

Now and Then
 Newsletter of the Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith Guild
January 2016

Inside: Club Information Meeting Notes General Notes Items of Interest	Editor's Notes: Happy New Year! Ray and I enjoyed a quick three day trip to Colonial Williamsburg in December. Of course, many hours were spent at the Gunsmith Shop and the Blacksmith Shop! I hope each of you had a very special holiday season this year. SusanPlank.svbgeditor@gmail.com
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Club Information

SVBG 2015 Board of Directors

A big “*THANKS*” goes out to last year's Board of Directors!

President...James Spurgeon; Shop Master...Everette Burkholder; Secretary/Treasurer...Karen Robertson; Librarian...Daniel Burkholder; Web Master...Dave McKinnon; Photographer...Dirk Gold; Coal Manager...Ed Fleming; Facebook Administrators...Drew Alexander and Dale Morse; Newsletter Editor...Susan Plank; Guild Master - Virginia Institute of Blacksmithing, Dale Morse

SVBG 2016 Board of Directors

At the December 2015 SVBG Monthly Meeting, it was voted on that a new position, “Safety Officer,” be created. This new position and other 2016 Board of Directors positions were voted on.

President...Dewey Baker contact preference through email: chevy38truck@gmail.com
 or message him on Facebook by typing in Dewey Baker and messaging him;
 if you must contact him by phone only call between 8 am & 8 pm at (540) 421-5510; He is
 unable to be reached by phone on Monday evenings between 7 & 9 pm for Boy Scout Meetings
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More SVBG Information can be located at...

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

On Facebook, like us at Shenandoah Valley Blacksmithing Guild

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2016 SVBG Calendar of Events

January	14th Monthly Meeting - James Spurgeon demonstrates “Venturi Style Propane Forge Burner”
February	11th Monthly Meeting - Lanny Campbell demonstrates “Brian Brazeal's Crane” 27th - Boone Pasture Party Hammer in held in Louisa, VA [Preregistration required by February 15! You can preregister at our February 11, 2016 SVBG Monthly Meeting.]
March	10th Monthly Meeting -
April	2nd & 3rd Greater Shenandoah Valley Knife Show at Rockingham County Fairgrounds 14th Monthly Meeting - Beginner and Mentor Night 1. 2. 3. 15th, 16th & 17th-Blacksmith Guild of the Potomac Spring Fling 2016 in Berryville, VA Demonstrators - Jymm Hoffman and Colonial Williamsburg Gunsmith, Richard Sullivan [Preregistration not required, but the weekend is cheaper if you do. Check their website for registration form.]
May	12th Monthly Meeting - Jerry Veneziano demonstrates “Mermaid from Farrier's Rasp” 21st & 22nd - Blacksmith Guild of Central Maryland Blacksmith Days in Westminster, MD; Demonstrators Shel Browder and James Michael “Mike” Walker
June	9th Monthly Meeting -
July	? SVBG Work Day Picnic - 14th Monthly Meeting - Ray Plank demonstrates a “Rasp Snake”
August	11th Monthly Meeting - 15th through 20th - Rockingham County Fair
September	8th Monthly Meeting - Beginner and Mentor Night 1. 2. 3.
October	13th Monthly Meeting - Jim Oates
November	10th Monthly Meeting - Al McDorman
December	8th Monthly Meeting -

Alternate - Daniel Burkholder

Now that you have looked at the SVBG 2016 Calendar, please check your schedule and see when it will fit for you to do a demonstration - March, 3 spots in April, June, August, 3 spots in September and December are still open. Dewey Baker will have the Demonstration Sheet at the January Monthly Meeting for you to sign up. Thanks to those of you who demonstrated last year and thanks to those who have already signed up to demonstrate this year!

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Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith's Guild Mission Statement:

- *Preserve traditional blacksmith and metalworking skills through educational offerings to its members and the community at large.
- *Serve as a clearing house for information techniques tools and training programs for any individual interested in hot-worked metals.
- *Facilitate educational opportunities techniques for the general public, especially area children.
- *Share practical skills experiences and techniques with beginner and experienced blacksmiths alike.
- *Provide a forum for creative problem solving of metalworking issues as well as stimulate and inspire burgeoning smiths.
- *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 experiences.
- *Show and compare completed work or get suggestions on work in progress.

