



Philip Simmons Artist Blacksmith Guild

New Member Information Sheet

The Guild is named after the famous Charleston Blacksmith, Philip Simmons. The Guild was founded in late 1994 as a chapter of the international organization – **Artist Blacksmith Association of North América (ABANA)**. Today our Guild has over 150 members located in South Carolina and surrounding states.

The Philip Simmons Artist Blacksmith Guild (PSABG) is organized exclusively for educational purposes. The Guild is established as an IRS 501(c)(3) organization. Our objectives are to:

- Encourage and facilitate training of aspiring smiths
- Provide information about sources of materials and equipment
- Expose the art of blacksmithing to the public
- Serve as a center of information about blacksmithing for architects, designers, other interested groups, and the general public

Membership is open to any person, firm, or corporation engaged in blacksmithing as a profession, advocacy, or for general interest, Membership can be Individual or Family residing at the same address. Membership Dues are \$15.00 per calendar year (due in January by mail or not later than February meeting paid in person. Cash, check, or money order). Spouses, children, and pets are welcome to attend and enjoy our meetings and fellowship.

We have six Regular Meetings annually. They are held at various locations across the state, usually on the second Saturday of the month. Although dates and location may vary, we typically meet in February at L.W. Paul Living History Farm in Conway, April at Magnolia Gardens in Charleston, June at Roger and Gail Marcengill Shop in Westminster, August at Camden Historic Site in Camden, October and December meeting's location will vary.

Meetings start at 10:00 AM and usually finish up no later than 3:00 PM. A typical meeting agenda is:

- Blacksmith Demonstration
- Lunch (bring a side dish or desert if you like, Host will provide entrée, condiments, drinks, and ice. Donations are accepted to help cover costs.
- General Business Meeting and announcements
- Iron-in-the-Hat fund raising raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 each...buy as many as you want. Bring something forged, raw materials, anything that will be of interest to our members to put on the table.

In the months in between regular meetings, we publish a Newsletter that you will receive by USPS mail. It will contain how-to articles, tips and techniques, announcement of the next meeting, and a classified section.

We have a training classes taught by a well-known smith or a Guild Member and Hammer-in Events. Check the newsletter or the website for announcements.

The Guild website, [Home: PSABG](#), contains information about the Guild, Upcoming Events, Contact Us, Copies of Newsletters, Officers, and more. Visit our site to stay up to date. We are a Chapter of **Artist Blacksmith Association of North America (ABANA)**. Visit their website, [ABANA.org](#), for more resources and consider joining to continue supporting the craft.

As a new member you are entitled to one free Guild Lapel Pin...ask the Secretary/Treasurer

Additional Pins, Hats and T shirts are also available for purchase.

Welcome to the Guild..enjoy, learn, and have fun. If you have a question, ask it somebody will know the answer.

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