

**Now and Then**  
Newsletter of the Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith Guild  
**October 2018**

<b>Inside:</b> <b>Club Information</b> <b>Meeting Notes</b> <b>General Information</b> <b>Items of Interest</b>	<b>Editor's Note:</b> 2019 SVBG Board of Directors will be voted on at our December 13th SVBG Monthly Meeting. This is a note to say this may be my last SVBG <i>Now and Then</i> Newsletter and if so, Goodbye (okay, did anyone else just hear strains of music from “The Sound of Music?”). I have enjoyed lots about this position and also been frustrated lots about this position. To those Blacksmith Guilds we share our newsletter with, I will pass your email addresses on to the next editor. I will keep my email address listed below for my blacksmith friends that would like to keep in touch with me. Thanks Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith Guild for allowing me to be a part of our history. <div style="text-align: right;">SusanPlank.svbgeditor@gmail.com</div>
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**Club Information**

**2018 SVBG Board of Directors**

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**More information on the Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith Guild can be found at these locations:**

The Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith Guild website can be located on the internet at  
<http://svbg.squarespace.com>

and

On Facebook, like us at Shenandoah Valley Blacksmithing Guild

<b>Club Information - Continued</b>
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<b>2018 Calendar of Events</b>
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**Have already happened:**

January	<u>11th Monthly Meeting</u> - at Lanny Campbell's Shop - Lanny demonstrated things to make with iron pipe
February	<u>8th Monthly Meeting</u> - at Burkholder Buggy Shop - Everette and Daniel Burkholder demonstrated making a buggy wheel <u>24th Boone Pasture Party</u> - canceled
March	<u>8th Monthly Meeting</u> - at Al McDorman's Shop - Al demonstrated different types of twists, mainly pineapple twists, using forms of metals to do them <u>30th &amp; 31st - Greater Shenandoah Valley Knife Show</u> at Rockingham County Fairgrounds
April	<u>1st - Greater Shenandoah Valley Knife Show</u> continued <u>12th Monthly Meeting</u> - at Burkholder Buggy Shop - Dirk Gold demonstrated how to make a fireplace trammel <u>20th, 21st &amp; 22nd</u> - Blacksmith Guild of the Potomac Spring Fling at the Fredrick County Fairgrounds located at 155 Fairgrounds Road in Clear Brook, VA 22624. Demonstrators - Peter Ross, retired Master Blacksmith from Colonial Williamsburg; Richard Sullivan, Master Gunsmith from Colonial Williamsburg; and crucible steel melt by Joshua Fikentscher
May	<u>10th Monthly Meeting</u> - at Bill Fox's Shop - Bill demonstrated a decorative corner <u>18th Blacksmith Guild of Central Maryland 30th Annual Blacksmith Days</u> - setup, potluck dinner and social time <u>19th &amp; 20th Blacksmith Guild of Central Maryland 30th Annual Blacksmith Days</u> at the Carroll County Farm Museum located in Westminster, MD. Demonstrators - Ken Schwarz, Master Blacksmith from Colonial Williamsburg and Randy McDaniel
June	<u>14th Monthly Meeting</u> - at Burkholder Buggy Shop - Beginner/Mentor Night - demonstrators 1. Matt Williams demonstrated hook making 2. Jim Oates demonstrated hook making 3. Al McDorman mentored making a poor man's rose <u>27th, 28th, 29th &amp; 30th - ABANA</u> "Learning from the Past, Forging to the Future" Conference at The Meadow Event Park in Doswell, Virginia 23047
July	<u>12th Monthly Meeting</u> - at Drew Alexander's Shop - Drew demonstrated forging a leaf
August	<u>9th Monthly Meeting</u> - at Tom Harris' Shop - Tom demonstrated casting aluminum <u>14th through 19th - Rockingham County Fair</u>
September	<u>13th Monthly Meeting</u> - No Monthly Meeting <u>22nd - SVBG Work Day Picnic</u> at Al McDorman's Shop - project worked on was a grill designed and demonstrated by Lanny Campbell

