sledge.

Mitch, for those who don't know him, is, at 6' 4" and 250 lbs., a big kid, and he was able to dent the steel toe cap a little. If the guy you know would like to bring his tennis-shod foot around and set it on my anvil we could try it again.

I quit wearing tenny-runners around the shop for a differnt reason. They are absolutely transparent to hot stuff, and I do a certain amount of arc welding and torch cutting. I find it very difficult to run a really smooth bead or make a clean cut with a hot BB in between my toes.

Prof.

Safety

Dear Prof.

Of all the things in your shop, which have you hurt yourself with most often?

Curious

Dear Curious.

Hammers and hot iron. Not surprising, as these are the things I use the most. The bottom line is, any system with enough available energy to change the future of a piece of steel will do the same for you.

Please send your safety questions, concerns, tips, or corrections to Walt Hull, 2043 Mass., Lawrence, KS 66046. Neither the author, the newsletter, or the Blacksmith, s Association of Missouri pretends to be exhaustive or infallible. It's your shop and your safety, and you are responsible for them. We only hope to help by increasing awareness of hazards and steps to avoid them.

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Dear ABANA Members,

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE CHAPTERS JANUARY 1989

Another Year! 1988 has certainly brought a lot of changes to ABANA. We have successfully reduced the spending required to run this organization and we have succeeded in keeping the costs equal to the income. The net profit from the Sloss Conference remains untouched and the seed money has been returned to the Marrill Lynch account.

Hundreds of hours were spent this last year by Treasurer Bill Callaway and Accountant Ed Hirrold on the 1956, 1987 (January to June) ABANA books. The resultant end was a \$4500 penalty which we paid to the IRS. Ed and Bill are in the process of retrieving a portion of that amount. Ed Hirrold has also saved ABANA over \$700 in Indiana state taxes by finding that we were unduly assessed.

Working with our accountant over the last year has been a valuable lesson to the board which confirms the necessity to budget monies for accountant and lawyer expertise. We will actually save money in the long run because our costs for penalties, overpayments and other problems that have existed will be substantially reduced. The ABANA board has an important responsibility to provide the organization with outside professional help as a protective measure. The choosing of board members is crucial as the workload is extrems and often we find we are severely criticized for the way that things are run. However, in the end it is hoped that we will prove to be a successful team and that ABANA as an organization of its members and blacksmithing in general will flourish. We are proud to tell you that although a short time ago it appeared that America's organization of blacksmiths was going to fail, we can now look ahead to the possibility of a very bright future.

I'm excited to announce that Clayton Carr from Kennewick, Washington has been selected by the board to complete the term of past board member Jim Batson who resigned as of November 8, 1988. Clayton Carr was next in line by popular vote from the membership and the board approved the selection.

BECAUSE OF OUR SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN 1988. ABANA IS NOW IN A POSITION TO OFFER ABANA CHAPTERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ORDER TWO ITEMS FOR LOCAL FUND-RAISING.

- 1) The Sears Roebuck Catalogue: Tools, Machinery, and Blacksmith Supplies
- 1 box (50) FREE + UPS shipping cost
- . Retail Value \$6.50 LIMITED NUMBER OF BOXES AVAILABLE - FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE
- 2) Cast Anvils (Conference '88 Souvenirs) Retail Value - \$5.00
- \$1.00 per anvil + UPS shipping cost

Note: A C.O.D. charge of 62.20 will apply if ordered without pre-payment. TO ORDER: Call or write the ABANA Office at above phone/address. All orders must be made by March 1, 1989.

Enjoy a prosperous New Year!



Artist-Blacksmiths' Association of North America



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE CHAPTERS FEBRUARY 1989

Another year behind us and full steam ahead into the next: The 1990 Conference will be held at Alfred State University conference site (about 75 miles west of Elmira. New York). The ABANA board will participate heavily in this conference and all future ABANA international conferences as never before in order to put together an international conference that speaks of the greatest blacksmith organization in the world. We of the board need to set standards with guidelines and participate in the work.