Meeting Notes

SVBG December 2015 Monthly Meeting

***I. SVBG Safety Rules and Participation Waiver*
to be voted on at January 2016 Monthly Meeting**

At our October 2015 SVBG Monthly Meeting and in our ***Now and Then 2015 October SVBG Newsletter*** the proposed Safety Rules and Participation Waiver were presented for your review. At the December 2015 SVBG Monthly Meeting, Matt Williams was voted in for the new position of Safety Officer. It was decided he would review the proposed Rules and Waivers, present any possible changes, and the Rules and Waiver would be voted on at the January 2016 SVBG Monthly Meeting. If you have any questions regarding these, please talk with Dewey Baker, Karen Robertson or Matt Williams before the meeting or ask them questions during the meeting.

II. Congratulations and Thanks go out...

Congratulations go out to Jim Oates who won the December 2015 SVBG Chest Raffle for the handmade oak chest decorated with hand-forged ornamental ironwork by Phil Heath.

Thanks go out to everyone who supported our guild by buying raffle tickets!

Meeting Notes - Continued

Birth of a Swan
December 2015 Monthly Meeting Demonstration
by Lanny Campbell
photo by Susan Plank



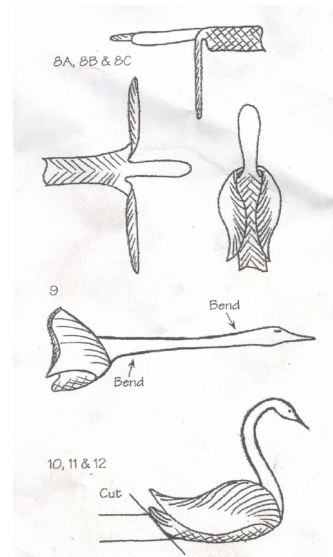
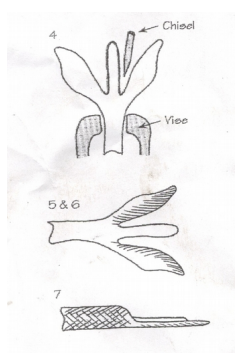
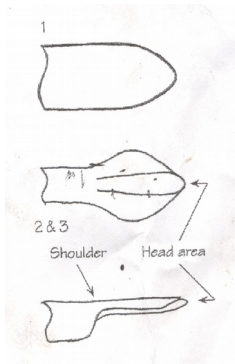
Birth of a Swan

Forging a Finial

by Burke Hobba, Queensland, Australia

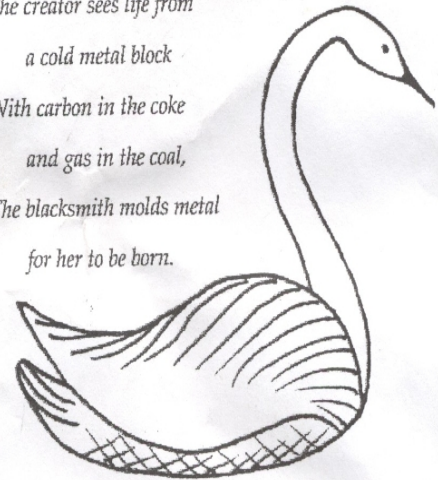
Nice touch for curtain rods or towel racks.

1. On $\frac{5}{8}$ " (16mm) round stock, draw out a short point.
2. On the edge of the anvil, draw out a leaf shape and ensure a sharp shoulder. *Careful! Do not thin too much where the head will be.*
3. Mark with a hot chisel the material for head and neck.
4. Clamp the rod in the vise, and with a chisel split off the wings and spread them as wide as possible without weakening the bottom of the split.
5. Draw the inside edges thin, like a knife blade.
6. Mark feathers using a hot chisel. Go as deep as possible without weakening the split.
7. Cut hash-markings for body feathers on the sides and back of the rod behind the shoulder for a distance equal to the length of the wings.
8. Get the wing joints hot without burning the thinned edges. Twist and bend at the joint to fold the wings back.
9. Dress the head, breast and neck, and position as desired.
10. If the swan will remain on the rod, chisel and peen tail feathers to define the swan from the rod.
11. To remove the swan from the rod, cut off on a sharp angle using a hacksaw.
12. Shape and dress the tail end and chisel tail feathers. ♣



*Excerpt by Jo Ann Bentley
Mid-Atlantic Smiths Association*

Born in black carbon steel from heavy round stock,
The art in the iron breathes within the coal's ashes.
The creator sees life from
a cold metal block
With carbon in the coke
and gas in the coal,
The blacksmith molds metal
for her to be born.