**Still to look forward to:**

October	<u>5th &amp; 6th - Mennonite Relief Sale</u> at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds <u>6th - Dayton Days</u> <u>11th Monthly Meeting</u> - at Lanny Campbell's Shop located at located at 8000 Ivy Street in Waynesboro, VA 22983 with Lanny Campbell demonstrating ?
November	<u>8th Monthly Meeting</u> - at James Spurgeon's Shop located at 2267 Lee Jackson Highway in Mint Spring, VA 22815 with James demonstrating ?
December	<u>13th Monthly Meeting</u> - Fair-well meeting at the Burkholder Buggy Shop located at 795 Mason Street in Dayton, VA 22821 with Ray Plank demonstrating a meat fork

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January	<u>10th Monthly Meeting</u> - at Bill Fox's Shop located at 4263 Eastside Highway in Grottoes, VA 24441 with Keith Whipple demonstrating ?
February	<u>14th Monthly Meeting</u> - Barney Fifer's Shop located at 12712 Port Republic Road in Grottoes, VA 24441 with _____ demonstrating ?  <u>23rd Boone Pasture Party</u> - held in Louisa, Virginia
March	<u>14th Monthly Meeting</u> -  <u>29th, 30th - Greater Shenandoah Valley Knife Show</u> held at Rockingham County Fairgrounds
April	<u>1st - Greater Shenandoah Valley Knife Show</u> - continues  <u>11th Monthly Meeting</u> -  <u>19th, 20th &amp; 21st Blacksmith Guild of the Potomac Spring Fling</u> -
May	<u>9th Monthly Meeting</u> -  <u>18th &amp; 19th Blacksmith Guild of Central Maryland Blacksmith Days</u> -
June	<u>13th Monthly Meeting</u> -
July	<u>11th Monthly Meeting</u> -
August	<u>8th Monthly Meeting</u> -  <u>13th through 17th Rockingham County Fair</u> -
September	<u>12th Monthly Meeting</u> -
October	<u>possibly 4th &amp; 5th Mennonite Relief Sale</u> held at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds  <u>10th Monthly Meeting</u> -
November	<u>14th Monthly Meeting</u> -
December	<u>12th Monthly Meeting</u> -

To be decided later -

SVBG Annual Picnic...date, location and demonstrator

**Club Information - Continued**

**Reminder - voting on new 2019 SVBG officers in December**

Be thinking about what Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith Guild Board of Directors position you would like to try in 2019. We will be voting on our new 2019 Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith Guild officers at the December 13, 2018 SVBG Monthly Meeting. If you have questions on what each job entails, contact the current officer to find out or read it for yourself by checking out our [SVBG Guidelines](#) booklet from our SVBG Library. If you do not know who our current officers are or need contact information for them, that information can also be found on page 1 of this newsletter. Just bringing that to your attention in case you skimmed over that page to get to the good stuff!

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**Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith's Guild Mission Statement:**

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| <b>* Preserve traditional blacksmith and metalworking skills through educational offerings to its members and the community at large.</b>  |
| <b>* Serve as a clearinghouse for information, techniques, tools, and training programs for any individual interested in hot-worked metals.</b>  |
| <b>* Facilitate educational opportunities and demonstrations for the general public, especially area children.</b>   |
| <b>* Share practical skills experiences and techniques with beginner and experienced blacksmiths alike.</b>  |
| <b>* Provide a forum for creative problem solving of metalworking issues as well as stimulate and inspire burgeoning smiths.</b>   |
| <b>* Provide these services to all who share an interest in blacksmithing regardless of sex, race, age, religious beliefs, national origin, or level of blacksmithing knowledge or experience.</b> |
| <b>* Show and compare completed work or get suggestions on work in progress.</b>   |



## Meeting Notes

## March 8, 2018 SVBG Monthly Meeting in pictures

## Meeting held at Al McDorman's Shop with Al demonstrating mainly pineapple twists

pictures by Dirk Gold



Tom Harris, Alfred Meyer,  
Ryan Stoltzfus, Dewey Baker  
& Karen Robertson



John Miller, Lanny Campbell,  
Ray Plank, Bill Fox, Buster  
Lovegrove, unknown male,  
Marty Miller and in front -  
Dorman Wyant



unknown male, Marty Miller, in  
front of Marty - Dorman Wyant,  
Drew Alexander, Frank Habay,  
Randy Hoffman, Chuck May,  
Rudy Dean, Al McDorman



SVBG members' items



Drew Alexander telling about  
his serving spoon



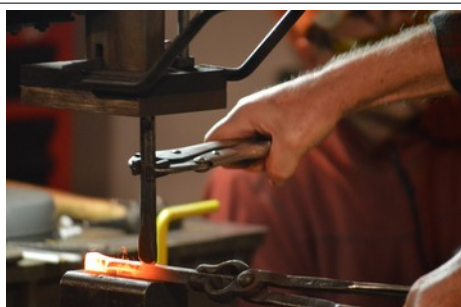
More SVBG members' items



Al demonstrated different types of  
twists, mainly pineapple twists.



