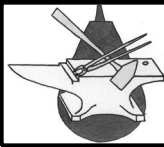
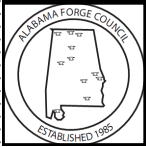


**Alabama  
Forge Council  
30<sup>th</sup> Annual  
AFC  
Blacksmithing  
Conference**



**September 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th  
Tannehill State Park in McCalla, AL**

**Featured Demonstrator Gordon Williams from Arizona  
in Forge Pavillion**

**AFC Members also demonstrating in the Vulcan Pavillion  
Jeff Mosley, Ben Ferguson, Mark Haddix, Steve Alford,  
Jim Batson, Clay Spencer, Steve Williamson**

~ Family Activities ~ Show & Tell ~ Beginners Classes ~ Iron Art Auction  
~ Iron-In-The-Hat and tool box drawing ~  
~ Tailgate Sale Tables ~

**Hang on to your hats folks! Don't blink or you'll miss something. Gordon Williams will have several irons in the fire at once and always keeps the demo going at a pace you might not be used to. He is a high energy, go go go kind of guy. We will be filming the demo so you may want to order a copy but be sure to take notes as well. Gordon is a wealth of knowledge and will keep you glued to the demo with humor and techniques.**

**A NOTE FROM GORDON...**

Thank you for considering me as a demonstrator. I'm always humbled and I don't take it lightly, knowing I coming to a group with some great talent. That being said, I'm blessed. I raised my children with a hammer in my hand. I currently have a shop where we do a production line, and custom work. I have two schools and have been teaching since 1995. We also produce tools for Pieh Tool Co. and we are excited about opening a shop this year at Zion National Park.

Concerning the demo; I like to show many different ways to skin the cat. I'll produce a lot of items and show different techniques, always having at least two things in the fire. I'll talk and work pretty much nonstop till you make me quit. I love questions and I love to try to explain things while I'm working. So thanks again. **Gordon Williams**

**Gordon Williams has been blacksmithing since the late 1980's and full-time since 1993. In his production smithy, Victory Forge, he creates home exterior/interior hardware, lamps, fire sets, and much more, as well as architectural projects such as custom gates and the railing project he recently completed at the Grand Canyon. Gordon is an avid runner and bicyclist and in May of 2013, he performed a Demo Event in Fairbanks, Alaska. Upon completing the demo, Gordon then rode his bicycle from the event in Fairbanks, to San Francisco California... over 3000 miles.**

**Gordon started teaching classes at his shop, Victory Forge, in the late 1990's, and for Pieh Tool Company, at the Bill Pieh Resource for Metalwork, beginning in 2003. He is a favorite demonstrator for the Arizona Artist Blacksmith Association (AABA), and other ABANA Chapters, and often provides public and private demonstrations nationwide. The Upper Midwest Blacksmith Assoc.(UMBA) Library has an outstanding video available of Gordon demonstrating at the 2007 BAM conference.**

**A proud father of two sons; one an Air Traffic Controller for the United States Air Force and the other a Christian Missionary currently on mission in New Guinea, Gordon finds great joy in getting his students "fired up" to unlock their artistic talents.**

**A number of Gordon's past students now have successful blacksmithing businesses of their own.**

**Blacksmithing... making what was invisible, visible. Creating an object, a tool, an item of function or beauty, where moments before there was only raw material and the basic elements of force and fire... This is the passion that feeds my soul.**

**Great art comes from great technique. The process of training the hands to do what the mind and the heart sees... this is our goal at the Gordon Williams Blacksmith School.**

**<http://www.gwblacksmithschool.com/home.html>**



**Items demonstrator Gordon Williams plans to cover. Due to the flow of the demo and questions asked, the order or focus on one project or the other may change.**

- #1 Indian design coat bar, with feathers, copper and edge designs.
- #2 Wine rack with grape leaves, special tooling.
- #3 Finishes, coppers, Browns, spattered copper, trick to make your clear spray enamel last way longer.
- #4 Mustang purse holder and hook.
- #5 lizard bell hanger.
- #6 Steer bell with clapper.
- #7 Indian arrow with copper rawhide.
- #8 Cowboy caller with leather braid.
- #9 Glass hook with flower.