1990 Conference Committee Chairman is Michael Bondi (ABANA 1st Vice Fresident) and the conference committee co-chairmen are Charlie Orlando and Steve Joslyn from the New York Designer Blacksmiths Association—Chapter of ABANA (NYDBA). Orlando and Joslyn have already had two very productive planning committee meetings and we intend to give them all of the help and support that the board can. Any suggestions concerning demonstrations or educational topics that you wish to see at the 1990 Conference would be greatly appreciated. Please send all materials to Michael Bondi, 1818 Shorey Street, Oakland, California 94607. Michael Bondi will organize all of this information and pass it directly on to Orlando and Joslyn. To organize and successfully run a conference of the size of the 1990 event will take some serious legwork. So far we have the drive and the manpower to make this the very best conference yet.

It isn't too early to be thinking of the 1989 ABANA director elections. The continued success of ABANA will be contingent upon a hard working board. Please contact Janelle Gilbert at the ABANA Office for details if you are not already familiar with the procedures. We will be running an ad in the Anvil's Ring to alert you to the coming election, however there are only two quarterly magazines yet to come out before the election.

The voting on the bylaw clarifications will be coming out with the ballot for the 1989 election this summer. This joint mailing will save ABANA several hundred dollars and every penny helps.

I encourage you to contact Ward Brinegar, 1709 West Charles Street, Grand Island, Nebraska 68803. Ward is your new ABANA Chapter Liaison and has a very fine committee set up with goals to assist all of us in a better working relationship. Please refer once again to your November memo (mailed in a January mailing) for specifics concerning his committee. I really hope that you will take advantage of this ABANA committee which was set up specifically with the chapters in mind.

My very best to all of you

Dorothy Stiegler

ABANA President



Artist-Blacksmiths' Association of North America



MEMO

TO: ABANA Chapters

FROM: Bill Callaway, ABANA Treasurer

DATE: November 28, 1988

RE: LOCATING ATTORNEYS TO ASSIST WITH ABANA BUSINESS

The Artist-Blacksmiths' Association of North America is no longer a small organization with a few hundred members. Our association has grown with membership approaching 3,000. We must make avery attempt to run ABANA in a professional manner. At our recent board of directors meeting it was decided that an attempt should be made to obtain the help of attorneys belonging to our association.

Problems ABANA may need assistance with could be varied and diverse, for example: 1) Tax and Accounting Advice, 2) Advice on Management of Restricted Funds, 3) Insurance Policy Review, etc.

In short, we need your help to form a network of lawyers to assist us in the event we may need advice.

To have a lawyer attend the ABANA board meeting in future years would be very desirable. A Phoenix, Arizona blacksmith attorney Mr. Reid Carlock has agreed to contact each interested lawyer and work out details of your specialty and how you may be able to assist ABANA. Please consider our request for assistance and let us know so we may put this program in service.

Please send a brief note expressing your interest and willingness to help addressed to:

Bill Callaway 3645 West Lawrence Lane Phoenix, AZ 85051.

Thank you in advance.

BC/jg

DES/jrg



Dear ABAWA Chapter Presidents,

At the November meeting of the board of directors of ABANA. I was appointed to serve as the chairman of the Chapter Liaison Committee. As I take this responsibility. I wish to recognize Joe Humble for the many years he held this position and the crucial role he served in the development of the entire chapter concept. Without his efforts this idea might never have gotten off the drawing board. Thanks, Joe!

I'm amazed at the diversity of the various chapters around the country. We have large chapters with their own meeting places and successful annual events of major significance. We have small chapters that get together whenever and wherever they can. The chapters serve a wide variety of needs, but perhaps the most vital is that they offer their members a chance to get together to share ideas and fellowship on a much more frequent basis than ABANA can provide. ABANA is the link that binds them all but it is not ABANA's function to serve as a governing body for the chapters. Rather, it is ABANA's role to help the chapters develop so they effectively serve their members and facilitate communication and cooperation among the chapters.