Al's assistant for the evening is  
Frank Habay





## Meeting Notes - Continued

## May 10, 2018 SVBG Monthly Meeting in pictures

Monthly Meeting held at Bill Fox's Shop with Bill demonstrating a decorative corner  
pictures by Dirk Gold

Karen Robertson and  
Dewey Baker in front of  
SVBG members' items



in front - Barney Fifer,  
Jim Oates, Dave Potter;  
in back - unknown male,  
Al McDorman, Matt  
Williams, unknown male,  
Rudy Dean, Miracle  
Alexander, Ryan  
Stoltzfus, Drew  
Alexander



in front - Barney Fifer,  
Jim Oates, Dave Potter,  
Paul Bisgaard, Jared  
Lanham, John Miller; in  
back - unknown male,  
Drew, Harmony &  
Miracle Alexander, Ryan  
Stoltzfus, Patty Bowles,  
Tom Harris, Lanny  
Campbell



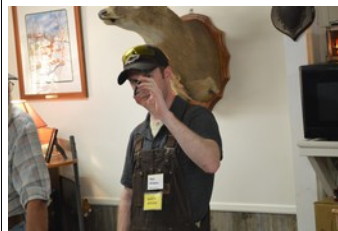
Drew Alexander holding  
Harmony with Miracle  
beside them (and a bit of  
Lanny Campbell)



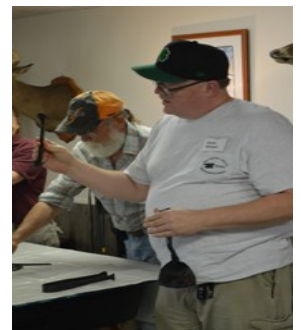
Jared Lanham



Bill Coons



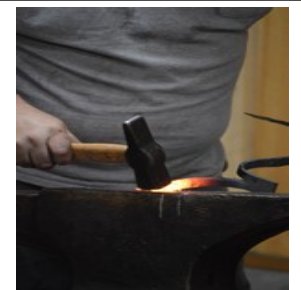
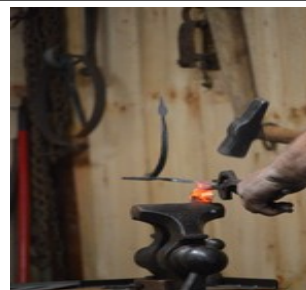
Matt Williams



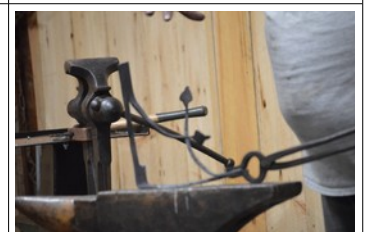
Keith Whipple



Bill Fox begins his  
demonstration



Matt Williams is Bill's  
assistant here



Bill's finished  
decorative corner



## Meeting Notes - Continued

**June 14th, 2018 SVBG Monthly Meeting at Burkholder Buggy Shop in pictures  
Beginner/Mentor Night with Al McDorman, Jim Oates and Matt Williams mentoring  
pictures by Dirk Gold**



back Glen Rhodes, Andrew Berry, Daniel Burkholder, Lanny Campbell, Ray Plank, back row Everette Burkholder, Tom Coker, middle row Dave Potter, Mark Thomas, sitting front Drew & Miracle Alexander, Frank Habay, standing Harmony Alexander, a bit of Rich Little, Bill Fox



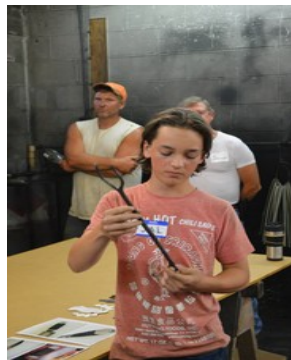
sitting - bit of Dave Potter's head, Mark Thomas, Drew with Harmony Alexander, bit of Miracle Alexander, Frank Habay, Barney Fifer; standing - Rich Little, Bill Fox, Julie ?, behind Julie - Keith Whipple, Ryan Stoltzfus, Matt Williams



