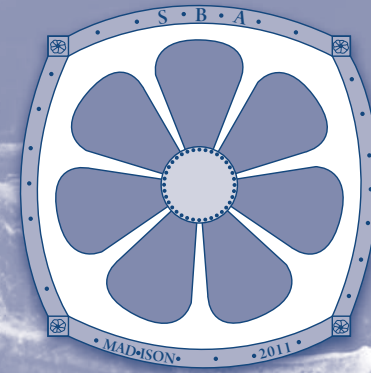


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THE 2011  
**SBA**  
CONFERENCE

MAY 19-21, 2011  
LIONS CLUB FAIR GROUNDS  
1190 LIONS CLUB ROAD  
MADISON, GEORGIA 30650

# CONFERENCE EVENTS

*Jim Alexander president of the North Carolina Chapter passed away in April 10. He was very excited to be the chairman of this conference and his wife Cindy is using Jimmy's visions to fill this chair. The seven sponsors have worked very hard to make this a conference that Jimmy would be proud of. We hope you all enjoy and learn from this wonderful conference. Thank you for coming.*

## Vendor Day

This year the conference will start on Thursday. This day has been set aside so that you can see the vendor demonstrations, buy and sell tools and supplies at your leisure.

Registration starts for everyone on Thursday, 19 May 2011 at 8 am so that the vendors & tailgaters will have time to set up.

Vendor and tailgate sales will run during the conference. A special area is designated inside the compound.

## Iron in the Hat

The Alabama Forge Council will have tickets for this fun event. All donations are greatly appreciated and there always surprises in this fundraiser. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00(a bargain). There will be two drawings, one at 5:00pm on Friday & the other at 1:00pm on Saturday. For more information, contact Alan Kress at (256)796-0279 or akress@bellsouth.com .

## Blacksmith Exhibition & Peoples Choice Award

All attendees are encouraged to bring an outstanding example of their work for this exhibition. Beginners and experts alike are encouraged to bring in their latest handiwork. Please submit piece upon registration. Cards will be provided to vote for your favorite piece. The Peoples Choice will be announced at the Auction and the winner will receive a \$100 check.

## Blacksmithing Contest

A forging contest will be conducted Friday night after the auction at Demo Site 1. The prizes are: \$50 for first, \$30 for second & \$20 for third place!

## Anvil Shoot

The 2011 Southern Blacksmith Conference will close with the shooting of the anvil by rainmaker Tim Ryan at 2 pm on Saturday afternoon. This celebrated observance of old tradition is still alive and well in the Southern Blacksmith Association, Inc! Our friend and fellow blacksmith, Tim Ryan will conduct this old blacksmith memorial. At this time, we remember friends, past and present, and celebrate their lives that they shared with us! Do not miss this opportunity!

# AUCTION

Please bring something to donate for the auction. Blacksmithing tools are sought after, as are pieces of your own work. You may donate items to up till the time of the auction. Blacksmith tool suppliers, Vendors and Tailgaters may donate an auction item to show their appreciation. Colonel Tim Ryan will provide the entertainment after the Banquet by auctioning these pieces on Friday night at 6:30 pm. This popular event always turns up interesting and beautiful handcrafted items. The auction is always one of the high points of the conference. Take advantage of this chance to pick up tools and handmade ironwork for your use and collection. The Family Flower Project made by the SBA members will be auctioned. On Saturday at 1:30 pm before the anvil shoot, the Demonstration Pieces made by the Featured Demonstrators plus any items donated on Saturday will be auctioned by Tim.

## Safety

Be sure to bring your eye and ear protection to wear while watching the demonstrations or being in the green coal area. SBA will have safety glasses for sale if needed. Parents must closely supervise their children at all times, due to the nature of blacksmithing, unsupervised children pose risks to themselves and others.

# DEMONSTRATORS

## George Dixon

George F. Dixon has been a blacksmith for over 30 years. In 1988, he was appointed Head Blacksmith at Samuel Yellin Metalworkers of Philadelphia where he served until its closing in 1992. He has served as a member of the ABANA Board of Directors and as editor of Hammer's Blow. His current projects include completing the 2nd volume of 'A Blacksmith's craft'. He lives in the mountains of western North Carolina with his wife Jill. They have 2 children.

## Chuck Patrick

Chuck Patrick is a Damascus knife maker and blacksmith. A blade-smith is a blacksmith with a special understanding of metallurgy that blacksmith does not necessarily have. Chuck Patrick is a blacksmith, yes, but he does so much more than make horse shoes and sharpen plows.

