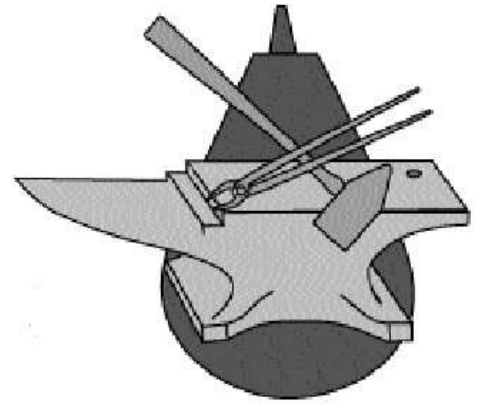


Alabama Forge Council



Proudly Presents The
32nd Annual AFC Blacksmithing Conference

September 7th 8th 9th & 10th 2017

Tannehill State Park
McCalla, AL

Featured Demonstrators

Jymm Hoffman

With

Steve Alford & Raymond Head

Family Activities

Show & Tell

Beginners Classes

Iron Art Auction

Iron-In-The-Hat and tool box drawing

Tailgate Sale Tables (In designated sale area only)

2017 Demonstrators

Jymm Hoffman

James A. (Jymm) Hoffman has a Bachelor's Degree in Museum Studies from Salem College, (now Salem-International University,) Salem, West Virginia, and has been a full time blacksmith from 1981 to 1988 and from 1990 to the present, specializing in museum quality reproductions and custom orders. Items range from cooking utensils and fireplace equipment to architectural hardware, lighting devices, and tools. He continued his business on a part time basis from 1988 to 1990, while working at Old Fort Niagara, Youngstown, New York, as the Interpretive Programs Manager. He was listed in the 1993 "200 Best Craftsmen" issue of *Early American Life*, and again in 1996, 1997, and 1998. In the June 2008 issue of "*Early American Life*," he was also one of the featured blacksmiths in the article "Handmade Nails."

(Jymm's demonstration will be at the Vulcan Pavilion.)

Steve Alford (PM demos)

I got started in blacksmithing in 2002 after reading "Tool Making for Woodworkers" by Ray Larsen. In my woodworking I always wanted more tools than I could afford, and the idea of making my own was attractive. Fifteen years later I've spent enough on metalworking tools to buy a LOT of woodworking planes, chisels, and so on, and do more blacksmithing than woodworking. In my first green coal class Harry Brock talked me through making a steak turner and a skew chisel.

This demonstration feels like coming full circle back to my start. I'll be making at least two or three woodworking tools, possibly an adze, a socket chisel, and a froe. I'm picking tools that will have interesting bits of forging, and then I'll grind and heat treat. I like to demonstrate things the way they can be done in a one-man shop without too many special tools.

(Steve's demonstration will be at the Forge Pavilion.)

Raymond Head (AM demo)

I started Blacksmithing in the mid 90's when a good friend and co-worker, Shannon Hogg took me to the Auburn Group's Forge located in Loachapoka. He took two Rail Road spikes out of the scrap bucket and made a set of tongs that were very usable. I was fascinated and hooked. I joined the Alabama Forge Council and started attending as many meetings of all of the Group's that I could get to. I am the

Current Conference Chairmen and the former President for the AFC.
I worked for 20+ years in the Aerospace Industry in the Materials & Process Engineering area directing destructive testing of composite materials, and for the past three years I have been working full time as a self-employed Blacksmith and machinist.

For the upcoming AFC demonstration I will be doing a Colonial style lamp shown to me by Bill Richardson. This project covers almost all aspects of Blacksmithing. I will also do a large Fredric's Cross and a tulip vase that I learned as a time filler in a past AFC sponsored workshop. If time allows I will also go into some of the tooling I have made to make things easier for me in my shop.

(Raymond's demonstration will be at the Forge Pavilion.)

Family Program

Pre-Registration is recommended! Classes will fill-up fast. Don't miss out.

The minimum age is 15 years; younger ONLY if accompanied by an adult. We are sorry for any inconvenience, but the adult must stay with the youth during the entire class.

Each class is limited to ensure personal attention.

All classes are beginner level with no experience needed or required!!!

Wire Wrapping Class - Instructor: Diane Bailey

Workshop Description Diane Bailey is a writer, speaker and stylist of sterling silver and 14 KT gold jewelry. She and her husband live in Montgomery, Alabama.

