

## SPRING FLING 2007

Spring is near and it is time for the BLACKSMITHS' GUILD OF THE POTOMAC's fourteenth annual Spring Fling. This two day event will be held at the Ruritan Fairgrounds in Berryville, Virginia, (see enclosed map) on 21-22 April 2007. The cost is \$60.00 for the entire weekend or any part thereof for all activities shown in the attached schedule. This includes two continental breakfasts, two full lunches and Saturday dinner.

This year's demonstrators:

George Dixon, Swannanoa NC ..... Work and tooling from Samuel Yellin's Arch St. Studio  
Lucian Avery, Hardwick VT..... See [www.lucianaveryblacksmith.com](http://www.lucianaveryblacksmith.com)  
J.J. Roberts, Manassas VA ..... Engraver of Firearms and Knives  
Smiths from Colonial Williamsburg VA ..... Colonial Blacksmithing / Gunsmithing

These expert metalsmiths will be demonstrating on Saturday and Sunday. There will be Iron-In-The-Hat (IITH) raffles during the lunch breaks on Saturday and Sunday, and an auction following dinner on Saturday.

As always, Blacksmiths' spouses and children are welcome to view the demonstrations as long as they, as well as you are **Wearing safety glasses**. Again this year, we are offering some diversions particularly geared for those who accompany the smiths. See the Application Form for details.

The Ruritan Fairgrounds has camping sites. **NOTE: There is a charge for electric hookup, NO water hookups available. Fee is \$15/day, administered by the fairgrounds on site. DO NOT send fee with registration.** There are plenty of dry (no hookup) camping sites available at no cost. There are restroom and shower facilities also. The vehicle sites are on a first-come-first-served basis, starting at 3PM on the 20th. There will be no tailgating allowed until after 3 PM on the 20<sup>th</sup>. For the less outdoorsy, there are local motels within a short drive. See enclosed info for motels in the area.

The official activities start at 8AM on Saturday. If you would like to arrive on Friday afternoon, please do. As soon as everything is set up, the fun begins. Impromptu demos, open forge, show and tell, shop talk, and meeting and greeting old friends and new. Meals begin on **Saturday morning**, and except for the local set-up crew who will be fed, you are on your own for meals on Friday.

This year there will again be a special Iron-In-The-Hat table of hand forged and signed work. This is a chance to win a fine piece of blacksmithing craft. Please bring an item to add to the selection.

Those bringing an item for the Display tables will qualify for the drawing of a special prize. These pieces must be the original work of the maker, signed, and made within the past year.

Remember to bring your no longer needed blacksmith related items to sell or swap in the tailgating area. We also look forward to your donations to the Iron-In-The-Hat drawings and/or the auction. The registration number on the back of your name tag will be used for the auction and must be used on all IITH tickets. So that no one will miss any of the demos, IITH drawing will stop when the demos start up. The remaining items will be drawn for, and winners posted for later pick up.

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS A MUST!!!! Registration is by mail only. We can no longer handle the unplanned for last minute walk-ins and we need to have an accurate head count ahead of time for food and supplies. There will be NO exceptions!**

If you can attend, fill out both sides of the enclosed form, enclose it with your check made out to "The Blacksmiths' Guild of the Potomac" in the envelope provided, and mail to C. Badowski. Do this as soon as possible, allowing us to get an accurate count for the meals and time to have all the name tags prepared. Email address is requested for confirmation purposes. There will be NO phone confirmation. **Registration deadline is Monday, April 2, 2007.**

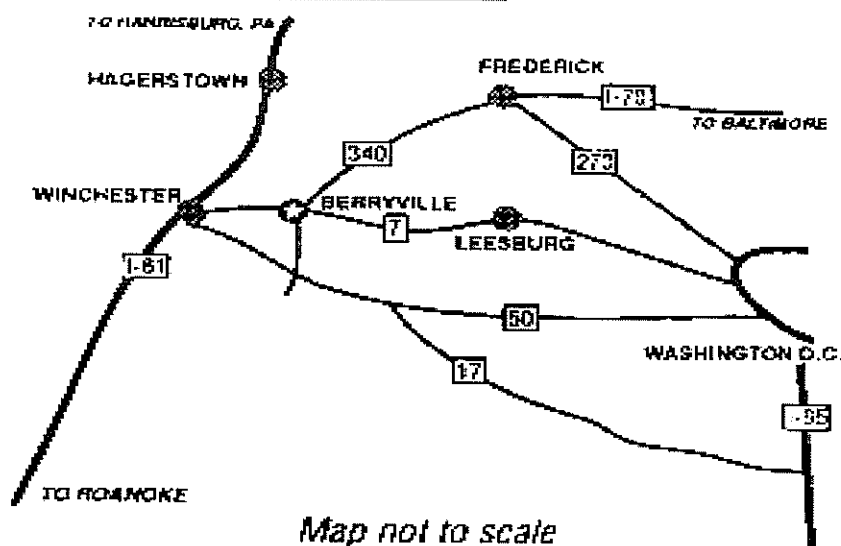
On behalf of the Blacksmiths' Guild of the Potomac, I invite you to join us and share the fun at Spring Fling 2007.

Sincerely,



Keith Kuck, President

## DIRECTIONS



Berryville is 70 miles west of Washington, D.C.  
Berryville is 90 miles west of Baltimore, MD

### FROM D.C. TAKE VA ROUTE 7 WEST APROX 70 MILES

Go over VA 340 2 more MILES  
Turn left on Business Route 7 East  
¼ MILE TO FAIRGROUNDS ON THE LEFT

### FROM I-81 TAKE ROUTE 7 EAST 8 MILES

TURN RIGHT ON BUSINESS ROUTE 7  
¼ MILE TO FAIRGROUNDS ON THE LEFT.