General Notes

Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith Guild Membership Dues

It's time to renew your Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith Guild Membership. If you have not paid your annual dues for 2016 yet, please see Karen Robertson at the SVBG January 2016 Monthly Meeting. For visitors and occasional attendees there is no charge for meetings, but for those of you who attend regularly the SVBG needs your financial as well as your physical support. SVBG annual membership dues include a meeting place, coal, gas, fellowship, refreshments, access to our SVBG Library, extra eye and ear protection, open shop night privileges at VA Institute of Blacksmithing - cost of open shop is \$10.00 per hour per person (for more information and the gate code needed for entrance contact Dale Morse by email: vulkanschmiede@yahoo.com) and a quarterly electronic newsletter.

Cost for SVBG annual membership:
membership - costs \$15.00

Membership dues can be paid with cash or with a check made out to SVBG. Thanks for supporting your guild!

SVBG T-shirts available...

Out with the old and in with the new, unless you still want the old style. Our traditional 100% cotton SVBG t-shirts are still available to purchase. Short sleeve t-shirts cost \$14.00 and long sleeve t-shirts cost \$16.00. Sizes run from small, medium, large, XL, through XXL. The old style is available to purchase at our SVBG Monthly Meetings from Karen Robertson.

The new style 100% pique cotton SVBG Polo style T-shirt has our SVBG Logo embroidered on the left breast. There are various colors available to choose from - black, maroon, oyster, iron grey, green oasis, emerald green, moonlight blue, navy, cobalt blue, dusty orange, tomato red, white, and maize yellow. If you are unsure of what color you would like to order, the book showing the colors is located in the SVBG Library. For the first order, we must order 12 or more to get the cost of \$25.00 each. If interested in purchasing this new style of SVBG embroidered 100% pique cotton Polo style t-shirt please write your name on the pre-order list at the next meeting.







Either style of SVBG T-shirt is a great way to show support for your guild and will help spread the word that there is a local blacksmith guild.

Directions to our SVBG Monthly Meetings and Parking reminder...

The Shenandoah Valley Blacksmith Guild meets the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Burkholder Buggy Shop located in Dayton, Virginia. Directions: From Route 42 in Dayton, take Route 257 West (Mason Street) .6 miles. Burkholder Buggy Shop is located on left at 795 Mason Street. Reminder that parking for the SVBG Monthly Meetings will be across the street in the paved parking lot instead of in the Burkholder Buggy Shop parking lot and their neighbor's field. The parking lot to use from now on is just past the Burkholder's driveway. You will turn right onto Stonecroft Drive (Road 1225) like you would be going into *SOUTHBREEZE Estates*. Just past the *SOUTHBREEZE Estates* sign, take an immediate right into the parking lot. If you have heavy items or multiple items to unload or are handicapped, you may still park in the Burkholder Buggy Shop parking lot while space is available. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Directions for a Valentine Heart Project from the Saltfork Craftsmen
Artist_Blacksmith Association February 2015 Newsletter:**

Loop Weld Heart Handle - R.B.

 <p>3/8" mild steel rod</p>	 <p>Upset an area about 10" or 12" from the end. Then upset and scarf the end.</p>	 <p>Bend scarf flat against upset area, heat, clean, and flux.</p>	 <p>Forge weld joint and then flatten out the remaining loop.</p>
 <p>Forge a blunt taper on the end of the loop. Keep to the outer end as much as possible to avoid thinning the loop sides.</p>	 <p>Begin spreading loop with a chisel. Avoid stressing the weld. Gripping weld with tongs can help with spreading if needed.</p>	 <p>Continue spreading on the anvil horn. Spread the outer end most.</p>	 <p>Bend outer 1/3 of loop on rounded edge of anvil. Then turn over and roll point in on anvil face until you have a flat heart shape. Fine tune curves on the horn as required.</p>

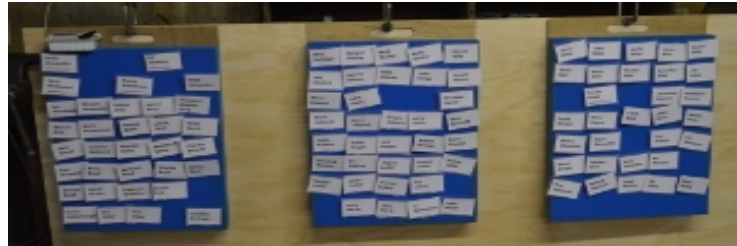


Happy Valentine's Day!

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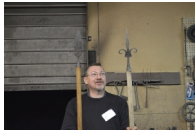






Making Your Mark... Thanks Dave McKinnon for setting up last year the Gallery of SVBG Members' Touchmarks on our Guild Web Page at <http://svbg.squarespace.com/svbg-members-touchmarks/> To have your touchmark included in the Gallery of SVBG Members' Touchmarks, please send it to Darrell Gilman at web.svbg.darrell@gmail.com Remember when you send your touchmark, please provide a line drawing or image of your touch mark. Make sure the file size is less than 300kb. Provide as a minimum the following: Name, Business, Webpage, Other associations. If you want an address and phone number listed include those also.