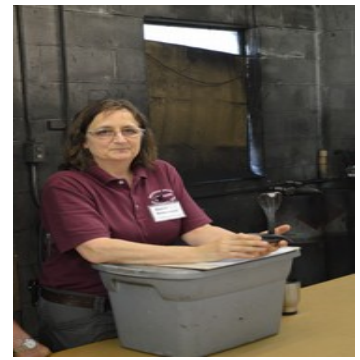
Mark Thomas telling about the knife he rehanded with Chuck May and Al McDorman in background.



Keith Whipple telling about his picture frame and stand



Jal Horst telling about his fork



Karen Robertson tells about her Cobra



Rudy Dean tells about his knife



Al McDorman demonstrating a poor man's rose



Keith Whipple working on a poor man's rose with Jim Oates and Adam Andrew in back



Al McDorman mentoring Andrew Beery while Jim Oates gets ice cream while mentoring Adam Andrews



Jim Oates mentors Adam Andrews making a hook with Nathan and Jal Horst looking on



Matt Williams mentors hook making for Julie



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**Meeting held at Drew Alexander's Shop with Drew demonstrating a leaf**  
 pictures by Dirk Gold



Frank Habay sitting, Chuck May, Jesse Hagen, Keith Zimmerman, Rudy Dean, at table - Karen Robertson, Dewey Baker, Lanny Campbell, Bill Fox



Rudy Dean, Keith Zimmerman, Karen Robertson, Lanny Campbell, Tom Harris, Darrell Good, Bo Wills, Ray Plank, bit of Gabriel Alexander, Drew Alexander, Bev and Tom Coker, bit of Al McDorman & Paul Bisgaard, Ian Alexander, Chuck May



Drew telling about his ABANA contest fork with Susan Plank looking on



Ray telling about his ABANA 1st place contest chain



Ray telling about his ABANA 2nd place contest scrolling tongs



James Spurgeon telling about his knife



Drew showing his music stand with Gabriel Alexander, Darrell Good, Tom Harris, a bit of Nevin Good and Adam Andrews



Drew Alexander hammering leaf veins while Matt Williams holds the iron



Picture showing leaf veins and tool Drew made



Drew's finished demonstration leaf

pictures by Susan Plank



Bill Fox, Adam Andrews and Tom Harris



Darrell Good, Nevin Good, Craig Good, and bit of Bo Wills



## Meeting Notes - Continued

**August 9th, 2018 SVBG Meeting in pictures**  
**Meeting held at Tom Harris' Shop with Tom demonstrating aluminum casting**  
 pictures by Susan Plank



Tom Harris beginning the pour



Tom continues the pour



Tom finishing pouring the aluminum



Tom holds off the crowd with just a wheelie cart...Randy, Frank, Dave, Rudy, Drew, Karen, Dewey, Ray, Barney, Tom Buster, Larry, Jim, Keith, Bill, Rich, Chuck, Jal, Nate, Grant, Josh, Dirk, Al, Lanny, Bev, Pat, Adam, Bo, Brian

**September 22, 2018 SVBG Workday Picnic Meeting in pictures**  
**Workday Picnic Meeting held at Al McDorman's Shop**  
**with Lanny Campbell demonstrating the grill project**  
 pictures by Patty Bowles



The goal...created by Lanny Campbell



Lanny Campbell describes the project with Ray Plank and Keith Whipple listening



Lanny demonstrating with Al McDorman looking on



Ray Plank and Frank Habay working together



Chuck May and Jim Oates being directed by Lanny Campbell



Bill Fox and Davis Johnson share a forge with Barney Fifer



Dewey Baker checking out the Iron in the Hat choices



Keith Zimmerman and Drew Alexander...we got our part done!

