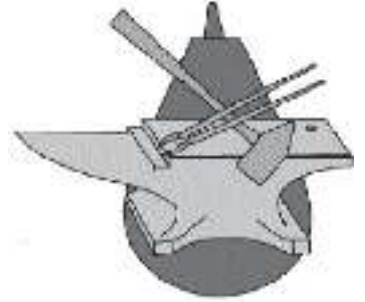


Alabama Forge Council



Proudly presents our

34th Annual AFC Blacksmithing Conference

September 5, 6, 7, and 8, 2019

Tannehill State Park
McCalla, Alabama

With Featured Demonstrators

Travis Fleming

and

John Perilloux

And a Special Sunday Demo by John Crawford

Family Activities

Show and Tell

Green Coal (Beginners) Classes

Iron Art Auction

Iron-In-The-Hat and Tool Box Drawings

Tailgate Sales in designated sale area

Demonstrator Bios

Travis Fleming

Travis has been a full-time blacksmith since 2009. He started welding in high school and opened his own fab shop in 1985. In 1994 he attended a meeting of the Huntsville Forge chapter of the AFC and became intrigued with the movement of the red hot metal. Mike Dowell and Bill Richardson became his teachers and mentors and he soon started incorporating forging into the work at his fab shop. Today almost all of the work at his shop in Athens, Alabama comes from commissions.

From that beginning in 1994 and still today Travis always strives to learn more and improve his skills. He gives credit to so many blacksmiths for sharing and helping over the years - too many to list here.

List of demonstrations:

1. Yellin element
2. 12-inch copper charger with acid etching
3. Other Gothic elements
4. Pass through work, time permitting

(Travis' demonstration will be at the Vulcan Pavilion.)

John Perilloux

John has been a full-time blacksmith since 1993 and resides in Robert, Louisiana. His focus over the years has been creating fine interior forged steel furniture, sculpture and architectural work in a non-traditional style that was botanical in form. In more recent years he has incorporated more traditional joinery into his contemporary furniture. He has also ventured into historical restoration projects involving many of Louisiana's historic homes, plantations and buildings.

He has taught private and group blacksmithing classes for many years in his home shop as well as through Southeastern Louisiana University. He is currently building a separate facility dedicated to teaching blacksmithing and other metal related crafts and anticipates completion by the end of 2019.

John is a past president of the Louisiana Metalsmiths Association and is a current board member of the Gulf Coast Blacksmith's Association (GCBA). He currently hosts most of the monthly GCBA meetings.

List of Demonstrations:

1. Forging strap hinges and the use of jigs and specialized tooling to make the process more efficient.
2. Steel pipe forging techniques on the anvil as well as on the power hammer
3. Forging various botanical forms such as leaves and flowers and using them to create a small sculpture.

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

Family Program

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

Minimum age is 16; younger only if accompanied by an adult. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but the adult must remain with the youth during the entire class.

Class size is limited to ensure personal attention.

All classes are beginner level with no experience required!

Edd and Donya Harbin - Rings from Coins

Participants will learn how to make a ring out of a quarter. This is a beginner level class where students will be given a demonstration of the basic steps of coin ring making using specialized tools and dies. After the demonstration each student will use the tools and dies to make a ring out of a regular circulation quarter. Students may bring coins with them, and time permitting, they may make additional rings.

Class & Material fee is \$30 per student. Class size is limited to 8 students per class. This 3 hour class is available Friday morning and afternoon and Saturday morning.

Mike Linn - Native American Mandala / Dream Catcher

This class will teach you how to create a traditional Plains Indian Dream Catcher paired with an interpretation of their mandala. Combine natural materials and glass beads to create your own version of this well-known icon of the American west. Instructor: Mike Linn has been a member of the AFC since 1993. His previous hobbies included participation in 1830s mountain man reenactments and rendezvous where he learned leatherwork and Native American crafts.

Class and material fee is \$20/student. Class size is limited to 12 students per class. This class is available Friday morning and Saturday morning.

Green Coal with Tony Holliday

Teaching stations will be available for hands-on instruction by accomplished blacksmith AFC founding member Tony Holliday. If you are just getting started in blacksmithing, here is your chance to learn the basics from one of the best the AFC has to offer. A specific curriculum has been set for the students.

Class fee \$15 per student. Class size limited to 6 students. A specific area will be set aside for this class. This class is available Friday morning, Friday afternoon, and Saturday morning.

Friday Night Blast Forging Competition

Bring your hammer! Our Friday Night Blast contest will be nail making with an added challenge.

We will give you a rod and you will make as many USABLE nails as possible in a pre-set amount of time.

Conference organizer Raymond Head 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!!