Name tags... Please wear your name tag at our SVBG Monthly Meetings to help us learn each others' names. If you see someone without a name tag, introduce yourself and show them where the "visitor" name tags are. In the past two years, we have seen a lot of new faces and some old faces returning to our SVBG Monthly Meetings and Summer



Events. Believe me that not everyone knows who YOU are whether you think they do or not. I can guarantee there will be at least one person in attendance who does not know your name. Each of us has something to share with someone else (even if it is just a hard time) and it is nice to have a name to go along with the face! Thanks...Susan

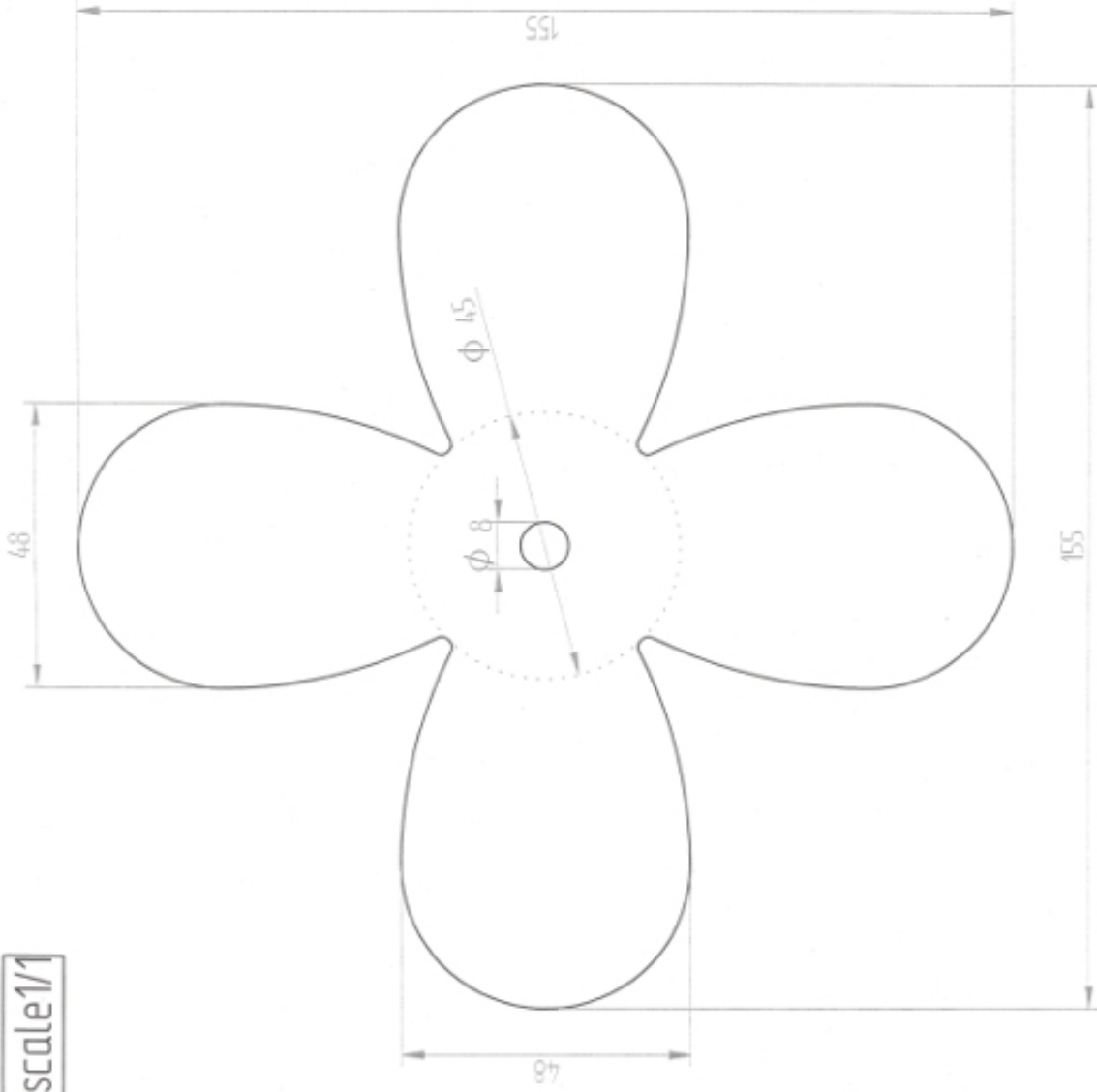
2015 Candid Photos photos by Dirk Gold

			
January - Karen Robertson	February - Dale Morse	April - Awesome Donuts	April - Attendees: Jim, Dave, Larry, Larry, Buster, Everette, Matt, Danielle, Matt, Tom and Brittany
			
