Irons in the Fire

Front cover of the Central Virginia Blacksmith Guild 2014 Calendar. See inside (pg.7) for details.
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Calendar

January 1: 2013 Dues are due

October 5: Public Demo
Mineral Farmers Market

October 12: Grayhaven Winery
& Louisa Wine
Festival - Mineral

November 9: Host Bobby Williams
@ Field Days site
Demo by Nick Ireys

November 16: Public Demo
Lickinghole Creek Brewfest - Goochland

December 14: Paradise Garage
Demo by TBD

NEWS

We welcome new members; Dave Autrey,
Our Facebook url has changed:
facebook.com/cvblacksmith

This issue project would not fit. It will be
used as a handout with the October 12th
meeting demo. Basic Scrollwork.
Thanks to Bruce Manson, and Jerry Veneziano
for their contributions.
As always please send me any news you believe
I should pass on. Also if I forgot to mention any
new members, let me know and I will include
them next time.

Have news to share? Submit news items
to cvbgboard@gmail.com, subject: Editor
August 10, 2013 Meeting – Michie House Hardware
Sargeant Museum, Louisa (pics courtesy of Bruce Manson.) For more visit our Facebook page.

Bruce & Leo working on a hinge.

Michael Z. working on a skewer.

Just about everyone got into the forging.

Karen & George partaking of the wonderful meal provided by the Hearth Cooking Guild.

We were there to make hardware for the Michie House(seen in the background). It was great to so many fires and hammers working simultaneously. We got much accomplished but had to cut it short due to the storm. Work continues on the hardware. Thanks again to the Hearth Cooking Guild for a great lunch.
From the Editor

Iron in the Hat - Bent Tickets
We will get the negative stuff out the way first. Then you can enjoy the rest of the newsletter. For the basics of Iron in the Hat see page 10.
For three months in a row now, we've found bent tickets in some of the iron in the hat cups. We know that tickets are sometimes accidentally bent when tearing them off the strip, or sometimes when the tickets are dumped into the bucket for pulling - however, that was not the case with these that we found. They were, quite clearly, intentionally bent. We've always had some people try this, once in awhile, but the incidents have really increased lately.
People bend tickets thinking that it'll somehow improve the chances of their ticket will be drawn. Bottom line - it's cheating. And that's not cool.
When we find bent tickets, we toss them out. If you cheat, you hurt your chances of winning - and, frankly, it hurts how you're seen by those of us who deal with the cheating.
Hopefully, this will be the last we have to say on this topic; however, if this trend continues, we may have to look at taking other measures to curtail this. And that's no fun for anyone.

The Board of Directors

Christmas Exchange Item
Instead of making candle holders again, this year we thought it would be fun to do something a little different. For this year’s exchange item we will be forging… BELT BUCKLES.
I think this will be an exciting challenge. If you need some inspiration Google search the words; forged steel belt buckles.

Both oval & rectangular stickers are still available. $3.00 each (+postage)
Pick up one (or many) at the next meeting.

Don’t forget to check our Zazzle store:
http://www.zazzle.com/cvbgstore

If any of you have a personal website let me know so I can put your url in the newsletter.

Please let me know if you would prefer the (COLOR) email version to receiving the mail version. cvbgboard@gmail.com
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PLEASE, any thoughts, ideas, suggestions, comments, complaints, PLEASE send them to me

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September 14th 2013 Meeting – Keith Hicks
(all pictures by Bruce Manson) For more pictures go to our Facebook page.

Keith explaining the plan for the day.

Ball finial of the andirons for the Michie House in progress.

Forging tenons on andiron components.

Vice President Capps forging staples for the door hasp & lock.

Work continued on hardware for the Michie House. Traditional film based black and white photographer Arthur Jenkins took a photo of the entire group. For lunch we delicious venison stew provided by the Hicks family.
Presidential Address

As hard as it may be to believe, summer has given way to fall. That went fast, seems like only yesterday we were turning the soil with the first blush of spring!

It’s been a productive summer for the Guild. We had a great turnout for our August meeting at the Louisa County Historical Society’s Sargeant Museum, and got a good jump on the ironwork needed for the Michie house. Unfortunately, the meeting had to be called short as storms moved in - kudos to everyone for getting everything under cover so quickly. I think we also set a record that day for the fastest iron in the hat ever, which we couldn’t have pulled off without everyone’s help.

One week later, October 12, we’ll also set up at the Louisa Wine Festival, at Walton Park in Mineral. This is the same day as our October meeting (the October meeting is taking place at Grayhaven Winery), so if you want, you could go to the meeting in the morning, then join us for the demonstration afterwards. If you’re coming, especially if you’re coming later, you need to let me know so I can give your name to the organizers – email me at cvbg.president@gmail.com, or call (540) 872-3729.