Chuck Patrick made his first knife while living in the Alaskan bush country. When his need for a superior tool led him to spend days on end trying to come up with a blade he could use the way he needed to in this tough environment where you are not forgiven by nature if you fail. From this humble beginning he has become one of this nations leading expert Blade-smiths and metallurgist.

Chuck has been and continues to be consulted by many top knife making companies, about his Damascus steel, as well as his heat treating genius. Chuck seems to be in tune with the fire as he works in it. He can tell by the color of the fire and the steel, what the temperature is with out even looking at the thermostat. In fact Chuck Patrick can tell if the thermostat is wrong!

Chuck Patrick has traveled throughout the U.S.A. teaching knife making. He continues to teach locally and in the southeast.

## Jimmy Alexander/Bert Smith Memorial Forging Station

Wednesday 5/18

2pm-7pm

Deliver special project

Thursday 5/19

9am

Assemble special project with Tal Harris, Robert Timberlake, Clay Spencer, Jack Wheeler, Jim Kennady.

Friday 5/20

8:30am-10am

10am-11:30am

1pm-5pm

Robert Timberlake - Socket handle chisel

Jim Kennady

Andy squared from Big Blu - Sign bracket traditional to contemporary by any means necessary. We will forge the elements of a complex sign bracket fit to a full scale drawing, combining both traditional and contemporary, design and techniques.

Saturday 5/21

8:30am-10am

10am-11:30am

Elmer Roush

Andy Phillips - Silver soldering and brazing in the forge or with a torch. This is used to join mixed metals or lock in tenons and riveted joints. I will braze an iron corner joint, silver solder a steel butterfly with copper wings and then join a flower with copper and steel leaves.

# FAMILY PROGRAMS

Please note that material fees are paid directly to the instructors, the registration class cost do not include the fees listed below.

**Be sure to follow any instructions or special requirements listed, as well.**

### **Cindy Hestle - Painting**

I'm a self-taught decorative painter and have been painting "professionally" for 5 years, although I've done some sort of artwork most of my life. I use water based acrylic paints and paint on many surfaces, such as rocks, wood, leaves, glass and sometimes canvas! At this class we'll be painting on slate rocks and I'll have several patterns to choose from, such as flowers with hummingbirds, butterflies, dragonflies, ladybugs, etc. or beach scenes with lighthouses. Class size is limited to 12. The fee is \$20 per student, all supplies are furnished.

### **Jeff Mohr - Broom Tying**

In 1976 Jeff started to study the craft of broom tying with a Carolina craftsman. After mastering the basic skills, he began participating in various arts and crafts shows. Through these shows, Jeff had the opportunity of tying brooms to other blacksmith's handles. In 1981 Jeff picked up a hammer, Blacksmiths and broom makers benefited from this move. Jeff and Brooke will be teaching. Class size is limited to 12 students. Materials fee \$20.

### **Michelle Latsch - Chainmail Jewelry**

Michelle is a multi-talented artist who has been working with chainmail for 3 years. She has taught many arts and crafts over the years at various blacksmith meetings. Michelle is currently in her last semester at Michigan Technological University and will be graduating this year with her Ph.D in Forest Science. Please bring appropriate magnifiers for your eyesight. We will be working with very small pieces. Also bring your own needle nose pliers if you have them (rubber-tipped are best but not necessary).

*Thursday and Saturday classes: Byzantine Weave.* This beginning-level chain weave is beautiful and can give a platform for further exploration once you learn the basic pattern. Students will have the option of creating earrings or a bracelet. Each kit \$10. Class size 12 students.

*Friday classes: 4-in-1 Weave.* This is a more traditional weave that can be used to create pieces of chainmail cloth. We will be making a small piece of the European version, but once the basics are mastered, learning the traditional chainmail armor weaves will be a cinch! Each bracelet kit \$10. Class size 12 students.

### **Peggy Patrick**

Peggy is a traditional artist offering classes in events throughout the S.E. Among different skills shared are beaded leather work, White oak and River cane basketry and shoemaking. Peggy and her husband and partner Chuck (a well known blacksmith/knife maker) are also musicians loving old time music of all generations.

*Deck knife sheath.* Design and make a period neck knife sheath (6 " max) using rawhide and braintan. Learn to make cordage to use for straps. Will cover braintan production and rawhide, as well as learn about using twisting fringe and other dangerous knowledge. Class size is limited to 12 students. Material fee \$25.00. All supplies are furnished

*Beaded Leather.* Learn to stitch small seed beads to leather using a technique that leaves no thread showing anywhere. Lazy stitch and appliqué beading will be covered as well as edging. Topics discussed will be Native American beadwork, history of beads and contemporary beadwork. Class size is limited to 12 students. Material fee \$25.00. All supplies are furnished.

