



On the Anvil NEWSLETTER

PHILIP SIMMONS ARTIST BLACKSMITH GUILD

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From the President's Anvil:

August 2014



While several of us were in Delaware, Walt Beard was the demonstrator for our meeting in Camden, he demonstrated flowers and did a very good job. He is a recent scholarship recipient and went to JC Campbell Folk School to sharpen his blacksmith skills. Ray did a fine job of hosting even though he had to wait for the chickens to be slaughtered at a couple of the places he tried to get enough to feed everyone.

Joanna noted how you're your attendance added to the commemoration of the Battle of Camden

Remembrance Day, She and Historic Camden appreciate everyone's continued support. Joanna said that HC is so proud to have a blacksmith interpretive center designed and supported by the talents of our members. Every visiting school group starts their tour of our site there and gain new awareness and appreciation of the colonial blacksmith.....and the able smiths of today! She hopes you will come on November 1-2 for this year's 44th annual Revolutionary War Field Days

The Iron in the Hat was a success taking in \$630.00 with many excellent hand forged tools, knives, forged flowers, and even blueberry cobbler the list goes on. By the looks of the items descriptions, you got some good deals! At least it wasn't hot. Ah, Camden in August! Thank you one and all for your generosity in both the giving and the donating of your iron. Don't forget, these donations to IITH provide the money to keep us operating and opportunities for us to learn and grow as a blacksmith teaching Guild.

There were about 50 people in attendance with five new members signed up. They are: Benjamin and Richard Sloop; Todd Elder; Steve Allen; and Payne Anne Chassen. Welcome!

I am sad to report that Donald Shively, our member from Abbeville, passed away Aug. 22. Please keep Donald's family in your thoughts and prayers in the coming days and weeks.

Eddie Rainy made the vise pictured on Page 4. He is offering a class in which you will make one at Tannyhill, Alabama in the spring. Contact Barry for Eddie's info. Thanks, Jesse

Iron in the Hat

Item	Donated By	Won By
Hammer Head	Mike Tucker	Peter Meuller
Hammer Head	Mike Tucker	Braxton Braezel
Knife	Mike Tucker	Phil Rosche
Candle Holder	Jerry Fowler	Sid Singleton
Two Forged Hooks	Maci and Marvick	Gerald Alsbrook
Knife Kit	Phil Rosche	Todd Elder
Pick-up Tongs	Phil Rosche	Jamie Stevens
Flatbar Tongs	Phil Rosche	Meck Hartfield
Dry Fly	Ed Sylvester	Chuck Baldwin
Damascus Knife	Meck Hartfield	Joe Marsh
Beeswax	Joe Holladay	Pam Etheridge
Beeswax	Joe Holladay	Travis Ferrell
Tulip Arrangement Sculpture	Walt Beard	Chuck Baldwin
Horseshoer's Rasp	Cary Eppes	Ed Sylvester
Tie Down Strap	Jody Durham	Ed Sylvester
Shine Stein	Tony Etheridge	Gerald Alsbrook
Spring	Johnny Marks	Harry Wiggins
Hoe Cake Turner	Bill Creek	Ed Berry
Plant Holder	Charles Meyer	Gerald Alsbrook
Monkey Wrench	Joe Marsh	Todd Elder
Box o' Iron	Joe Marsh	Sid Singleton
Carved Wizard	Duane Hansen	Gerald Alsbrook
Box o' Exotic Wood	Jerry Green	Tony Etheridge
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Welding Book	Steve Mungo	Charles Meyer