## General Notes

## SVBG Workday Picnic Summary

Saturday, September 22, 2018 was almost the perfect day to be hammering. Thirty-eight SVBG members gathered at Al McDorman's Shop in Staunton, Virginia to work on the grill project designed and demonstrated by Lanny Campbell. Drew Alexander; Adam Andrews; Dewey & Meta Baker; Lanny & Karla Campbell; Bill Fox & Patty Bowles; Barney & Patsy Fifer; Frank & Jan Habay; Jesse Hagen and Davis Johnson; Randy Hoffman; Jal Horst; Rich Little; Chuck & Tammy May; Al McDorman; Alfred Meyer; Jim Oates; Ray & Susan Plank; Pat Sprague; James, Lisa, Kayla, Alyssa, Ian and Sierra Spurgeon; Keith Whipple & Lisa Knight; Matt, Sarah and Lana Williams; Bo Wills; and Keith Zimmerman attended and enjoyed the SVBG Workday Picnic. Jesse Hagen asked me to mention that she was a bit feisty that day.

Morning snacks were greatly appreciated and there were a wide variety of delicious pot luck dishes to go with the beef hot dogs provided by the guild. Randy Hoffman felt that a blacksmith picnic should have a dessert with fire involved. What a neat idea! Two members paid their dues for next year. There were a great selection of items donated to the Iron in the Hat. We raised \$340.00 for our SVBG with you donations and ticket purchases. Thanks!

Since there was no monthly meeting on the second Thursday in September, we held a short meeting after lunch.

Some candid photos taken by Susan Plank when her camera finally started working...



Davis Johnson, Karla Campbell, Meta Baker, Tammy and Chuck May, bit of Pat Sprague, bit of Keith Zimmerman, Patty Bowles and Bill Fox



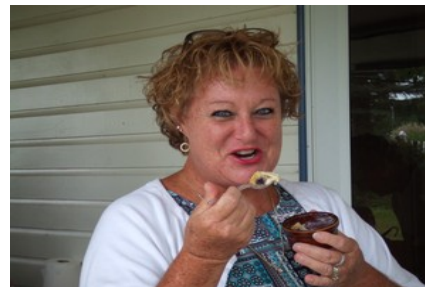
Sarah and Lana Williams



Meta Baker watching Randy Hoffman play with fire...caramelizing the sugar on his Crème Brûlée



Most of the finished pieces



Patty Bowles enjoying Randy's Crème Brûlée

<b>General Notes - Continued</b>
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**2018 SVBG Monthly Meeting Locations and Directions****October 11th, 2018 SVBG Monthly Meeting**

Meeting will be held starting at 7:00 pm in Lanny Campbell's Home Shop located at 8000 Ivy Street in Waynesboro, VA 22980. Lanny Campbell will be demonstrating.

Directions from Harrisonburg:

Take I-81 South toward Staunton

Take the VA-275/Woodrow Wilson parkway Exit #225 towards Staunton

Turn slight left to take VA-275 Ramp toward Rt 254

Turn left onto VA-275, RT 275 becomes VA 254 and then Hermitage Road, go 8.5 miles

Hermitage Road becomes Ivy Street at Waynesboro City Limits sign

First drive way on right after city limits sign, share the road sign and speed limit sign

Directions from Waynesboro:

Hopeman Parkway

Turn onto Ivy Street at Kate Collins School Stop Light

Go 1 mile

White Farm House on left

If lost call Lanny's cell for directions (540) 476-2388

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**November 8th, 2018 SVBG Monthly Meeting**

Meeting will be held starting at 7:00 pm in James Spurgeon's Shop, *SageBrush BladeWorks*, located at 2267 Lee Jackson Highway in Mint Spring, VA 24463. James Spurgeon will be demonstrating.

Directions -

From I-81, Take Exit 217 State Route 654/White Hill Road West.

Turn right onto 654/White Hill Road if coming from the North; Turn left onto 654/White Hill Road if coming from the South.

Follow 654/White Hill Road West to U.S. 11 South (0.6 miles).

Turn left onto U.S. 11 South.

James' driveway is on the right (1.7 miles).

If lost call James' cell for directions (540) 280-4638

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**December 13th, 2018 SVBG Monthly Meeting**

Burkholder Buggy Shop Fair-well meeting will be held starting at 7:00 pm at the Burkholder Buggy Shop located at 795 Mason Street in Dayton, VA 22821. Ray Plank will be demonstrating a meat fork.

Directions -

From Route 42 in Dayton, take Route 257 West/Mason Street (0.6 miles). Burkholder Buggy Shop on left.

[Remember - if you are able, please park in the paved parking lot located across the street in front of the Burkholder's home. Thank you.]



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**January and February 2019 SVBG Monthly Meeting Locations and some Directions**

**January 10th, 2019 SVBG Monthly Meeting**

Meeting will be held starting at 7:00 pm at Bill Fox's Shop located at 4263 Eastside Highway in Grottoes, VA 24441. Keith Whipple will be demonstrating.