This class will teach you to wire wrap a pendant. Each kit contains 1 Cacochon (stone) and 6 ft. of sterling silver wire. Cost for each student is \$15.00. Each class is limited to SIX (6) students ONLY. Please register early! Students will need to bring-- visor or magnifying glasses, for close up work! Craft pliers and crafter wire cutters. All other misc. supplies will be furnished.

Please DO NOT bring your own stone to wrap, thank you.

Class Fee; \$15.00 per class

Copper Pencil Cup – Instructor: Jeff Mosley

Workshop Description This class will be a small pencil cup and an introduction to hammered copper texture! You will create texture on the copper using hammers, punches and chisels. You will also solder a bottom onto the cup and use various power tools to finish the project! Tools will be furnished, You MUST bring SAFETY GLASSES.

Cost for each student is \$40.00. Each class is limited to SIX (6) students ONLY. Register early

Class Fee; \$40 per class

Green Coal – The Phoenix City & Auburn Forges

The AFC has teaching stations available for hands-on instruction by accomplished blacksmiths. If you are just getting started in blacksmithing, here is your chance to learn the basics from some of the best the AFC has to offer. A specific curriculum has been set for the students.

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

Thursday 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Copper Pencil Cup Jeff Mosley

Friday 8:30 -11:30 am

Copper Pencil Cup Jeff Mosley & Wire Wrapping Class Diane Bailey & Green Coal

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Saturday 8:30 -11:30 am

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Saturday 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Green Coal

Friday Night Blast

Bring your hammer; Our Friday Nigh Blast contest will be nail making with an added challenge. The rules are simple. We will give you a rod and you will make as many USABLE nails as possible in a pre-set amount of time. I will explain the extra twist to the contest on the evening of the event. This will be a great time for all, please consider participating. Prizes will be awarded!!!

Thursday & Saturday Night entertainment

Mike Linn will be showing “The Devil’s Blacksmith” documentary DVD about the hinges of Notre Dame Thursday and Saturday nights. Check them out on Facebook.

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 YOU I.I.T.H. TICKETS**

If you cannot attend we welcome your donations. Please send them to:

Raymond Head – AFC - Auction

138 Cone Lane

Wetumpka, AL 36093

The AFC is in need of donations of tools for the Tool Box, please be generous!!!

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 THROUGH OUT YOUR TICKETS! SAVE THEM FOR THE DOOR PRIZE DRAWING DURING THE AUCTION**

Please send iron-in-the-hat donations (if you cannot attend) to:
Raymond Head – AFC - I I T H
138 Cone Lane
Wetumpka, AL 36093

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 sells tables in the designated area only. If you have any questions please contact Raymond Head for assistances.

This is for the privacy and safety of your fellow campers.

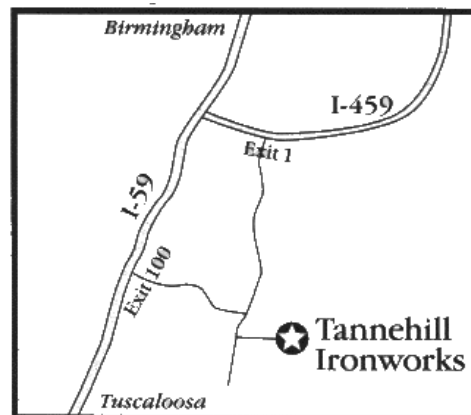
This year the AFC will have a very limited amount of coal for sale in 50 pound bags. The price will be \$17.00 per bag at the Park with all of the proceeds going to our building fund. If you need coal get it while you can. It might be several years in the future before the AFC makes another bulk coal Purchas.

Registration

Gate entry will begin **Wednesday (September 6th)** afternoon. Pre-registered attendees pay \$60 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 \$70 plus membership for 3-days and \$40 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 and go east about 2 miles to the park or take Exit 1 from I-459 and go south about 7 miles, 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

Tannehill is one of the premier camping sites in the state. 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

BE AWARE!

No Alcoholic Beverages are allowed at Tannehill Ironworks State Park

Hotels

Sleep Inn

1259 Greenmor Drive
AL-52 at exit 6 off I-459
205-424-0000

Best Western
5041 Academy Lane
Exit 108 off I-59/20
205-481-1950

Comfort Inn

5051 Academy Lane
Bessemer, AL 35022
(205) 428-3999

Wellesley Inn
11170 Will Walker Rd
Exit 89 I20/59
(205) 556-3606
(Across from Mercedes Plant)

Jameson Inn

5021 Academy Lane
Exit 108 off I-59/20
205-428-3194

Holiday Inn Express
5001 Academy Ln
Exit 108 off I-59/20
(205) 428-9972

For more information please contact: Raymond Head (e.m.forge@gmail.com)