Item	Donated By	Won By
Blow Dryer	Steve Mungo	Goodwill
Herb Lantern	Gerald Alsbrook	Harry Wiggins
Steel Blue and Asset	Jerry Green	Harry Wiggins
Railroad Spikes	Jim Pender	Jesse Anderson
Forever Rose	Jason H Anderson	Duke Baxter
Spring and Rod	Duke Baxter	Tony Etheridge
Pearl Earrings	Jamie Stevens	Harry Wiggins
Sterling Ring	Jamie Stevens	Charles Meyer
Sterling Bracelet	Jamie Stevens	Jerry Fowler
Misc. Metal Stuff	Jamie Stevens	Todd Elder
Misc. Metal Stuff	Jamie Stevens	Chuck Baldwin
Misc. Metal Stuff	Jamie Stevens	Charles Meyer
Misc. Metal Stuff	Jamie Stevens	Jason Jaco
Misc. Metal Stuff	Jamie Stevens	Jesse Anderson
Misc. Metal Stuff	Jamie Stevens	Pam Etheridge
Blueberry Cobbler	Karen Wiggins	Ed Berry
Blueberry Cobbler	Karen Wiggins	Tony Etheridge
Rivet Tool	Peter Mueller	Ed Sylvester
Inline Air Shear	Peter Mueller	Ed Sylvester
Twisted Leaf Bottle Opener	Jason Jaco	Ed Sylvester
Cross and Black Kit	Jason Jaco	Joe Marsh
Old Steak Knives	Jason Jaco	Harry Wiggins
Monkey Wrench	Chuck Baldwin	Travis Ferrell
Wrought Iron from England	Chuck Baldwin	Joe Marsh

Project for the Madison Conference!!!!

You are not overwhelming me with ideas! No, really, how do you think we should put the blacksmith related sayings on the panel?

Alright, I will give you the benefit of the doubt. You didn't read last month's newsletter, so I will recap: For the Madison project next year, the committee has decided on the theme, Blacksmith Phrases in our Language. For example, "strike while the iron is hot" or "it is a poor smith who can't stand the smoke." Okay, they are not all winners...Anyway, these sayings – and we have found 140 so far, will be put on metal and mounted on a frame. Each participating group will be assigned an equal number for their Guild to produce. Now, the part about thinking: how will all these sayings be imparted to the metal – chased, stamped, other (?), and what will they look like. And, who amongst you wants to head up the forging of the frame and Guild logo on which our sayings will be hung?

For Sale:

- **Fire Bricks – Brand New, Industrial Grade. \$1 ea. Ed Sylvester 803.414.2487**
- **Hosfield Bender**, with extension bender and 20 attachments on a nice stand \$900.00. **Sewell coal** for sale. 135# for \$45, Layne Law 843-333-9964
- **Blacksmith Classes:** John Boyd Smith is offering an instructional blacksmithing program at his smithy near Spartanburg. John is internationally known for his realism in forged steel. Call 912-655-9448, email flemingsmith@aol.com, or website JohnBoydSmith.com.
- **Tire Hammer Plans:** Send check/money order for \$30 to Clay Spencer, 73 Penniston Pvt. Drive, Somerville, AL 35670-7013. Includes postage to US and Canadian addresses. Other countries e-mail clay@tirehammer.com for price. 256-558-3658. Tire Hammers for sale contact me for current price. Also, **Beverly Shear Blades Sharpened**, \$41 includes return shipping in US. Remove blades and ship to address above. Extra cost for deep nicks or blades sharpened at wrong angles.
- **Big Chuck o' Iron.** 8"x8"x56" 900+ lbs. mass for anvil, treadle hammer, or tire hammer. Price reduced! \$250 Jeff Hatfield 864-216-3707

Donald Shively

Our member, Donald H. Shively, 77, of Abbeville, SC passed away on August 22. Donald was a quiet man, unlike many of the rest of us, so you may not remember him. He mainly made the June meeting, but he did come to the Living History Park for some of our reenactments. He hosted a meeting at his shop at which I demonstrated. He was a very supportive member and good smith.

He retired to Abbeville in 2005. Besides being one of our members, he was a member of the Mid-Atlantic Smiths Association. His hobbies, other than blacksmithing, were woodworking, and gardening. Donald is survived by his wife of 54 years Nancy Lee Durham Shively and two daughters.

Jamie took this picture of Donald enjoying one of our demonstrations...Donald, we will miss you. The Guild made a donation in Donald's name to Hospice Care of the Piedmont.