Directions from Harrisonburg according to Google:

Take I-81 South toward Weyers Cave

Take Exit #256/the Weyers Cave Road and go East towards Weyers Cave and Grottoes

Weyers Cave Road turns into 3rd Street in Grottoes and dead ends into Augusta Avenue/Eastside Highway

Take a right onto Eastside Highway, pass 2nd Street, A Street and then Bill's house is at 4263 Eastside Highway on the left

If you get to A½ Street on the right, you have gone to far

Directions from Waynesboro Area according to Google:

Take I-81 North toward Weyers Cave

Take Exit #256/the Weyers Cave Road and go East towards Weyers Cave and Grottoes

Weyers Cave Road turns into 3rd Street in Grottoes and dead ends into Augusta Avenue/Eastside Highway

Take a right onto Eastside Highway, pass 2nd Street, A Street and then Bill's house is at 4263 Eastside Highway on the left

If you get to A½ Street on the right, you have gone to far

If lost call Bill's cell for directions (540) 292-6799

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**February 14th, 2019 SVBG Monthly Meeting**

Meeting will be held starting at 7:00 pm at Barney Fifer's Shop located at 12712 Port Republic Road in Grottoes, VA 24441. Demonstrator still needed. 2019 Secretary/Treasurer will send out an email with directions closer to the meeting.

If lost call Barney's number for directions (540) 249-7252

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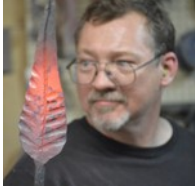
**Our Condolences go out to Rich Little, Chuck May and their families**

At our picnic, I just found out that two more of our Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith Guild members lost loved ones earlier this year. Rich Little lost his father, Ross A. Little. Chuck May also lost his father, Stuart Russell May, Jr. This is a bit late, but our thoughts and prayers are with you both and your families.

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**Items of Interest**

**Blacksmith Classes:**



Our SVBG Guild Master, **Dale Morse**, at *Virginia Institute of Blacksmithing* located at 200 West 12th Street in Waynesboro, Virginia 22980 has various blacksmithing classes. The following are classes listed through January 2019. The schedule is subject to change. For any questions regarding classes and fees for open shop smithing time, call Dale at (434) 960-9718 or email him through [info@vablacksmithing.org](mailto:info@vablacksmithing.org)

**October 2018**

13 -14 -- Fireplace Tools  
20 - 21 -- Blacksmith's Knife  
27 - 28 -- Build a Hatchet

**December 2018**

10 - 11 -- Hardware -- Door pull, hinge, drop latch  
17 - 18 -- Blacksmith's Knife  
24 - 25 -- No class

**January 2019**

7 - 18 -- ABS Intro to Bladesmithing with Scott McGhee  
12 - 13 -- Build a Spear  
19 - 20 -- Blacksmith's Knife - Chopper  
26 - 27 -- Build a Hatchet



**Book Recommendation by Drew Alexander**

For those of you who attended our SVBG July 12, 2018 Monthly Meeting, you had the chance to look through the book Drew Alexander recommended, Werk und Werkzeug des Kunstschmieds, The Smithy's Craft and Tools, by Otto Schmirler.

## Items of Interest - Continued

Shenandoah Valley Blacksmiths or their work at large -

**Rockingham County Fair** - This year the Rockingham County Fair showcased a couple of our SVBG members. **Dewey Baker** was on their advertisement place mats that could be found at many of our local fast food restaurants. **Shelvin Arey** and his goats were on page A8 in the *Daily News Record* on Friday, August 17, 2018 [thanks Meta Baker for the newspaper]. **Shelvin Arey** also won Grand Champion market Goat, Reserve Grand Champion market Goat, Champion Bred & Owned Goat and Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Goat [thanks Shelvin for the photo]. Way to go Shelvin!



[note: picture below by Susan Plank]  
**Dewey Baker** shown here mentoring Terrance Harper. **Dewey Baker** and Terrance Harper hammered every night of the Rockingham County Fair. Both were pretty tired by the end of the fair, but seemed to have had a great time!