I personally hope to take an active part as a facilitator of this growth and sharing. It is my goal to help each chapter however I can to achieve its own goals and serve its members. I invite you to call on me for ideas to help improve your chapter, to communicate with the ABANA board and to spread information to other chapters. Another important aspect of this position is to assist new chapters in their formation and initial development. The board sees the chapters as a vital, integral part of ABANA and will do all it can to serve them. I'm the first link in the chain, so please call on me at any time. I can be reached at these numbers:

HOME: Ward Brineger 1709 West Charles Grand Island, NE 68803 (308) 381-7817 WORK: Stubr Museum
3133 West Highway 34
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 381-5316

I would like to ask that each chapter please send me copies of their newsletters to help me keep abreast of activities. Then I can share information with you through the chapter mailing. I can't afford to join every chapter but I am certainly willing to pay postage if you wish. Thanks!

I look forward to working with you during my tenure as an ABANA board member and I hope I can make a positive contribution as the Chapter Liaison. I hope 1989 is a successful year for each of you personally and for your chapters. Again, please do feel free to call me at any time.

Sincerely yours,

Ward Brinegar ABANA Chapter Liaison

WB/3g

Misc.

RURAL MISSOURI ARTICLE

The March issue of Rural Missouri will feature an article on BAM, written by BAM member Jim McCarty of Loose Creek. Jim is the editor of Rural Missouri. He also ran a feature story several years ago on Darold Rinedollar, a prominent Missouri smith.

Rural Missouri has a statewide circulation of around 330,000.

Registry of Blacksmiths Marks

Mike Shaffer, A blacksmith and dentist from Georgia has taken on an interesting project. Blacksmith's personal stamps are being colllected by Mike w1th the 1dea assembling a registry of these touch marks. I really don't know what form the registry will take but it sounds like something that ought to be done. Mike asks that we all send him a stamped piece of iron, a rubbing, or a drawing of your mark. I hope that when this ambitious project is completed that copies of his study will be made available to us all. Send your mark to: Mike Shaffer

d your mark to: Mike Shaffer 1155 Daniel Court Stone Mt., Georgia 30083 Phone (404)-469-2680

EXPRESSIVE DESIGN IN IRON:

A symposium at Penland School in Penland North Carolina.

In recent years blacksmithing has gone through a transformation. Ancient techniques are being applied to contemporary sculpture and fine arts concept. To advance this creative movement Penland will host a symposium in which a panel of educators and contemporary blacksmiths will address the subject of expressive design in iron.

The moderator for this symposium will be Philip Yenawine, Education Director for the Museum of Modern Art New York. Members of the panel are Tom Joyce, Brent Kington, Robert Owings, Albert Paley, David Peterson and William Harsley.

The dates are April 20-23, 1989. Conference Fee \$65.00 Room and Board is available. For complete information and an application write - Penland School

Penland, New York 28765

DIRTY HANDS ?

I don't know about you guys but occassionally my hands get a little grimy. Maurice Ellis, A BAMer from Florissant, Mo. recommends the following solution to this pesky little inconvience.

A heavy duty hand soap that I have found to be extremely good can be purchased in Bonne Terre, Mo. It is called Pum-X Lotion Soap with Pumice Scrubbers, It can be purchased from Pum-X Products, Inc. P. O. Box 150, Bonne Terre, Mo. Their phone number is 314-358-5580 or 1-800-537-1418 from anywhere except Missouri. It costs \$9.00 per gallon. A pump dispenser that fits on the gallon container costs \$1.75.

MISSOURI CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER BROCHURE

The Missouri Cultural Heritage Center has printed a brochure entitled "Blacksmithing: Utility and Artistry."

This eight page brochure discusses both the practical and artistic aspects of the blacksmith's craft and features several photos from the previously mentioned Rural Missouri article on Darold Rinedollar.