Finally, November 16 we’ve been invited to take part in the Lickinghole Creek Brewfest at Lickinghole Creek brewery in Goochland County. Lickinghole is the newest brewery in Goochland, this should be a fun event. Doing public demonstrations like these is a great way to promote the craft and the Guild, attract new members and, well, they’re a lot of fun. They can also help you pick up commissions, if that’s something of interest. Hope to see you at any or all of these!

Candidates Sought

It’s time to elect a new Board of Directors for the Guild, and we need you to make that happen.

If you’ve been enjoying your experience with the Guild, think about giving back by stepping up and running for a position on the board. There’s work involved in being a board member, to be sure, but not that much, and you get back what you put into it. You can nominate yourself for board membership, or you can nominate someone else who you think would make a good addition (that person will have the right to decline nomination). You can send your nomination to cvbgboard@gmail.com; we’ll also be taking nominations from the floor at the October meeting.

Want an Extra Iron in the Hat Ticket?

Iron in the hat is a lot of fun, and it’s always interesting to see what everyone brings. It’s especially great, though, when we see items you’ve forged on the IITH table. So, to encourage more of that, the board has decided that everyone who donates a forged item will receive one extra iron in the hat ticket – so if you buy $10 worth, instead of getting the usual 11 tickets, you’ll get 12! Hope to see a lot more forged items on the table!

It’s been a fun year so far, looking forward to what’s to come! Can’t wait to see the belt buckles you all come up with for the Christmas exchange this year!

See you around the anvil,
Jerry
Field Days of the Past 2013
Goochland (photos courtesy of Bruce Manson)

Roger Smith & John Bottoms demonstrating.  
http://www.fielddayofthepast.net/

Central Virginia Blacksmith Guild 2014 Calendar
Here’s a way to support our Guild, spread the word about blacksmithing and CVBG, and keep up with the times! Buy a Central Virginia Blacksmith Guild 2014 Calendar. Maybe you need several - for your friends or for holiday gifts. These are high quality, attractive calendars featuring highlights from CVBG members and activities. They also contain a convenient reminder of CVBG meeting dates and space for your personal notes and reminders throughout the coming year.

Pick up yours before they’re gone. They will be available at Guild activities beginning mid-October. Cost is $12.00 each (plus $2.00 postage if you need it delivered via mail). Make checks payable to: Central Virginia Blacksmith Guild.
Please include: Name, address, number of calendars requested, and amount enclosed. Send your order to: Central Virginia Blacksmith Guild

c/o Bruce Manson  
CVBG Treasurer  
4200 Orchard Drive  
Petersburg, VA 23803
October 12th Meeting – Grayhaven Winery
Louisa Wine Festival Public Demo – Walton Park, Mineral

Grayhaven is located in Gum Spring, Virginia - about half-way between Richmond and Charlottesville.

http://www.grayhavenwinery.com/
4675 East Grey Fox Circle Gum Spring, Virginia 23065 USA
(804) 556-3917

From Richmond: I64W to Gum Spring exit (#159). LT onto Rt. 522S/Cross County Rd. RT onto Rte. 250W/Broad St. First RT onto Three Chopt Rd(700). Go 2.3 miles. RT on New Line Rd(619). First RT onto Sheppard Spring Rd, LT on Fox Chase Run, RT on East Grey Fox Circle. Look for the Grayhaven sign to the RT.

From Charlottesville: I64E to Hadensville exit. RT onto Old Fredericksburg Rd. LT onto Rte. 250E/Broad St. Go approx. 3.7 miles. LT onto Three Chopt Rd(700). 1 mile. LT on New Line Rd(619). RT onto Sheppard Spring Rd. LT on Fox Chase Run, RT on East Grey Fox Circle. Look for the Grayhaven sign to the RT.

From DC: I95S. I295W. I64W to Gum Spring exit (#159). LT onto Rt. 522S/Cross County Rd. RT onto Rte. 250W/Broad St. First RT onto Three Chopt Rd(700). Go 2.3 miles. RT on New Line Rd(619). First RT onto Sheppard Spring Rd, LT on Fox Chase Run, RT on East Grey Fox Circle. Look for the Grayhaven sign to the RT.

From Petersburg & Chesterfield: 288N. Take the Charlottesville/64W exit. I64W to Gum Spring exit (#159). LT onto Rt. 522S/Cross County Rd. RT onto Rte. 250W/Broad St. First RT onto Three Chopt Rd(700). Go 2.3 miles. RT on New Line Rd(619). First RT onto Sheppard Spring Rd, LT on Fox Chase Run, RT on East Grey Fox Circle. Look for the Grayhaven sign to the RT.