Schedule of Events

Wednesday Sept 4th

Tail Gate Sales

Thursday Sept 5th

Registration & set-up

Tailgate Tool Sales (In designated sale area only)

1:00 to 4:00 PM

Conference set up (Volunteers greatly Appreciated)

6:00PM

AFC cookout at the Stewart House. All Attendees invited

Friday Sept. 6th

8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Featured Demonstrator – John Perilloux - Forge Pavilion

Featured Demonstrator - Travis Fleming - Vulcan Pavilion

Dream Catcher – Mike Linn (Class location TBA)

Coin Ring Making – Edd and Donya Harbin (Class location TBA)

Green Coal – up to 6 students

Break for Lunch

12:30 to 4:00 pm

Featured Demonstrator – John Perilloux - Forge Pavilion

Featured Demonstrator - Travis Fleming - Vulcan Pavilion

Coin Ring Making – Edd and Donya Harbin (Class location TBA)

Green Coal – up to 6 students

7:00 pm

Friday Night Blast - Forging Contest

Saturday Sept 7th

8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Featured Demonstrator – John Perilloux - Forge Pavilion

Featured Demonstrator - Travis Fleming - Vulcan Pavilion

Dream Catcher – Mike Linn (Class location TBA)

Coin Ring Making – Edd and Donya Harbin (Class location TBA)

Green Coal – up to 6 students

Break for Lunch

Board of Directors meeting during lunch time Saturday (class room).

12:30 to 4:00 pm

Featured Demonstrator – John Perilloux - Forge Pavilion

Featured Demonstrator - Travis Fleming - Vulcan Pavilion

4:30 Sharp

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

Sunday Sept 8th

8:30 Am Until

Special guest Demonstrator John Crawford from Pontotoc MS will be doing demonstrating his world famous (or at least in the Southeast) Coffee dipping spoon.

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

Alabama Forge Council Tannehill 2019 Registration

September 5th 6th 7th & 8th 2019

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 31, 2019

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE (____) _____ - _____ DATE _____
 SIGNED _____

Blacksmithing is inherently a dangerous activity. You are responsible for yourself and your visitors using eye, ear, respiratory, and other protective equipment as required and the use of safe work methods. The Alabama Forge Council, its officers, demonstrators, writers, editor and members specifically disclaim all responsibility 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, meetings, classes, or workshops. Every effort is made to insure the accuracy and safety of the information provided, but use thereof is solely at the user's own risk. By requesting or renewing membership you are stating you agree with this release. Insurance requirements dictate that members of the AFC be at least 19 years old. Parents of children under the age of 19 are encouraged to join the AFC and attend the conference and meetings with close supervision of their children.

Additional Name Tags: _____

Mail This Form and Payment to:
 Tannehill 2017
 111 Yorkshire Drive
 Athens, AL 35613
 Or call Credit 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) \$ _____

Fri AM Classes (Mark 1st & 2nd Choices in case your 1st choice is full)
 _____ Green Coal (\$15) \$ _____
 _____ Dream Catcher (\$20) \$ _____
 _____ Coin Ring (\$30) \$ _____

Fri PM Classes (Mark 1st & 2nd Choices in case your 1st choice is full)
 _____ Green Coal (\$15) \$ _____
 _____ Coin Ring (\$30) \$ _____

Sat AM Classes (Mark 1st & 2nd Choices in case your 1st choice is full)
 _____ Green Coal (\$15) \$ _____
 _____ Dream Catcher (\$20) \$ _____
 _____ Coin Ring (\$30) \$ _____

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

If Paying by Credit Card: _____ Visa _____ MasterCard
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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, so bid generously. **This year we will also give out door prizes during the Auction. KEEP YOUR I.I.T.H. TICKETS**

Iron-In-The-Hat and Tool Box Drawings

This year the AFC will be conducting Iron-In-The-Hat and Tool Box drawings to help raise funds for our educational programs. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 25 for \$20 and 150 for \$100. A drawing will be held for donated items 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**

If you have items but cannot attend, please send items for the auction, iron-in-the-hat, or toolbox to:
Raymond Head – AFC
138 Cone Lane
Wetumpka, AL 36093

Please indicate whether the items are intended for the auction, iron-in-the-hat, or toolbox.

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. If you have any questions please contact Raymond Head for assistance.

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

Coal for Sale!

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 before the AFC makes another bulk coal Purchase.

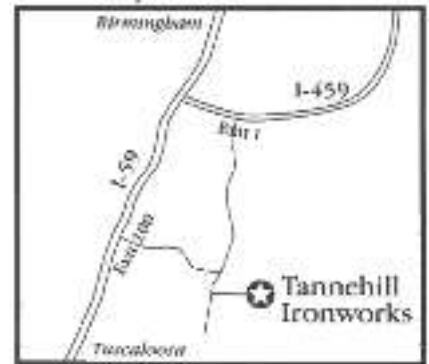
Registration

Gate entry will begin **Wednesday afternoon, September 4th**. 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.** Anyone 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 left. 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 fees.

BE ADVISED: 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 of I-59/20
205-481-1950

Comfort Inn
5051 Academy Lane
Exit 108 off I-59/20
205-428-3999

Wellesley Inn
11170 Will Walker Road
Exit 89 off I-20/59
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 Lane
Exit 108 off I-59/20
205-428-9972