If you would like a copy of this brochure, contact:

Pat Janson
Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program
University of Missouri-Columbia
Missouri Cultural Heritage Center
Conley House
Conley & Sanford Sts.
Columbia, Missouri 65211
Telephone (314)882-6296

You may have to use a large manilla envelope just to fit that address on!

BOOK REPORT

The Appalachian Blacksmith's Association is proud to offer the 1909 Champion Blower and Forge Company Catalogue-Collector's Edition Reproduction. This rare and excellent catalogue is 8 3/4" X 11" and 36 pages with a plastic spine. Included are blowers, forges, firepots, post drills, upsetting and welding machines, tire and axle shrinkers and more. To get your copy send \$6.50 (postage paid) to:

Bob Wagner, Secretary Appalachian Blacksmith's Association Rt. 1 Box 9A Old Friends, WV. 26845

COAL

Feeders Warehouse Supply in Jackson, Missouri is once again selling quality blacksmithing coal. Several members have recommended it.

Collinsville Ice and Fuel in Collinsville, Illinois is selling Blacksmith Coal at 40# for \$3.50. This coal has also been recommended by several St.Louis smiths.

Your editor has not personally checked this information.

The MisSouri Department of Natural Resources is updating the resource file 25r planning arts-and-crafts shows in Missouri state parks and historic sites. If you would like to be included on the resources list, please fill out the following information: (PLEASE PRINT)

Name	Name Telep		
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Types of craft(s)			

Please include pictures, business cards, and any additional Information and mail to: Missourl Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

P.O. Box 176

Jefferson City, MO 65102 ATTENTION: David Kelly JOHN ASHCROFT



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John Cunning, Site Admin. Mark Twain Birthplace SHS Stoutsville, MO 65293 28 December, 1988

Dear Exhibitors and Food Vendors,

It is once again time to begin planning for the Annual Salt River Folklife Festival. The evaluation meetings for the 1988 Festival have been held and plans are being finalized for the 1989 Festival. Thanks to all of you, Festival '08 was the best so far. The planning committee is working very hard to make Festival '09 just as good; maybe even a little better.

The dates for the 1989 festival will be Saturday and Sunday August 12 & 13, 1989; the second Saturday and Sunday in August. Because everyone has been so positive about the way the festival has been organized in past years we do not plan any major changes for 1989. Terms and agreements of participation will remain the same, as will the application forms. Application packets will be mailed but some time in late February. The festival will again be held in Florida, Missouri and will be co-sponsored by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Friends of Florida

The members of the planning committee, made up of representatives from all three co-sponsoring agencies, would like to thank all of you for helping to make the Salt River Folklife Festival one of the most successful and popular festivals in northeast Missouri. We look forward to seeing all of you in August.

Sincerely,

Mark Twain Birthplace State Historic Site

John Cunning

Historic Site Administrator



German Colony

P.O. Box 127, Bethel, MO 63434 Ph. 816-284-6493



News Release For Immediate Release Contact: Jeanne Adams 816/284-6493

BETHEL -- "Intense, enriching, fulfilling, unpretentious and serene," is how director Jeanne Adams describes the new Bethel Colony School of the Arts. Registration for the week-long classes are now in progress and according to Adams going very well.

The Bethel Colony School is offering a broad range of courses encompassing the folk arts and fine arts in both the visual and performing disciplines. Classes such as, printmaking, ceramics, blacksmithing, watercolor, parlor piano, American finger-style guitar, natural dying, bookmaking, papermaking, and weaving, will be held during the months of May, June, July, and September. There will be some weekend workshops.

The school is located in the tiny rural town of Bethel, MO, population 132. Bethel, listed on the National Register of Historic sites, was founded in 1844 as a religious communal society.

Since its founding Bethel has been home to many talented artists and artisans. "Our activities and events have a reputation for quality." said Adams and added, "That reputation and the ambience of this lovely small town provide and ideal setting for the school."

To order a free catalog write: Bethel Colony School of the Arts, POB 127, Bethel, MO 63434; 816/284-6493. Bethel is located one hour west of Hannibal, MO on Hwy 15, North.

