

# BAM

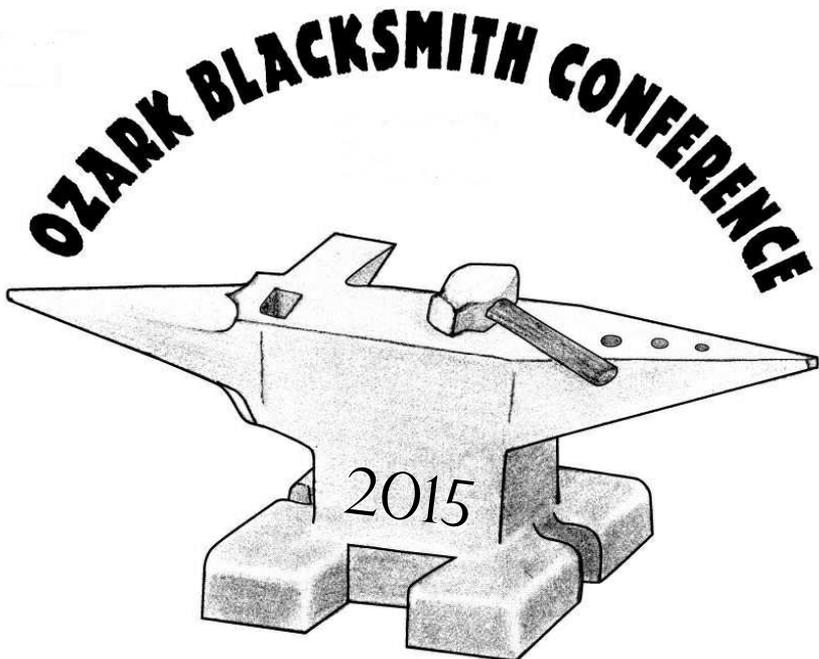
## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Ozark Conference

April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015

Missouri State Fairgrounds  
Sedalia, MO

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We will meet again at the Missouri State Fairgrounds (MSF) in Sedalia, MO. Located just 19 miles South of I-70 on US-65 at the junction of US-65 & US-50.

Don't forget our traditional fund raisers: Benefit Auction, Raffle, and BAM Boutique—as these are BAM's major source of income. Items deemed to be valued at more than \$25 should be donated to the Auction.

Please be courteous to our instructors and fellow attendees by keeping your personal conversations outside the demo areas and remain seated so that others are able to see.

Due to safety concerns, safety glasses are required at all events. Please keep a safe distance from forges and demonstrators unless invited to move closer.

Thank You. 2015 Conference Committee

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### **Vendors and Tailgaters**

Sites are still free to registered participants in designated areas. Vendor spaces will be assigned and tables will be available from the Fairgrounds at \$8/table. To make arrangements please contact:

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donald.anders@juno.com

Karen Bouckaert

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## Nathan Robertson

### Jackpine Forge

[www.facebook.com/jackpineforge](http://www.facebook.com/jackpineforge)

I'm especially excited to be demonstrating for BAM as I've been attending BAM conferences for years and have made so many good friends at them. This will actually be my 10th conference. For my demo I plan to cover tool design, making drifts, 8-9 ways of putting holes in handled tools (and finishing those tools), some power hammer tooling, some hot plate bowl raising, stamping, and some simpler quick and dirty projects to break up the monotony. I may not get through all of it but I'll try my best. I plan to have three projects in the forge at all times throughout the demo. I'll likely have a few things I don't even know how to do yet since I'm always trying new things.

## Elsa Fantino

<http://www.elsaforge.fr/index.php?lang=en> Elsa

What I will demonstrate is how to forge with simple tools and equipment, as opposed to making knifemaking very complicated. Using a gas forge and basic materials is enough to make good knives. I will also show how to heat treat using color and a bucket of oil (olive, old car, whatever oil that resists heat) how to finish handles with basic tools. I try to forge my blades as close to finished as possible so I don't have to use the belt sander too much.

I will show stuff that is often very far from how American knifemakers work so it brings something new.