- #10 Bird chimes and ass chime.
- #11 Bird and flies.
- #12 Oak tree with knots, leaves and acorns.
- #13 Leafology, grape, oak, butt, and ugly.
- #14 Eyeball tools, another easy way.
- #15 South American rattlesnake.
- #16 Vaquero and Toro on horses.
- #17 Cats and dogs.
- #18 Yucca with stylized leaves, forge welded.
- #19 A designer tenon, whisker.
- #20 Texture tools, snake, fish, wood, canyon, hammered, camphor.
- #21 Fireplace broom.
- #22 Helpful hints ( some not so helpful, but kinda funny)
- #23 Tumblers, photo essay.

## **Green Coal**

The AFC has teaching stations available for hands-on instruction by an accomplished AFC blacksmith. If you are just getting started in blacksmithing, this is a great chance to learn the basics from a very accomplished Blacksmith.

Class fee \$10 per student. 8 Students per class max. A specific area will be set aside for this class.

## **Friday Night Blast**

Nail contest with prize money! TWO DIFFERENT CONTEST CATEGORIES– 17 and under and 18 and up contests. Forge 1/4 inch nails using 5/16 inch round stock. 1st prize is \$50., 2nd prize is \$25., 3rd prize is an “AT-A-Boy and a hand shake from Clay Spencer.

## **The Auction**

Your donated items for the auction are very much appreciated. The auction proceeds are where the AFC generates its income to offer blacksmithing scholarships and to host the free workshops each year. The conference fees pay for putting on the conference but the auction is how we continue to provide the activities that further the art and craft of blacksmithing. Our auctioneer this year is Col. Anthony Goodrum. Remember, this is a charity auction, bid generously.

**This year will also give out door prizes during the Auction. KEEP YOUR I-I-T-H TICKETS**

**If you cannot attend we welcome your donations for IITH and the auction  
Please send them to:**

**Raymond Head – AFC - Auction (or I I T H )  
138 Cone Lane Wetumpka, AL 36093**

## **Iron-in the-Hat & Tool Box Drawing**

This year the AFC will be conducting iron-in-the-hat & Tool Box Drawing to help raise funds for our educational programs. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, and 25 for \$20. Two drawings will be held for items donated and the centerpiece is a blacksmith’s toolbox. Any items for the general iron-in-the-hat or tools for the toolbox would be greatly appreciated.

**AFTER THE DRAWING, DO NOT THROW OUT YOUR TICKETS! SAVE THEM FOR THE DOOR PRIZE DRAWING DURING THE AUCTION**

**2015 AFC FALL CONFERENCE  
TOOL BOX**

**INDIVIDUALS / GROUPS  
THAT SIGNED UP FOR SPECIFIC TOOLS  
PLEASE DELIVER THEM TO ALLAN KRESS  
AT CONFERENCE OR BEFORE**

**POST VISE  
TOOL BOX  
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TREADLE HAMMER TOOLS  
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TONGS  
CHISEL SET  
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EMAIL ALLAN KRESS IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD**

**[akress@bellsouth.net](mailto:akress@bellsouth.net)  
Put AFC Tool Box in the subject line of your email**

**IRON IN THE HAT & AUCTION**

**CONFERENCE IS ONLY A MONTH AWAY .  
REMEMBER TO BRING SOMETHING NICE FOR  
IRON IN THE HAT AND FOR THE AUCTION.**

**HAND-MADE ITEMS ARE THE BEST.  
SHARE YOUR PIECES OF ART WITH THE GROUP.**

**WE HOPE TO OFFER MORE EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS IN 2016 AND NEED  
YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.**

**BRING ART.....BUY ART!**

## Tailgate Sale Tables

This year the conference will open on Thursday for tailgate sales. This day has been set aside for the buying and selling of tools and equipment at your leisure.