*White oak side basket.* Make 2 small white oak purses with prepared material, just right for a cell phone, wallet and keys or a water bottle. Class size is limited to 12 students. Material fee \$25.00. All supplies are furnished.

### **Green Coal Blacksmith Classes**

This class is a must for beginning blacksmiths. Absolutely no skill is required. The classes will be hands on and you get to take home your masterpiece. Expect to have a good time and to learn a lot. Come to any one or all of the classes.

*SBA will provide workstations, some tools and materials. Bring your own safety glasses if you have them; if not, SBA will offer some for sale. There are a limited number of openings for each session so register early. If you have a hammer or other tools, which you like, you may bring them. Register early to reserve your place in the classes. Youth are welcome, minimum age is 12. Youths between the ages of 12 and 16 must be accompanied by an adult for help and supervision. Some of the classes require the use of sharp objects and manual dexterity.*

## CONFERENCE SPONSORS

### **Alabama Forge Council**

Raymond Head

### **Alex Bealer Blacksmiths Association of Georgia**

Ken Baker

### **Appalachian Area Chapter**

Mitch Latsch

### **Florida Artist Blacksmith Association**

Jerry Wolfe

### **North Carolina Chapter**

Cindy Alexander

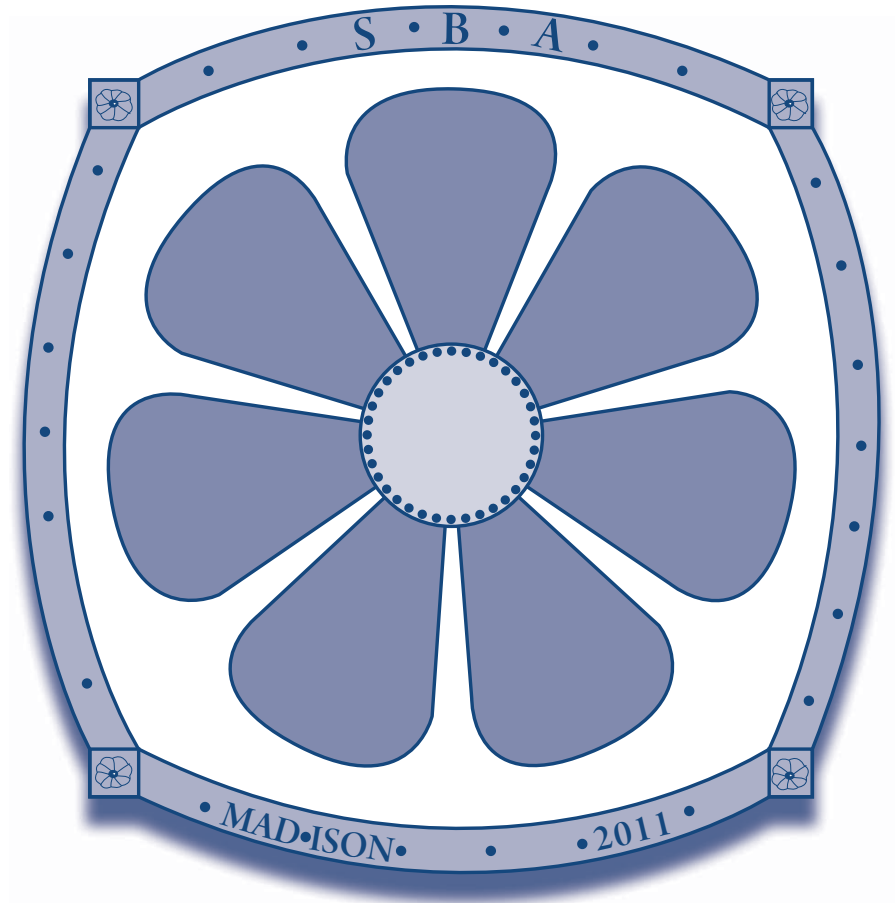
### **Ocmulgee Blacksmiths Guild**

Dennis Tingle

### **Phillip Simmons Artist Blacksmith Guild**

Mike Tucker

## SPECIAL PROJECT



### **Our Family Flower**

The finished product will be a 32 inch framed wall hanging with the SBA flower (7 petals) on textured copper background. There will be rosettes on each corner of the frame. Each of the seven group logo/design is on one petal making up our "Family Flower". The flower will rotate 360 degrees.