June - Lanny, Dave, Matt, Linda and Angela	July - Kay, Drew, Collin, Tom, Bev, Shelvin, Linda, Angela, Ray, Rich, Conner	September - Daniel, Drew, Dale and Matt	November - Attendees: Larry, Shelvin, Ray, Dewey, Merle

Ypres2016.com for information and making the poppy videos can be found at:
<http://www.ypres2016.com/design/making-the-poppies/>

At the SVBG December 2015 Monthly Meeting, discussed was a chance to be involved in an international blacksmithing event. The website listed above will give more information than I will have put in here. In September 2016, a new World War I Cenotaph will be created in Ypres, Belgium. It will commemorate everyone involved in the conflict, both military and civilian on all sides - all those who died, all those wounded, all those displaced - and of equal importance, their families and their communities. In the War of 1914 - 1918 blacksmiths and farriers were indispensable in sustaining the war effort on all sides. In September 2016, hundreds of blacksmiths from around the world will come together in Ypres to remember all those affected by the war and to create in one week, a Cenotaph based on the international recognized icon, the Flanders Field Poppy. Attached on the next page is the poppy pattern that was passed out at the meeting and as stated then, your finished poppy must be sent to England by May 2016. If interested in getting involved, take a look at the above websites. 7

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More Candid Photos from 2015 photos taken by Dirk Gold

January  Buster and Mark	 Dale's Knife	 Ray with his horseshoe hooks	 Refreshments - Cookies, Yum!
February  Rudy at table, Ryan, Bo, Daniel, Larry and Merle	 Rudy's Knife	 Drew and Miracle	 Dale demonstrating, Drew, Miracle & Daniel watch
April  Chris, Merle, Bill, Rich, Ray, Jim and Dave	 Dale at table, Adam, Drew, Daniel & James listen	 Matt, Susan, Ed, Dale, Drew, Bo, Sheldon Ed, Tom and Brittany	 John hammering; Jerry in the background
May  Al talking, with Daniel and Karen in background	 Linda enjoying the meeting	 Ed and Daniel	 Dale tells about his knife, Merle and Karen in back
June  Dave's fine work	 Ray's Colonial Rifleman's Knife, Multi-function keyring, and miniature Colonial Style Anvil	 Dave getting ready to demonstrate, Matt getting ready to strike, Everette making sure they have what they need and Merle watches	 Conner, Katelyn, Jim, Ryan, Kay and Jason

Items of Interest - Continued

And Even More Candid Photos from 2015

some photos by Dirk Gold and some photos by Susan Plank

<p>July Summer Picnic</p>  <p>Phil assisted by Tom [this row of photos by Dirk]</p>	 <p>Phil Heath demonstrating</p>	 <p>Phil, Lisa, Sierra, Alyssa, Linda, Karen, Shelvin, Bev, Tom, Collin, Drew, Kay, Lance, Dale and Larry</p>	 <p>Phil continuing the demo</p>
<p>July Summer Picnic</p>  <p>Dave and Shelvin [this row of photos by Susan]</p>	 <p>Alyssa, Sierra, Ian, Lisa, Katelyn and Conner</p>	 <p>Tom, Phil, Bev, James, Ray, Rich, Al, Angela, Lance</p>	 <p>Lanny dishing up lunch, Jerry, Drew, Jesse and Davis</p>
<p>August [photos by Dirk]</p>  <p>Shelvin tells about his tomahawk, Lanny</p>	 <p>Jim, Buster, Dale, Frank and James</p>	 <p>Lanny - and now the demonstration begins!</p>	 <p>Dave and Lanny demonstrating</p>
<p>September [photos by Dirk]</p>  <p>Lanny, Daniel, and Mrs. Burkholder getting ready to press cider</p>	 <p>Lanny and Daniel press cider while Grant looks on</p>	 <p>Rich mentoring while, Allen and John look on</p>	 <p>Allen hammering, John preparing to hammer and Rich mentoring</p>
<p>October [photos by Susan]</p>  <p>Rudy tells about his Journeyman's test, Matt, Rich, Brittany, Ian, Alyssa, Sierra, and Kayla listen</p>	 <p>Jim's necklaces</p>	 <p>Daniel tells about the strainer, Karen in background</p>	 <p>New style SVBG Polo T-shirt</p>