

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SPRING 2008

April 18 – 20

“Spring Fling” hosted by The Blacksmiths’ Guild of the Potomac. Berryville, VA, Ruritan Fairgrounds. Demonstrations, tailgating and story telling. Camping space. Doors open Friday at 3 pm. William Wojcik 540/253-5121. E-mail: wmwojcik@gmail.com.

May 1 – 3

BAM 2008 Conference, Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO. International demonstrators are: Josef Habermann and Heiner Zimmermann. U.S. demonstrators: Darryl Nelson, Bob Patrick, the team of Michael Bendele & Joe Bonifas, and the team of Steve Mancowski & Shelton Browder from Colonial Williamsburg. Contact Kirk Sullens 417/863-8628. E-mail: kirk@kirksullens.com.

May 3 – 4

Appalachian Blacksmiths Association’s Annual Spring Conference with demonstrator Dan Easley, traditional blacksmithing, and others. Cedar Lakes Park, Ripley, WV. Contact Dave Allen, anvilwork@aol.com or go to web site: www.appaltnet.net/aba.

May 9 – 11

6th International Blacksmith Festival and 7th exhibition on “Ornamental Forging”. Held in Ivano-Frankivsk (Western Ukraine). Organized by the Union of Masters of Blacksmith Art of Ukraine. Contact Sergiy and Olga Polubotko, e-mail: opolubotko1@yahoo.com.

May 17 – 18

20th Annual Blacksmith Days hosted by The Blacksmith Guild of Central Maryland. Carroll County Farm Museum, Westminster, MD. Demonstrators are Randy McDaniel (Hollow forming) and Ken Schwarz (Traditional Tomahawks). Visit www.bgcmonline.org or call Ted McNett 717/646-9839.

May 23 – 25

“Hammer on Down, the Anvils are in Our Town,” the New York State Designer Blacksmiths, Niagara Region present the first Great Lakes International IronFest (GLIIF) in Buffalo, NY. Demonstrators, who will give two full days of demonstrations, are: Jymm Hoffman, Deke Wedow, Kim Thomas, and Mark Puigmarti and Bob Cook. Call 716/839-3616. See website: www.nysdb.org. Follow link to the IronFest Web site for registration information. E-mail: arcironcreations@yahoo.com or blacksmith@forterie.com

July 4 – 13

Metal Art Showcase, Calgary, AB, Canada. Held in conjunction with the World Blacksmiths Competition. Competition and Auction. For submission, contact Tracey Foster 403/261-0127 or e-mail: tfoster@calgarystampede.com. See web site: www.calgarystampede.com (follow agriculture link).

August 2 - 3

Hammer in '08 at John Deere Historic Site, Grand Detour, IL. Hosted by the Upper Midwest Blacksmiths and Illinois Valley Blacksmiths Association. Roy Underhill from the PBS series, "The Woodwright's Shop," is scheduled to appear, and other demonstrators. Contact Terry Husted 217/935-2483 or e-mail: plane4@davesworld.net.

September 4 – 7

Atlantic Coast Blacksmith Conference – hosted jointly by the Northeast Blacksmith Assn. and other regional Affiliate groups. Demonstrators are Mark Aspery, David Norrie and Peter Ross. Ashokan field campus near Kingston, NY. For more information see web site: www.northeastblacksmiths.org or call Jonathan Nedbor 845/687-7130.

September 26 - 28

QUADSTATE Conference 2008 at Miami County Fairgrounds, Troy, OH. Hosted by the Southern Ohio Forge and Anvil members. Demonstrators, vendors and tailgate sales. Gallery of ironwork, auction. Contact Gary Ward 937/676-2082.