The finished project will be auctioned to raise money for the SBA.

Questions about the special project should be directed to Jack Wheeler at 1-423-842-8132.

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## Wednesday 18 May 2011

2-7 Vendor and Tailgate setup

## Thursday 19 May 2011

8-5 Registration Begins  
8-5 Vendor demos, Tail gate and Vendor sales  
3-5 Family Classes

## Friday 20 May 2011

8-5 Registration Begins  
8-12 Demonstrations, Green Coal and Family Classes  
9:00 Blacksmith Exhibition Gallery Starts  
Lunch  
1-5 Demonstrations, Green Coal and Family Classes  
5:00 Iron in the hat with Alan Kress  
5:30-6:30 Meet and Greet – Hors d'oeuvres  
6:30 Auction by Colonel Tim Ryan  
9:00 Blacksmith competition

## Saturday 21 May 2011

8-12 Demonstrations, Green Coal and Family Classes  
Lunch  
1:00 Iron in the hat with Alan Kress  
1:30 Auction demo pieces by Colonel Tim Ryan  
2:00 Closing with Anvil shoot by Tim Ryan  
2:30 Breakdown and clean up

# CLASS SCHEDULES

## Thursday Afternoon

A Cindy Hestle Slate Painting  
B Michelle Latsch Byzantine Weave

## Friday Morning

C Green Coal Class  
D Cindy Hestle Slate Painting  
E Jeff Mohr Broom Tying  
F Michele Latsch 4 in 1 Weave  
G Peggy Patrick Neck Knife Sheath

## Friday Afternoon

H Green Coal Class  
I Cindy Hestle Slate Painting  
J Jeff Mohr Broom Tying  
K Michelle Latsch 4 in 1 Weave  
L Peggy Patrick Beaded Leather

## Saturday

M Green Coal Class  
N Cindy Hestle Slate Painting  
O Jeff Mohr Broom Tying  
P Michelle Latsch Byzantine Weave  
Q Peggy Patrick White Oak Side Basket