### FROM WARRENTON TAKE 17 NORTH TO 340 NORTH TO BERRYVILLE VA.

TURN WEST ON BUSINESS ROUTE 7  
2 MILES TO FAIRGROUNDS ON THE RIGHT

### Motels in the nearby area:

Winchester VA. is 8 miles west of Fairgrounds on Route 7

#### Hampton Inn Winchester-North

1204 Berryville Avenue, Winchester, Virginia, 22601

Tel: +1-540-678-4000 Fax: +1-540-678-8277

\$89.00 + tax Mention BGOP Spring Fling.

From I-81 - Take Exit 315 to Berryville Ave and turn right at the first light. The hotel is on your right. From Rte 7 - Go Rte 7 until you get to I-81, go across the bypass and the hotel is on your right.

From 522 North take Rte 37 North to I-81 South, after two miles take Exit 315 to Berryville Ave. Hotel on right.

#### Shoney's Inn

1347 Berryville Avenue, Winchester, VA 22601

Tel: (540) 665-1700

\$60.00 + tax Mention BGOP Spring Fling.

We have 20 rooms at this price.

From I-81 - Take Exit 315 to Berryville Ave. The hotel is on your right.

From Rte 7 - Go Rte 7 until you get to I-81, go over I-81 and the hotel is on your right.

\*\* Note: The above locations accept cash and credit cards. They may not take checks. Ask when calling. \*\*

**PLEASE FILL OUT BOTH SIDES AND RETURN ENTIRE PAGE**

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**Print clearly and sign on back:**

Name: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ \$60

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip

Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (for confirmation, by email only)

Name(s) of additional party member(s) Please identify if attendee is under 16 years of age.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ =\$

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ =\$

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ =\$

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ =\$

Please send this form and a check in the amount of \$60 for the entire weekend or any part thereof per person (children under 16 are free), made payable to The Blacksmiths' Guild of the Potomac in the enclosed envelope to:

**C. Badowski 3113 Elmwood Drive Alexandria VA 22303**

**Note! The fee you pay for the Spring Fling constitutes voluntary associate membership for you and everyone in your party in the Blacksmiths' Guild of the Potomac for this event only. There are no other rights, privileges, newsletter subscription or other obligations granted or implied by this agreement.**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Camping?**  No  Yes (how?)  Motor home  Trailer or Pop-up  Tent  Van/Truck

**(Be sure to see note on hookup fee administered by Ruritan Fairgrounds in Invitation letter in this packet!)**  
There is no dry camping charge for those registered for Spring Fling. There are a limited number of campsites with power hookups available for a fee and will go on a first-come-first-served basis. Arrival on the afternoon of the 20th is permitted, but you are absolutely on your own for meals on Friday.

**Tailgating?**  No  Yes

There is no charge. However, you **must be registered** for Spring Fling, and all tailgaters must make a donation to the iron in the hat raffle. This is only for metalworking related items, not an open flea market.

**Spouse Craft Free-For-All:**

This year's craft free-for-all will involve bringing what you want to work on and your own materials and supplies. This "Stitch 'n Bitch" will be a chance for you to enjoy your craft and share a good time with others. Ample workspace and electricity provided.

(OVER PLEASE)

**\*\*\*SAFETY\*\*\***

Blacksmiths are aware of the many various hazards associated with the craft. For your safety we request that you protect your eyes from flying sparks, particles, loose scale, etc.

**PLEASE WEAR EYE PROTECTION!  
SAFETY GLASSES WILL BE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES IN DEMONSTRATION AREAS!**

**For the safety and consideration of all attendees, all pets must be on a leash.**

**\*\*\*\*\* LIABILITY \*\*\*\*\***

The Spring Fling is a mini-conference by the Blacksmiths' Guild of the Potomac for the purpose of promoting and teaching the art and craft of blacksmithing. While every reasonable effort to preclude injury to those in attendance and their property have been taken, it is recognized that there are inherent dangers associated with the craft, demonstrations and other common hazards of daily activity. Participation in the various activities of the Spring Fling are entirely voluntary and at your own risk. All who register and their guest(s) automatically release The Blacksmiths' Guild of the Potomac, Inc. all demonstrators and staff, The Ruritan Fairgrounds and their personnel, and all other persons or groups helping with the Spring Fling from all liability should any accident or injury occur.

**I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE:**

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 2007  
signature
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 2007  
signature
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 2007  
signature
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 2007  
signature
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 2007  
signature

**NOTE:**

You must wear at all times the name badge you will be issued at check-in, as it is what allows you to see the demonstrations and to be served the great meals we'll be having. In addition, it will have your registration number on the back. This number is what you will use in the auctions, and for identifying your iron-in-the-hat tickets that you drop into the cups.  
It also lets everyone know who you are!

Diabetics and dieters should please check in with Bill Wojcik with any dietary requirements

**REMEMBER TO BRING AND WEAR YOUR SAFETY GLASSES WHEN WATCHING THE  
DEMONSTRATORS OR WORKING AT A FORGE SITE!**

# Spring Fling Iron-in-the-Hat 2007

With our new site at Berryville, we will be dependent upon the full participation and generosity of all of our attendees to help us make our already memorable Iron-in-the-hat a success. Please cut out the cards below, fill out and tape them to your donated objects. When you drop them off after you register, you will only need to put your attendee number on the card.

The range of items can be as broad as you may think is applicable to the interests and needs of all of our smiths. We encourage you to donate self-made art or tools as well as the usually donated items. Sometimes we get things that fit the rust/recycle bin category. Come on guys, help us out here. Question? Call Dave Murphy at 301-229-5794

Yes, we will also have an auction—please think of items that you would be willing to have auctioned for the good of the Guild



## Iron-in-the Hat

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print clearly) (donor's Spring Fling number)

Item Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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