From Mineral & Spotsylvania: 522S. Apprx. 3 miles before Gum Spring, you will see our winery tour signs. RT on New Line Rd(619). Follow signs to the winery. If you miss the first turn, continue on to the intersection of 522 and RT 250/Broad street. Turn right on RT 250/Broad street. Go 1/4 mile - follow winery tour signs.

*Winery Tour Signs: When you are within 5 miles of Grayhaven, you will see small roadside directional signs leading to the winery. The signs have a large Grape Cluster and an arrow telling you which way to turn.

Directions from Grayhaven to Walton Park:
LT onto W Gray Fox Cir
RT onto Fox Chase Run
RT onto Shepherd Spring Rd
RT onto Newline Rd(619)
LT onto Cross County Rd(522)
RT onto US-522 N/Pendleton Rd
RT onto E 5th St
1st RT onto Louisa Ave
1st LT onto E 6th St
Destination will be on the RT
301 E 6th St Mineral, VA 23117
CVBG Scholarship

Each year, CVBG awards a scholarship of up to $500 to a member, to be applied towards a blacksmithing or related class, or blacksmithing conference or seminar. The scholarship must be used within 1 year of its being awarded; in certain circumstances this deadline may be extended. Scholarship recipients agree to demonstrate what they’ve learned at our December meeting, and to write an article about the class for the newsletter. One scholarship shall be awarded at the December 2013 meeting.

Eligible applicants are members in good standing with the Guild who have attended several meetings within the last year. If you meet these eligibility requirements, and would like to apply, complete the form below and MAIL it to:

Kaitlyn Longstaff
103B Bastogne Road
Fort Lee, VA  23801

Applications must be received by Saturday, November 9.

Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Phone:
Email
Years in Guild:
How will you use the scholarship?
Iron in the Hat

- Is a common fundraiser for blacksmithing groups
- You bring an item or items to donate to the Guild
- These are placed on a table with a weighted cup beside it
- You then purchase tickets. 1 for $1, 11 for $10, etc.
- Write your name on each of the tickets
- Place tickets in the cups of items you would like to win
- Be sure not to fold or crease your tickets, they will be discarded
- After the demo, tickets will be drawn for the winner of each item
- Common donation items include usable tools you no longer need, tool accessories (blades, bits, discs, etc.), organizational items, plants, food, a handmade object, and best of all – any item handforged by you (which will garner you a free ticket now)
- So remember. Bring an item and some cash for Iron in the Hat
- If you have further questions don’t hesitate to ask

Don’t forget to nominate someone (yourself) for a position on next year’s Board.
From George Tyler 540-967-5401
Linde 300 A AC/DC HF Tig welding machine with remote foot control and water cooler. Many extras, torches, argon flow meter, shield, filler rods (al, ss, and mild steel). $2000
I recently had a pacemaker implanted and was warned not use a welder. Bummer!
George

Lickinghole Creek Brewfest
http://lccbbrewfest1-es2.eventbrite.com/?rank=8

www.pinterest.com/cvblacksmith

Louisa Wine Festival
http://louisawinefestival.com

Mineral Farmer’s Market
http://www.mineralmarket.org

81 Louisa Ave Mineral, VA 23117-4048

CENTRAL VIRGINIA BLACKSMITH GUILD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

Name: ____________________________  H# ____________________________  M# ____________________________

Street: ____________________________  Email: ____________________________

City: ____________________________  State: ____________________________  ZIP: ____________________________

Are you willing to host a CVBG gathering?  Yes___  No___  ABANA Member  Yes___  No___
If so, when? ____________________________

Are you willing to demonstrate for a CVBG gathering?  Yes___  No___  No___

Suggestions for CVBG demonstrations: ____________________________________________________________

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Are you a: Professional___  Hobbyist___  Just interested___  Other__________________________________________

Central Virginia Blacksmith Guild Liability Release Form
I, the undersigned, realizing the potential hazards involved in the craft of blacksmithing, will not hold the Central Virginia Blacksmith Guild, its officers, demonstrator(s), or host(s) responsible in the event of any accident or injury incurred during an association function or at any time a sponsored activity concerning blacksmithing or metalworking is occurring. I am aware of the requirement to wear safety glasses during association demonstrations and will do so. I am aware also of the possibility of hearing damage due to the nature of the craft and accept the responsibility of taking the necessary steps to protect my hearing. It will be my responsibility to inform any family member or guest that I may bring to a demonstration of these potential dangers and advise them of all necessary precautions.

Signature ____________________________________________________________  Date __________________

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO-
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DUES= $20