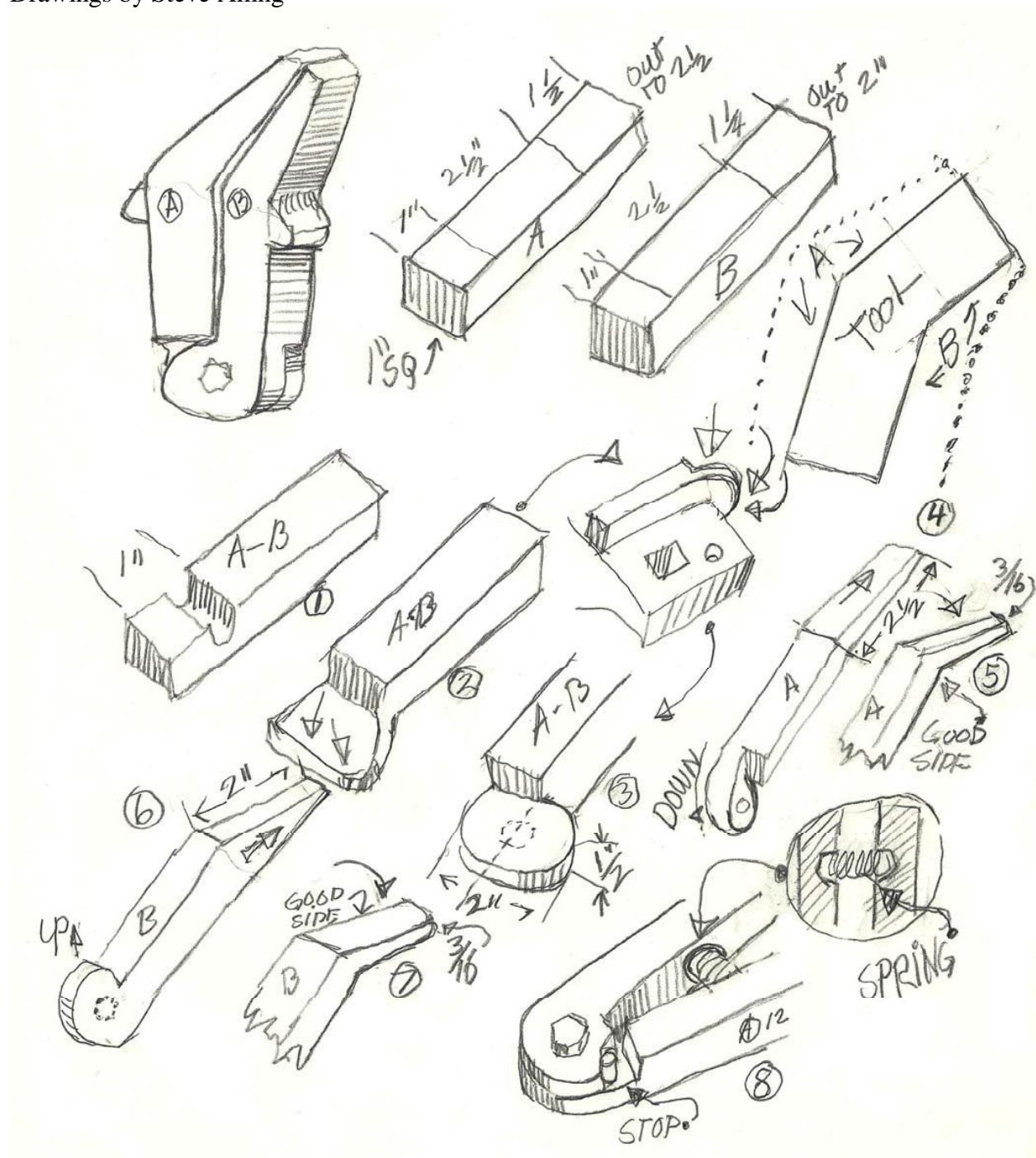
The ABANA Conference was very good. There were good demos and great examples of the smiths' work. We were represented by Jesse, Mike DuBois, Clay Spencer, John Tanner, Ryan Calloway and me. Clay, Ryan and I brought wives and Ryan also brought his son. Sorry, John, guess I didn't get a pic of you. Some of these people are such artists! They are good blacksmiths too! So many of the blacksmiths are really creative! It does one good to be in such company. The next Conference is in Salt Lake City. That one may be harder to get to Following are some of the pics I took. Barry