Schedule of Events

Wednesday Sept 6th

Tail Gate Sales

Thursday Sept 7th

Registration & set-up

Tailgate Tool Sales (In designated sale area only)

1:00 to 4:00 PM

Copper Pencil Cup – Jeff Mosley (Class location TBA)

7:00 PM

Mike Linn will be showing “The Devil’s Blacksmith” documentary

Friday Sept. 8th

8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Featured Demonstrator – Raymond Head - Forge Pavilion

Featured Demonstrator - Jymm Hoffman - Vulcan Pavilion

Green Coal – up to 8 students

Wire Wrapping Class - Diane Bailey (Class location TBA)

Copper Pencil Cup – Jeff Mosley (Class location TBA)

Break for Lunch

12:30 to 4:00 pm

Featured Demonstrator – Steve Alford - Forge Pavilion

Featured Demonstrator - Jymm Hoffman - Vulcan Pavilion

Green Coal – up to 8 students

7:00 pm

Friday Night Blast - Forging Contest

Saturday Sept 9th

8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Featured Demonstrator – Raymond Head - Forge Pavilion

Featured Demonstrator - Jymm Hoffman - Vulcan Pavilion

Green Coal – up to 8 students

Wire Wrapping Class - Diane Bailey (Class location TBA)

Copper Pencil Cup – Jeff Mosley (Class location TBA)

Break for Lunch

Board of Directors meeting during lunch time Saturday (Forge Pavilion).

12:30 to 4:00 pm

Featured Demonstrator – Steve Alford - Forge Pavilion

Featured Demonstrator - Jymm Hoffman - Vulcan Pavilion

Green Coal – up to 8 students

4:30 Sharp

Iron-In-The-Hat – Auction - Awards Ceremony

7:00 PM

Mike Linn will be showing “The Devil’s Blacksmith” documentary

Sunday Sept 10th

8:30 Am Until

Featured Demonstrator Jymm Hoffman will be doing a Q&A with a Power point presentation of his work and Blacksmithing business.

Pack-up and clean-up the area **Please stay and help out.** Every hand will be appreciated!

Alabama Forge Council Tannehill 2017 Registration

September 7th 8th 9th & 10th 2017

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 Sept. 1, 2017

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____ - _____

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

Blacksmithing is inherently a dangerous activity. You are responsible for yourself and your visitors for using eye, ear, respiratory, and other personal protective equipment as required and safe work methods. The Alabama Forge Council, its officers, demonstrators, writers, editor and members disclaim all responsibility and/or liability for any damages, injuries or destruction of property as a result of any information published in the Bituminous Bits or demonstrated at conferences or meetings. Every effort is made to insure the accuracy and safety of the information provided, but use thereof is solely at the users own risk. By requesting or renewing membership or attendance at conferences or meetings, you are stating you agree with this release.

Additional Name Tags:

Mail This Form and Payment to:

Tannehill 2017
111 Yorkshire Drive
Athens, AL 35613
Or call card info to Judd Clem – 256-232-2645

Schedule of Fees

All Weekend: Member Advance = \$60 Onsite registration = \$70
Non-Member Advance = \$85 Onsite registration is \$95 \$ _____

One Day Only: Fri. Sat. Sun.
Member Advance = \$40 Onsite registration = \$45
Non-Member Advance = \$65 Onsite registration = \$70 \$ _____

Membership Renewal: _____ Years \$25/yr \$ _____
(Qty) (Attendee Names)

Thur. PM Classes
_____ Copper Cup (\$40) _____ \$ _____

Fri AM Classes (Mark 1st & 2nd Choices in case your 1st choice is full)
_____ Green Coal (\$10) _____ \$ _____
_____ Wire Wrapping Class (\$15) _____ \$ _____
_____ Copper Cup (\$40) _____ \$ _____

Fri PM Classes (Mark 1st & 2nd Choices in case your 1st choice is full)
_____ Green Coal (\$10) _____ \$ _____
_____ Wire Wrapping Class (\$15) _____ \$ _____

Sat AM Classes (Mark 1st & 2nd Choices in case your 1st choice is full)
_____ Green Coal (\$10) _____ \$ _____
_____ Wire Wrapping Class (\$15) _____ \$ _____

Sat PM Classes (Mark 1st & 2nd Choices in case your 1st choice is full)
_____ Green Coal (\$10) _____ \$ _____

Total Fees Paid ----- \$ _____
(Make Checks Payable to Alabama Forge Council)

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Signature: _____