



You are invited to attend the:

35th NOB HAMMER-IN

HELD AT AUGLAIZE VILLAGE

DEFIANCE, OH.

May 05-06-07, 2023

Sponsored by the Northwest Ohio
Blacksmiths Club - www.nob-blacksmiths.org

Location: 12298 Krouse Rd. Defiance, OH. 43512

From US-24, Exit 22 / Baltimore St.—West to Krouse Rd. Left on Krouse Rd. across the RR tracks to Auglaize Village on the right.

The website for Auglaize Village is:

<https://vintagedefiance.com/general-1>

Demonstrator Biographies

Main Demonstrator Derrick Bliss – Derrick began blacksmithing 22 years ago when his interest and imagination were sparked while attending Black Iron Days at Hartwick Pines State Park in Grayling, MI. Shortly after that, he became a member of NOB (Northwest Ohio Blacksmiths) and MABA (Michigan Artist Blacksmith Association) groups. Generous mentors from both organizations passed on foundational blacksmithing knowledge and provided him with international blacksmithing opportunities in Italy, England, and Belgium. This long-lasting support has enabled him to achieve his dream of pursuing blacksmithing as a career. Derrick is currently the owner of Hot Fire Forge in Bellaire, MI. where he creates custom architectural ironwork for the greater Grand Traverse area.

For this year's NOB Hammer-In Derrick will demonstrate how to create an interior staircase railing. His presentation will include tips and tricks for layout, construction, and assembly of a small railing.

Hands-on class by Tom "Cowboy" Goodman: Tom is a sixty-six-year-old native of Northwest Ohio. He started blacksmithing thirty-five years ago. Over the years he has served in every office of the Northwest Ohio Blacksmiths. He is a retired electrician. Tom's class project will be a heart shaped wall hook. This project will enable students to practice several basic forging processes of the blacksmith's craft. Tom will conduct the Saturday morning class.

Hands-on class by Joe Maschari: Joe watched Bill Hahn demonstrating at the Erie County Fair for a whole week. When Bill asked him if he wanted to try it, Joe was hooked. He joined NOB a few years later and has been blacksmithing for about 17 years. Now Joe demonstrated at the Erie County Fair. Joe's Saturday afternoon class project will be a leaf shaped dish.

S.N.O.B Hands-on class by Beth Hoch: Beth has enjoyed doing bead work for many years. She will be teaching a beaded bracelet. The class will be good for the first time beader and those with some experience. All are welcome to gather together in the barn. If you are not interested in beading, join us and bring your own project.

Registration Raffle Piece: A handmade item, made by you, is **required with your registration.** While we all love ironwork, any item made by you will be accepted. The proceeds from the raffle are used to help defray the Hammer-In expenses. If you are a beginner and want help with your required registration piece, ask any NOB member and they will be happy to assist you. The registration piece must be completed before the banquet on Saturday. **Raffle tickets will be \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00.**

Gallery Contest Piece: The contest challenge is a “Forged Steel Picture Frame.” Base material must be forged. Other elements or materials may be used with steel such as brass, copper, etc. No size or shape limitation. It does not need to have a picture in it. **Three cash awards of \$50.00 each.**

Your Favorite Craft: This contest is for non-metal craft items. Anyone may enter and all crafts are welcome. Winners are chosen by a majority vote of the attendees.

Cash awards: first—\$50.00, 2nd—\$35.00, third—\$30.00, 4th \$20.00

There have been some administrative changes in the kitchen area at Auglaize Village since our last Hammer-In there. Friday evening is the usual anvil stew. There will be a food truck onsite for Saturday breakfast and lunch. The Saturday evening banquet is catered with the raffle and auction to follow. The Auglaize kitchen staff will have breakfast and lunch available on Sunday in the barn.

Friday Night Food Contest: Salads or desserts to compliment the anvil stew. A written recipe must be submitted for a NOB cookbook. Winners will be chosen by a vote of those attending.

Cash awards: first—\$25.00 second-\$15.00 third-\$10.00 for each category.

Please bring an item for the Anvil Stew pot for Friday's night supper. Vegetables or meats are always needed. Also bring a dish to share such as a salad or dessert for the food contest.

Donated items for the Saturday auction are always appreciated.

The auction has been a highlight of the Hammer-In and is a very good fund raiser.

Saturday Night Forging Competition: Last year's winner is charged with the task of determining this year's challenge. He or she will announce the task at the beginning of the competition. **Cash award: first—\$80.00 second—\$50.00 -- third \$30.00**

Blacksmith Coal: Dennis Coal Sales will have some coal in 50 lb. bags available for sale on Saturday morning, first come first served. Coal has been very difficult to obtain. This is good blacksmith coal that they have obtained for our use.

Lodging: There are several motels near US-24.

Super 8: 1053 Hotel Drive. 419-782-8000

Comfort Inn: 1068 Hotel Drive 419-784-4900

Holiday Inn Express: 1148 Hotel Drive 419-784-0782

Hampton Inn: 1037 Hotel Drive 419-784-1515

2023 Hammer-In Daily Schedule

Friday May 05

Set-up Check-in

All Afternoon

Registration—in the barn

Anvil Stew preparation—in the open pavilion

Open forges available after set-up is complete.

5:30 PM

Anvil stew main course — potluck meal — food contest — in the barn

7:00 PM

Theft Bingo—Bring 4 or 5 wrapped prizes (dollar value) or white elephant treasures. Everyone is welcome to play.

Saturday May 06

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Breakfast available from the food truck

8:00 AM

Registration opens — in the barn.

8:45—9:00 AM

Opening ceremony —in front of the blacksmith shop

9:00—12:00 AM

Main demonstrator Derrick Bliss - in Farm Museum

Hands-on Tom “Cowboy” Goodman – Heart shaped wall hook

S.N.O.B activities — in the barn.

12:00 AM—1:00 PM

Lunch from the food truck

1:00 PM—4:00 PM

Main demonstrator Derrick Bliss – in Farm Museum

Hands-on by Joe Maschari – Leaf shaped dish

S.N.O.B activities — in the barn

5:00 PM

Banquet - Awards - Raffle - Auction - in the barn

7:30 PM

Forging Contest in the Cane Press Area

Sunday May 07

7:00—9:00 AM

Breakfast -- in the barn.

9:00—12:00 AM

Main demonstrator Derrick Bliss – in Farm Museum

11:30 AM—1:30 PM

Lunch -- in the Barn.

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Tear down and clean up. All help appreciated.