**Frank Habay** came and hammered with **Ray Plank** one evening.



**Shelvin Arey** was able to hammer one evening.



**Chris Mills** (far right) stopped by and visited with us while **Ray Plank** hammered on Thurs., Fri. or Sat.

Other SVBG members that stopped by were **Don Ober** and **Sandy Black**.



**Shenandoah County Fair** - This year **Ray Plank** was invited back to blacksmith on Friday, August 31 and Saturday, September 1 at the Shenandoah County Fair. Helping again this year were SVBG members - **Susan Plank**, **Lance Arey**, **Shelvin Arey** and **Tom Coker** and **Bev Coker**.



**Ray** showing **Sam** and **Lance** how to hammer out a leaf.



**Shelvin** and **Ray** hammering. **Tom**, **Lance** and **Bev** taking a break.



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Items of Interest - Continued

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**Shenandoah Valley Blacksmiths or their work at large - Continued**

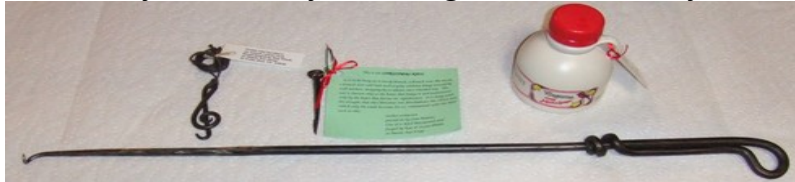
**New Market Heritage Days** - Saturday, September 29, 2018 was a beautiful sunny day for **Ray** and **Susan Plank** to do a demonstration at the New Market Heritage Days. This was the second year demonstrating at this Fall Festival. Rumor has it, that **Ray Plank's** demonstration photo from last year was on the New Market Heritage Days advertisement posters at various restaurants in New Market. **Tom** and **Bev Coker** stopped by to visit and on their way back



informed us that a couple blocks down, another SVBG member was also set up and demonstrating. Susan walked down to take a picture of **Sam Clark** and his friend, Andrew Zirkle's blacksmith demonstration setup. **Sam** and Andrew, like **Ray**, seemed to be having a great time sharing their love of blacksmithing with the public.

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**Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale** - **Larry Martin, Ray** and **Susan Plank** donated items to the Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale that was held on October 5 and 6, 2018. **Larry** made one of his famous railroad spike coat rack boards for the auction. Since it sold on Friday night I was unable to take a photo of it, but I heard on Saturday that the lady who bought it was extremely excited to have it. **Ray** made a right handed "pig tail" meat flipper for the auction and a treble clef necklace and Christmas nail for the silent auction. **Susan** made Virginia Maple Syrup that went in the country store at the relief sale. Saturday at least five SVBG members could be found at the Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale, **Larry Martin, Ray & Susan Plank, and Dave & Pam Potter.**



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**Drew Alexander's** hinge reproduction work can be found in Edinburg, Virginia. He had an original 1840 hinge that had to go by for the exact reproductions. The hinges were 3/16" thick and were 5" x 7". [Thanks for the photo Drew.]



**Drew Alexander's** railing work can also be seen on a fancy house in Woodstock, Virginia. [Drew, thanks for the photo.]



**Drew Alexander** finished this railing in a three day turnaround. It is now installed in Timberville, Virginia. **Drew** has a nice touch mark showing on the bottom right of the maple leaf. [Drew, thanks for the photos.]



**Items of Interest - Continued**

**Timberville Christmas Village**  
**every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from November 23 through December 23, 2018**

Thanks go out to **Drew Alexander** for bringing the Timberville Christmas Village to my attention. Starting November 23 and continuing through December 23, 2018 every Friday from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Saturday from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Sunday from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm, artisans will be set up in the Food Lion Shopping Center in Timberville, Virginia to sell their wares. Byler Barns will be providing the Timberville Christmas Village artisan shops. Our very own SVBG member, **Drew Alexander**, with *Alexander Brothers Iron and Wood Designs*, will be showing and selling his wares. He would be glad for you to stop by. Some of the other local artisans items that you can stop and shop at will include - baskets, woodwork, baked goods, craft coffee, creative lighting & furniture, fiber art, jewelry, Showalter's, Turner Ham, produce, cedar toys, glassblowing and more. Show your support for local artisans - stop by and shop at the Timberville Christmas Village.

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**Remember...**

If you don't send me pictures and a short article about what  
**You**  
have been doing blacksmith wise in our communities, then  
only you and the Phantom Blacksmith know!

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