Special note: Unless you are selling directly from your camper please set up all sales tables in the designated area only (next to the Forge Pavilion). If you have any questions please contact Raymond Head for assistances. **This is for the privacy and safety of your fellow campers.**

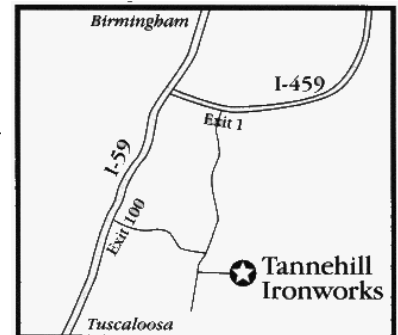
This year AFC will have a very limited amount of coal for sale in 50 pound bags. Pick yours up at Tannehill during the conference. Ask Judd Clem the price per bag. All of the proceeds going to our building fund. If you need coal get it while you can. It might be several years in the future before the AFC makes another bulk coal purchase.

## Registration

Gate entry will begin **Thursday (September 10<sup>th</sup>)** afternoon. Pre-registered attendees pay \$50 and **AFC membership is required;** AFC dues are \$25 per year and include 6 issues of the Bituminous Bits. **Registration at the conference will be \$60 plus membership for 3-days and \$35 plus membership for 1-day, per person. Again AFC membership is required** *Those attending the demonstrations or are setting up tailgate sales are required to pay the conference fee. Family members or temporary visitors need only sign the release and obtain a badge for TEMPORARY entry into the conference area. Family members, of a registered conference participant, attending family program classes only, are not required to pay the full conference fee. **If you take up space at a blacksmith demo you must pay the conference fee.***

## Location

Tannehill State Park is located approximately 25 miles southwest of Birmingham. Take Exit 100 from I-59/20, go east about 2 miles to the park or take Exit 1 from I-459, go south about 7 miles and the park entrance will be on your right. The conference will be held in Farley Field at the extreme northern end of the park.



The blacksmithing demonstrations will be in the Forge and the Vulcan Pavilions. Plenty of bleacher and chair seating are available. The family and children's programs will be held in nearby tents and pavilions.

## Lodging

### Camping

Campsites are available at the Tannehill Ironworks near the demonstration site on Mill Creek. Improved (water and electricity) sites, primitive camping and cabins are available. Check-in at the country store. For reservations and information, call the park at 205-477-5711 or

<http://www.tannehill.org> **Conference attendees are responsible for their own camping fee's**

### Hotels

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Best Western 5041 Academy Lane 205-481-1950	Wellesley Inn 11170 Will Walker Rd (205) 556-3606	Holiday Inn Express 5001 Academy Ln (205) 428-9972

## Schedule of Events

### Thursday Sept 10th

Registration & set-up ~ Set-up of all needed Equipment.

Tailgate Tool Sales (In designated sale area only)

