

BAM

31st Annual Ozark Conference April 27th - April 30th , 2023

Missouri State Fairgrounds
Sedalia, MO

pre-registration must be postmarked by April 1st



Inspiring Art, Knowledge, & Craftsmanship

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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 for the year. 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.
Conference Committee

Questions?

Contact:

Ashley Farnsworth II
call/text 573-201-3923
e-mail: abfarn@embarqmail.com

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:

Karen Bouckaert
1-636-673-1996

CONFERENCE BENEFIT AUCTION

Please donate any item—tools, books, forgings—that you feel would be of interest to your fellow blacksmiths. 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. This is the major source of revenue for BAM.

~ Demonstrators ~

Nick Rossi

<https://nickrossiknives.com/>

" Nick operates Nick Rossi Knives full time out of his studio in Vassalboro, where he creates dynamic, one-of-a-kind cutlery. Nick's work is most influenced by Japanese, Southeast Asian and Scandinavian design as well as architecture, fine art and nature. Nick is a certified Master Bladesmith in the American Bladesmith Society, a member of the Maine Craft Guild, the Maine Craft Association, the Portland based Metals Collective and a member of the New England Bladesmith Guild. Nick teaches workshops and gives demonstrations all over the country."

Lisa Elias

<https://lisaeliasmetalstudio.com/>

I started my first fire when I was five.. a place my family calls 'the field'. I'm an Artist/Blacksmith from N.E. Minneapolis where I've had my studio for more than 25 years. I've had some nice opportunities creating private commissions for homeowners and designers...anything from gates, railings, lighting to fireplace screen. I've also been selected to forge public works of art for our City's sidewalks and open spaces, including drinking fountains, tree grates, benches and arbors. I have been fortunate to do what I love. I host a few open studio events throughout the year and sell my smaller objects for home and garden.

~ *Demonstrators* ~

Glenn Horr

<https://glennsforge.com/>

Glenn has been creating hand-forged metalwork since 1977. In 1984 he moved to Berkeley Springs in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia and established Highland Forge.

Glenn's interest in metals and forging began in a high school shop class. He is primarily self-taught and continues to add to his repertoire of skills by attending workshops and regional and national blacksmithing conferences.

Using traditional techniques, Glenn creates functional and decorative work in steel as well as copper, brass, bronze and aluminum. He enjoys working with materials that are so rigid in one form, yet yield to hammer and anvil when heated in the forge.

Known for his attention to detail and fine craftsmanship, he has been commissioned to do many architectural projects. Glenn also markets his work through juried craft shows and galleries.

He took his first blacksmithing class through the Pioneer Crafts Council at Mill Run, PA, and has taught workshops at Touchstone Center for Crafts each summer for the past twenty + years. He has also shared his techniques through several conference demonstrations in the region.

Vern Mesler of VJM Metal craftsman

(historicbridgerestoration.com)

Thursday evening Vern will be doing a demonstration about construction and riveting of wrought iron and early steel bridges.

OZARK CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 27, 2023

9:00 amSetup Begins
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.....Open Forging
5:30 pm' ish.....Potluck Dinner
6:30 pmVern Mesler

Friday, April 28, 2023

8:00 am - 12:00 pm.....Demonstrators
8:00 am - 12:00 pm.....Beginning Blacksmithing (MTS)
8:00 am - 12:00 pm.....Basket & Stained Glass Classes
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm.....Lunch Break

Lunch available – Food Trucks

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.....Demonstrators
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.....Beginning Blacksmithing (MTS)
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.....Basket & Stained Glass Classes
5:30 pm' ishPotluck Dinner
7:00 pmBusiness Meeting
Traditional Forging Contest

Saturday, April 29, 2023

8:00 am - 12:00 pm..... Demonstrators
8:00 am - 12:00 pm..... Basket & Stained Glass Classes
8:00 am - 12:00 pm.....Beginning Blacksmithing (MTS)
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm.....Lunch Break

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1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.....Demonstrators
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.....Beginning Blacksmithing (MTS)
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.....Basket & Stained Glass Classes
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.....Banquet Dinner Served
7:00 pmAwards, Drawings, Auction

Sunday, April 30, 2023

9:00 amClean Up (*all hands appreciated*)
(Schedule subject to change / see website for any updates)

BEGINNING BLACKSMITHING¹ **

This one day, hands on, BAM sponsored class, teaches the basic skills such as tapering, hot cutting, punching holes, slitting, and forging shapes.

<u>Friday</u>	All Day Class	\$30.00
<u>Saturday</u>	All Day Class	\$30.00

Limit 10 people max per class

¹ Due to insurance liabilities, BAM membership is required for all blacksmithing classes, as well as safety glasses & other safety equipment for working around HOT metal.

- Minimum age 14 years

BASKET CLASSES ** with Mary Jo McCarty

Friday, Peanut Basket **\$25.00**

Two baskets side by side

Choice of color

Limit 15 people.

Saturday, 10" Square Basket **\$45.00**

with a round handle

Choice of color

Limit 15 people.

STAINED GLASS ** with Tami Bagley

Friday, 3D, 12-point Moravian Star **\$40.00**

Limit 8 people.

Saturday, 8-point Star Sun Catcher **\$25.00**

Limit 8 people.

*****Due to class limits, you must call in advance to secure a spot. Contact:***

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call or text 573-201-3923

e-mail abfarn@embarqmail.com

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.

Ozark Conference Raffle

(Drawing times to be announced at conference)

Tickets available at the BAM Boutique.

*~ Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 ~
(Sold at conference)*

Featured Item:

**Burr King
2-wheel Belt Grinder**

4 ft Cone Mandrel

Tool Box
tools donated by members

Dr. Iron's Slackwater Gallery

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

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?

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:

**John Sherwood
Gallery Coordinator
JBSEMS@sbcglobal.net
314-717-5293**

or

**Paul Talaski
ptalaski@shc.edu
314-605-8583**

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.

For more about Sedalia, MO go to:
www.visitsedaliainmo.com

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

Ashley Farnsworth II
11050 Private Drive 5316
Rolla, MO 65401
573-201-3923

~ Please Print ~

Name: _____

Others Attending: _____

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 \$35 /night. Tent sites \$12 /night.

<http://mostatefairgrounds.com/camping/>

~ No Camping in the Swine Pavilion. ~

Motels

Motel 6	660-827-5890
American Inn	660-826-2488
Best Western	660-826-6100
Holiday Inn Express & Suites	660-826-4000
Hotel at State Fair	660-827-5890
Hotel Bothwell	660-826-5588
Stardust Motel	660-826-8662
Sunset Motel	660-826-1446
Super 7	660-827-0215

BAM Rates

Hampton Inn Sedalia	660-951-1163
Comfort Inn Sedalia Station	660-829-5050

Make reservations early. The rooms are going fast.

Saturday Night Banquet \$20.00

Each plate includes:
Pulled Pork, Herbed Chicken Breast,
Cheesy Potatoes, Garden Salad,
Green Beans w/ bacon, Dinner Roll, Cookie & Beverage

Food Trucks

David's Original CheeseSteak Co.

<https://www.facebook.com/davidscheesesteak/>

Tacos El Arca

<https://www.facebook.com/noeivethpimentel/>



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