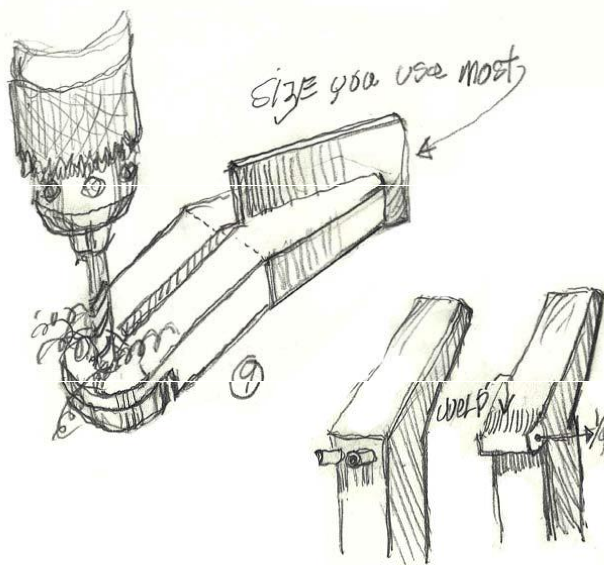




Filing Vise

Drawings by Steve Alling





Possible collaring vise?

This is an excerpt from The Upsetter Newsletter of the Michigan Artist Blacksmith's Association, the rest of the article was a photo of a myriad of different vises and vise-held tools from Otto Schmirler's blacksmith shop museum in Vienna Austria.

Here are a couple of others of which I have found pictures. Barry



Here is an antique that went for an exorbitant price on eBay.



Here is one that Shel Browder made and uses as a rivet header for two sizes of rivets as shown on the right. Don't forget the vise spacer to preserve your vise's alignment!



Another of Shel's vise tools for holding items not to be marred while being filed.