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National Ornamental Metal Museum

Dear Fellow Smith,

Enclosed is a copy of the packet of information prepared by Dick Quinnell for the "Great Gates" project. I realize there will be some of us Norte Americanos who will find it difficult to locate 8mm studs at Tony's Hardware and Used Auto Parts, so we have laid in a supply and can send them to you upon request.

As for shipping, Federal Express Corporation has generously agreed to underwrite all shipments of scrolls from U.S. and Canadian smiths. Enxlosed is a pre-addressed, prepaid shipping label. Simply box or wrap your scroll and call your local Federal Express agent, who will come over to your place and pick it up. Should some of your dearest friends also decide to execute pieces, you may ship up to 70 pounds in one container. Additional shipping labels are available if you need them.

Please ship between February 1 and April 28. Federal Express will only honor the labels during that period. To insure proper planning, we need to have all the components here by April 30.

I'look forward to your participation in this international project. With the assistance of the world-wide fraternity of blacksmiths, the Metal Museum will finally, after ten years, boast a truly proper pair of gates. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Jim Wallace Director

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December 1988

The 10th Anniversary Gates for the National Ornamental Metal Museum, Hemphis, Tenessee, U.S.A. - an International Project

Here are the working details for the forged scroll unit that you and other smiths from around the world will be contributing to 'The Great Gates'.

I have chosen a classical Renaissance style for the gates, with a repeating design of identical 'S' scrolls, to enable smiths with widely differing personal styles, living thousands of miles apart, to each forge a piece that will fit perfectly into the whole. For this, uniformity is essential, but in order to let each smith express the individuality of his or her imagination, each scroll will be fitted with two, different, motifs, fixed to the scroll eyes.

These motifs can be of any form, entirely according to the whim and imagination of the maker. They should be of metal, and I suggest between 21" (55mm) and 3" (80mm) in diameter (although not necessarily circular) and not project too far from the face of the gate - perhaps 2" (50mm) maximum . Each motif must have a threaded steel rod metric 8 mm diameter(M8) securely tapped and brazed or welded to the back of the motifilong enough to screw right through the scroll eye and project a further 5/8" (16 mm) behind it (41 mm total) - we will fit a ball nut and rivet the end over when assembling, to prevent removal of the motifs by souvenir hunters. Please punch your name and/or personal maker's mark on the flat of the scroll at the middle. and also on the back of your motifs so that we can match them up. Please send without paint or primer. The scrolls should be made in mild steel or wrought iron. The gates will be painted in the USA. If your motifs require a special finish (or are not to be painted) please advise.

192 scrolls will be selected at random to go into the gates; those left over will go into the new railings on the wall at either side. or into a new screen in the museum building. ALL participants will be acknowledged and named in all pross releases, and their contribution recorded in a permanent display in the Museum. In addition, every contributing smith will receive a presentation copy of the limited edition engraving of the gate design which is being prepared under the auspices of the American Institute of Architects. Memphis Chapter.

You will be most welcome to come to Memphis to take part in the assembly and installation of the gates between 6th May and 13th May (between the Hot Rod Nationals and the World Championship Barbeque Contest $\{\cdot\}$)

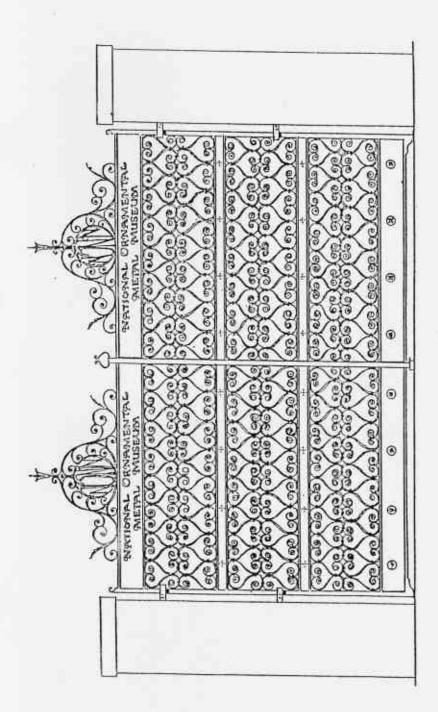
Please send me your scroll and motifs as soon as you can, but in any event to reach me no later than 23rd March (Easter) to allow time for freighting to Hemphis.

