

*ABANA Conference News*  
*Site set for Memphis AgriCenter International*  
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The ABANA 2010 conference will be at the AgriCenter International in Memphis, Tennessee. Located at 7777 Walnut Grove Road, from I-240, on the east side of Memphis, take Exit 13 and drive east on Walnut Grove Road approximately 4.2 miles to Farm Road and turn south, go .1 mile.

Opening ceremonies will be on Wednesday, June 2, 2010. Thursday through Saturday will be full days of forging demo's and excitement ABANA style. Saturday will conclude with a pay as you go Memphis BBQ banquet and the conference auction.

The theme of the conference is to be "ABANA's Greatest Hits" in keeping with Memphis' musical heritage. The ticket price will turn the clock back at least 8 years... The site [www.agricenter.org](http://www.agricenter.org) is within a few miles of thousands of reasonably priced hotel rooms. Camping and RV hook-ups will be available on site. Stay tuned for additional announcements.

Log on to the ABANA website and sign-up for our Constant Contact emails, find the box at the very bottom of the home page, enter your email address and click on "Get ABANA Email". You will receive periodic ABANA 2010 Conference announcements.

Gallery Open to Public  
"Green Coal" Forges  
Memphis Style Banquet  
Top Demonstrators  
Tailgate Heaven  
Vendors for the Craft  
Lectures & Workshops

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"We will preserve a meaningful bond with the past. We will serve the needs of the present, and we will forge a bridge to the future. Function and creativity is our purpose. Our task is great and so is our joy."

Dimitri Gerakaris, 1973  
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Lance Davis, Co-Chair for the 2010 Conference said, "We are excited to be putting on the ABANA 2010 Conference at AgriCenter International because the site has ample room to spread out the demonstration areas, it has a great area for the "Tailgaters", supports a large attendance, has hot showers for campers and RV hook-ups, plus the great on-site parking arrangements.

Most of all, by hosting the conference on the grounds of the AgriCenter we support our members by making the conference less expensive to attend. We are planning a conference focused on blacksmithing education while not forgetting the many groups that come together to be ABANA."

The Conference will open on Wednesday, June 2 and close on Saturday, June 5 with the Auction. See you in Memphis!