**Family Program Classes: 1pm to 4pm Chain Mail Bracelet with Talon Gambee**

### Friday Sept. 11th Forge Pavilion

**8:30am to 12:00pm** Featured Demonstrator– Gordon Williams

**12:00pm to 1:00pm** Break For Lunch

**1:00pm to 4:00pm** Featured Demonstrator– Gordon Williams

### Friday Sept. 11th Vulcan Pavilion

**8:00am to 10:00 Am** AFC Featured Demonstrator - Jeff Mosley– Roycroft Copper Vase

**10:00am to 12:00pm** AFC Featured Demonstrator– Ben Ferguson– Ember Tongs

**12:00pm to 1:00pm** Break for Lunch

**1pm to 3:30pm** AFC Featured Demonstrator– Mark Haddix– Steel Magnolia

### Friday Sept. 11th Family Program Classes– Batson Pavilion

**8:30am to 11:30am** Chain Mail Bracelet– Talon Gambee

Bottle Cap Roses– Patricia Wynn

Green Coal – up to 8 students

**1:00pm to 4:00pm** Chain Mail Bracelet– Talon Gambee

Quilted Ornaments– Janet Witt

Bottle Cap Roses– Patricia Wynn

Green Coal – up to 8 students

**7:00 pm Friday Night Blast - Forging Contest—Nail Making—\$\$\$ WIN PRIZES!!**

### Saturday Sept. 12th Forge Pavilion

**8:30am to 12:00pm** Featured Demonstrator– Gordon Williams

**12:00pm to 1:00pm** Break For Lunch

**1:00pm to 3:30pm** Featured Demonstrator– Gordon Williams

### Saturday Sept. 12th Vulcan Pavilion

**8:00am to 10:00 Am** AFC Featured Demonstrator - Steve Alford– Belt Buckles

**10:00am to 12:00pm** AFC Featured Demonstrator– Jim Batson– Horse Head / Hand Engraving

**12:00pm to 1:00pm** Break for Lunch

**1pm to 3:30pm** AFC Featured Demonstrator– Clay Spencer– Tools on the Fly Press

### Saturday Sept. 12th Family Program Classes– Batson Pavilion

**8:30am to 11:30am** Chain Mail Bracelet– Talon Gambee

Quilted Ornaments– Janet Witt

Bottle Cap Roses– Patricia Wynn

Green Coal – up to 8 students

**1:00pm to 4:00pm** Chain Mail Bracelet– Talon Gambee

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## 4:00 Iron-In-The-Hat ~ Auction ~ Awards Ceremony

**7:00 PM** Playtime at the shop – Impromptu Demos and Open discussions about Blacksmithing.

**Board of Directors time to be announced. Check with Judd Clem or Mark Haddix about specifics.**

**Sunday Sept 13th 8:30am till done Steve Williamson—Moose Head Demonstration—Forge Pavilion**

We will then pack up and clean up the area Please stay and help out. Every hand will be appreciated!

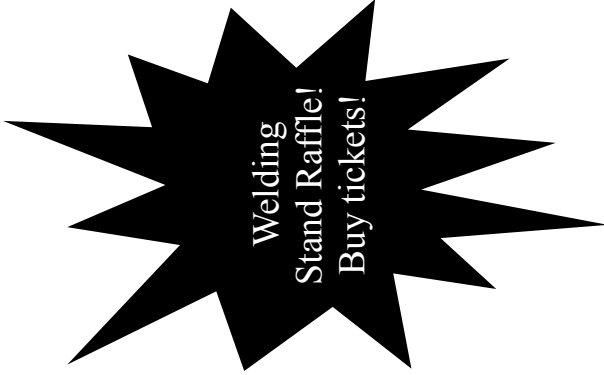
# September 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 2015

Please pre-register classes fill up quickly.  
 No shows will have their conference fee refunded minus any class fees.  
 Pre-registration must be received by August 23rd, 2015

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## Schedule of Fees

**All Weekend:** Member Advance = \$50 Onsite registration = \$60  
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**One Day Only:**  Fri.  Sat.  Sun.  
 Member Advance = \$30 Onsite registration = \$35  
 Non-Member Advance = \$55 Onsite registration = \$60 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Membership Renewal:** \_\_\_\_\_ Years \$25/yr \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday PM class**  
 Chain Mail Bracelet (\$28.) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Fri AM Classes** (Mark 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Choices in case your 1<sup>st</sup> choice is full)  
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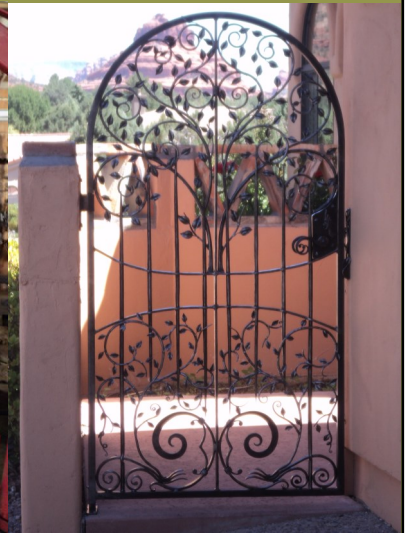
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ART OF DEMONSTRATOR  
GORDON WILLIAMS**



Oak tree with knots, leaves and acorns. A similar piece to be demonstrated at the AFC Conference.