*See BAM website for full biographies  
[www.bamsite.org](http://www.bamsite.org)*

## Don Asbee

[www.donasbee.com](http://www.donasbee.com)

Born and educated in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and trained as a farrier in Montana and a welder/fabricator in Missouri, Don has worked creatively in metal since 1972. In the early 1970's, Don enjoyed blacksmithing and horseshoeing as a "back-to-the-basics" occupation in Bland, Missouri. Through the 1980's, Don had the opportunity to work frequently with Francis Whitaker, Dean of American Blacksmiths, in various workshops and conferences. His design training was through private tutoring by Rodney Winfield, Professor of Art at Maryville University of St. Louis, and the creator of the Space Window for the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. In his Bland, Mo location, he created custom wood stoves, fire tools, gates and fences for clients throughout the state. During the last 26 years, however, he has gradually shifted the emphasis of his forgework from mostly functional to chiefly sculptural and architectural forms. Don's background in forgework and welding provided the framework from which his art has emerged.

His sculptures and architectural metalwork may be seen statewide in the homes and on the grounds of many private clients. He's also created pieces for such clients as the Kellogg Company in Battle Creek, Michigan; the St. Louis Zoo; Hermanhof and Stonehill wineries in Hermann, Missouri; Schneithorst Restaurant in St. Louis; Casualty Indemnity Insurance Company in Jefferson City, Missouri; Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Charles, Missouri; the Newman Center and Unity Center in Columbia, the City of Columbia, Missouri; and the National Air and Space Museum at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

His studio is located in a rustic setting near Hartsburg, Missouri, where he designs and creates custom, commissioned pieces. Next time you're near Hartsburg, please stop by. Also, keep an eye out for his ironwork throughout the state and points beyond.

## **BAM Beginning Blacksmith - Don Birdsall**

The various skills the students will learn are tapering, hot cutting, punching holes, slitting, and forging shapes.

COST: \$30

*Due to insurance liabilities BAM membership is **required**, as well as safety glasses & other safety equipment for the Blacksmithing class!*

## **Basket Classes- Mary Jo McCarty**

**Friday, 3 Part Basket** \$30.00

16"x5"x4" This is 3 separate baskets put together to make one, with 5" iron handle, your choice of colors.

**Saturday, 10" Pie Basket** \$38.00

10" round, 10" square iron handle, Students will learn how to use a wooden bottom, choice of colors.

***See BAM website for pictures***

## **Conference Auction**

Here is another way to help support BAM! Please donate any item—tools, books, forgings—that you feel would be of interest to your fellow blacksmiths. This is the major source of revenue for BAM, so don't be shy about bidding on items as well. Please drop off donations at the Auction Collection Table as early in the conference as possible; buyers like to peruse the table during breaks in the action. Be sure to fill out a donation slip for each item so that you and your gift can be recognized at the time of the Auction.

## **Traditional Forging Contest**

What it is, how it is judged and the time limit as well as other details will be announced at the time of the contest. Bring your own hammer and skill set.

Sign up before 7:00 pm. on Friday.

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## **Dr. Iron's Slackwater Gallery**

It's time once again to start thinking about making something nice for Dr. Iron's Slackwater Gallery. This is our chance to show off, to inspire each other and, to be inspired.

As before, this is not a juried show. You get to decide what's good enough to share. Any category of blacksmith work is welcome. You may, if you wish, offer your work for sale, and work shown in the gallery may also be donated to the auction if you wish.

Please don't be shy or modest. The whole point of this organization is for us to learn from each other. If we don't see your work, how can we learn from you?

Once again we will try to arrange a shipping address for those who either can't come to the conference or who would like to get their work here early. We had a great response last year, and will try to come up with a little more display space so everyone's work can be shown to the best advantage. We think we're getting better, but we're still learning. Any advance information you can give us about your piece would be helpful.

### **Contact:**

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Gallery Coordinator  
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or

**John Sherwood**

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## Ozark Conference Schedule

### Thursday, April 30, 2015

9:00 am .....Setup Begins  
1:00 pm—4:00 pm.....Open Forging  
Evening.....Official Opening

### Friday, May 1, 2015

8:00 am—12:00 pm.....Nathan Robertson  
8:00 am—12:00 pm.....MTS Beginning Blacksmithing  
8:00 am—12:00 pm.....Family Programs

**12:00 pm—1:00 pm.....Lunch Break**

***Catered Lunch available – reservations ONLY***

1:00 pm—5:00 pm.....Don Asbee/ Elsa Fantino  
1:00 pm—5:00 pm.....MTS Beginning Blacksmithing  
1:00 pm—5:00 pm.....Family Programs