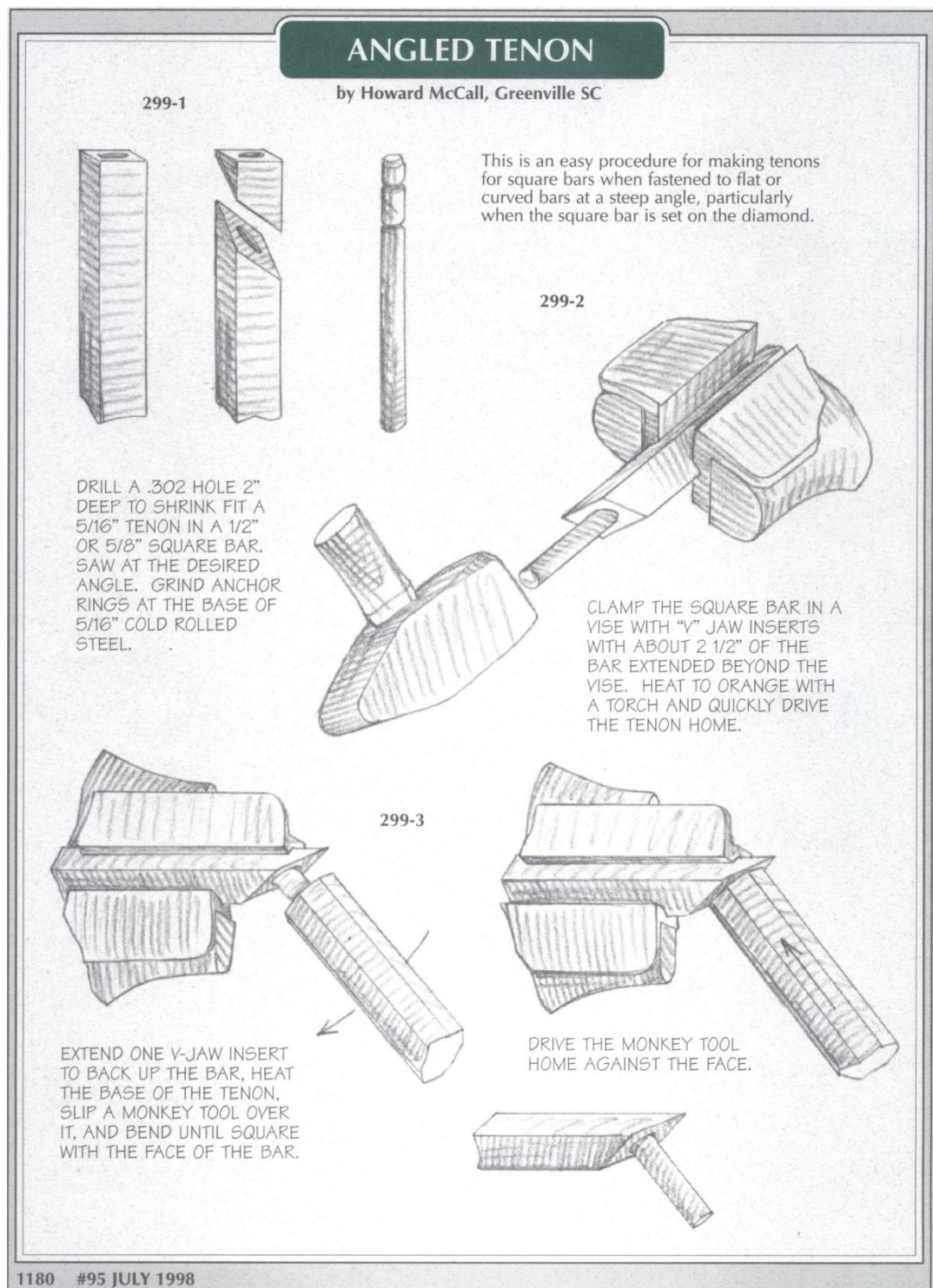


A Shel Browder holder (wooden) that albeit somewhat less sophisticated also prevents marring.



This was the project of the Patient Order of Meticulous Metalsmiths (POMM)

I got a call the other day about angled tenons. This is the only workable write-up I recalled. It is by our own Howard McCall! He wrote and submitted it to the Blacksmith Journal, which graciously allows the reprinting of their articles. Since then, Mark Aspery told us that he bends the bar to the correct angle and uses his guillotine tool to shape the tenon. He shows it in his third book, *Mastering the Fundamentals of Joinery* which we bought for the Guild Library. Check it out!



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Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

email: _____ Sponsor _____

Dues are \$15.00 per person/family, per year. Please remit to:

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I acknowledge that blacksmithing and related activities are inherently dangerous and involve risks and dangers to participants and spectators that may result in serious injury or death. I have considered these risks and I knowingly assume them. I agree that I am responsible for my own safety during Guild events, including wearing appropriate clothing and protective gear and remaining a safe distance from all dangerous activities. I agree to hold Philip Simmons Artist Blacksmith Guild and guest demonstrators of our craft harmless from liability and expenses arising from my actions and/or omissions.

When was the last time you paid dues?

There is a note below your address on the last page of our newsletters.

It will say something like...

“Dues Last Paid – 2013” or “Dues for 2014 are due”

This note is updated for each newsletter. We appreciate your prompt payments.

October 25, 2014

Our hosts: Jeff and Tammy Hatfield

800 Waddell Rd, Woodruff, SC 29388

864-476-7477 864-216-3707

Bring something nice, maybe something you've forged for Iron-in-the-hat and a side or dessert

From the North: Take I-26 to hwy 221 towards Woodruff, go to fourth paved road to the right across from golf course - Waddell Rd , go 1.5 miles to two story white house w/ green roof on right with blacksmiths all around the place.

From the South: I-85 to Hwy 101 across from BMW towards Woodruff. Go approx. 10 -12 miles turn left on Wofford Rd next to Woodruff Chevrolet, go to end of road and turn right on Waddell Rd, go one mile on left with the same blacksmiths as mentioned above.

The December meeting will be at the Old Edgefield Blacksmith's Shop in Edgefield, SC on the 13th. I didn't know Jamie was all that old...