# LODGING INFORMATION AND MAP

## Wingate Inn

1041 Ramada Lane, Madison, GA 30650  
706-342-9190  
www.wingatehotels.com

## Hampton Inn

2012 Eatonton Road, Madison, GA 30650  
706-342-9003  
www.hamptoninn.com

## Quality Inn

2001 Eatonton Road, Madison, GA 30650  
706-342-1839  
www.qualityinn.com/hotel-madison-georgia-GA796

## Comfort Inn

1972 Eatonton Road, Madison, GA 30650  
706-342-0054  
www.comfortinn.com/madison

## Super 8 Motel

2091 Eatonton Road, Madison, GA 30650  
706-342-7800  
www.super8.com

## The James Madison Inn & Conference Center

260 W. Washington Street, Madison, GA 30650  
706-342-7040  
www.jamesmadisoninn.com

## Budget Inn

1201 Eatonton Road, Madison, GA 30650  
706-342-0996

## Camping on site

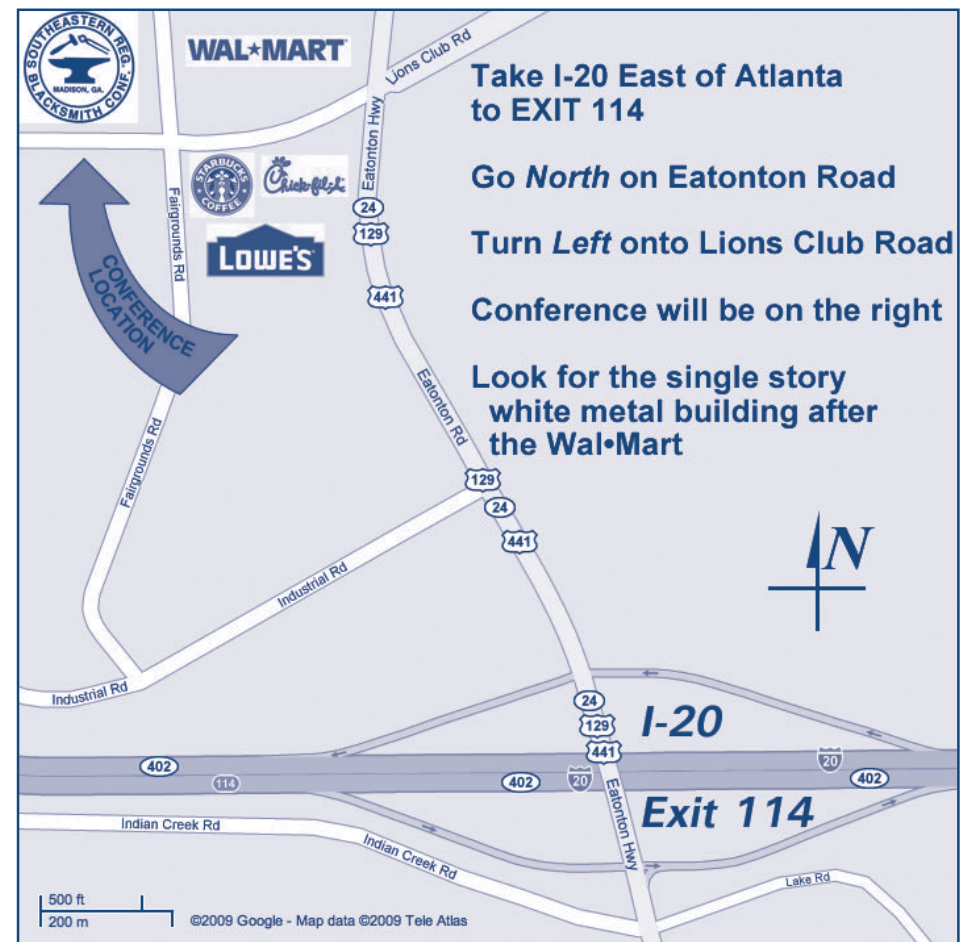
There will be an area to camp on site. There are no hookups but the fairground has water and restrooms. Ask about camping at the gate.

## Camping off site

Talisman RV Resort, South of I-20, Ext. 114  
Country Boy's RV Park, US 441

## RV PARKING

The WAL-MART next to the conference site permits RV Parking – They do request that you park 'at the top of the hill' – which is conveniently the section of the parking lot that is closest to the conference site.



# REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Children \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name for name tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Name for name tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include your phone number or email in case classes are full. That way we can get in touch with you for an alternate choice. Classes are first come first serve. Register now to guarantee a space. You may register at the conference if space is still available. All classes have a \$10.00 class fee to help cover conference costs.

**Each instructor's material fee is separate and will be collected by the instructor at the beginning of each class.**

Family registration for the conference is \$50.00 postmarked by May 1st. If you register after May 1st add \$10.00.

Student Name	Thu-PM	Fri-AM	Fri-PM	Sat-AM
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Total number of classes filled in above \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family Registration for the conference, postmarked by  
 May 1st includes admission for you and your family. + \$50.00

**Late Fee** if you register after May 1st, add \$10.00. \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form with your check or money order payable to:  
**Southern Blacksmith Association**  
**Judd Clem, 111 Yorkshire Drive, Athens, AL 35613**  
**(256) 232-2645 or email [clem.judd@att.net](mailto:clem.judd@att.net)**

MC or Visa # \_\_\_\_\_ VCode \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Exp date \_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT, NOTICE AND RELEASE**

**THE UNDERSIGNED** does hereby, for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators acknowledge that BLACKSMITHING activities are inherently dangerous, due to the very nature of hot metal, hot sparks, sharp objects, machinery and other activities. The use of safety glasses, long sleeved cotton or wool shirts and long cotton pants and leather high topped boots are recommended, in addition to any other safety devices available, as well as not going behind barriers and keeping a safe distance from all activities.

**WARNING**

I wish to participate in these activities knowing they can be dangerous. I accept and assume all the risks of injury (including death) to property and me. Should any person listed below require medical assistance for any reason during this activity and not be in a position to obtain, request or authorize such treatment at the time, such person hereby authorizes the Activity Sponsors to obtain such medical treatment or emergency care as they may deem necessary or desirable and such person agrees to hold the Activity Sponsors harmless with regard to any such emergency care or the expenses arising therefrom. The Activity Sponsors do not condone the drinking of alcohol or taking of drugs at Activities. If you are taking any drugs or medications that might affect your ability to participate in this Activity or are otherwise do not have the experience, knowledge or ability to participate in this Activity please do not participate. If your group includes a minor child, a parent or legal guardian must sign this Acknowledgment, Notice and Release for each minor child and the minor's name must be printed next to the parent or guardian's name. In case of emergency please notify:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Acknowledged and agreed to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Spouse's Signature