Have fun I

Yours sincerely.



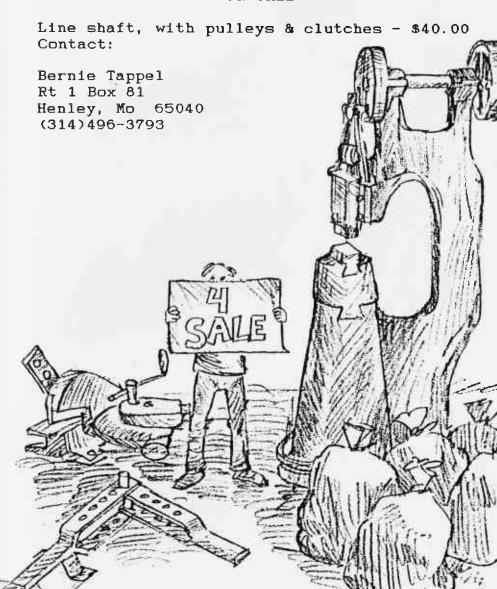
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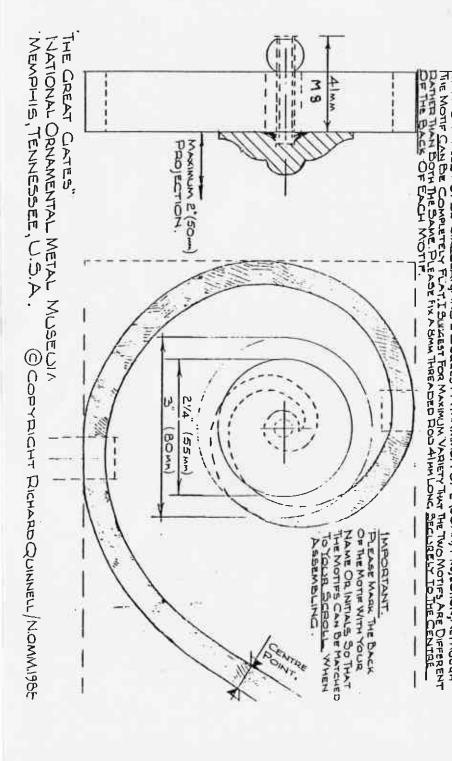




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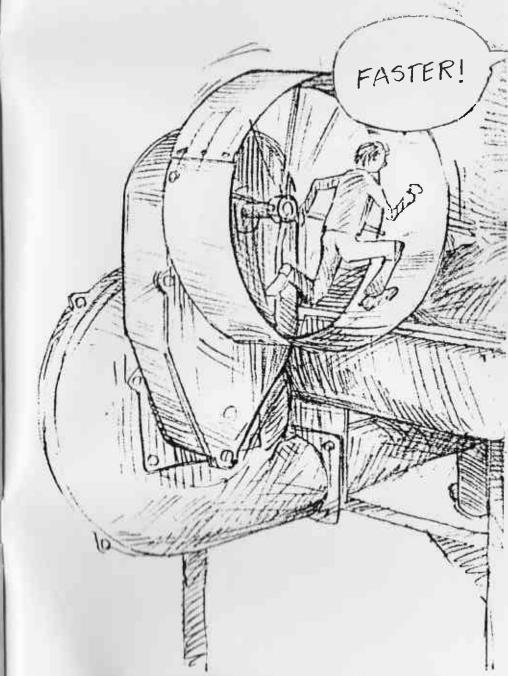
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