Grapes, leaves and vines.  
A wine rack with a similar motif will be demonstrated at the AFC Conference.



Installing Gordon's railing commission at a Grand Canyon overlook.



Mustang purse rack. A similar one will be demonstrated at the AFC Conference



Indian arrow coat rack. A similar arrow piece will be demonstrated at the AFC Conference.



## 2015 AFC Conference Family Classes

### Talon Gambee— Chain Mail Jewelry

My name is Talon Gambee. I've been doing Copper Chain Mail jewelry for about 6 years and have been a part of the AFC since I can remember. I've always loved Copper work and have been trying my hand at some copper smithing and repose work. I hope to go much farther. My Mother and Father are Dianna and Jesse Gambee. We have been going to the AFC fall conference since 1999.

Students will be able to make one of two copper bracelets, a Byzantine or Queens chain. These chains are the foundation for almost every chain pattern. It's a great way to get into chain mail jewelry. I will give instruction and materials for both chains so you can make the second later if you wish. Tools will be supplied but if you want to bring your own pliers, feel free to do so (needle nose with no teeth are best).

10 students per class  
\$28.00 per student

Thursday afternoon 1:00pm—4:00pm  
Friday 8:30am-11:30am and 1:00pm— 4:00pm  
Saturday 8:30a—11:30am



### Janet Witt— Quilted ornaments

Hi my name is Janet Witt. My husband Robert and I now live in Cedar Bluff, Al. We retired 2 years ago and enjoy it a lot. I have always loved crafts of any kind.

The class I am teaching is called a quilted ornament. It is a no sew project. It is folded cloth on a Styrofoam ball. When finished it looks quilted. Class includes cloth, pins, ribbon and Styrofoam balls for 2 ornaments of your choice.

Limit of 6 per class. \$20.00 per class.

Classes will be:  
Friday 1:00pm—4:00pm  
Saturday 8:30am—11:30am

### Patricia Wynn—Bottle Cap Roses

I live in Brandon Mississippi. I am married to Blacksmith Lyle Wynn. We have been married for 30 years. We went to the LAMA conference last year and saw another blacksmith making bottle cap roses on the head of nails. He gave me one and I attempted to make them. After learning to make the rose on the nail head, I explored how to turn them into jewelry. I now assemble the rose on a pendant back then string them with leather and fresh water pearls. The rose can be designed with the natural color of the caps you use, or can be painted to the color you like.

Student will leave with a complete necklace. Caps, leather, pearls, clasp and a few colors of paint will be supplied.

Students need to bring 1 pair of notchers or tin snips.

Class cost \$30.00. Limit 8 per class.

Friday 8:30am—11:30am and 1pm—4pm  
Saturday 8:30am—11:30am



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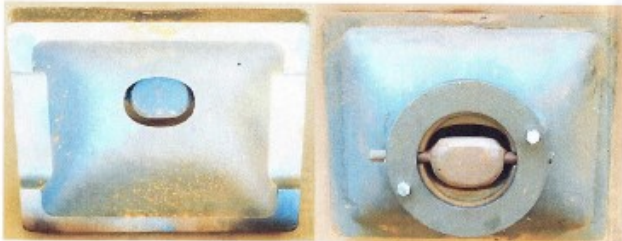
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Copper and steel magnolia made by Allan Kress. Mark Haddix will demonstrate a similar magnolia in steel at the 2015 AFC Conference.