**7:00 pm .....Business Meeting**  
Traditional Forging Contest

### Saturday, May 2, 2015

8:00 am—12:00 pm.....Nathan/ Don/ Elsa  
8:00 am—12:00 pm.....Family Programs  
8:00 am—12:00 pm.....Advanced Smithing Class

**12:00 pm—1:00 pm.....Lunch Break**

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1:00 pm—5:00 pm.....Nathan/ Don/ Elsa  
1:00 pm—5:00 pm.....Family Programs

**6:00 pm— 7:00 pm.....Banquet Dinner Served**

7:00 pm .....Awards, Drawings, Auction

### Sunday, May 3, 2015

**9:00 am .....Clean Up (*all hands appreciated*)**

**(check website for details on the advanced Blacksmith class)  
(Schedule subject to change / see website for any updates)**

## **BAM Boutique**

Please remember to help support BAM by donating something to the BAM Boutique. Items need **not** be blacksmith related. All proceeds go directly to the BAM treasury. Remember to label your donation with your name and a suggested price. Please drop off donations at the Boutique as early as possible during the conference. Patti Tappel or any of the other ladies working there will be glad to take them. Also, please check with the Boutique before you go home. Any non-iron items should be picked up if not sold. We do not have a place to store fabric and other craft items so that they can be maintained in good condition from year to year.

## **Ozark Conference Raffle**

BAM is once again sponsoring a fundraiser raffle. (Drawing times to be announced at conference) Please check out the items being offered, and buy tickets at the BAM Boutique.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

## **Tool Boxes with Tools (3)**

## **Original BAM MTS Trailer Propane Forges**

## **Treadle Hammer Use for 10 Months**

You must be a BAM member in good standing and your membership must be maintained for the entire year. The winning ticket holder will be responsible for all transportation from the conference and back to BAM at the March 2015 regular meeting - or before - so it can be prepared for the next conference. The hammer must be kept inside and in good condition, and no modifications may be made to it. If during the course of use the hammer should become broken or otherwise need repair you will be given the name of BAM members in your area to be notified for assistance. The hammer will not be for sale to you or anyone else for the duration of your use.

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## **Late Registration** (postmarked after 4/1/15)

Whole conference # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$70.00 \_\_\_\_\_

## **Early Registration** (postmarked before 4/3/15)

Whole Conference # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$65.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Fri ONLY # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Sat ONLY # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

## **Catered Meals** (pre-registration required)

Friday Lunch # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$16.00 \_\_\_\_\_

## **Workshops** (with paid registration)

BAM beginning Blacksmithing (10 students max)

(Requires membership) # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Basket Weaving Friday # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Basket Weaving Saturday # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$38.00 \_\_\_\_\_

BAM membership dues (if applicable) x \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check out to **BAM** and mail to:

**Kent & Deanna Harbit**

627 Poplar Drive  
Windsor, MO 65360  
660-647-2349

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Others Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Lodging

### Camping

Campsites are available at the Missouri State Fair Grounds.  
Fees will be collected by MSF after you set up.  
Full RV hook up \$20 night. Tent sites \$10 night.

### Motels

Make reservations before March 31<sup>st</sup> 2015  
Mention Blacksmith Association of Missouri  
Whiteman Airforce base is open this weekend.  
So make reservations early.

#### **Comfort Inn**

Sedalia Mo 25 double rooms \$81.00 + Tax  
(660)829-5050

#### **State Fair Inn** (formerly the Super 8)

Sedalia Mo. 15 rooms mixed \$55.95+ tax  
(660)827-5890

#### **Truman Inn Econolodge**

Sedalia Mo. 15 rooms \$65.95 + tax  
(660) 826-8400

## **Country Bumpkin Catering**

**Sedalia Mo. 660-826-5883**

### **Saturday Night Banquet \$16.00**

Roast Beef      Smothered Chicken Breasts  
Olive Garden Type Salad      Gourmet Potatoes  
Steamed Broccoli/ Cauliflower      Green Beans  
Rolls      Dessert      Drink

### **Lunches \$8.00**

#### **Friday Lunch**

Dollar Sandwiches  
Cole Slaw / Chips  
Cookie / Drink

#### **Saturday Lunch**

BBQ Beef Sandwich  
Beans / Chips  
Brownie / Drink

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